



The San Diego River watershed is home to 25 sensitive to endangered wildlife species.



Sensitive Watershed Habitat Preserved

These 266 acres immediately adjacent to Cedar Creek Falls in the San Diego River watershed include diverse and sensitive habitat that is home to 25 sensitive or endangered wildlife species and 12 sensitive or endangered plant species.

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) donated the land to the U.S. Forest Service in July 2012 and it was incorporated into the National Forest system. Now these acres will be managed as public lands for the public benefit and for the preservation of their critical watershed habitat forever.

Species found in the San Diego River watershed include the endangered arroyo toad, which relies on its sandy stream beds and surrounding scrub, and the least Bell's vireo. This migratory songbird nests in the brush that grows in the watershed, sometimes even nesting in poison oak. Native plant life includes the delicate clarkia, a rare annual herb in the evening primrose family known for its dainty pink and purple flowers, and the western sunflower with its tall, yellow blooms that also provide seeds for foraging birds.



The lands are a nesting area for the least Bell's vireo, an endangered migratory songbird.







Making Every Acre Count for Our Partners

“With the inclusion of these 266 acres into the Cleveland National Forest today, we are able to further resource protection and public use, as well as help to meet the present and future needs of the American people.”

—Will Metz, supervisor of the Cleveland National Forest

SDG&E Chief Environmental Officer Pam Fair with Metz.

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LOCATION	Between Ramona and Julian in the Cleveland National Forest	
SIZE	266 acres (more than five times the size of the Carlsbad Flower Fields)	
WILDLIFE	25 endangered, threatened, candidate and sensitive animal species. Endangered and threatened species include:	
		
		
	Arroyo Toad	Least Bell's Vireo
	Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	Coastal California Gnatcatcher
VEGETATION	Typical of San Diego County's lower coastal and higher mountain ecosystems, including coastal sage scrub, forest, chaparral and oak trees	
	Coastal and montane scrub	103.30 acres
	Riparian forest and woodland	85.86 acres
	Chaparral	37.34 acres
	Grassland and meadow	8.58 acres
MANAGER/OWNER	U.S. Forest Service	
PUBLIC ACCESS	Most national forest system lands are open, free of charge for your use and enjoyment. Entrance and user fees may be charged at some areas. Contact the Cleveland National Forest office at (858) 673-6180, or visit www.fs.usda.gov/cleveland .	

Preservation Lands Leave a Living Legacy

SDG&E is preserving forever over 11,000 acres of critical habitat in San Diego and Imperial counties. One of the largest land preservation efforts in the region's history, it will create sanctuaries throughout San Diego and Imperial counties for endangered and threatened species, including the arroyo toad, several species of birds and the Quino checkerspot butterfly.

Equal in size to more than nine Balboa Parks, these properties will be preserved in partnership with local environmental, recreational and government organizations. SDG&E will preserve more than 10 times the area physically disturbed by construction of its Sunrise Powerlink transmission line.

For more, see www.sdge.com/environment.