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**Castner Range National Monument
El Paso, Texas**

On May 23, 2017 El Paso Congressman Beto O'Rourke again introduced legislation that would protect Castner Range as a National Monument.

Congressman O'Rourke said: "Castner Range is the crown jewel of West Texas and a treasure that deserves to be preserved for all El Pasoans and Americans to enjoy. Beyond its beauty, protecting Castner Range helps us conserve El Paso's precious aquifers that lie beneath it and preserve numerous archaeological and historical resources," Congressman O'Rourke stated. "In addition, a Castner Range National Monument would safeguard an important former military training facility. This reflects El Paso's strong relationship to Fort Bliss and El Paso's large and important active-duty and veterans' community."

Castner Range, whose 7,081 acres form part of the Franklin Mountains and their alluvial fans, is home to our city's most ecologically, culturally and historically-important lands that tell significant parts of our story as El Pasoans.

Local El Pasoan and Amy Wagler said: "It is our duty and privilege to protect what we have in El Paso. I am proud that we have such a gorgeous natural area to enjoy here, and our community has shown with over 35,000 letters of support, that we need to protect this for future generations of El Pasoans to enjoy."



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The Frontera Land Alliance protects—forever—natural areas, working farms and ranches, water and wildlife for future generations in the west Texas and southern New Mexico region of the Chihuahuan Desert. This includes TFLA leadership in education, resource management, and stewardship engaging in collaborative partnerships. TFLA promotes and facilitates balance in prudent approaches to ensuring the sustainability of our natural assets.