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Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative Invites Regional Stakeholders to Participate in Inyo National Forest Plan Update

First public meeting of 2015 scheduled for January

MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIF., Dec. 26, 2014— To continue preparation for the Inyo National Forest Management Plan Revision Process, the Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative (ESRC) is inviting recreation enthusiasts and regional stakeholders to participate in its first meeting of the new year, scheduled for **January 14, 2015**.

The meeting will begin with a brief orientation session for interested participants who haven't previously attended an ESRC meeting or those who would like a review of the work previously completed by ESRC participants. The **orientation session will begin at 5:00pm** and the **ESRC meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m.**, with both being held at the Cerro Coso Community College in Bishop, Calif.

At this meeting, ESRC participants will be professionally facilitated through a series of group exercises that will lead to the completion of a Sustainable Recreation Strategy intended to be shared with the Inyo National Forest to consider as preparation continues for draft alternatives to be released with the Draft EIS in spring 2015.

The ESRC meeting is an open public forum intended to provide diverse recreationists and stakeholders throughout the Eastern Sierra with an opportunity to collaboratively develop a regional voice representing the area's recreation economy to help inform local, state and federal planning and policy efforts. The efforts of the ESRC are intended to support the Inyo National Forest as it makes its first revision to the Forest Management Plan since 1988.

About Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative (ESRC)

The ESRC is a grass roots effort launched in 2014 by Eastern Sierra recreation enthusiasts committed to economic diversification and to policies that support sustainable recreation management. Its purpose is to enhance regional recreation opportunities through focused engagement and collaboration with community stakeholders and the gateway communities of the Eastern Sierra.

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