EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership

REGULAR PARTNER MEETING



May 6, 2024

EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership

REGULAR PARTNER MEETING



May 6, 2024

Recording in Progress

Public lands in the United States hold the creation stories, burial grounds, and ceremonies of Indigenous people who were killed or forcibly removed from their ancestral homes during territorial acquisition.

Many tribes, comprised of different bands, live in the Eastern Sierra region, caring for their native lands as they coexist with the ongoing impacts of colonization. Past or present tribes and bands associated with the region that this effort is aware of include, but are not limited to, the Miwok, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a, Mono/Monache, Nüümü (Paiute), Newe (Shoshone), Timbi-Sha, Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute, and Washoe.

Two Nüümü terms describe the region and provide important context to ideas offered in this presentation. The first is Pamidu Toiyabe (Western Mountains), and the other, more widely known, place name is Payahuunadü (The Place Where Water Flows).

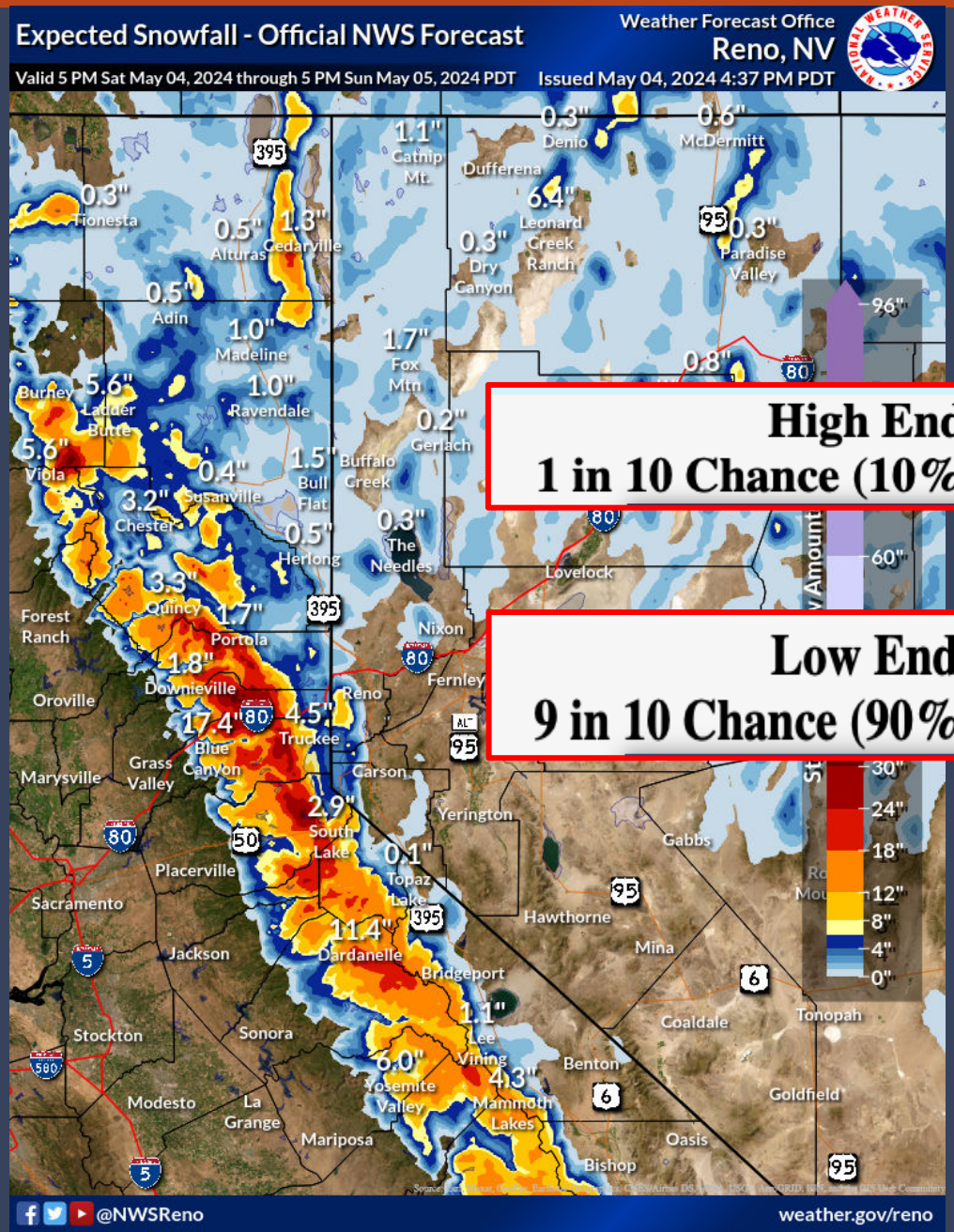
This acknowledgement is an invitation to all organizations, residents, and visitors to recognize the way this history has shaped the present as all parties work together in anticipation of a better future.

What is the ESSRP

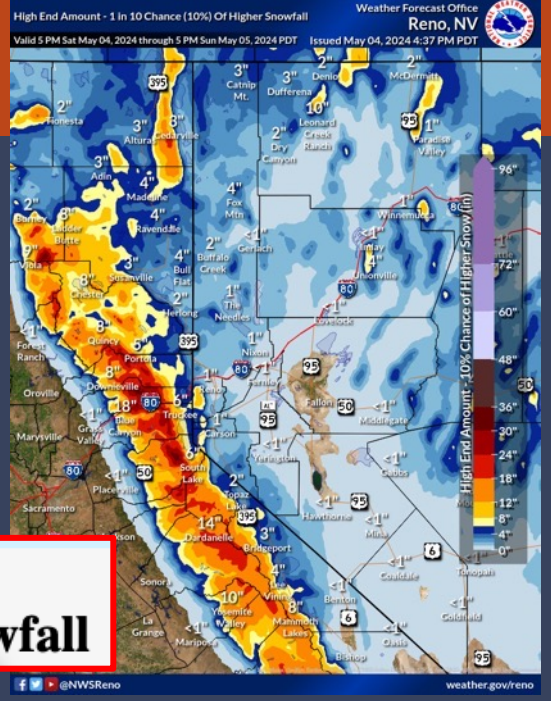
EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership

"A public/public partnership between tribal, local, state, and federal government agencies and a regional voice for sustainable outdoor recreation in California."

Welcome + Housekeeping



High End Amount
1 in 10 Chance (10%) of Higher Snowfall



Low End Amount
9 in 10 Chance (90%) of Higher Snowfall



Welcome + Housekeeping



Welcome Sierra Westside

- CA Jobs First Partners

Welcome + Housekeeping



Welcome Sierra Business Council

- CA Jobs First Partners

Welcome + Housekeeping



Special ESSRP Meeting

- CA Jobs First "Sustainable Recreation Strategy Workshop"
- June 17, 2024 – *Save the Date!*

Welcome + Housekeeping



Celeste Berg

- Joining the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments

Welcome + Housekeeping



Upcoming Tour & Meeting

SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

June 5 – 6, 2024

Inyo County

SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

The first day is our Board tour and the second day is our Governing Board meeting. More information will be available closer to the meeting dates.

Public Comment

The public is invited to make their voices heard. Public comments are accepted in-person during Governing Board meetings or they can be submitted in advance.

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

- **Board Meeting -** *June 5 + 6, 2024 in Inyo County*

Welcome + Housekeeping



SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

Upcoming Grants

SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

- The CA Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program (due May 10) provides funding for planning and implementation of projects to protect California's reservoirs from mussel infestations.
- The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farmers Market Promotion Program (due May 14) promotes direct producer-to-consumer markets through capacity building, community development training and technical assistance, vendor recruitment, and marketing strategies.
- The USDA Local Food Promotion Program (due May 14) supports the planning, implementation, and promotion of local and regional food business enterprises.
- The USDA Regional Food System Partnerships Program (due May 14) supports partnerships that connect public and private resources to plan and develop local and regional food systems.
- The US Department of Interior (DOI) Tribal Orphaned Well Program (due May 14) provides funding for tribes to plug, remediate, and reclaim abandoned wells on tribal lands.
- The CA Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) Adaptation Planning Grants (preapplications due May 20) provide funding to help fill local, regional, and tribal planning needs, provide communities the resources to identify climate-resilience priorities, and support the development of a pipeline of climate resilient infrastructure projects.

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

- Funding Opportunities Newsletter

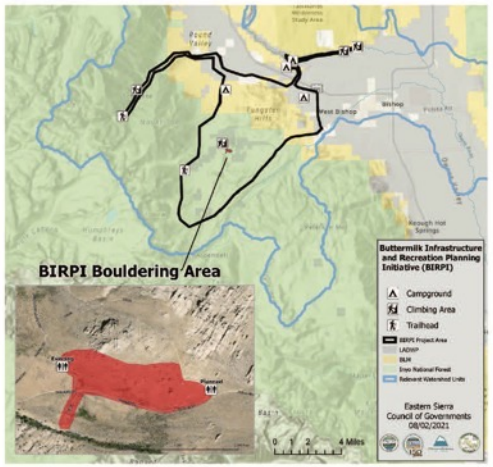
Welcome + Housekeeping

NFWF

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Final Report







Infrastructure and Recreation Planning in the Buttermilk Region of Inyo National Forest (CA)
Grantee: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG)
NFWF Non-Federal Funds (LADWP):.....$251,500
Matching Funds:.....$221,000
Total Project:.....$472,500

September 2023. Three public workshops were hosted as a part of this Initiative. The first workshop was hosted online in September 2023 and was open to all interested community members. Approximately 60 community members attended this workshop. The workshop reviewed the project and engaged participants in collaborative exercises so everyone could understand where there are

Unified Watershed Assessment prepared in accordance with the federal Clean Water Action Plan.

Wildfire affects many facets of LADWP's source-water delivery system, ranging from immediate effects during a fire, to long-term alteration of watersheds. Runoff from burned areas contains ash, which may have significant effects on the chemistry of receiving waters such as lakes, wetlands, reservoirs and rivers. Runoff from burned areas also produces higher nitrate, organic carbon and sediment levels, warmer temperatures and flashier streamflow.

LADWP invested $1 million into this partnership, which extended through December 2023. NFWF would issue competitive Requests for Proposals (RFP) to recruit third-party partners for implementation as well as raise match funding to increase the scale of the projects on the ground.

NFWF CONTACTS
Jonathan Birdsong
Director,
Western Region
jonathan.birdsong@nfwf
415-243-3101

ABOUT NFWF
Chartered by Congress in the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's wildlife, plants and habitat. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 6,800 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of more than $10 billion. NFWF is an equal opportunity provider.

Learn more at **www.nfwf.org**

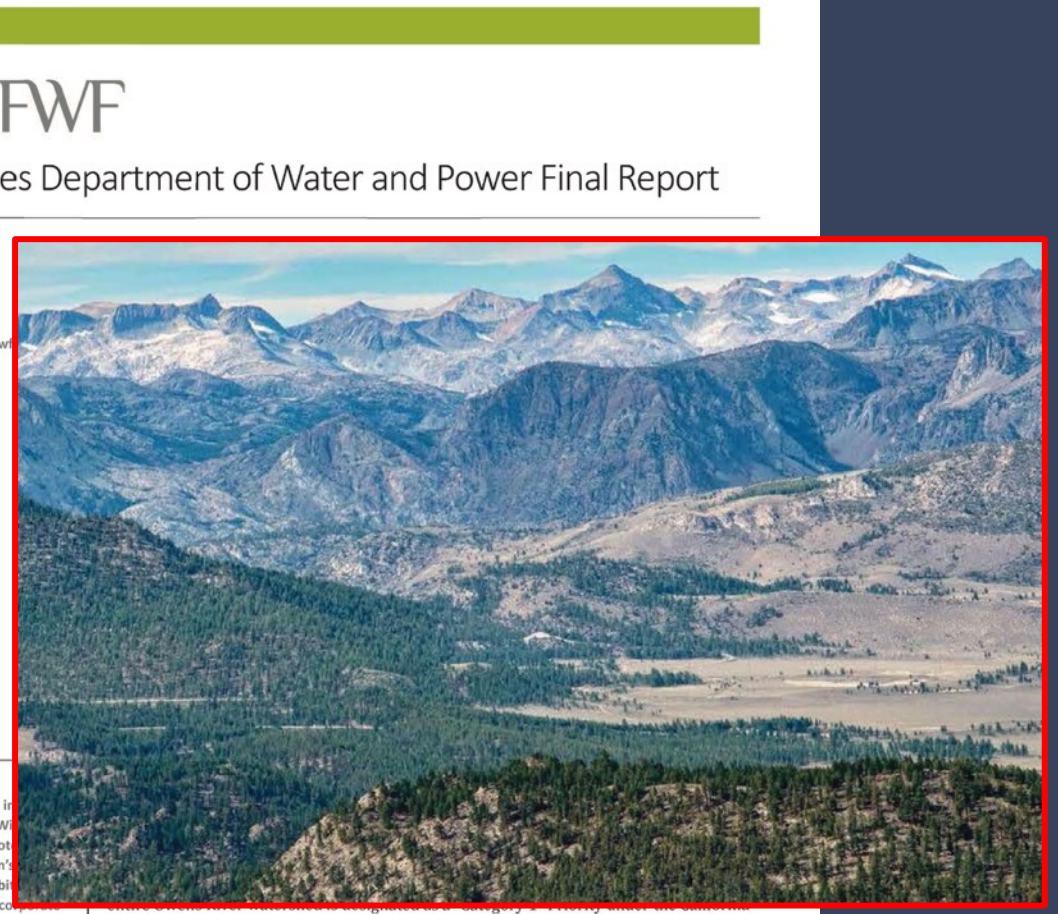
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1625 Eye Street, NW
Suite 300
Washington, D.C., 20006
202-857-0166

(continued)

NFWF-LADWP-Inyo NF Report

- NFWF CONTACT
  - Jonathan Birdsong Director, Western Region

Welcome + Housekeeping



NFWF

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Final Report

NFWF CONTACTS
Jonathan Birdsong
Director,
Western Region
jonathan.birdsong@nfwf
415-243-3101

ABOUT NFWF
Chartered by Congress in
the National Fish and Wi
Foundation (NFWF) prot
and restores the nation's
wildlife, plants and habi
Working with federal, co
and individual partners, NFWF
has funded more than 6,800
organizations and generated
a total conservation impact of
more than $10 billion. NFWF is
an equal opportunity provider.

Learn more at **www.nfwf.org**

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1625 Eye Street, NW
Suite 300
Washington, D.C., 20006
202-857-0166

Unified Watershed Assessment prepared in accordance with the federal Clean Water Action Plan.

Wildfire affects many facets of LADWP's source-water delivery system, ranging from immediate effects during a fire, to long-term alteration of watersheds. Runoff from burned areas contains ash, which may have significant effects on the chemistry of receiving waters such as lakes, wetlands, reservoirs and rivers. Runoff from burned areas also produces higher nitrate, organic carbon and sediment levels, warmer temperatures and flashier streamflow.

LADWP invested $1 million into this partnership, which extended through December 2023. NFWF would issue competitive Requests for Proposals (RFP) to recruit third-party partners for implementation as well as raise match funding to increase the scale of the projects on the ground.

1

(continued)

NFWF-LADWP-Inyo NF Report

- NFWF CONTACT
  - Jonathan Birdsong Director, Western Region

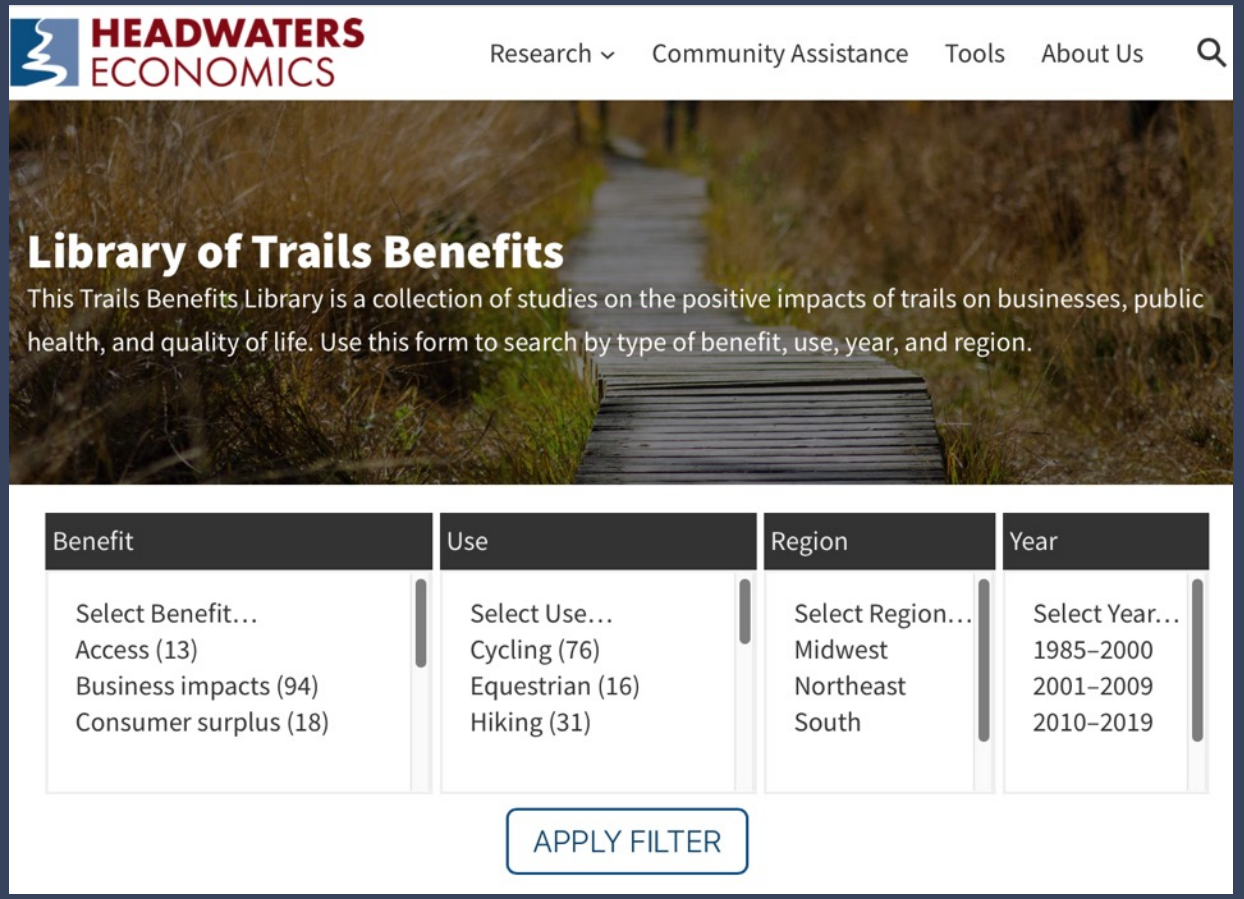
Welcome + Housekeeping



Headwaters Economics

- Nearly 200 studies show economic & health benefits of trails

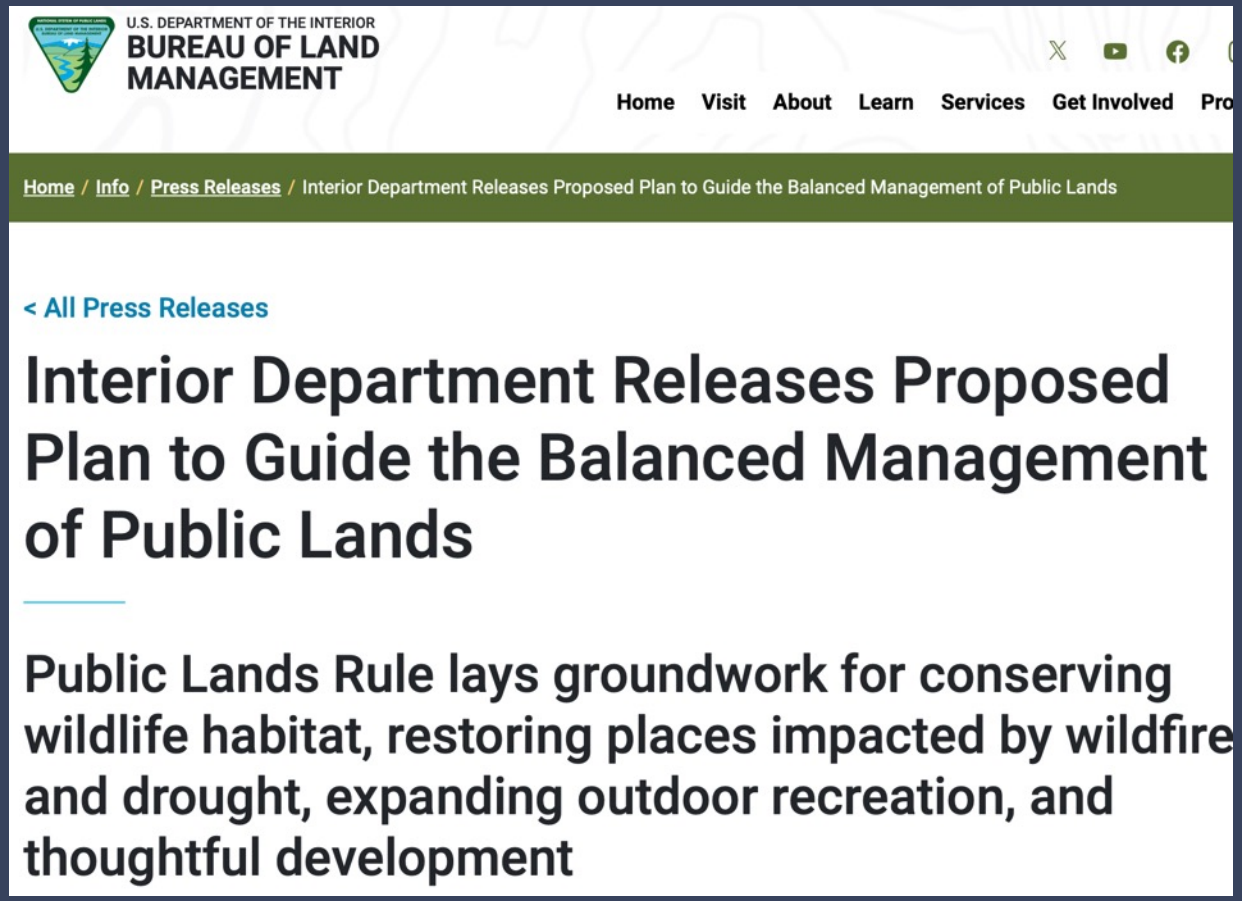
Welcome + Housekeeping



Headwaters Economics

- Nearly 200 studies show economic & health benefits of trails

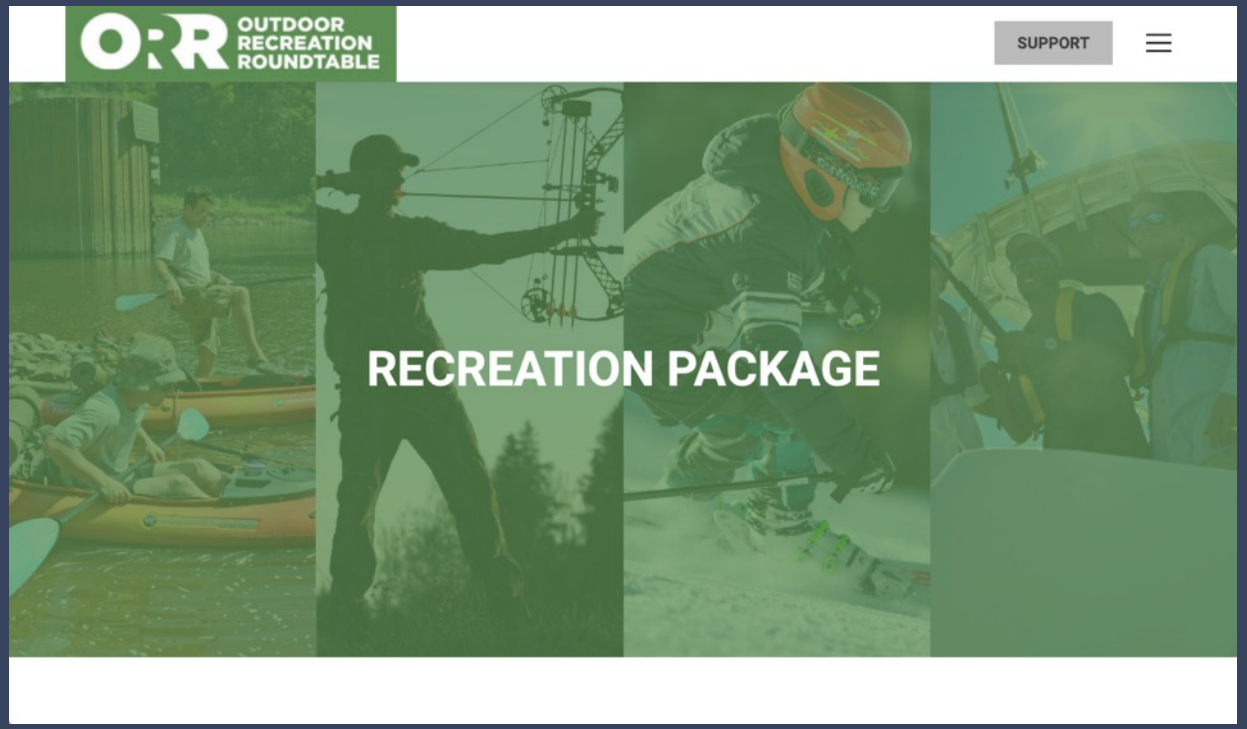
Welcome + Housekeeping



BLM / Interior Department

- New Public Land Rule Released

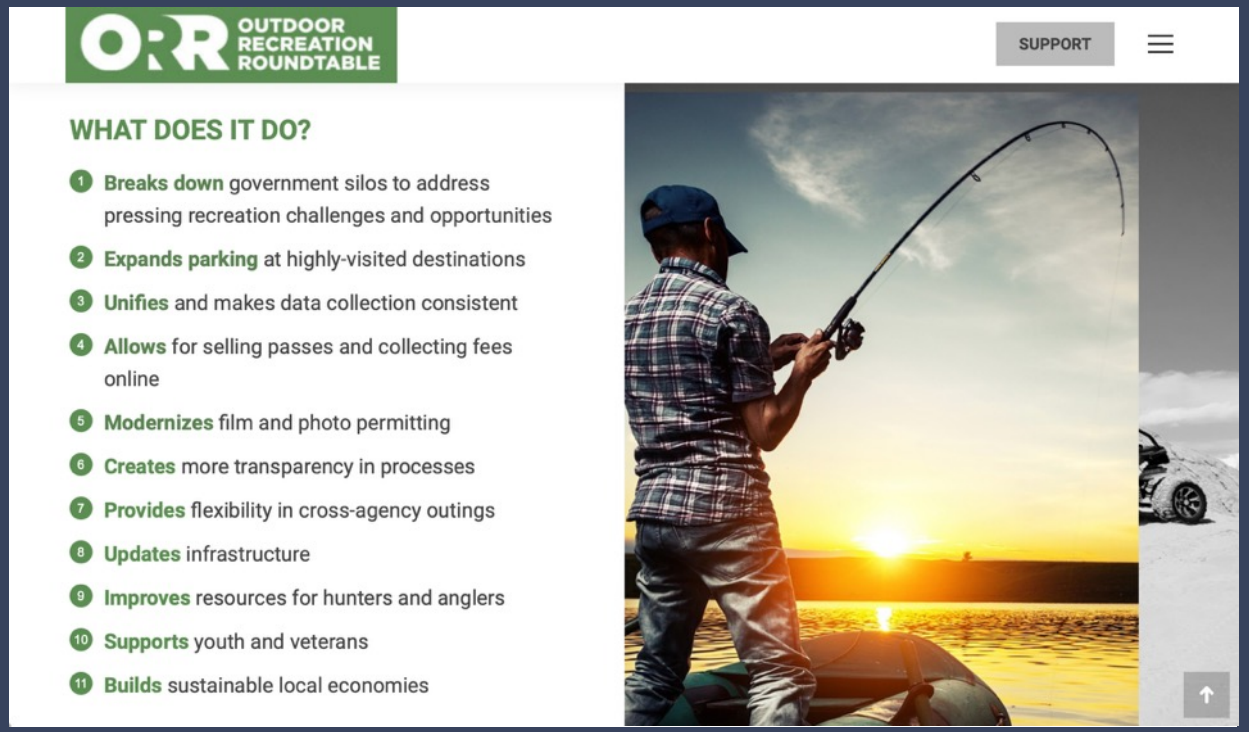
Welcome + Housekeeping



Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

- "The Recreation Package is a first-of-its-kind, comprehensive legislative package that combines several bipartisan and bicameral bills including the Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation (SOAR) Act, the Outdoor Recreation Act, the Recreation Not Red Tape Act, and other pragmatic pieces of outdoor recreation legislation. These bills serve as reminders of how the outdoors brings people together from both sides of the aisle."

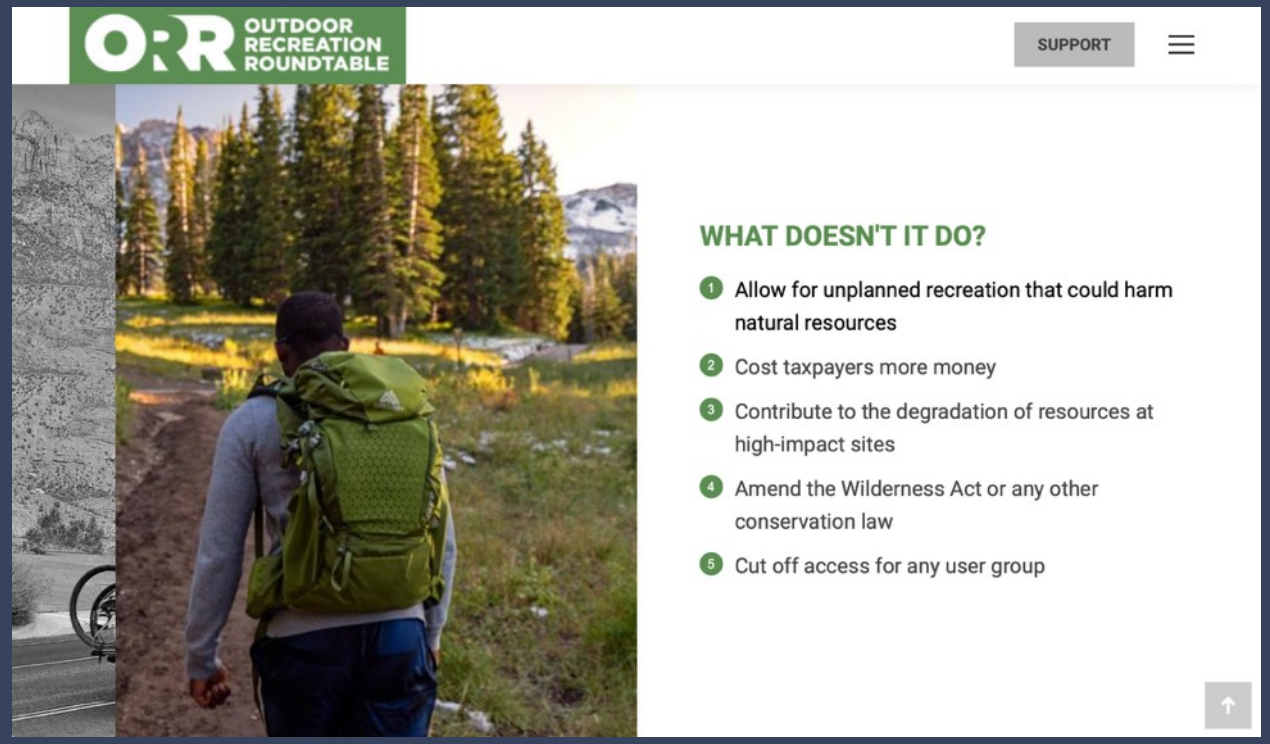
Welcome + Housekeeping



Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

- "The Recreation Package is a first-of-its-kind, comprehensive legislative package that combines several bipartisan and bicameral bills including the Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation (SOAR) Act, the Outdoor Recreation Act, the Recreation Not Red Tape Act, and other pragmatic pieces of outdoor recreation legislation. These bills serve as reminders of how the outdoors brings people together from both sides of the aisle."

Welcome + Housekeeping



Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

- "The Recreation Package is a first-of-its-kind, comprehensive legislative package that combines several bipartisan and bicameral bills including the Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation (SOAR) Act, the Outdoor Recreation Act, the Recreation Not Red Tape Act, and other pragmatic pieces of outdoor recreation legislation. These bills serve as reminders of how the outdoors brings people together from both sides of the aisle."

Hot Links May 6, 2024

Welcome + Housekeeping

- What is the ESSRP
  - Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP)
  - Review the critical documents of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership
- Weather Reports
  - Probabilistic Snowfall Forecasts
- California Jobs First
  - CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST Eastern Sierra
  - California Jobs First: State Launches First-of-its-Kind Council to Create Thousands of More Jobs Across All Regions
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
  - Board Meeting
    - June 5+6, 2024 Inyo County
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
  - Funding Opportunities Newsletter
- Headwaters Economics
  - Nearly 200 studies show economic & health benefits of trails
- ORR - April Recreation Roundup
  - The Recreation Package

Conference Season CA Jobs First Strategy Workshop Sessions





Conference Season CA Jobs First Strategy Workshop Sessions



April 25 - Day 1

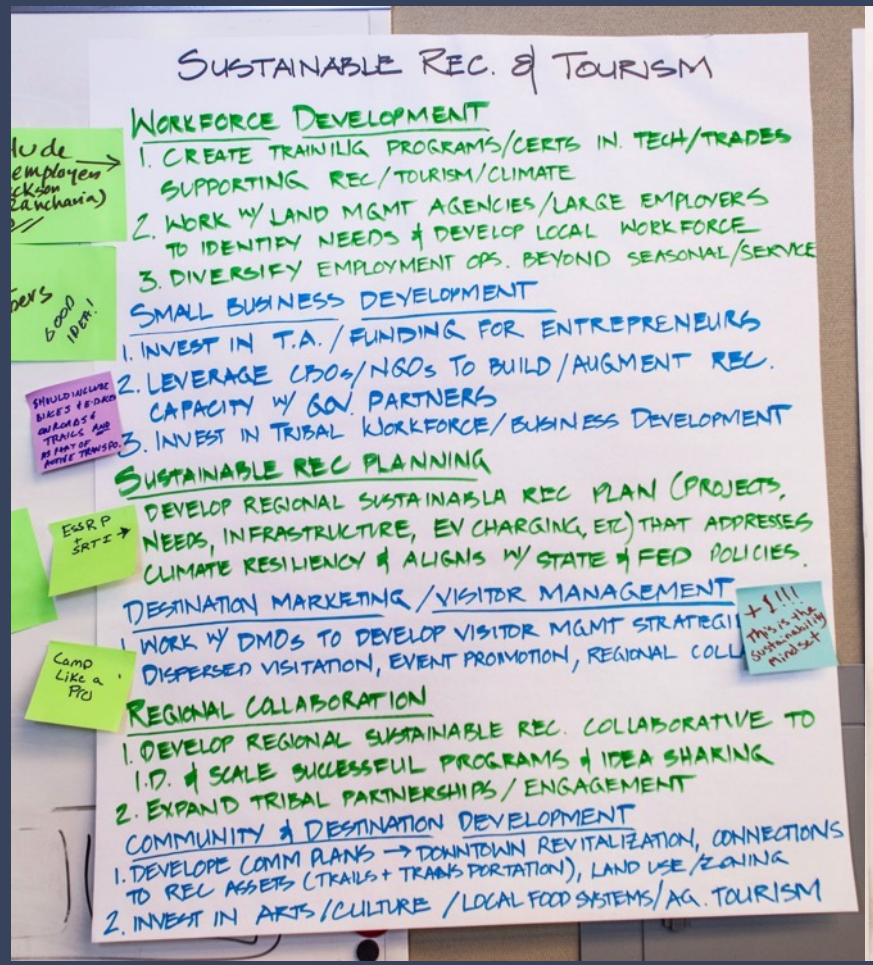
CA Jobs First Strategy Workshop Sessions

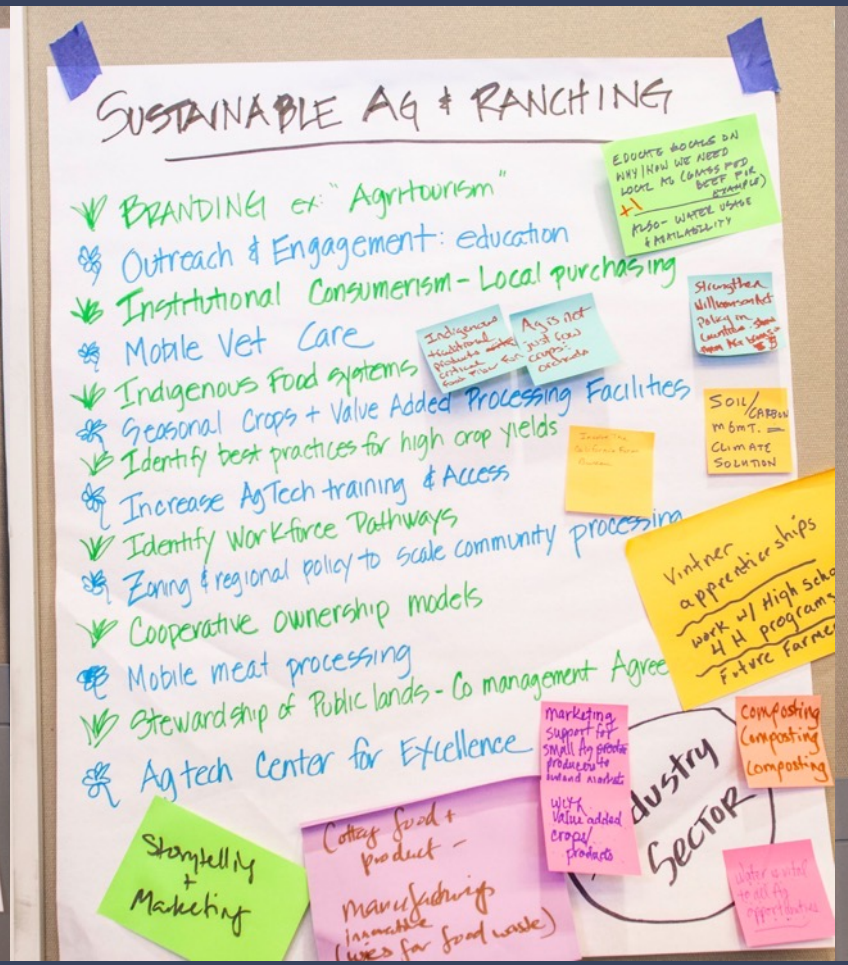


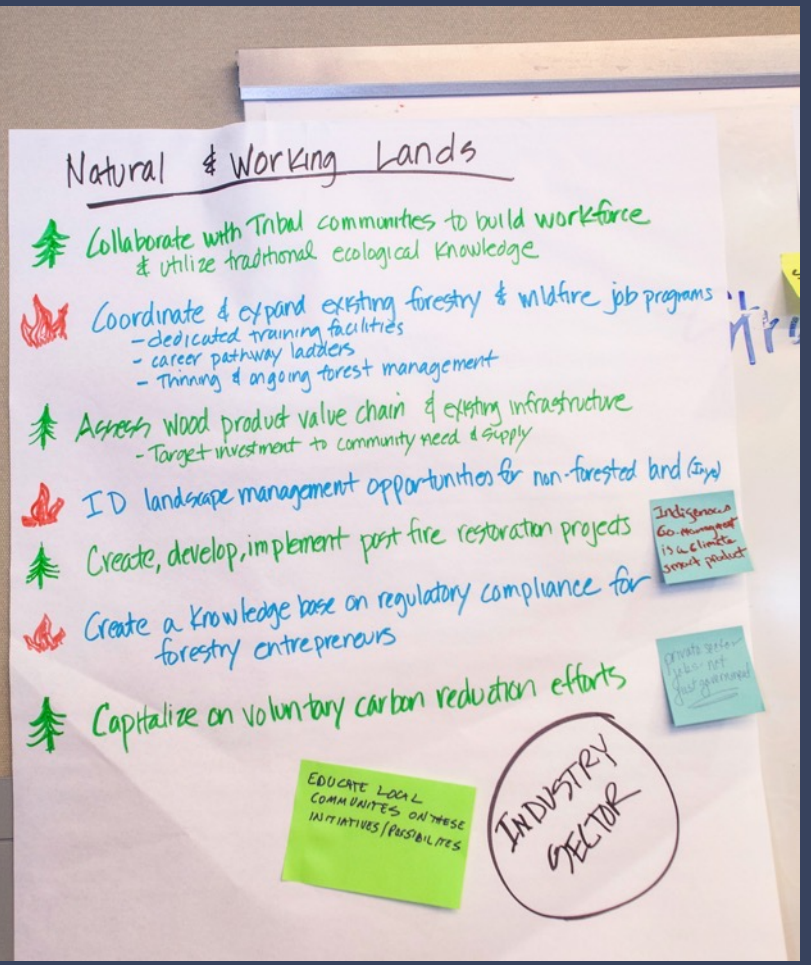


April 26 - Day 2

CA Jobs First Strategy Workshop Sessions







April 26 - Day 2

CA Jobs First Strategy Workshop Sessions



Conference Season - CA Jobs First Strategy Workshop Sessions

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST
Eastern Sierra Region

Follow Up Materials:

Please see the following links to the Summary Notes, Workshop Feedback Survey, and Presentation Slides.

The Sierra Jobs First team is currently working on sorting notes into strategies and tactics and will be sending additional documentation out in the coming weeks.

Summary Notes

Presentation

Workshop Feedback Survey

Conference Season - CA Jobs First Strategy Workshop Sessions

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST
Eastern Sierra Region

Strategic Planning Production Schedule:

What's next? Please follow the links below to view the schedule for the production of the strategic plan and why changes to this production schedule were made between 4.26.24 and 5.3.24.

Please view the Recording and Meeting Minutes from the 4.26.24 Governing Council Meeting for a recap of the the conservation that led to these schedule decisions.

We also encourage the Sierra Jobs First Collaborative to both attend and share the Community Engagement Workshop series broadly with the public. Please click here for more details as well as times, dates, and locations of these public-facing workshops.

Please note that comments on the Regional Summary will continue to be accepted until June 30th.

Strategic Plan Production Schedule

Memo RE: Production Schedule Changes

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST
Sierra Region

Sierra Jobs First Strategic Plan Production Schedule:

6.3 - 6.12	Final Content Development from Strategic Planning Team that incorporates Feedback from Community Workshops into Foundational Elements (Core Issues developed at April Strategy Workshops)
6.13-6.20	Draft Finalization Phase: Copy Editing, Design & Layout
6.21	**Public Review Draft & Summary of Community Feedback Report POSTED**
6.21 - 7.12	Public Review Period 1
6.30	Regional Summary Comments Due
7.12 - 7.28	Revision Period 1
	Tasks: • Review & Incorporate Content Edits Based on Public Comments • Prepare Summary Report of Comments
7.29 - 7.31	Indesign Phase 2: No Content Edits
7.31	**Draft 2 & Summary of Public Comments Round 1 POSTED**
7.31 - 8.9	Public Review Period 2
8.10 - 8.16	Revision Period 2: Comment Review & Edits to Draft
8.16	**FINAL DRAFT & Summary of Public Comments Round 2 POSTED**
8.16 - 8.23	Final Review by Governing Council
8.23	Governing Council Votes to Approve Plan
8.26 - 8.29	Final Internal Formatting & Any Content Edits Requested (and Approved) by Council
8.29	**SBC Submits to State on behalf of Sierra Jobs First Collaborative**
9.2	Team Begins Regional Summary Draft 2

Please note: The Governing Council may choose to adopt a formal and/or recurring revision process of the Sierra Jobs First Strategic Plan at their discretion following their approval on 8.23.24.

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST
Sierra Region

5/3/24 Memo on Sierra Jobs First Strategic Plan Production Schedule:

Important: Sierra Business Council presented a Strategic Plan Production schedule to the Sierra Jobs First Governing Council on April 26, 2024.

Based on feedback from the Governing Council, we have revised the original timeline presented on that date as follows.

This feedback from the Governing Council included:

1. They would like the Plan's writers to have more time to incorporate feedback from May's community engagement workshops; AND
2. They would like to have as much time as possible for public comment.

After reviewing our initial production schedule, the Strategic Planning team realized that **both requests could be accommodated** by frontloading more work, shortening the time allocated for our revisions/re-writing later in the summer (while maintaining adequate time for public comment periods), and providing more clarity around documentation of public comments.

What was changed:

- **We allocated more time** to write the first draft of the plan and incorporate community feedback, pushing the first draft publication date back from June 1 to June 21.
- We provided a **second Public Review Period** that will allow for those who submitted to the first round of Public Review an opportunity to see if their requested revisions were adequately addressed.
- We then **shortened time allocated to rewriting and addressing comments in Revision Periods 1 & 2**, and provided more detail on the tasks that will be conducted during this time.
- We **committed to releasing 3 versions of the plan**: the initial Draft 1, the second version (Draft 2) that will include the revision based on Public Review Period 1, and the final version of the plan that incorporates feedback on Draft 2 from Public Review Period 2.
- To ensure the Governing Council and other members of the Collaborative have confidence that all versions of the plan incorporate Public Comments, we have also integrated **additional reports into this process**, including: a Summary of Community Feedback (gathered at May Community Workshops), a Summary of Public Comments Round 1, and a Summary of Public Comments Round 2.

Questions/Comments can be directed to: jobsfirst@sierrabusiness.org

6.21	**Public Review Draft & Summary of Community Feedback Report POSTED**
6.21 - 7.12	Public Review Period 1
6.30	Regional Summary Comments Due
7.12 - 7.28	Revision Period 1
	Tasks: • Review & Incorporate Content Edits Based on Public Comments • Prepare Summary Report of Comments
7.29 - 7.31	Indesign Phase 2: No Content Edits
7.31	**Draft 2 & Summary of Public Comments Round 1 POSTED**
7.31 - 8.9	Public Review Period 2
8.10 - 8.16	Revision Period 2: Comment Review & Edits to Draft
8.16	**FINAL DRAFT & Summary of Public Comments Round 2 POSTED**
8.16 - 8.23	Final Review by Governing Council
8.23	Governing Council Votes to Approve Plan
8.26 - 8.29	Final Internal Formatting & Any Content Edits Requested (and Approved) by Council
8.29	**SBC Submits to State on behalf of Sierra Jobs First Collaborative**

CERF Regional Summary Part I Updated 01-may-2024
David Griffith, Alpine County Supervisor
Comments

Note: These updated comments are submitted in response to SBC's request for more detail and data sources. The original comments are in black, further clarification is in red, and links are in blue. These are my personal comments and do not necessarily represent the views of Alpine County. Note that I did not review the various appendices.

The report is vastly improved over the initial draft that was distributed, but still suffers some shortcomings and inaccuracies that should be corrected. The copy editor has done a great job.

The report should have been distributed before submission to the state so that there would be an opportunity for local input. It suffers from the same problem of many reports about the region that are written by outsiders sitting in front of their computers and extracting data from databases that do not always represent reality.

During the April retreat SBC President Steve Frisch made the commitment to include any correction to the Part I Summary report in the Part II Strategic Plan. That will relieve some of the concern that inaccuracies in the baseline document not be propagated into subsequent reports. But the statement from SBC staff that the baseline document is a living document and will be updated as necessary is not reassuring as we need a baseline document as to the conditions in the region that we started with.

Three things stood out to me.

First is that this report and process appears to be much more "woke" than the general population in the region. It isn't clear if this is a state requirement or the bias of the Sierra Business Council. This shows in the composition of the HRTC which has little representation of local electeds, and the pervasive emphasis on "disadvantaged"/"disinvested" communities. Success will require broad community support that includes current community leadership. The entire region is disadvantaged/disinvested and while singling out particular groups may make sense in other regions, it is not helpful here.

There are five mentions of "systemic racism" + one mention of "structural racism" with no evidence that this is a problem within the region. The 18 mentions of "disadvantaged" and 99 mentions of "disinvested" almost always refer to groups as opposed to the region as a whole.

Second is that there needs to be more emphasis on education, not just higher education, but also primary and high school. It is clear from this report that poverty, poor health, and other problems are closely related to lower levels of education. Children and families need to be convinced that education is important for their future. Improving primary and high-school education so that more children graduate from high school will pay benefits in the long term. Not everyone needs to go to university or community college. There is nothing wrong with apprenticing to learn a trade such as auto mechanic, plumber, electrician etc. which are careers that provide a good income. Leaving home to pursue higher education at a university or community college is not that difficult for those that understand the value of education. But unless primary and high school graduation rates improve there is unlikely to be much improvement in the other indicators covered in the report. It will take many years for improvements in primary and high school education to deliver measurable improvements. At the April 15th and 16th retreat the importance and lack of relevant high school and technical education in the region was mentioned many times. This needs to be added to the Summary Part 1 baseline report.

Third is the use of RCP8.5 to predict climate change. Climate change is real, but the choice to use RCP8.5 biases the Climate & Environmental Analysis section of the report beyond what is reasonable. It is more alarmist than helpful, and this section and where it is referred to should be rewritten using a more realistic assumption such as RCP4.5 or RCP2.6. RCP8.5 was the "business as usual" alternative from 2007 to 2010, before the state and federal governments started encouraging changes in behavior. To use RCP8.5 is to say that none of the state or federal changes will be effective, and that SBC's various programs to deal with climate change are totally ineffective. See the following references:

https://www.carbonbrief.org/explainer-the-high-emissions-rcp8-5-global-warming-scenario/
https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-worst-climate-scenarios-may-no-longer-be-the-most-likely/
https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00177-3

Below are my detailed comments/corrections.

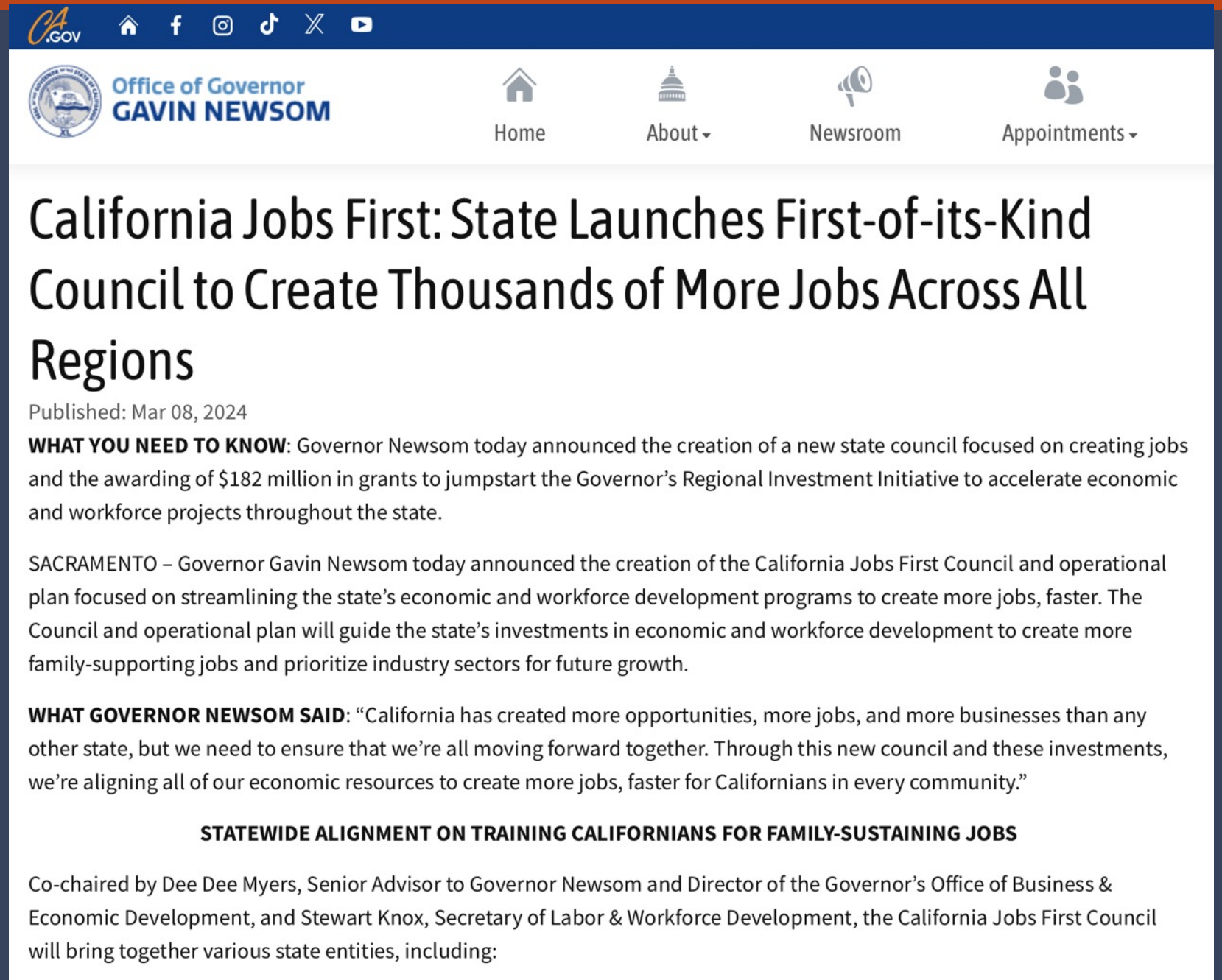
1. Executive Summary, Introduction. 2nd para and Introduction, para 6, page 26. Use of the word "stakeholder". I disagree with trying to phase out the word "stakeholder". It perfectly describes those that have an interest in the process and outcome of the CA Jobs First. Catering to those that have tried to change the meaning of the word is a step too far for me, and one group should not have the power to dictate the meaning of words. Like many words in the English language, it has related but distinct meanings, but in the sense it is used in the report it's intended meaning is perfectly clear.
2. Executive Summary, Regional Core Values, Disinvested Community, 2nd para, page 5. Add land tenure. The Eastern Sierra (Alpine, Mono, and Inyo counties) are >90% federal, state, and other government entities, which severely limits the economic development opportunities. As of the April retreat this seems to be agreed, but needs to be put in the Summary Part I report.
3. Executive Summary, page 8, Inequities, 4th bullet. While there is racism everywhere, where is the documentation demonstrating **systemic** racism in the region. Or is this just an assumption?
4. Executive Summary, Climate & Environment, 3rd para. page 10. Is this correct? Wildfire is a major source of GHG throughout California and might be more than transportation in the Eastern Sierra. Statewide, transportation is greater, but in a region without freeways, lower population density, and high incidence of wildfires transportation may not be the greatest source of GHG. Where is the data that shows otherwise?
5. Executive Summary, Sectors, Natural and Working Lands, page 14 and Economy & Economic Development, Economic Development Opportunities, Natural & Working Lands, page 89. 2nd sentence includes "non-industrial timber harvest", but the 3rd sentence includes "wood utilization facilities". If there will be wood utilization facilities then there will be industrial timber harvest.

What was changed:

- **We allocated more time** to write the first draft of the plan and incorporate community feedback, pushing the first draft publication date back from June 1 to June 21.
- We provided a **second Public Review Period** that will allow for those who submitted to the first round of Public Review an opportunity to see if their requested revisions were adequately addressed.
- We then **shortened time allocated to rewriting and addressing comments in Revision Periods 1 & 2**, and provided more detail on the tasks that will be conducted during this time.
- We **committed to releasing 3 versions of the plan**: the initial Draft 1, the second version (Draft 2) that will include the revision based on Public Review Period 1, and the final version of the plan that incorporates feedback on Draft 2 from Public Review Period 2.
- To ensure the Governing Council and other members of the Collaborative have confidence that all versions of the plan incorporate Public Comments, we have also integrated **additional reports into this process**, including: a Summary of Community Feedback (gathered at May Community Workshops), a Summary of Public Comments Round 1, and a Summary of Public Comments Round 2.

Questions/Comments can be directed to: jobsfirst@sierrabusiness.org

California Jobs First: Project ID Committee Meeting April 10 at Noon



Office of Governor GAVIN NEWSOM

Home | About | Newsroom | Appointments

California Jobs First: State Launches First-of-its-Kind Council to Create Thousands of More Jobs Across All Regions

Published: Mar 08, 2024

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Governor Newsom today announced the creation of a new state council focused on creating jobs and the awarding of $182 million in grants to jumpstart the Governor's Regional Investment Initiative to accelerate economic and workforce projects throughout the state.

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today announced the creation of the California Jobs First Council and operational plan focused on streamlining the state's economic and workforce development programs to create more jobs, faster. The Council and operational plan will guide the state's investments in economic and workforce development to create more family-supporting jobs and prioritize industry sectors for future growth.

WHAT GOVERNOR NEWSOM SAID: "California has created more opportunities, more jobs, and more businesses than any other state, but we need to ensure that we're all moving forward together. Through this new council and these investments, we're aligning all of our economic resources to create more jobs, faster for Californians in every community."

STATEWIDE ALIGNMENT ON TRAINING CALIFORNIANS FOR FAMILY-SUSTAINING JOBS

Co-chaired by Dee Dee Myers, Senior Advisor to Governor Newsom and Director of the Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development, and Stewart Knox, Secretary of Labor & Workforce Development, the California Jobs First Council will bring together various state entities, including:

What are we aiming to accomplish?

Invest in industries that will advance priorities identified during each region's Planning Phase

Fund projects that ensure workers and disinvested communities are the primary beneficiaries

Leverage federal, state, and private dollars

What are we aiming to accomplish?

Invest in industries that will advance priorities identified during each region's Planning Phase

Fund projects that ensure workers and disinvested communities are the primary beneficiaries

Leverage federal, state, and private dollars

Maximize Investment into Communities

$190 Billion in Federal Funding for California

$48 Billion*

California Climate Commitment
3-Year Horizon*

$41.9 Billion*

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
2026 Horizon*

~$390 Billion*

Inflation Reduction Act
2026 Horizon*

~$52 Billion*

Chips & Science Act
2026 Horizon*

Priority Sectors – Working Definitions

Community Healthcare

- Regional Access to Care
- Specialty Services
- Mental Health
- Medical Facilities
- Workforce Development

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

- Balanced tourism and visitation
- Higher wage jobs
- Climate change readiness/pivots
- Entrepreneurs & Main Street
- Events & Culture

Natural & Working Lands

- Wildfire adaptation
- Wood utilization
- Watershed restoration
- Tribal stewardship
- Adaptation and Restoration

Clean Energy & Energy Resilience

- Energy efficiency and decarbonization
- Energy resilience and reliability
- EV readiness
- GHG mitigation
- Hydrogen

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

- Sustainable food systems/security
- Climate-ready crops
- Value-added products
- Agri tourism
- Meat processing
- Manufacturing

SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST

Conference Season – Sustainable Recreation Strategy Workshop

Priority Sectors – Working Definitions

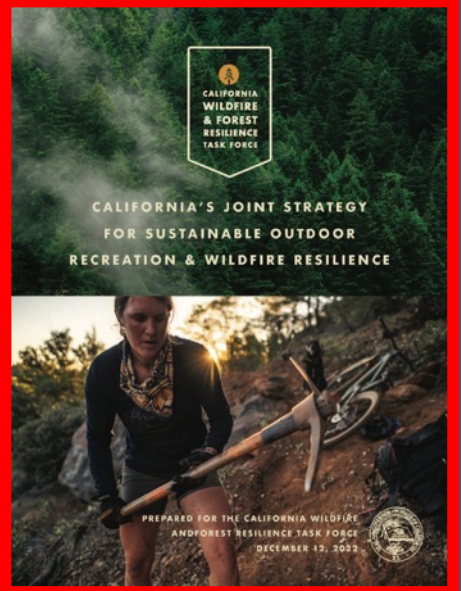
Community Healthcare

- Regional Access to Care
- Specialty Services
- Mental Health
- Medical Facilities
- Workforce Development

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

- Balanced tourism and visitation
- Higher wage jobs
- Climate change readiness/pivots
- Entrepreneurs & Main Street
- Events & Culture

Natural & Working Lands



Clean Energy & Energy Resilience

- Energy efficiency and decarbonization
- Energy resilience and reliability
- EV readiness
- GHG mitigation
- Hydrogen

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

- Sustainable food systems/security
- Climate-ready crops
- Value-added products
- Agri tourism
- Meat processing
- Manufacturing

SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST

Conference Season – Sustainable Recreation Strategy Workshop

Priority Sectors – Working Definitions

Community Healthcare

- Regional Access to Care
- Specialty Services
- Mental Health
- Medical Facilities
- Workforce Development

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

- Balanced tourism and visitation
- Higher wage jobs
- Climate change readiness/pivots
- Entrepreneurs & Main Street
- Events & Culture

Natural & Working Lands



Clean Energy & Energy Resilience

- Energy efficiency and decarbonization
- Energy resilience and reliability
- EV readiness
- GHG mitigation
- Hydrogen

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

- Sustainable food systems/security
- Climate-ready crops
- Value-added products
- Agri tourism
- Meat processing
- Manufacturing

SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST

Welcome + Housekeeping



Special ESSRP Meeting

- CA Jobs First "Sustainable Recreation Strategy Workshop"
- June 17, 2024 – *Save the Date!*

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST

Eastern Sierra Region

Sierra Jobs First Strategic Planning

Priority Industry Sector:

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism





Sierra Business Council Team

Erika Harvey, Project Director

eharvey@sierrabusiness.org

Kara Bechtle, Outreach Coordinator

kbechtle@sierrabusiness.org

Magnolia Barra, Eastside Project Navigator

mbarra@sierrabusiness.org

Elaine Kabala- ESCOG, Project Partner

Sierra Jobs First Outcomes

Outcomes We Hope to Achieve

- Increase the number of quality jobs with equitable access
- Attract investment into disinvested communities, key industries, & infrastructure
- Build climate-resilient communities
- Grow opportunities for the emerging workforce

SIERRA
BUSINESS COUNCIL

Priority Industry Sectors

Priority Industry Sectors to Drive Our Work

- Sustainable Recreation and Tourism
- Natural and Working Lands
- Clean Energy and Energy Resilience
- Sustainable Agriculture, Ranching, and Food Systems
- Community Healthcare

SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

Core Issues and Opportunities + Strategies to Get Us There

Our Core Issues and Opportunities

- Workforce Development & Career Readiness
- Physical Infrastructure
- Social Services and Infrastructure
- Governance and Land Tenure/Management
- Housing Affordability and Placemaking



Strategic Actions to Get Us There

Collaboration | Strategic Investments/Actions | Inclusionary Pathways

SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

Strategies for Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

1. **Workforce Development**
   - Create training programs/certs in tech/trades supporting rec/tourism/climate
   - Work with land management agencies/large employers to identify needs and develop local workforce
   - Diversify employment opportunities beyond seasonal/service
2. **Small Business Development**
   - Invest in TA/funding for entrepreneurs
   - Leverage CBOs/NGOs to build/augment rec capacity with government partners
   - Invest in tribal workforce/business development
3. **Sustainable Recreation Planning**
   - Develop regional sustainable rec plan (projects, needs, infrastructure, EV charging, etc.) that addresses climate resiliency and aligns with state and federal policies.

SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

Strategies for Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

4. **Destination Marketing/Visitor Management**
   - Work with DMOs to develop visitor management strategies, diversified visitation, event promotion, regional collaboration
5. **Regional Collaboration**
   - Develop regional sustainable rec collaborative to identify and scale successful programs and idea sharing
   - Expand tribal partnerships and engagement
6. **Community & Destination Development**
   - Develop comms plans -> Downtown revitalization, connections to rec assets (trails and transportation), land use/zoning
   - Invest in arts/culture/local food systems/ag tourism

SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL



Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Workshop Virtual Event Hosted by ESSRP June 17th, 2024

SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

In Partnership with CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST

Thank you.

For more information, please visit our new website:

sierrajobsfirst.org

Conference Season - CA Trails and Greenways Conference



Event Summary Keynote Speakers & Workshops **Schedule & Rates** Sponsors & Exhibitors
Hotel & Travel FAQs

California Trails & Greenways 2024

April 30 - May 2

Everline Resort & Spa
Olympic Valley, CA

Conference Season - CA Trails and Greenways Conference



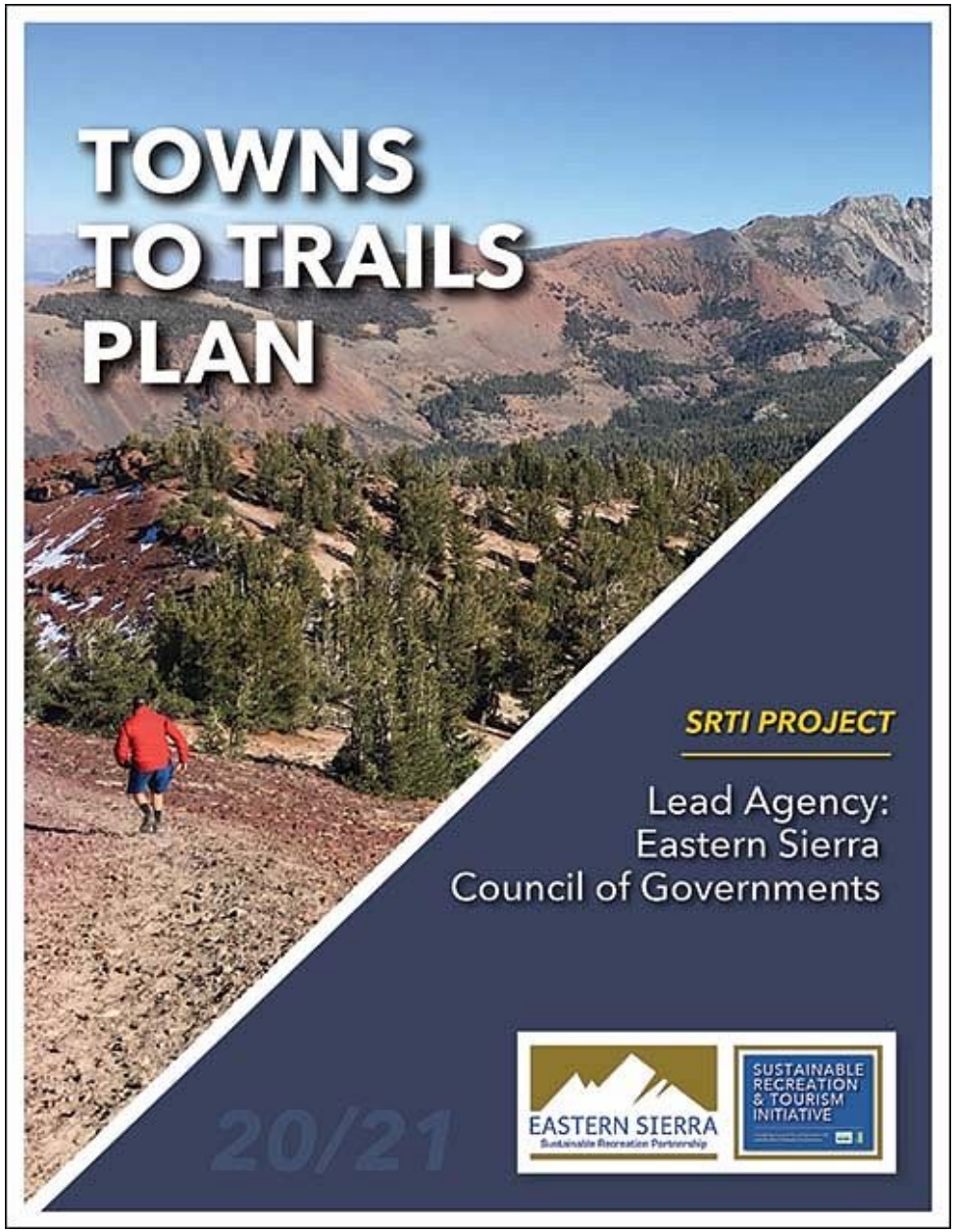
Conference Season - CA Trails and Greenways Conference

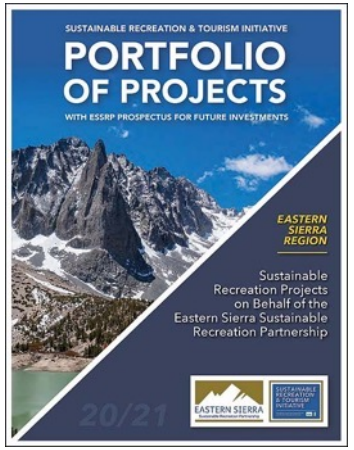


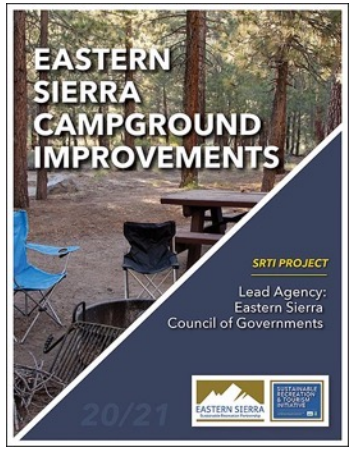
Conference Season - CA Trails and Greenways Conference

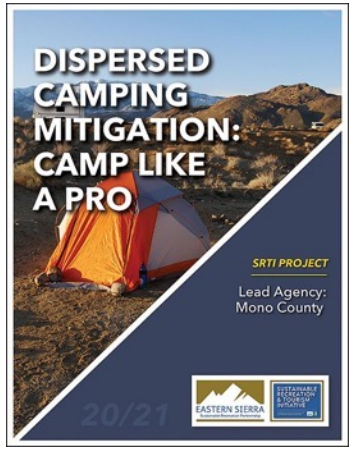


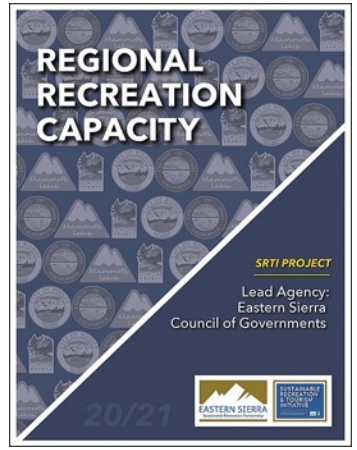


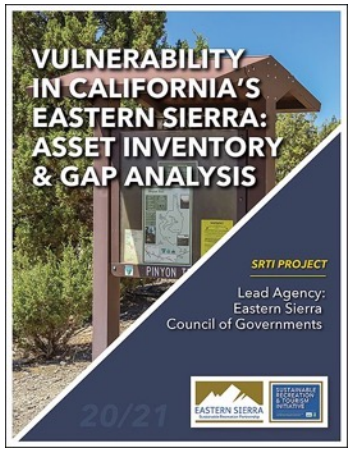

TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership
SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE
20/21

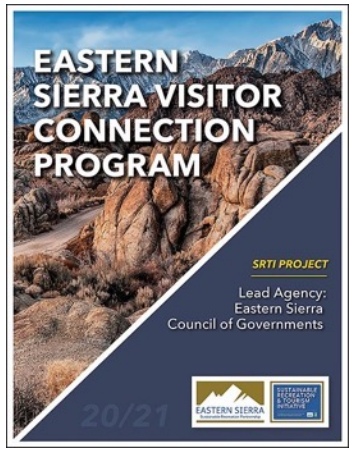

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE
PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS
WITH ESSRP PROSPECTUS FOR FUTURE INVESTMENTS
EASTERN SIERRA REGION
Sustainable Recreation Projects on Behalf of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership
20/21

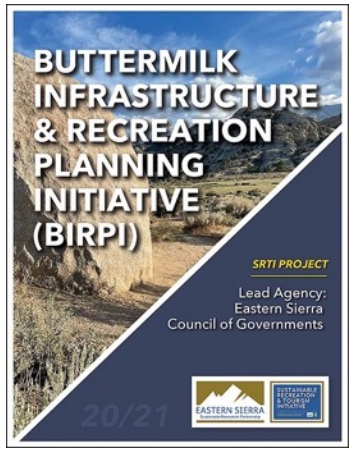

EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21

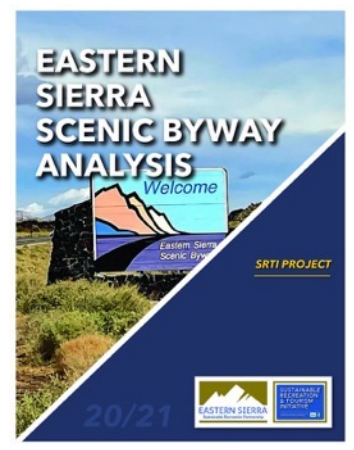

DISPERSED CAMPING MITIGATION: CAMP LIKE A PRO
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Mono County
20/21


REGIONAL RECREATION CAPACITY
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21


VULNERABILITY IN CALIFORNIA'S EASTERN SIERRA: ASSET INVENTORY & GAP ANALYSIS
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21


EASTERN SIERRA VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21


BUTTERMILK INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION PLANNING INITIATIVE (BIRPI)
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21

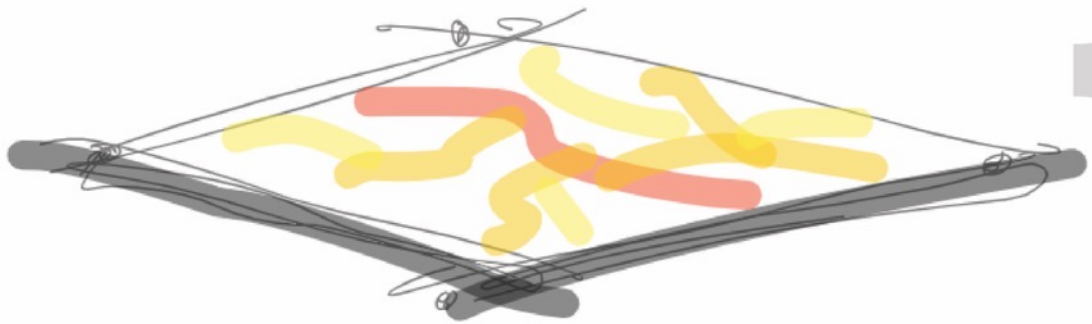

EASTERN SIERRA SCENIC BYWAY ANALYSIS
Welcome
SRTI PROJECT
20/21

EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE

Funded by a grant from Proposition 68 and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy

EXISTING ROAD & TRAIL NETWORK



Roads that are closed, restricted, or otherwise not accessible to the public are excluded

TIER 1

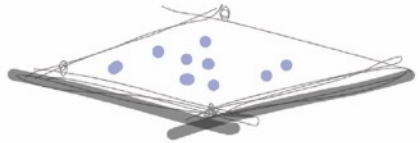
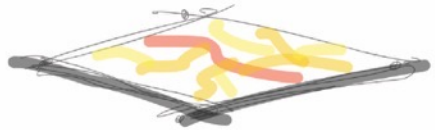
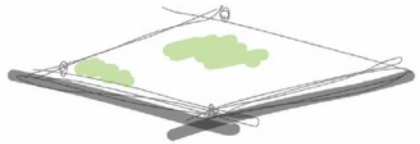
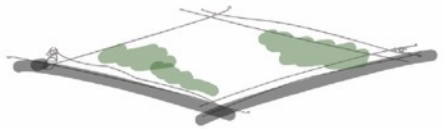
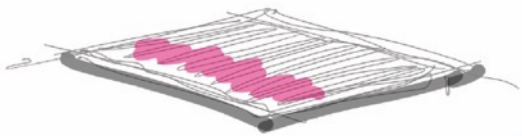
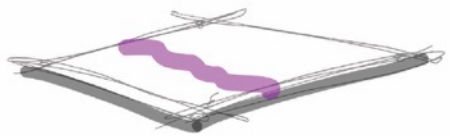
- Unpaved/Soft Surface Trails
- USFS Class 2 - 5 Trails
- Motorized Single Track Trails on BLM Land

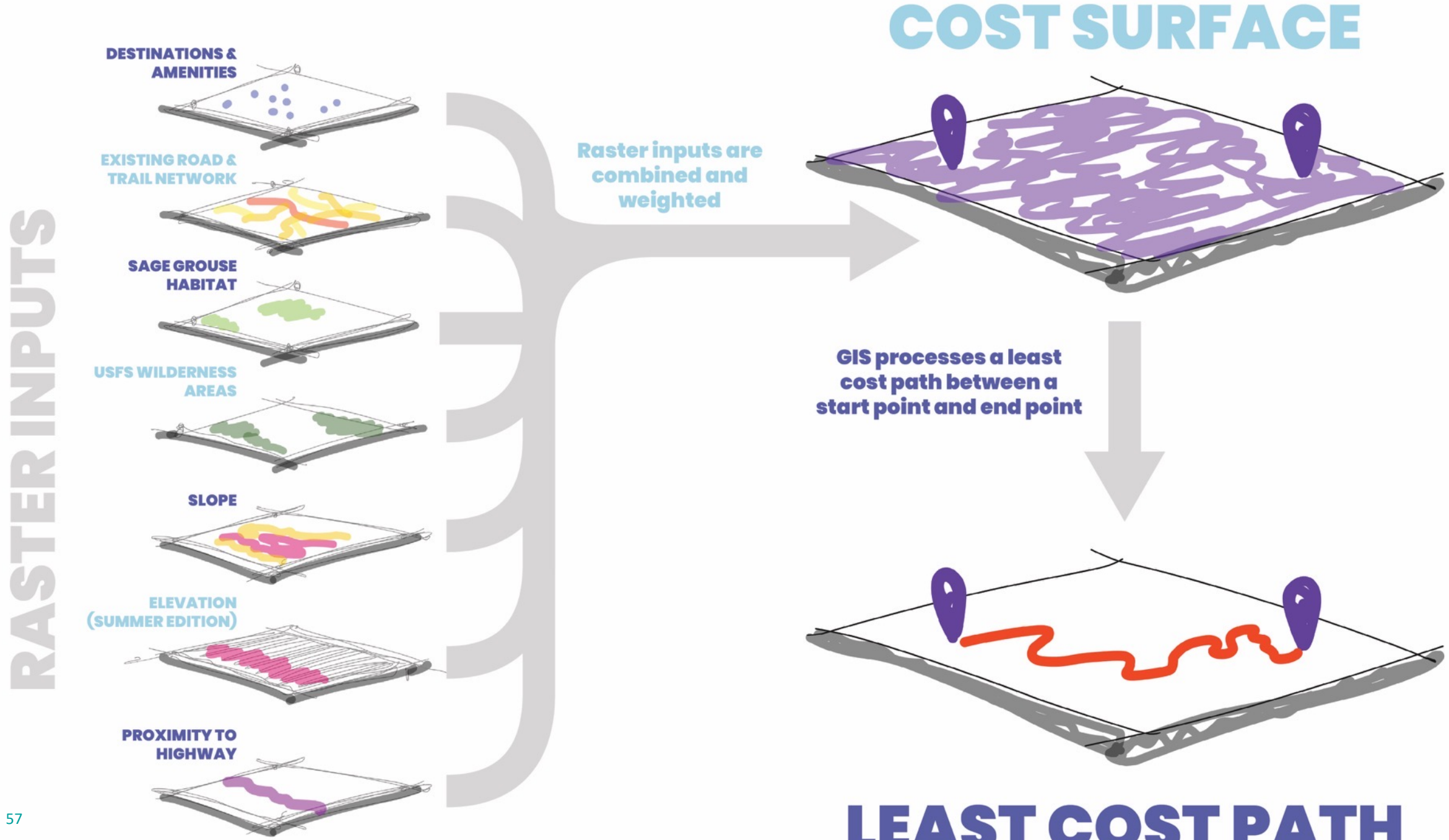
TIER 2

- Unpaved Roads

TIER 3

- Paved Roads
- USFS Class 1 Trails

		LOW COST	HIGH COST
DESTINATIONS & AMENITIES		Route is within one mile of a recreation site	Route is not within five miles of a recreation site
EXISTING ROAD & TRAIL NETWORK		Tier 1 and Tier 2 trails/roads	Tier 3 roads and areas outside of the existing network
SAGE GROUSE HABITAT		Areas outside of Sage Grouse Priority Areas for Conservation (PAC)	Areas within Sage Grouse Priority Areas for Conservation (PAC)
USFS WILDERNESS AREAS		Areas outside of USFS Wilderness Areas	Areas within USFS Wilderness Areas
SLOPE		0% - 5% Slope	12+% Slope
ELEVATION (SUMMER EDITION)		Areas above 5,000 FT.	Areas below 5,000 FT.
PROXIMITY TO HIGHWAY		Areas more than 1/4 mile from US or State Highways	Areas less than 1/4 mile from US or State Highways


RASTER INPUTS
DESTINATIONS & AMENITIES
EXISTING ROAD & TRAIL NETWORK
SAGE GROUSE HABITAT
USFS WILDERNESS AREAS
SLOPE
ELEVATION (SUMMER EDITION)
PROXIMITY TO HIGHWAY
Raster inputs are combined and weighted
COST SURFACE
GIS processes a least cost path between a start point and end point
LEAST COST PATH

Alignment Themes



•**User Focused** - Places a high priority on connections to recreation sites and provides major separation from existing highways where possible. This alignment places less emphasis on following the existing network and staying out of USFS Wilderness and protected Sage Grouse habitat.



•**Quick & Direct** - Largely prioritizes routes that follow the existing network and avoids steep slopes.

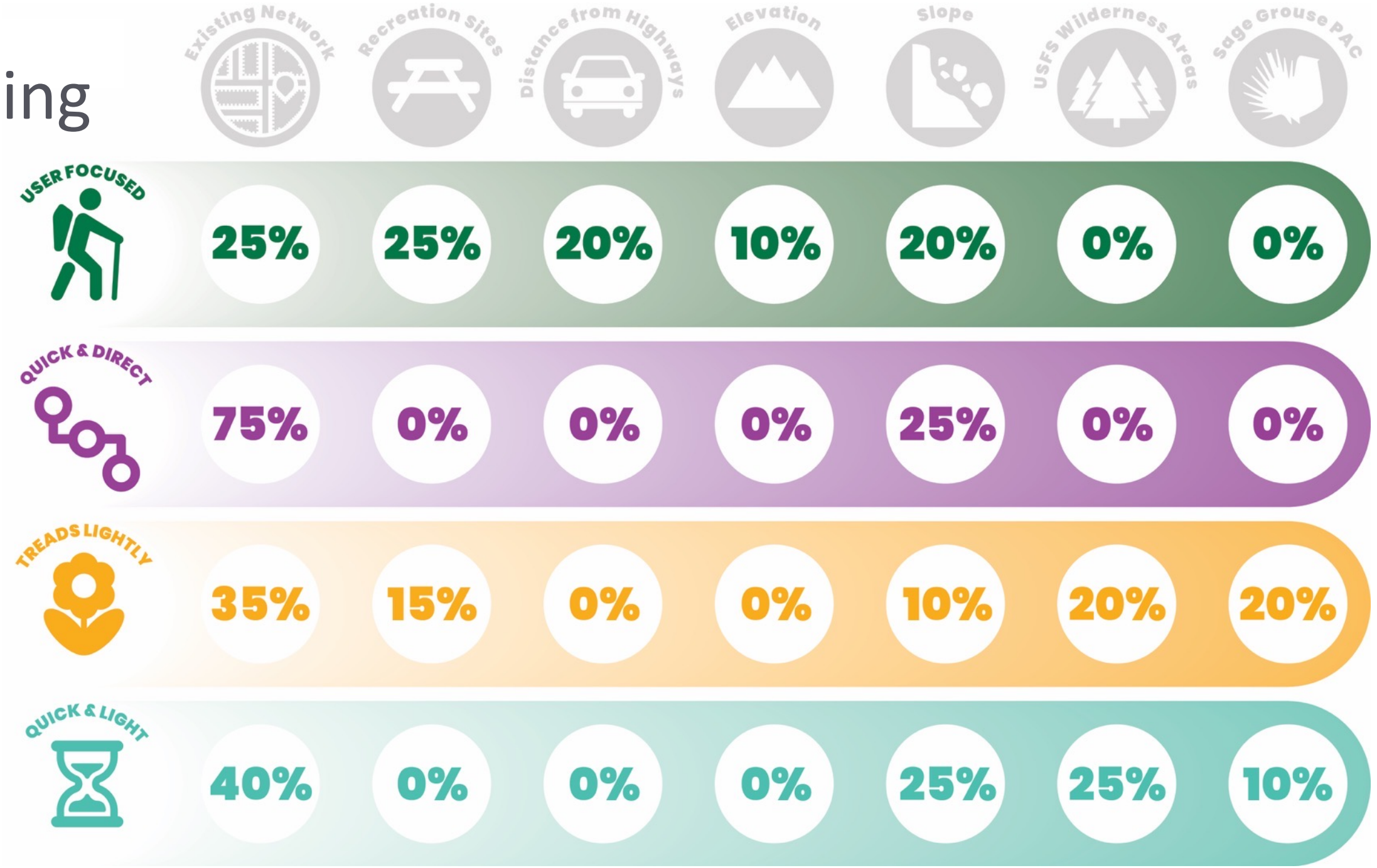


•**Treads Lightly** - This alignment is similar in weighting to the User Focused alignment but deprioritizes following the existing network and connecting to recreation sites in order to give more priority to routes that stay out of USFS Wilderness and protected Sage Grouse habitat.



•**Quick & Light** - This alignment has a high priority for routes that follow the existing network, maintain fewer steep slopes, and avoids USFS Wilderness and protected Sage Grouse habitat where possible.

Weighting


Existing Network
Recreation Sites
Distance from Highways
Elevation
Slope
USFS Wilderness Areas
Sage Grouse PAC
USER FOCUSED
25%
25%
20%
10%
20%
0%
0%
QUICK & DIRECT
75%
0%
0%
0%
25%
0%
0%
TREADS LIGHTLY
35%
15%
0%
0%
10%
20%
20%
QUICK & LIGHT
40%
0%
0%
0%
25%
25%
10%

Next Steps

April/May 2024

- Agency input
- Alignment refinement
- Workshop promotion

June 2024

- Community workshops
- Ground truthing and data verification

Fall 2024

- Plan preparation



Conference Season - CA Trails and Greenways Conference



2024 Schedule
(Subject to change without notice) – Last updated April 22, 2024

Monday, April 29	Activities	Location
4:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Registration Station
Tuesday, April 30	**Activities**	**Location**
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Registration Station
Educational Workshops		
8:15 AM – 3:30 PM	The Last Segment - Feasibility of the Tahoe Trail	Hotel Lobby
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	CEQA 101	Emigrant Peak
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Trail Assessment and Maintenance	Hotel Lobby
2:00 – 4:00 PM	CEQA Updates	Emigrant Peak
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Supporting Trails & Public Lands Through Legislative Action	Alpine A
5:00 – 9:00 PM	Exhibits Open	Conference Center Lobby
1:00 – 5:00 PM	District Trail Coordinators Training	Castle Peak
Tuesday Evening Activities		
5:00 – 6:00 PM	**Welcome Reception**	**Conference Center Lobby**
6:00 – 9:00 PM	**Welcome Dinner with Keynote**	**Grand Sierra Ballroom**

Wednesday, May 1	Activities	Location
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Registration Station
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	District Trail Coordinators Training	Castle Peak
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Exhibits Open	Conference Center Lobby

* All workshops and sessions are eligible for AICP CM, LA CES PDH, and CEU equivalency petition through American Trails.

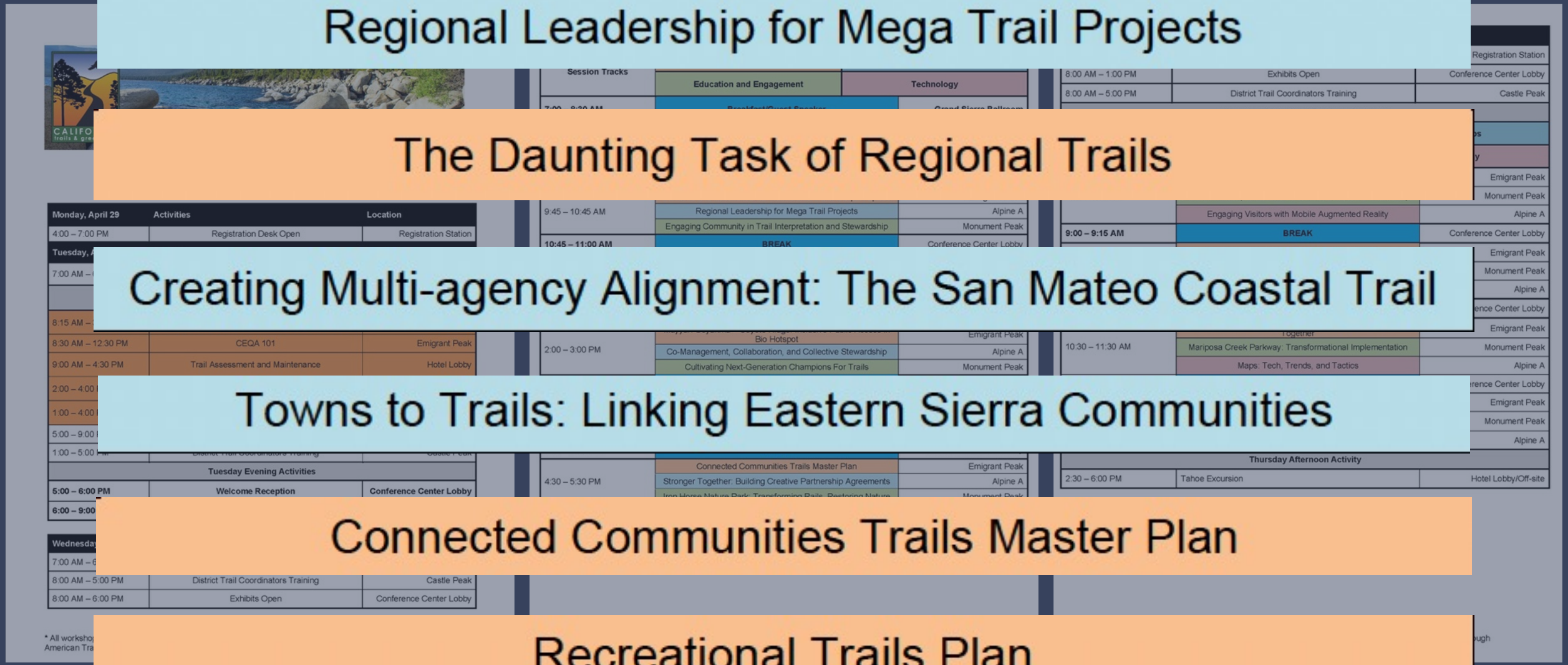
Wednesday Educational Breakout Sessions		
Session Tracks	**Planning** / **Education and Engagement**	**Partnerships** / **Technology**
7:00 – 8:30 AM	**Breakfast/Guest Speaker**	**Grand Sierra Ballroom**
8:30 – 9:30 AM	The Daunting Task of Regional Trails	Emigrant Peak
	Creating Multi-agency Alignment: The San Mateo Coastal Trail	Alpine A
	Simplifying Prescribed Fire in California	Monument Peak
9:30 – 9:45 AM	**BREAK**	Conference Center Lobby
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Inclusive and Accessible Connections to Trails & Open Space	Emigrant Peak
	Regional Leadership for Mega Trail Projects	Alpine A
	Engaging Community in Trail Interpretation and Stewardship	Monument Peak
10:45 – 11:00 AM	**BREAK**	Conference Center Lobby
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Lessons From the Post-Fire Recovery of Parks and Trails	Emigrant Peak
	What is Sustainable?	Alpine A
	Strategies to Protect Resources and Enhance Trail Experience	Monument Peak
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	**Awards Lunch**	**Grand Sierra Ballroom**
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Máyyan 'Ooyákma – Coyote Ridge: Inclusive Public Access in Bio Hotspot	Emigrant Peak
	Co-Management, Collaboration, and Collective Stewardship	Alpine A
	Cultivating Next-Generation Champions For Trails	Monument Peak
3:00 – 3:15 PM	**BREAK**	Conference Center Lobby
3:15 – 4:15 PM	Adaptation of Frontline Coastal Trails in the Climate Battle	Emigrant Peak
	Towns to Trails: Linking Eastern Sierra Communities	Alpine A
	Centering Equity in Richmond's Trails and Greenways	Monument Peak
4:15 – 4:30 PM	**BREAK**	Conference Center Lobby
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Connected Communities Trails Master Plan	Emigrant Peak
	Stronger Together: Building Creative Partnership Agreements	Alpine A
	Iron Horse Nature Park: Transforming Rails, Restoring Nature	Monument Peak
Wednesday Evening Activities		
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Off-site Social	Olympic Valley

* All workshops and sessions are eligible for AICP CM, LA CES PDH, and CEU equivalency petition through American Trails.

Thursday, May 2	Activities	Location
7:30 – 11:30 AM	Registration Desk Open	Registration Station
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Exhibits Open	Conference Center Lobby
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	District Trail Coordinators Training	Castle Peak
Thursday Educational Breakout Sessions		
Session Tracks	**Planning** / **Education and Engagement**	**Partnerships** / **Technology**
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Partnerships, Funding & Design: Adaptation at Bothin Marsh	Emigrant Peak
	How to Develop Volunteers and Lead a Successful Trail Day	Monument Peak
	Engaging Visitors with Mobile Augmented Reality	Alpine A
9:00 – 9:15 AM	**BREAK**	Conference Center Lobby
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Biodiversity Engagement Zones: Multidisciplinary Trail Planning	Emigrant Peak
	Trails in Landslide Prone Areas	Monument Peak
	Applications of the Visitor Use Management Framework	Alpine A
10:15 – 10:30 AM	**BREAK**	Conference Center Lobby
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Tahoe Trail Puzzle-Piecing Recreation and Resources Together	Emigrant Peak
	Mariposa Creek Parkway: Transformational Implementation	Monument Peak
	Maps: Tech, Trends, and Tactics	Alpine A
11:30 – 11:45 AM	**BREAK**	Conference Center Lobby
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Recreational Trails Plan	Emigrant Peak
	Highway Plans to Bike Trail Plans: Machida Memorial Greenway	Monument Peak
	Tech-Infused Trails: Interpreting History, Conservation ++	Alpine A
Thursday Afternoon Activity		
2:30 – 6:00 PM	Tahoe Excursion	Hotel Lobby/Off-site

* All workshops and sessions are eligible for AICP CM, LA CES PDH, and CEU equivalency petition through American Trails.

Conference Season - CA Trails and Greenways Conference



Regional Leadership for Mega Trail Projects

The Daunting Task of Regional Trails

Creating Multi-agency Alignment: The San Mateo Coastal Trail

Towns to Trails: Linking Eastern Sierra Communities

Connected Communities Trails Master Plan

Recreational Trails Plan

Sierra Nevada Region Trail Systems: Connected Communities

Connected Communities Project

The Connected Communities Project aims to stimulate the economies of rural communities by improving trail access and connectivity and encouraging diverse user types to explore and recreate on public lands by linking 15 mountain towns by trails.

Introduction

The Connected Communities Project is a visionary effort led in partnership by federal land managers, SBTS, and community partners to connect 15 mountain towns for economic prosperity through outdoor recreation—an $887 billion industry. It will create a vision for a recreation-focused lifestyle through community investment, shared stewardship, economic opportunity, and important new local jobs, all benefiting economically disadvantaged communities in California's Plumas, Sierra, Butte, Lassen, and Nevada Counties, as well as Washoe County, Nevada. Our work will include planning, environmental review, trail creation, and maintenance of trails. The project's intent is to diversify recreation throughout the region and provide economic stability, as well as support fire recovery and prevention efforts. This project will create a learning landscape for outdoor and environmental education programs that include youth employment and volunteer participation. Our visionary goal is to establish a multi-use signature route highlighting these communities, which we are calling the Lost Sierra Route.

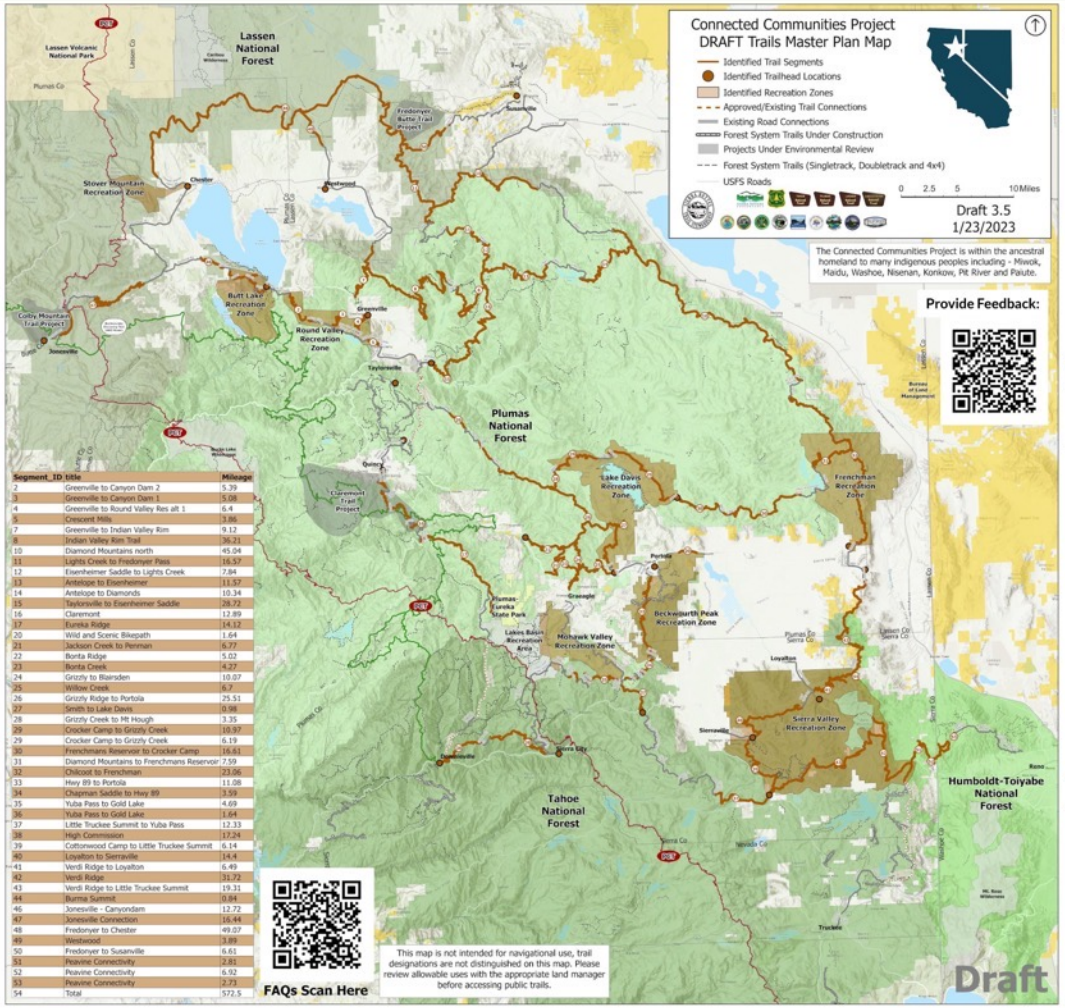
Goals & Objectives

The Connected Communities Project includes four main components:

1. Identify ideal trail corridors for a singletrack trail network to connect communities across the region and outline a signature route through the region dubbed the Lost Sierra Route
2. Conceptualize capital improvement projects required to support the trail network such as trailhead infrastructure
3. Highlight Recreation Zones as areas near communities that warrant additional planning and development
4. Develop desired conditions for fuels reduction and restoration within future project planning areas

Acknowledgements

While this project would not be possible without the critical partnership from federal land managers and continued community-member support, financial backing is also critical to the project's success. To date, the project has been primarily funded by Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Resilient Sierra Nevada Communities and Vibrant Recreation and Tourism programs, but has also received financial support from Friesen Foundation, California Off-Highway Vehicle Division grants, Outdoor Industry partners, and matching funds brought by SBTS volunteers and donors.



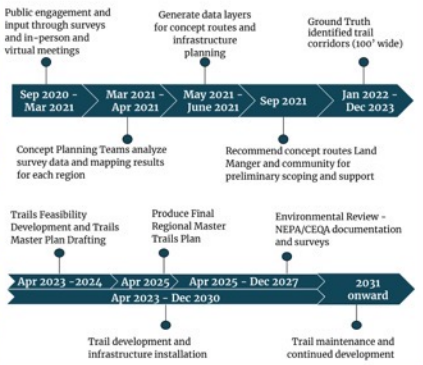
Project Components

572.5 mi Trail Segments - SBTS proposes single lane dirt trail development to Trail Class 2 Moderately Developed standard following Forest Service EM-7720-103 specification, adapted to local conditions. SBTS proposes motorized multi-use destination construction for enjoyment by all user types (hiking, trail running, mountain biking, e-biking, motorcycle riding and horseback).

21 Trailhead Locations - includes new and existing locations requiring infrastructure upgrades and site development

8 Recreation Zones - these are informal designations based on feedback gained from survey responses. They are identified as areas that warrant future additional recreation planning near communities and would include purpose built stacked loop trail systems with a focus on non-motorized opportunities.

Timeline



What It Will Take

We estimate a cost of around **$54.7 million** to bring the Connected Communities Project to life:

- Phase 1: Planning— $465,000
  - Funded by Sierra Nevada Conservancy and private donations
- Phase 2:Environmental Review— $6.7 million
  - $2.05/ft of proposed trail
- Phase 3: Construction - $40.4 million
  - Includes trail development and infrastructure costs
- Phase 4 - Maintenance - $2.3 million
  - Includes Annual trail Maintenance costs at $.70/ft

Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS) SBTS started as a volunteer driven non-profit in 2003. SBTS is focused on building sustainable recreation-based communities through stewardship, job creation and world-class events. Providing quality outdoor experiences through trail construction and maintenance in the Lost Sierra.

2022 Accomplishments

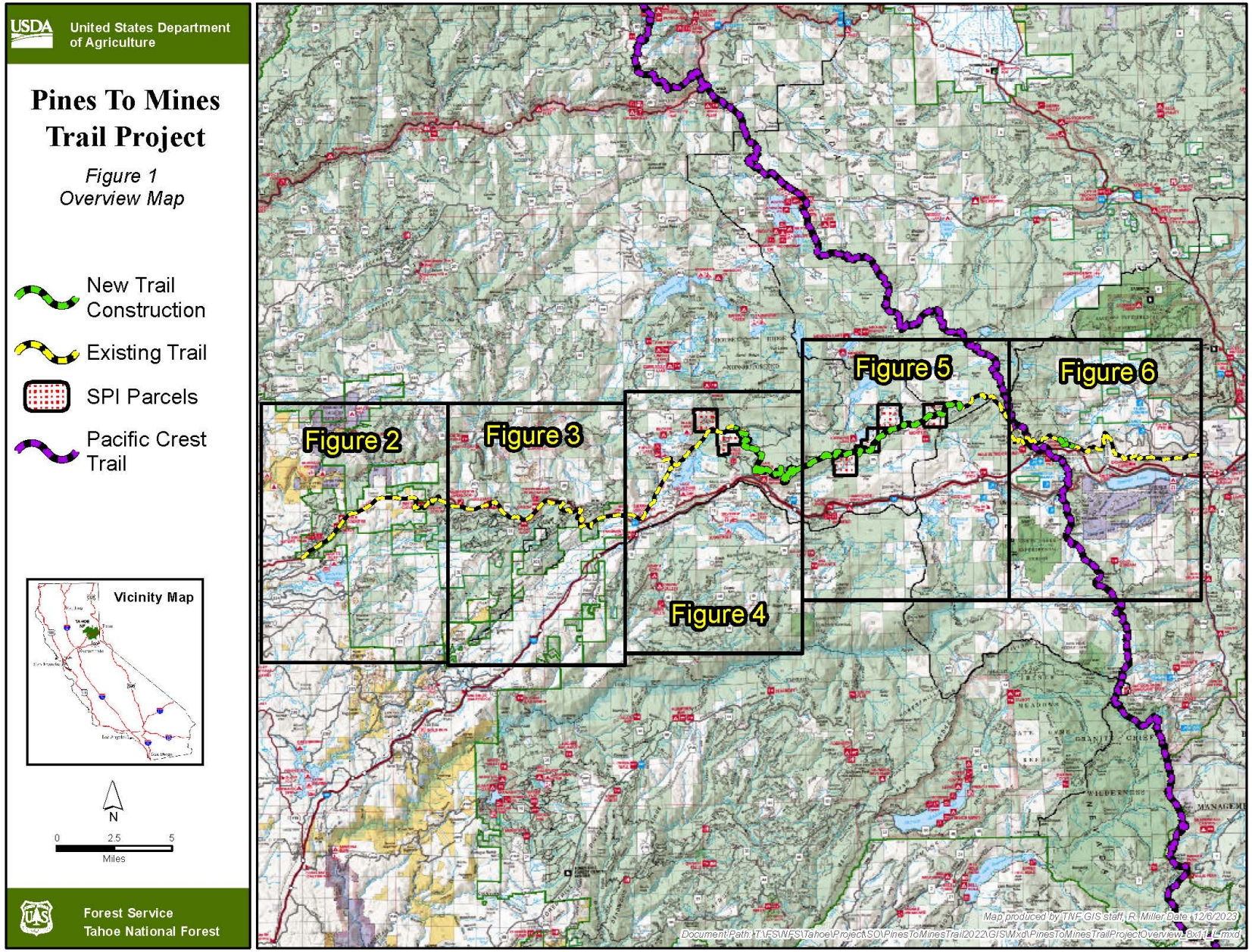
- 67 Employees (30 youth)
- 25 Miles Trail Built
- 226 Miles Trail Maintained
- 592 Trail Volunteers
- 4,290 Volunteer Hours
- $1.45 Million Gross payroll

Get Involved

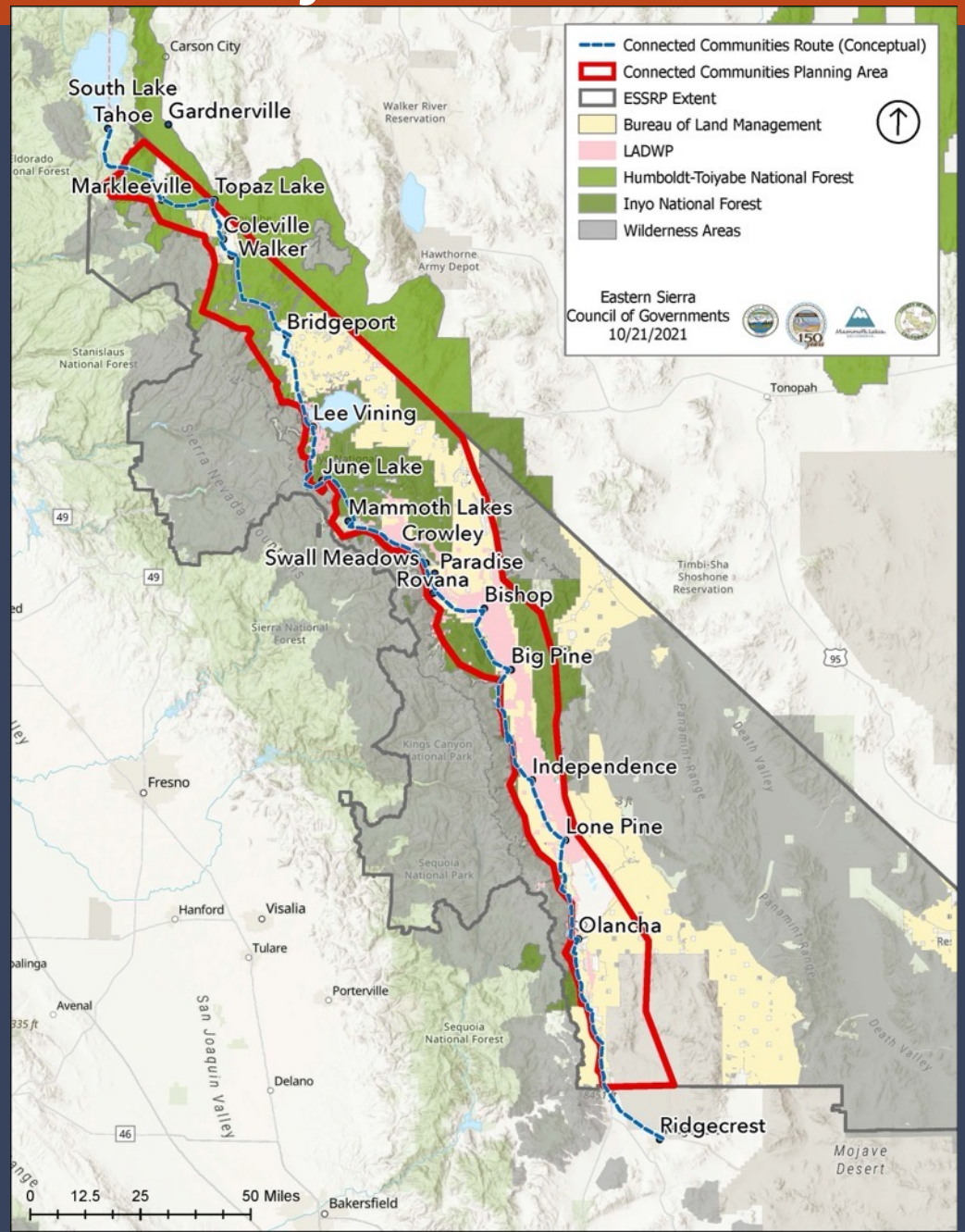
Contact

Trinity Stirling, Project Manager, trinity@sierratrails.org
Greg Williams, Executive Director, willie@sierratrails.org
Sierratrails.org/cc

Sierra Nevada Region Trail Systems: Pines to Mines



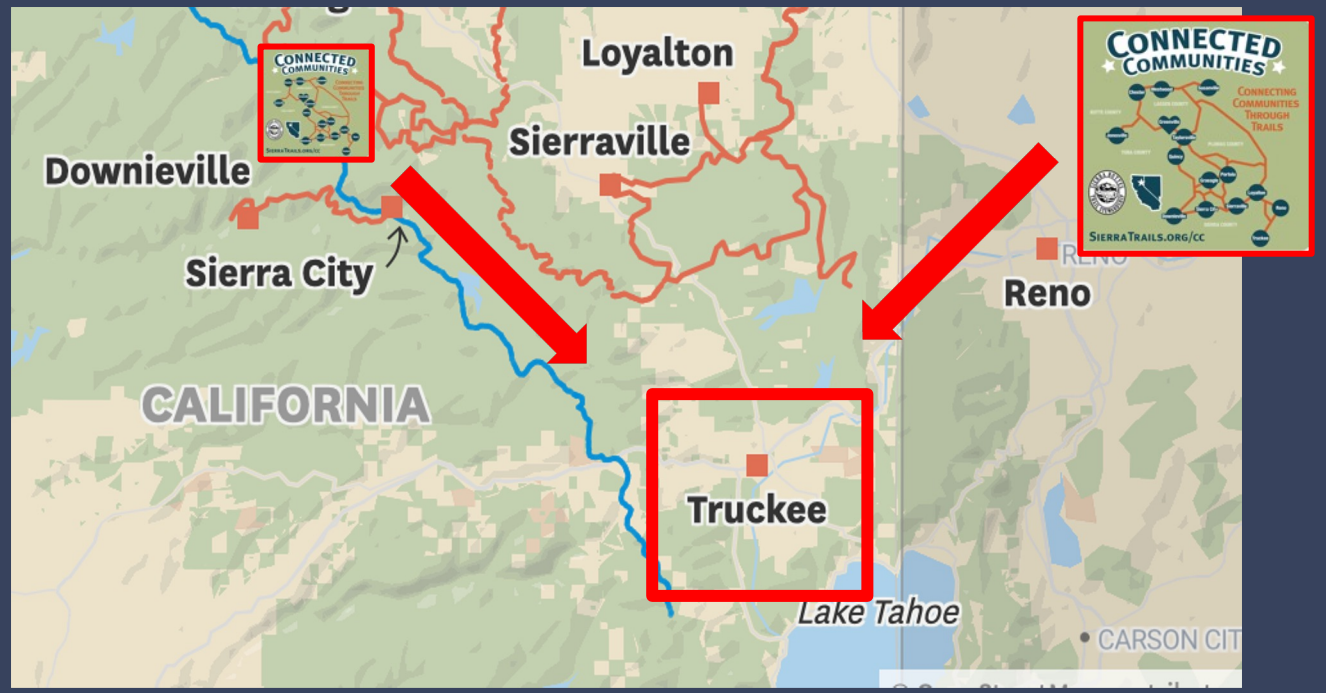
Sierra Nevada Region Trail Systems: Towns to Trails



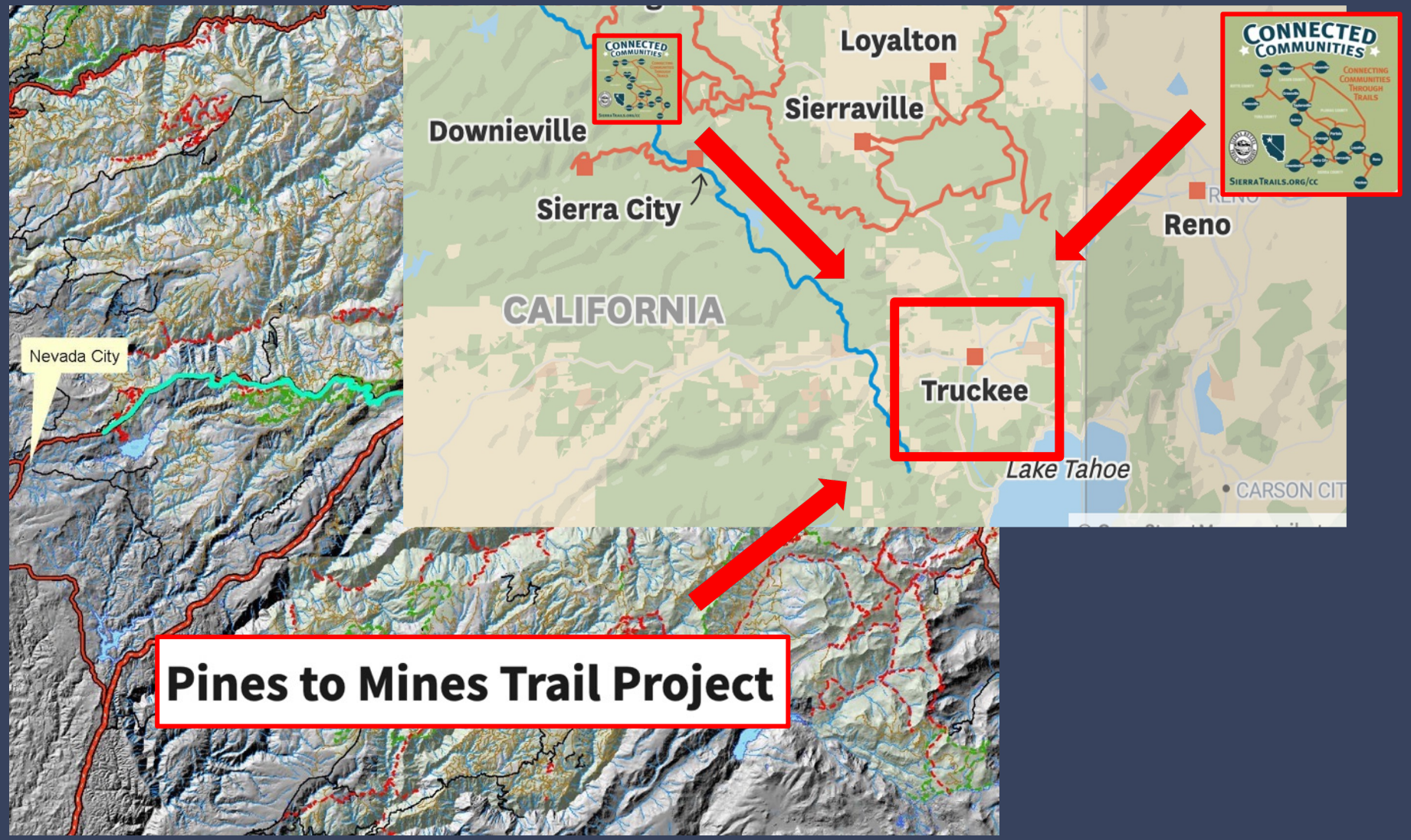
Truckee / Tahoe: The Common Destination



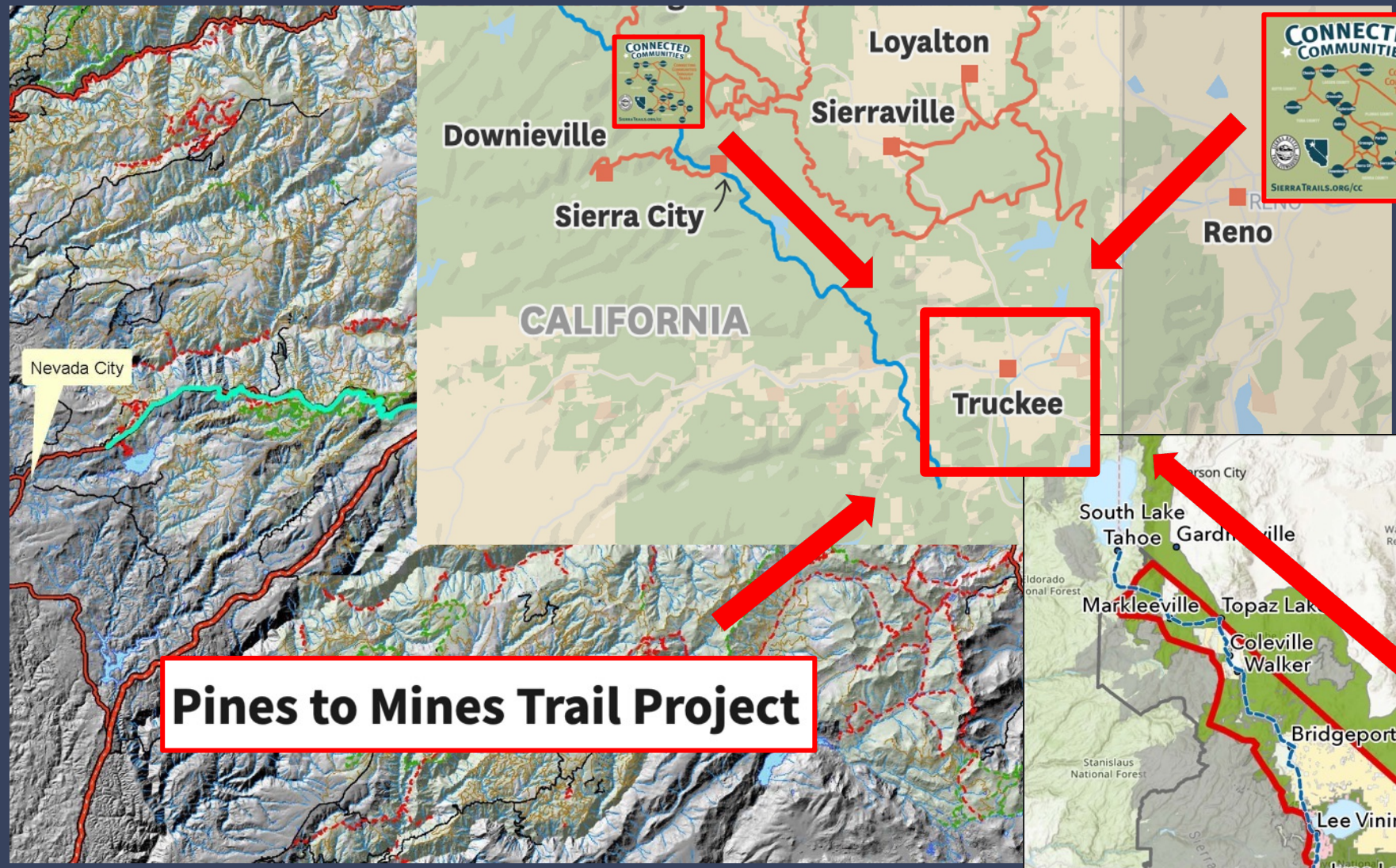
Situations / Awareness: Destination Truckee / Tahoe

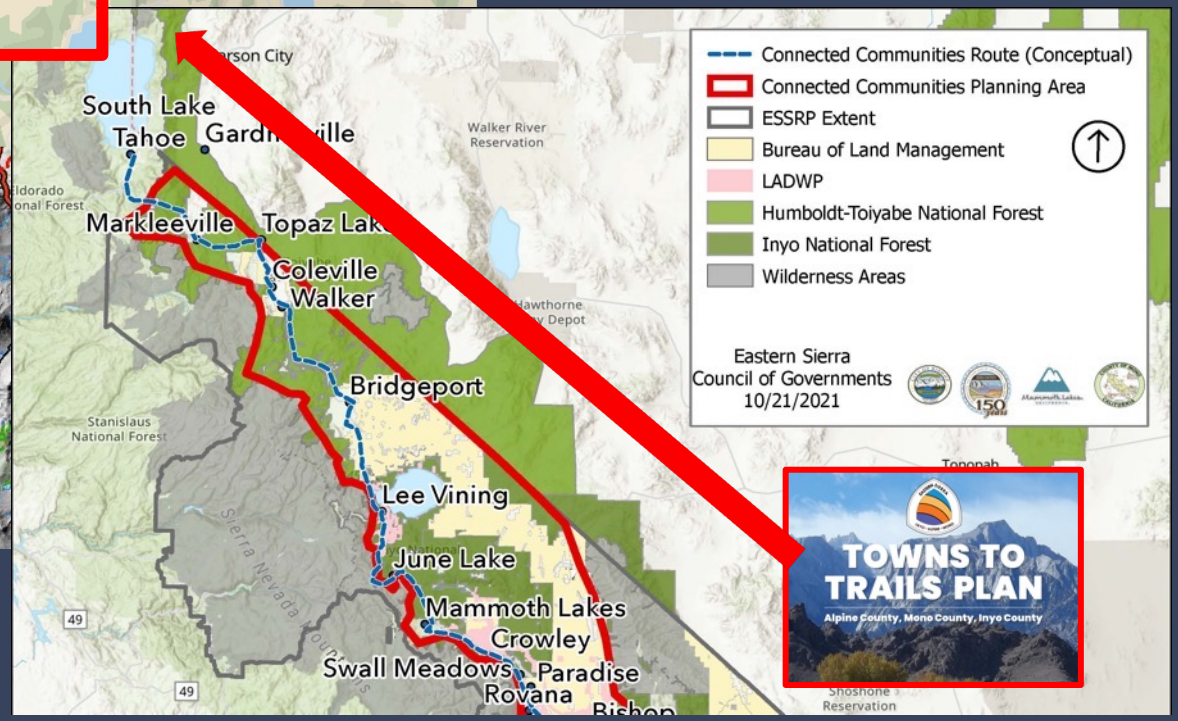


Situations / Awareness: Destination Truckee / Tahoe



Situations / Awareness: Destination Truckee / Tahoe

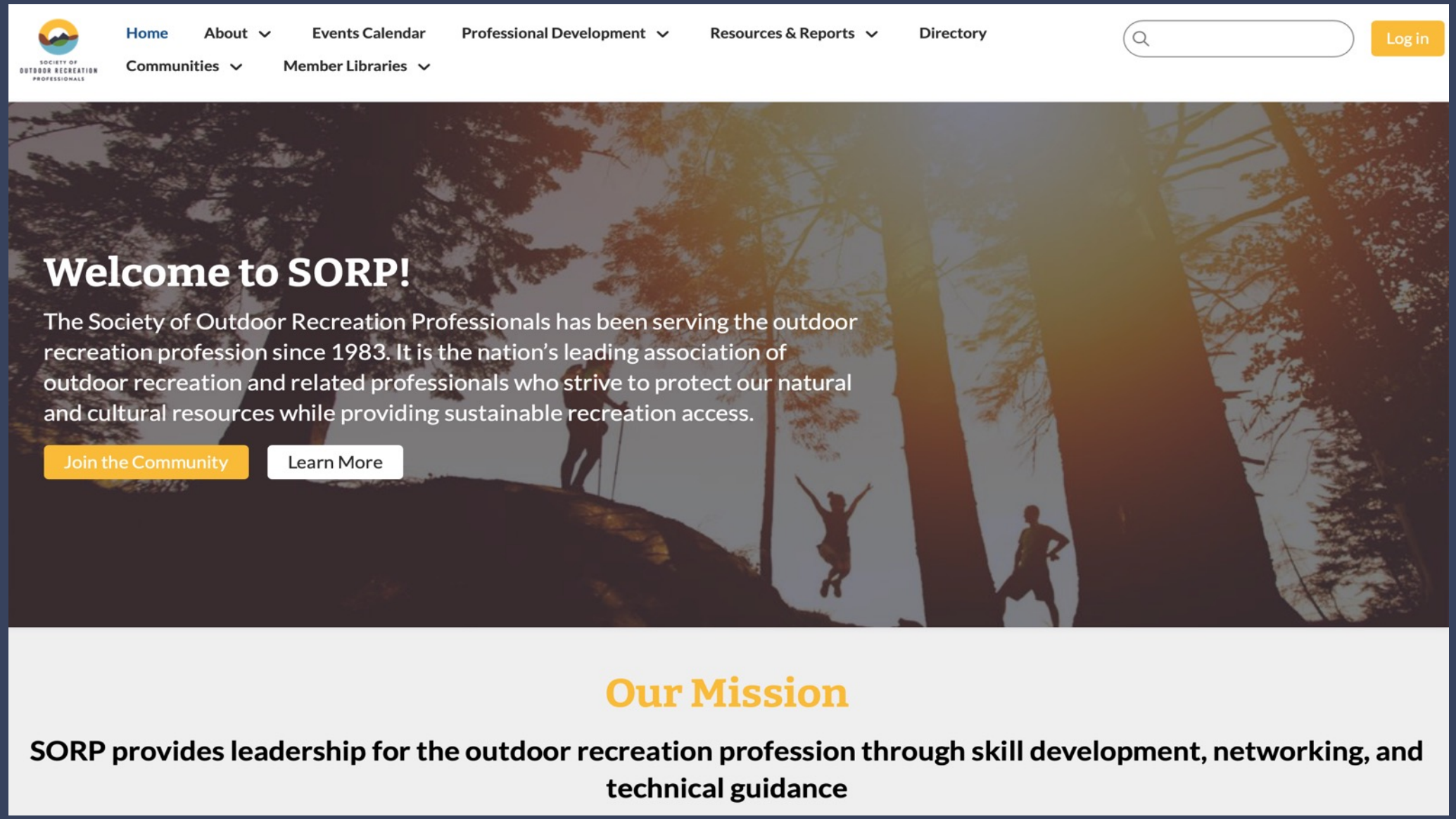




Conference Season - 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference



Conference Season - 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference



Conference Season - 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference



WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Important Addresses

Tahoe Blue Event Center
75 Hwy 50
Stateline, NV 89449

Both hotels are within walking distance. Limited paid parking will be available on-site, so we recommend taking advantage of our free public transportation options, Lake Link & Tahoe Transportation District.

HOTELS

Harveys Lake Tahoe
18 Hwy 50
Stateline, NV 89449

Forest Suites Resort at Heavenly Village
One Lake Parkway, South
Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

THURSDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

South of North Brewing
932 Stateline Ave Suite B,
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

The National Outdoor Recreation Conference (NORC) is the premiere conference for outdoor recreation professionals with opportunities for learning, networking, and field-based case studies.

We are excited to gather together in record-breaking numbers this year! This conference was created to inspire, challenge, and empower the broad community of outdoor recreation professionals.

The 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference is in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and sponsored by Aramark Destinations.

Be sure to download the official conference app. We're using our app to reduce printed materials. With the app, you will get access to:

- Announcements
- Session details and create a personalized agenda
- Speaker and attendee profiles
- Exhibitor details and booth layout
- Networking and messaging opportunities
- Event documents
- Ride share connections

HOW TO GET ACCESS:

- Scan the QR Code (or click here) and download Whova from the App Store or Google Play.
- Sign in or create an account with the email you registered with.







Conference Season - 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference



WH
BEFORE

Important Addresses

Tahoe Blue Event Center
75 Hwy 50
Stateline, NV 89449

Both hotels are within walking distance. Limited paid parking will be available on-site, so we recommend taking advantage of our free public transportation options, Lake Link & Tahoe Transportation District.

HOTELS

Harveys Lake Tahoe
18 Hwy 50
Stateline, NV 89449

Forest Suites Resort at Heavenly Village
One Lake Parkway, South
Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

THURSDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

South of North Brewing
932 Stateline Ave Suite B,
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

The National
for outdoor r
and field-bas

We are excit
This conferen
community o

*The 2024
Recreatio
partnersh
Service a
Aramark*

Be sure to do
printed mate

- Announ
- Session
  agenda
- Speaker
- Exhibito
- Networ
- Event d
- Ride sha

HOW TO GE

- Scan the Q
  download Wh
  or Google Play.
- Sign in or create an account with the email you registered with.

Having trouble joining the NORC event?
Invitation code is: v5b0hdxy29



Whova

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION CALREC Vision KEY WORKING GROUP

MLTPA MAMMOTH LAKES TRAILS · PUBLIC ACCESS

The Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference

May 7, 2024



Current Status + Future Opportunities

- Joint Strategy published!
- California Wildfire Task Force updating its Action Plan + aligning strategies
- California Jobs First: 13 regions throughout California
- Federal Funding Opportunities:
  - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
  - Inflation Reduction Act
- *Note: both CA State & USFS budgets are severely constrained*

CALIFORNIA'S WILDFIRE AND FOREST RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN



California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience
Goals and Key Actions – December 12, 2022

GOAL 1: INTEGRATE FOREST HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION

Integrate the provision of high-quality, sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities with forest health and resilience and wildfire and climate mitigation efforts so that all people can connect to the benefits and wonders of the natural world.

Key Actions

1. Maintain Public Access as the Climate Changes: Develop climate-smart best practices toolkits and resources to be used by land-management organizations for programs and projects associated with forest and wildland health, vegetation management, transportation, and visitor use that enhance public access to outdoor recreation on public lands and waters as the climate changes.

2. Develop Educational Materials Targeted at Reducing the Human Causes of Ignition: Create and distribute educational materials in multiple languages targeting human causes of ignition of wildfires.

3. Develop Integrated Communications Systems: Establish integrated and standardized communication systems to provide consistent information to the public about forest health projects, and wildfires and other natural disasters, across jurisdictional boundaries and among federal, state, regional, and local organizations. Partner with Destination Management Organizations (DMOs), chambers of commerce, fire safe councils, cultural groups, outdoor recreation and stewardship groups, and local media to communicate in multiple languages and

methodology and conduct a joint statewide survey to identify current and emerging use and demand, barriers to outdoor access, and the desired critical outdoor recreation needs and uses of our communities, with a particular emphasis on underserved and underrepresented communities. The survey will be shared broadly with California's public-land managers and private outdoor recreation lands operators at all scales well in advance of survey implementation to encourage broad data collection across California's lands and communities. The survey will be designed to be repeatable over time and at different geographic scales.

7. Develop Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Across the State That Provides for a Diversity of Recreation Experiences: Where a local community has identified a need for more outdoor recreation opportunities and uses, land-management agencies will look to collaborate and partner with the local community (counties, cities, towns, special districts) to plan for, fund, build, and maintain climate- resilient outdoor recreation infrastructure, facilities, and trail systems that will increase the diversity of recreation opportunities in that local community.

GOAL: 3: PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL CALIFORNIANS THROUGH OUTDOOR RECREATION

Provide health information, training, and alternative recreation opportunities that promote the health and well-being of all peoples, with consideration of people's needs before, during, and after wildfires and other natural disasters.

Key Actions

1. Improve Air Quality Advisory Communication: Refine existing air quality communication tools, such as the California Smoke Spotter Application (app) and EPA AirNow, so that more users are aware of the tools, information is available in multiple languages, and users are advised of preventative measures to reduce their exposure. Focus the awareness campaign and information on those who are more likely to be exposed to air quality impacts including smoke, such as outdoor recreation workers.

2. Train First Responders, Community Planners, and Outdoor Recreation Staff in Mental Health First Aid and Utilize Medical Reserve Corps and Similar Volunteer Groups to Provide Psychological Support During Disasters: Create a state program to train all first responders, community planners, and outdoor recreation field staff in mental health first aid to support communities during and after wildfires and other natural disasters. Share models and best practices for how to utilize medically trained volunteers to provide psychological support during and after disasters.

CALRECVision.org c/o MLTPA PO Box 100 PMB #432 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 (760) 934-3154 ww.mltpa.org

for outdoor recreation facilities and trails and fuel reduction around communities (including fencing, water sources, etc.).

7. Implement Multi-Benefit Projects in or Adjacent to the Wildland Urban Interface: Implement projects in or adjacent to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas that have joint wildfire risk reduction and outdoor recreation benefits, such as trails and campgrounds that can be used during fires as personnel and equipment staging areas. Where appropriate, conduct thinning, prescribed burns, and vegetation clearing around outdoor recreation infrastructure to make it more resilient to wildfire and to create defensible space for fire suppression. Within these project areas, create demonstration and interpretive areas incorporating TEK practices where people can recreate and learn about the benefits of prescribed fire and vegetation management.

8. Design and Build Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure That Is Resilient to Climate Change and Wildfire: Consider nature-based solutions to address climate change and wildfire risk considerations when designing, constructing, maintaining, and renovating outdoor recreation facilities. Where appropriate, relocate facilities away from floodplains, landslide areas, avalanche paths, or high-risk fire areas. Install multilingual signage identifying emergency egress and shelter-in-place protocols, and, where needed, develop additional access and evacuation points. Design and harden roads, trails, bridges, and outdoor recreation infrastructure to be fire resistant and resilient to natural disasters. When available, cross-train fire crews in sustainable trail construction to help in recovery of trails post-fire.

9. Establish Permanent Fuel Breaks Proximate to Recreation Trails: Where feasible and appropriate, develop permanent fuel breaks that cut across jurisdictional boundaries along or

the beneficial health impacts of local outdoor recreation projects. Partnerships will share best practices and lessons learned with public health and outdoor recreation professional forums.

4. Increase Opportunities for Indoor Recreation: Develop public, multi-use indoor recreation spaces that can offer recreation when smoke and wildfire affect the safety of outdoor recreation. These spaces can also be used as information hubs, libraries, cooling centers, Local Assistance Centers, shelters, or staging areas during emergencies.

GOAL 4: SUPPORT ECONOMIES THAT ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION

Foster and support robust and diversified economies that enhance sustainable outdoor recreation while investing in the resilience necessary to withstand the impact of climate change, wildfires, and other disasters.

Key Actions

1. Build Sustainable Outdoor-Recreation-Based Economies: Engage the regions of the state's Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF), the Department of Conservation's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program, and other relevant programs to help communities transition to or enhance sustainable outdoor-recreation-based economies. Develop programs, projects, and stewardship opportunities to connect communities through recreation infrastructure and trail systems. Support the establishment of workforces for resource management, conservation, and outdoor recreation that support the economies of local connected communities.

2. Support Fundamental Community Infrastructure: Support planning and implementation of the fundamental infrastructure and services needed for outdoor-recreation-based economies, such as resilient and affordable housing and multi-modal transportation systems. Planning efforts may include regional baseline economic assessments to describe the businesses, industries, and workforce involved in outdoor recreation activities, and identify the strengths and deficiencies of outdoor recreation economies for rural development.

3. Engage Communities Regarding Emergency Response and Land-Management Planning: Engage chambers of commerce, fire safe councils, DMOs, counties, special districts, and cities and towns with land managers in emergency response planning and the creation of Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Engage with outdoor recreation groups to identify outdoor recreation assets and integrate them into emergency plans to increase the likelihood that these facilities will be protected and/or restored during a wildfire event. When possible, pre-plan roles and

CALRECVision.org c/o MLTPA PO Box 100 PMB #432 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 (760) 934-3154 ww.mltpa.org

12. Create California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Programmatic Exemptions/Exclusions for Recreation Trails Located Within Treatment Areas: Create Categorical Exclusion(s) under NEPA, and Categorical Exemption(s) under CEQA, for recreation trails located within treatment areas that have already undergone previous environmental review.

GOAL 2: ADVANCE INCLUSION AND ACCESS FOR ALL THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

Plan for and provide a diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities to foster inclusive and equitable access for all Californians.

Key Actions

1. Create Statewide School Programming: Federal, state, and local agencies will engage and collaborate with the California Department of Education to develop place-based virtual and in-person programming that educates students about the value of outdoor recreation and natural resources, including topics such as Traditional Ecological Knowledge, responsible recreation, fire-prone landscapes, safety, and how to participate in stewardship projects.

2. Create Interpretive, Historical, and Stewardship Educational Opportunities at Key Recreation Facilities: Where feasible, create interpretive, historical, and stewardship education to educate the public at key outdoor recreation facilities across the state.

3. Minimize Impact of Wildfire-Related Area and Facility Closures to Public Access and Recreational Use: Target outdoor recreation site and area closures to the minimum area and time periods deemed appropriate to mitigate threats and minimize impact to the recreating public and commercial providers. Land managers should engage with relevant public and

responsible recreation activities and locations during active wildfire restoration and recovery. In addition, the materials will provide interpretive information on fire-adaptive ecosystems to educate the public on the impacts of fire.

5. Provide Technical Assistance to Local Businesses: To help navigate and access disaster assistance programs, provide technical assistance to local businesses following wildfire and other natural disasters in rural and low-income outdoor recreation economies.

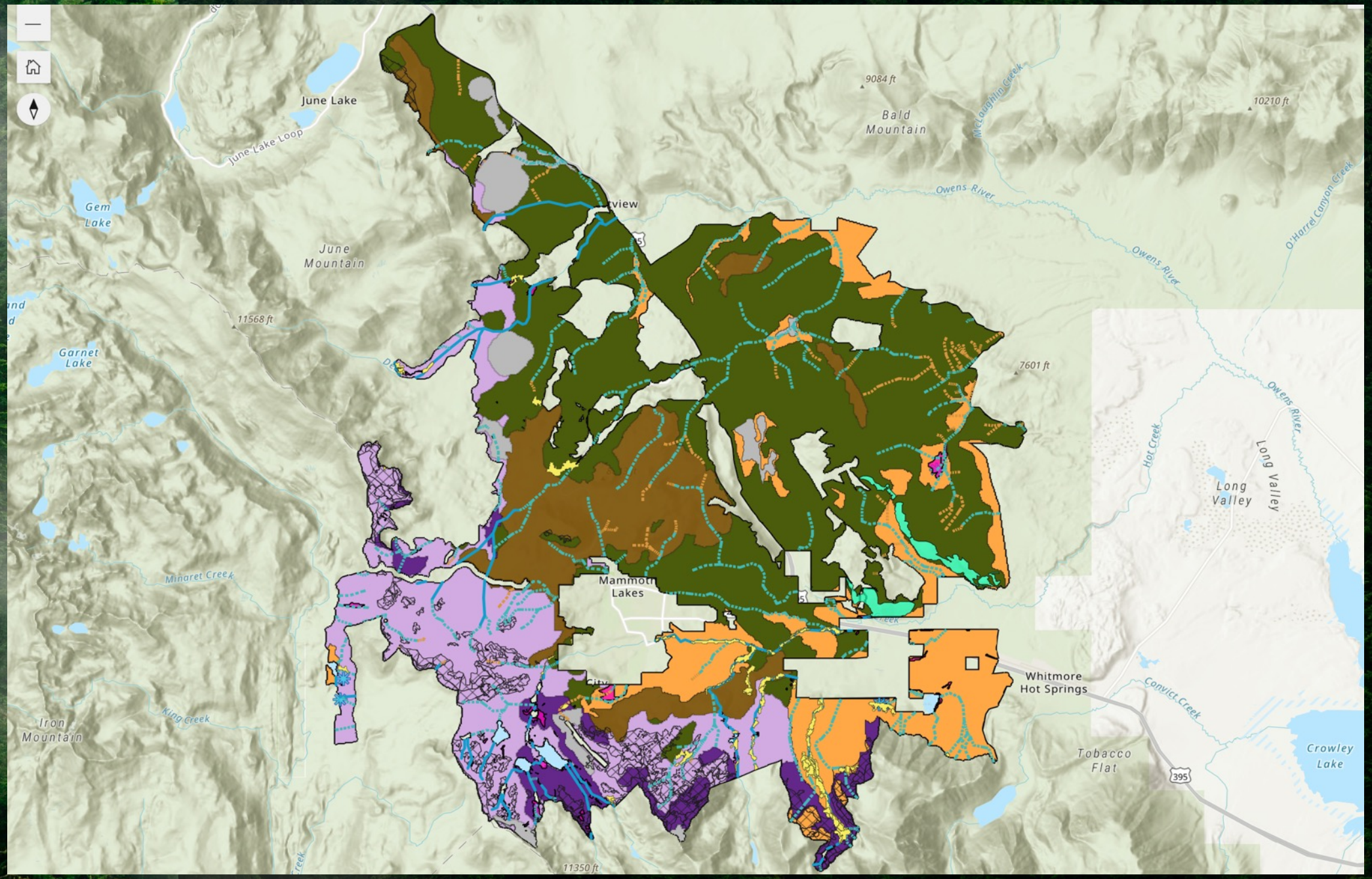
6. Conduct Post-Fire Economic Studies: Conduct economic studies in communities that have experienced wildfire, including analyses of lost revenue and tourism-related income based on data gathered before, during, and after wildfire events.

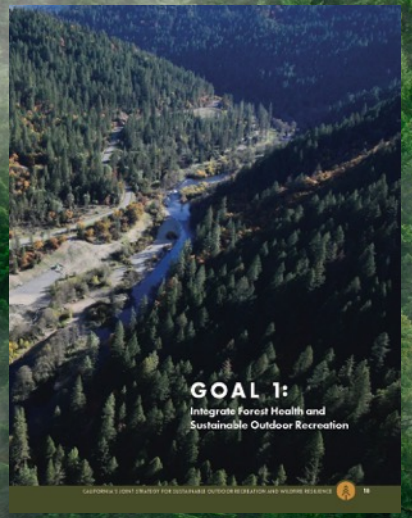
7. Develop Post-Fire Insurance Program for the Outdoor Recreation Economy: Include outdoor- recreation-based businesses and events in the development and administration of post-wildfire insurance programs that are both attainable and affordable.

8. Evaluate Existing Telecommunications Infrastructure and Perform Upgrades: Conduct a review of existing telecommunications infrastructure on public lands and prioritize upgrades and/or replacements to ensure that communications in affected communities remain active and accessible during a wildfire.

CALRECVision.org c/o MLTPA PO Box 100 PMB #432 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 (760) 934-3154 ww.mltpa.org

Implementation


June Lake
June Lake Loop
Gem Lake
June Mountain
11568 ft
Garnet Lake
Minaret Creek
King Creek
Iron Mountain
11350 ft
9084 ft
Bald Mountain
McLoughlin Creek
10210 ft
Owens River
O'Harrel Canyon Creek
7601 ft
Hot Creek
Long Valley
Mammoth Lakes
Whitmore Hot Springs
Convict Creek
Tobacco Flat
Crowley Lake
395



GOAL 1:
Integrate the provision of high-quality, sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities with forest health and resilience and wildfire and climate mitigation efforts so that all people can connect to the benefits and wonders of the natural world.

KEY ACTIONS

1. **Maintain Public Access as the Climate Changes:** Develop climate-smart best practices toolkits and resources to be used by land-management organizations for programs and projects associated with forest and wildland health, vegetation management, transportation, and visitor use that enhance public access to outdoor recreation on public lands and waters as the climate changes.

2. **Develop Educational Materials Targeted at Reducing the Human Causes of Ignitions:** Create and distribute educational materials in multiple languages targeting human causes of ignition of wildfires.

3. **Develop Integrated Communications Systems:** Establish integrated and standardized communication systems to provide consistent information to the public about forest health projects, and wildfires and other natural disasters, across jurisdictional boundaries and among federal, state, regional, and local organizations. Partner with Destination Management Organizations (DMOs), chambers of commerce, fire safe councils, cultural groups, outdoor recreation and stewardship groups, and local media to communicate in multiple languages and with digital media about closures, restrictions, smoke, and alternative facilities.

4. **Incorporate Sustainable Outdoor Recreation into the State Department of Conservation's Regional Forest Fire Capacity (RFFC) Programs:** Incorporate the Key Actions from California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience into the RFFC Program, Regional Forums, and Regional Priority Plans being developed by RFFC Program Regional Block Grantees.

5. **Add Public Education to Forest Health Projects:** Forest health projects on public lands under state and federal funding programs will include a component to educate the public about the project's purpose, techniques, and impact on outdoor recreation opportunities. Education efforts will serve to promote public safety, minimize impacts to recreation user groups, and develop public support for the value of forest health projects, including prescribed fire.

6. **Strengthen Partnerships Between Resource Conservation Districts or Other Appropriate Partners and Land Managers:** Where feasible, recreation land managers will enter into partnerships with Resource Conservation Districts and other appropriate land-management partner entities or authorities to support work including design, permitting, and construction for outdoor recreation facilities and trails and fuel reduction around communities (including fencing, water sources, etc.).

7. **Implement Multi-Benefit Projects In or Adjacent to the Wildland Urban Interface:** Implement projects in or adjacent to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas that have joint wildfire risk reduction and outdoor recreation benefits, such as trails and campgrounds that can be used during fires as personnel and equipment staging areas. Where appropriate, conduct thinning, prescribed burns, and vegetation clearing around outdoor recreation infrastructure to make it more resilient to wildfire and to create defensible space for fire suppression. Within these project areas, create demonstration and interpretive areas incorporating TEK practices where people can recreate and learn about the benefits of prescribed fire and vegetation management.

8. **Design and Build Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure That Is Resilient to Climate Change and Wildfire:** Consider nature-based solutions to address climate change and wildfire risk considerations when designing, constructing, maintaining, and renovating outdoor recreation facilities. Where appropriate, relocate facilities away from floodplains, landslide areas, avalanche paths, or high-risk fire areas. Install multilingual signage identifying emergency egress and shelter-in-place protocols, and, where needed, develop additional access and evacuation points. Design and harden roads, trails, bridges, and outdoor recreation infrastructure to be fire resistant and resilient to natural disasters. When available, cross-train fire crews in sustainable trail construction to help in recovery of trails post-fire.

9. **Establish Permanent Fuel Breaks Proximate to Recreation Traffic:** Where feasible and appropriate, develop permanent fuel breaks that cut across jurisdictional boundaries along or adjacent to recreation trails and infrastructure to achieve multiple wildfire risk reduction and response benefits. Locate fuel breaks near trails to provide access for prescribed fires and fire suppression. In wilderness areas, consider non-permanent fuel breaks to protect resources.

10. **Use Data to Prioritize Wildfire Risk Reduction Treatments in Outdoor Recreation Areas:** Assess community and outdoor recreation asset vulnerability through the use of data developed by the Task Force, such as Planscape, and the Key Working Group (California Recreation Opportunities GIS Map) to develop priorities for treatment around outdoor recreation areas based on likelihood of ignition and vulnerability to the impact of wildfire. In particular, focus prioritization of treatments adjacent to campgrounds, trails, and trailheads.

11. **Create Wildfire Evacuation Plans for At-Risk Outdoor Recreation Areas:** In coordination with local government and using specific evacuation planning tools (e.g., Zonehaven and CAL FIRE's Evacuation Guide), outdoor recreation providers including park agencies, private resorts, and other entities will create, regularly update, and implement and maintain evacuation plans that identify assets and areas most at risk, and safe evacuation routes and staging areas for shelter-in-place.

12. **Create California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Programmatic Exemptions/Exclusions for Recreation Trails Located Within Treatment Areas:** Create Categorical Exclusion(s) under NEPA, and Categorical Exemption(s) under CEQA, for recreation trails located within treatment areas that have already undergone previous environmental review.



John Knox, general manager of California's Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort Study, surfaces a bench-like stretch of ski trail destroyed by the Caldor Fire in 2021. Credit: Kasha Patel, General Catalyst Report



Sandwiched by how the U.S. Forest Service, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and CAL FIRE discuss the effect of vegetation treatments on fuel severity during the Caldor Fire in 2021. Credit: Julie Wentworth



GOAL 2:
Plan for and provide a diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities to foster inclusive and equitable access for all Californians.

KEY ACTIONS

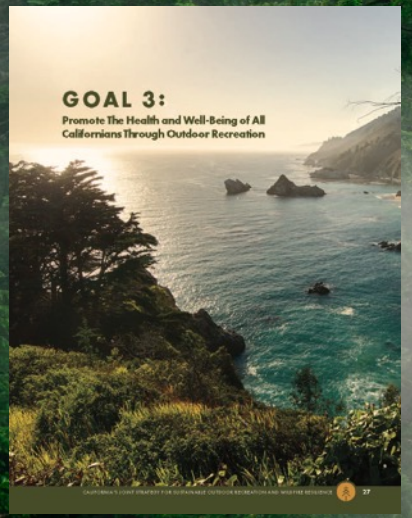
1. **Create Statewide School Programming:** Federal, state, and local agencies will engage and collaborate with the California Department of Education to develop place-based virtual and in-person programming that educates students about the value of outdoor recreation and natural resources, including topics such as Traditional Ecological Knowledge, responsible recreation, fire-prone landscapes, safety, and how to participate in stewardship projects.

2. **Create Interpretive, Historical, and Stewardship Educational Opportunities at Key Recreation Facilities:** Where feasible, create interpretive, historical, and stewardship education to educate the public at key outdoor recreation facilities across the state.

3. **Minimize Impact of Wildfire-Related Area and Facility Closures to Public Access and Recreational Use:** Target outdoor recreation site and area closures to the minimum area and time periods deemed appropriate to mitigate threats and minimize impact to the recreating public and commercial providers. Land managers should engage with relevant public and commercial recreation interests and DMOs on reopening plans, with a particular focus on addressing access concerns of underserved and underrepresented communities.

4. **Engage with Local Communities During Post-Fire Recovery Planning to Expedite the Resumption of Outdoor Recreation Access:** Plan, coordinate and engage with local communities on post-fire recovery plans, including activities aimed at expediting the return of public access. Within burned areas, prioritize forest health, hazard tree and vegetation removal near trails, slope stabilization around trails, and restoration of park and outdoor recreation facilities lost in wildfires. Where appropriate, utilize local workers, volunteers, conservation corps, or tribal capacity such as the Tšivaxc'a'ac Tribal Conservation Corps to assist in post-fire restoration of outdoor recreation infrastructure and trails.

5. **Explore Creating an Online Outdoor Recreation Opportunities Resource:** Explore creating a one-stop online outdoor recreation resource for visitors to research local, regional, and state recreation opportunities based on interest and location. The online resource may contain information on how to prepare for visits to outdoor recreation areas, including information on responsible recreation, how to obtain permits, and what recreational uses are allowed. The resource may also serve as a multilingual communication tool to identify outdoor recreation facilities that are closed due to natural



GOAL 3:
Provide health information, training, and alternative recreation opportunities that promote the health and well-being of all people, with consideration of people's needs before, during, and after wildfires and other natural disasters.

KEY ACTIONS

1. **Improve Air Quality Advisory Communication:** Refine existing air quality communication tools, such as the California Smoke Spotter Application (app) and EPA AirNow, so that more users are aware of the tools, information is available in multiple languages, and users are advised of preventative measures to reduce their exposure. Focus the awareness campaign and information on those who are more likely to be exposed to air quality impacts including smoke, such as outdoor recreation workers.



Smoke from the Windy Fire (2018), seen from Tejunga, CA. Credit: Peter Kaufmann, U.S. Forest Service

2. **Train First Responders, Community Planners, and Outdoor Recreation Staff in Mental Health First Aid and Utilize Medical Reserve Corps and Similar Volunteer Groups to Provide Psychological Support During Disasters:** Create a state program to train all first responders, community planners, and outdoor recreation field staff in mental health first aid to support communities during and after wildfires and other natural disasters. Share models and best practices for how to utilize medically trained volunteers to provide psychological support during and after disasters.

3. **Build Partnerships Between the Health and Outdoor Recreation Sectors:** Pursue the environmental elements of the Health in All Policies approaches of the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by creating and maintaining partnerships

between public health entities and the outdoor recreation sector. Partnerships will identify and seek to implement projects with co-benefits for health and outdoor recreation, such as prescriptions to spend time outdoors, smoke-safety and extreme heat guidance, community-based planning of desirable park features and programs, or research to document the beneficial health impacts of local outdoor recreation projects. Partnerships will share best practices and lessons learned with public health and outdoor recreation professional forums.

4. **Increase Opportunities for Indoor Recreation:** Develop public, multi-use indoor recreation spaces that can offer recreation when smoke and wildfire affect the safety of outdoor recreation. These spaces can also be used as information hubs, libraries, cooling centers, Local Assistance Centers, shelters, or staging areas during emergencies.



Kayaking in an indoor pool can serve as a recreation opportunity during a wildfire evacuation event. Credit: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation



GOAL 4:
Foster and support robust and diversified economies that enhance sustainable outdoor recreation while investing in the resilience necessary to withstand the impact of climate change, wildfires, and other disasters.

KEY ACTIONS

1. **Build Sustainable Outdoor-Recreation-Based Economies:** Engage the regions of the state's Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF), the Department of Conservation's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program, and other relevant programs to help communities transition to or enhance sustainable outdoor-recreation-based economies. Develop programs, projects, and stewardship opportunities to connect communities through recreation infrastructure and trail systems. Support the establishment of workforces for resource management, conservation, and outdoor recreation that support the economies of local connected communities.

2. **Support Fundamental Community Infrastructure:** Support planning and implementation of the fundamental infrastructure and services needed for outdoor-recreation-based economies, such as resilient and affordable housing and multi-modal transportation systems. Planning efforts may include regional baseline economic assessments to describe the businesses, industries, and workforce involved in outdoor recreation activities, and identify the strengths and deficiencies of outdoor recreation economies for rural development.

3. **Engage Communities Regarding Emergency Response and Land-Management Planning:** Engage chambers of commerce, fire safe councils, DMOs, counties, special districts, and cities and towns with land managers in emergency response planning and the creation of Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Engage with outdoor recreation groups to identify outdoor recreation assets and integrate them into emergency plans to increase the likelihood that these facilities will be protected and/or restored during a wildfire event. When possible, pre-plan roles and partnerships for communication and essential services for emergency responders (staging areas, food, lodging, etc.) that can be readily activated during disasters. Provide these plans to federal and state emergency responders during and post-fire.

4. **Create Post-Fire Educational and Marketing Materials:** Create and distribute multilingual educational materials and destination guides to encourage residents and visitors to return to outdoor recreation when it is safe. These materials will advise recreationists on allowable and responsible recreation activities and locations during active wildfire restoration and recovery. In addition, the materials will provide interpretive information on fire-adaptive ecosystems to educate the public on the impacts of fire.

5. **Provide Technical Assistance to Local Businesses:** To help navigate and access disaster assistance programs, provide technical assistance to local businesses following wildfire and other natural disasters in rural and low-income outdoor recreation economies.

6. **Conduct Post-Fire Economic Studies:** Conduct economic studies in communities that have experienced wildfire, including analyses of lost revenue and tourism-related income based on data gathered before, during, and after wildfire events.

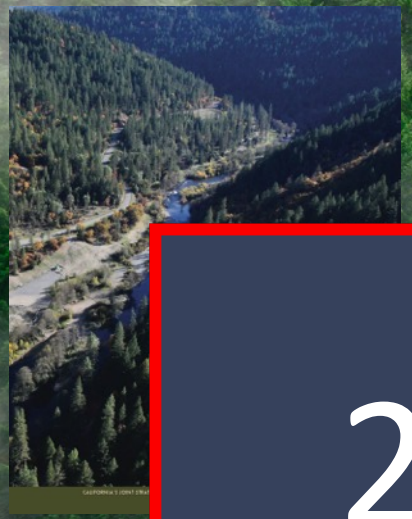
7. **Develop Post-Fire Insurance Program for the Outdoor Recreation Economy:** Include outdoor-recreation-based businesses and events in the development and administration of post-wildfire insurance programs that are both attainable and affordable.

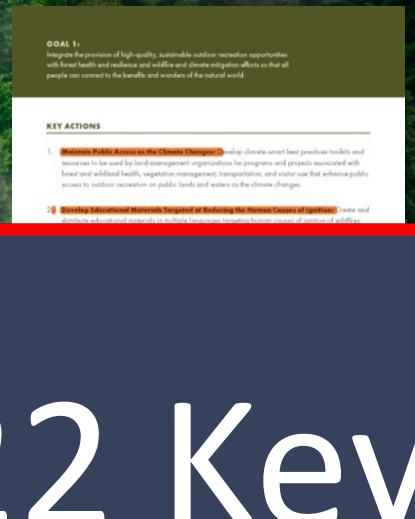
8. **Evaluate Existing Telecommunications Infrastructure and Perform Upgrades:** Conduct a review of existing telecommunications infrastructure on public lands and prioritize upgrades and/or replacements to ensure that communications in affected communities remain active and accessible during a wildfire.



UTV's outside of the King of Hammers event in California's Johnson Valley OHV Area. ATVing and recreational trail use has generated $11 billion in GDP nationally in 2020, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Credit: Bureau of Land Management

22 Key Actions Engaged

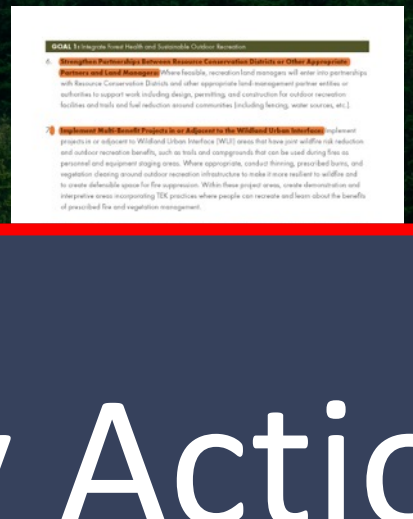



GOAL 1:
Integrate the provision of high-quality, sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities with forest health and resilience and wildfire and climate mitigation efforts so that all people can connect to the benefits and wonders of the natural world.

KEY ACTIONS

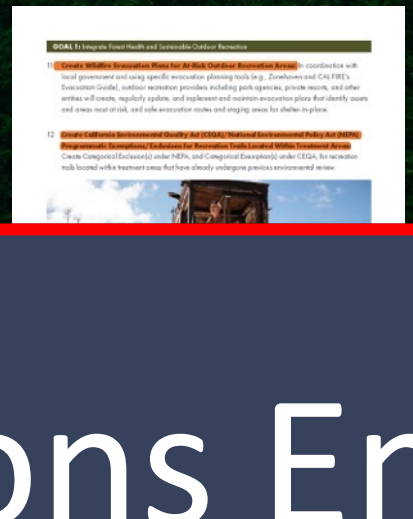
1. **Maintain Public Access as the Climate Changes:** Develop climate-smart best practices toolkits and resources to be used by land management organizations for programs and projects associated with forest and wildland health, vegetation management, transportation, and visitor use that enhance public access to outdoor recreation on public lands and waters as the climate changes.

2. **Develop Educational Materials Targeted at Reducing the Human Causes of Ignitions:** Create and distribute educational materials in multiple languages targeting human causes of ignition of wildfire.


GOAL 1: Integrate Forest Health and Sustainable Outdoor Recreation

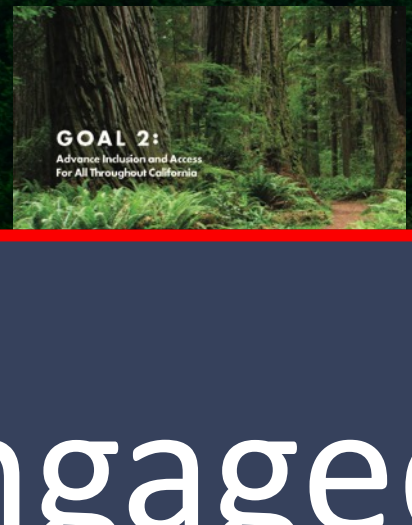
6. **Strengthen Partnerships Between Resource Conservation Districts or Other Appropriate Partners and Land Managers:** Where feasible, recreation land managers will enter into partnerships with Resource Conservation Districts and other appropriate land-management partner entities or authorities to support work including design, permitting, and construction for outdoor recreation facilities and trails and fuel reduction around communities (including fencing, water sources, etc.).

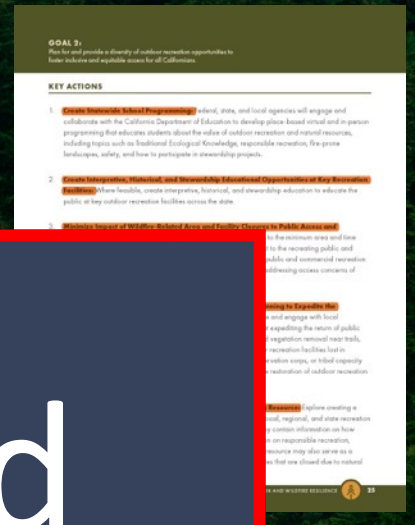
7. **Implement Multi-Benefit Projects In or Adjacent to the Wildland Urban Interface:** Implement projects in or adjacent to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas that have joint wildfire risk reduction and outdoor recreation benefits, such as trails and campgrounds that can be used during fires as personnel and equipment staging areas. Where appropriate, conduct thinning, prescribed burns, and vegetation clearing around outdoor recreation infrastructure to make it more resilient to wildfire and to create defensible space for fire suppression. Within these project areas, create demonstration and interpretive areas incorporating TEK practices where people can recreate and learn about the benefits of prescribed fire and vegetation management.


GOAL 1: Integrate Forest Health and Sustainable Outdoor Recreation

11. **Create Wildfire Evacuation Plans for At-Risk Outdoor Recreation Areas** in coordination with local government and using specific evacuation planning tools (e.g., Zonehaven and CAL FIRE's Evacuation Guide), outdoor recreation providers including park agencies, private resorts, and other entities will create, regularly update, and implement and maintain evacuation plans that identify assets and areas most at risk, and safe evacuation routes and staging areas for shelter-in-place.

12. **Create California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Programmatic Exemptions/Exclusions for Recreation Trails Located Within Treatment Areas:** Create Categorical Exclusion(s) under NEPA, and Categorical Exemption(s) under CEQA, for recreation trails located within treatment areas that have already undergone previous environmental review.


GOAL 2:
Advance Inclusion and Access For All Throughout California


GOAL 2:
Plan for and provide a diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities to foster inclusive and equitable access for all Californians.

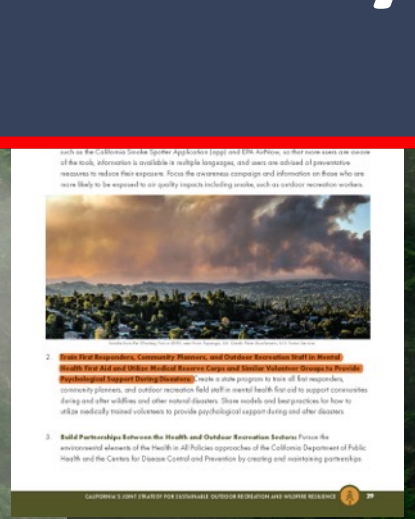
KEY ACTIONS

1. **Create Statewide School Programming:** Federal, state, and local agencies will engage and collaborate with the California Department of Education to develop place-based virtual and in-person programming that educates students about the value of outdoor recreation and natural resources, including topics such as Traditional Ecological Knowledge, responsible recreation, fire-prone landscapes, safety, and how to participate in stewardship projects.

2. **Create Interpretive, Historical, and Stewardship Educational Opportunities at Key Recreation Facilities:** Where feasible, create interpretive, historical, and stewardship education to educate the public at key outdoor recreation facilities across the state.

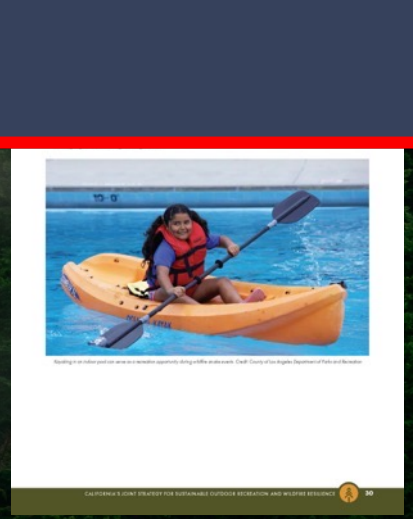
3. **Minimize Impact of Wildfire-Related Area and Facility Closures to Public Access and**


GOAL 3
Promote The Heal
Californians Throu

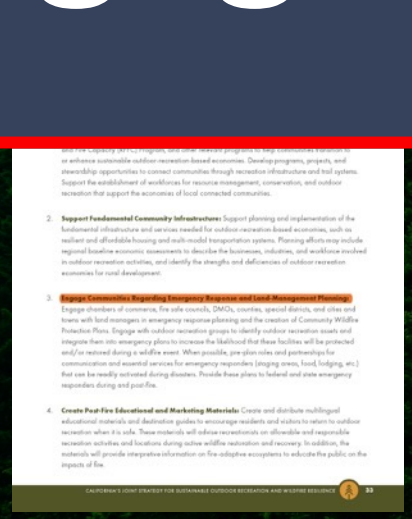

such as the California Smoke Spotter Application (app) and EPA AirNow, so that none users are aware of the tools, information is available is multiple languages, and users are advised of preventative measures to reduce their exposure. Focus the awareness campaign and information on those who are more likely to be exposed to air quality impacts including smoke, such as outdoor recreation workers.

2. **Train First Responders, Community Planners, and Outdoor Recreation Staff in Mental Health First Aid and Utilize Mental Resource Crisis and Service Volunteer Groups to Provide Psychological Support During Disasters:** Create a state program to train all first responders, community planners, and outdoor recreation field staff in mental health first aid to support communities during and after wildfires and other natural disasters. Share models and best practices for how to utilize medically trained volunteers to provide psychological support during and after disasters.

3. **Build Partnerships Between the Health and Outdoor Recreation Sectors:** Pursue the environmental elements of the Health in All Policies approaches of the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by creating and maintaining partnerships

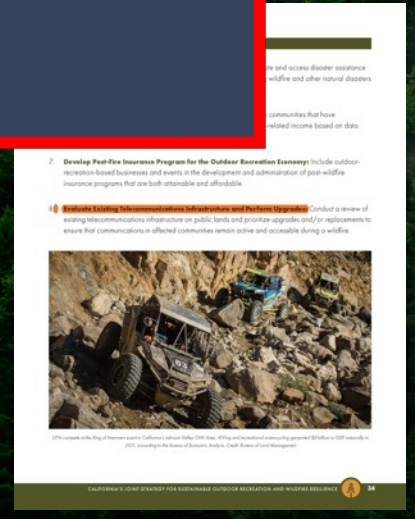



GOAL 4:
Support Economies That Enhance Sustainable Outdoor Recreation


2. **Support Fundamental Community Infrastructure:** Support planning and implementation of the fundamental infrastructure and services needed for outdoor-recreation-based economies, such as resilient and affordable housing and multi-modal transportation systems. Planning efforts may include regional baseline economic assessments to describe the businesses, industries, and workforce involved in outdoor recreation activities, and identify the strengths and deficiencies of outdoor recreation economies for rural development.

3. **Engage Communities Regarding Emergency Response and Land-Management Planning:** Engage chambers of commerce, fire safe councils, DMOs, counties, special districts, and cities and towns with land managers in emergency response planning and the creation of Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Engage with outdoor recreation groups to identify outdoor recreation assets and integrate them into emergency plans to increase the likelihood that these facilities will be protected and/or restored during a wildfire event. When possible, pre-plan roles and partnerships for communication and essential services for emergency responders (staging areas, food, lodging, etc.) that can be readily activated during disasters. Provide these plans to federal and state emergency responders during and post-fire.

4. **Create Post-Fire Educational and Marketing Materials:** Create and distribute multilingual educational materials and destination guides to encourage residents and visitors to return to outdoor recreation when it is safe. These materials will advise recreationists on allowable and responsible recreation activities and locations during active wildfire restoration and recovery. In addition, the materials will provide interpretive information on fire-adaptive ecosystems to educate the public on the impacts of fire.


7. **Develop Post-Fire Insurance Program for the Outdoor Recreation Economy:** Include outdoor-recreation-based businesses and events in the development and administration of post-wildfire insurance programs that are both attainable and affordable.

8. **Evaluate Existing Telecommunications Infrastructure and Perform Upgrades:** Conduct a review of existing telecommunications infrastructure on public lands and prioritize upgrades and/or replacements to ensure that communications in affected communities remain active and accessible during a wildfire.

Conference Season - 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference

Kristen Merrill Inbox - GOOGLE...entworth@mltpa.org April 30, 2024 at 10:06 AM

May 15 meeting: Task Force Work Group Roles in Action Plan Update

To: stephanie.coppeto@usda.gov, Brodie, Emily, Sophia Lemmo, Chris Zimny (chris.zimny@usda.gov) <chris.zimny@usda.gov> & 26 more Details

Task Force Work Group leads:

You recently received a calendar invitation from the Task Force to participate in a planning meeting on May 15 at the CA Natural Resources Building in Sacramento. We expect to send out an agenda soon but wanted to give you a heads up of the nature of Work Group involvement and assign some "homework" in advance of the meeting.

The meeting is intended as a kickoff to the update of the CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. The Action Plan will need to align the Work Groups' Joint Strategies and integrate them with modeled treatment scenarios, cost-benefit/avoided cost analyses, and other statewide modeling data. This meeting will be a first step in aligning the Joint Strategies.

As for the "homework": We'd like each WG to provide a 5–8-minute presentation summarizing the following:

- Work Group member representation.
- Primary Goal of Joint Strategy
- Most significant accomplishments/progress on the key issue area since January 2021
- Primary Objectives for inclusion into the Action Plan update
- 3-4 Key Actions that are top priorities for implementation.

I have attached a template presentation with one slide per each of the above bullets. (Elizabeth and Helena, apologies as I took some creative liberties in designing this based on Wood Utilization.) I am available to support you on this and/or to format your slides after you've included your content.

Please submit your slides to me by COB May 10. I've just shared a Box.com link for your uploads.

Thank you!

Kristen

Kristen Merrill
Supervising Senior Environmental Scientist – Climate & Energy
Program Manager – Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force
715 P St., Sacramento, CA 95814
(916)508-6019

Conference Season - 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference

Kristen Merrill
May 15 meeting: Task Force Work Group Roles in Action Plan Update
To: stephanie.coppeto@usda.gov, Brodie, Emily, Sophia Lemmo, Chris Zimny (chris.zimny@usda.gov) <chris.zimny@usda.gov> & 26 more

Inbox - GOOGLE...entworth@mltpa.org April 30, 2024 at 10:06 AM
Details

Task Force Work Group leads:

You recently received a calendar invitation from the Task Force to participate in a planning meeting on May 15 at the CA Natural Resources Building in Sacramento. We expect to send out an agenda soon but wanted to give you a heads up of the nature of Work Group involvement and assign some "homework" in advance of the meeting.

The meeting is intended as a kickoff to the update of the CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. The Action Plan will need to align the Work Groups' Joint Strategies and integrate them with modeled treatment scenarios, cost-benefit/avoided cost analyses, and other statewide modeling data. This meeting will be a first step in aligning the Joint Strategies.

The meeting is intended as a kickoff to the update of the CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. The Action Plan will need to align the Work Groups' Joint Strategies and integrate them with modeled treatment scenarios, cost-benefit/avoided cost analyses, and other statewide modeling data. This meeting will be a first step in aligning the Joint Strategies.

Please submit your slides to me by COB May 10. I've just shared a Box.com link for your uploads.

Thank you!

Kristen

Kristen Merrill
Supervising Senior Environmental Scientist – Climate & Energy
Program Manager – Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force
715 P St., Sacramento, CA 95814
(916)508-6019

Conference Season - 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference

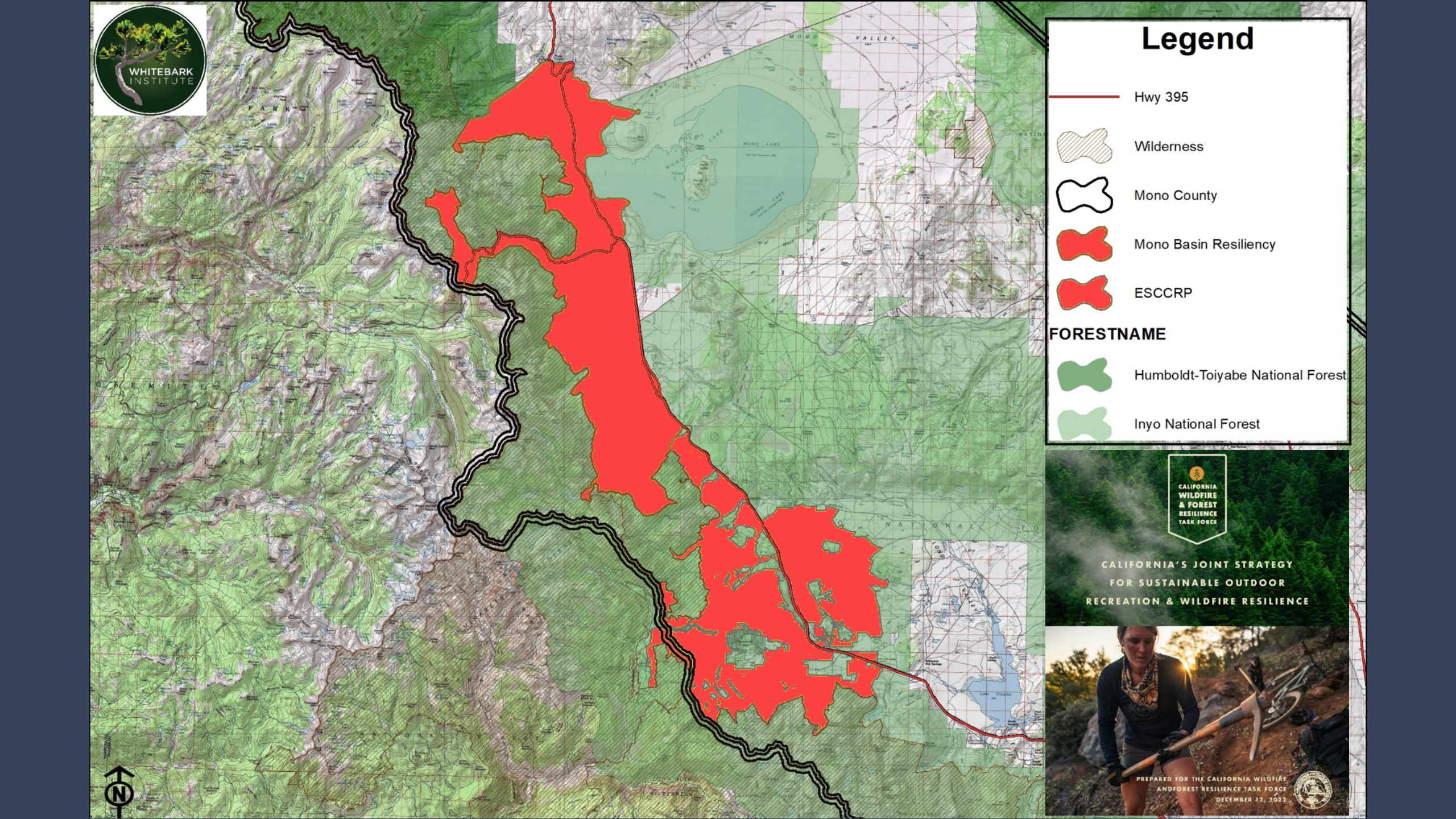


2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Joint Strategies Completed for Beneficial Fire and Sustainable Outdoor Recreation

Task Force Work Groups completed and launched their Joint Strategies as required in California's Wildfire & Forest Resilience Action Plan. Click below to see them, and look forward to Reforestation Pipeline, Resilient State Lands and Private Landowner strategies to be

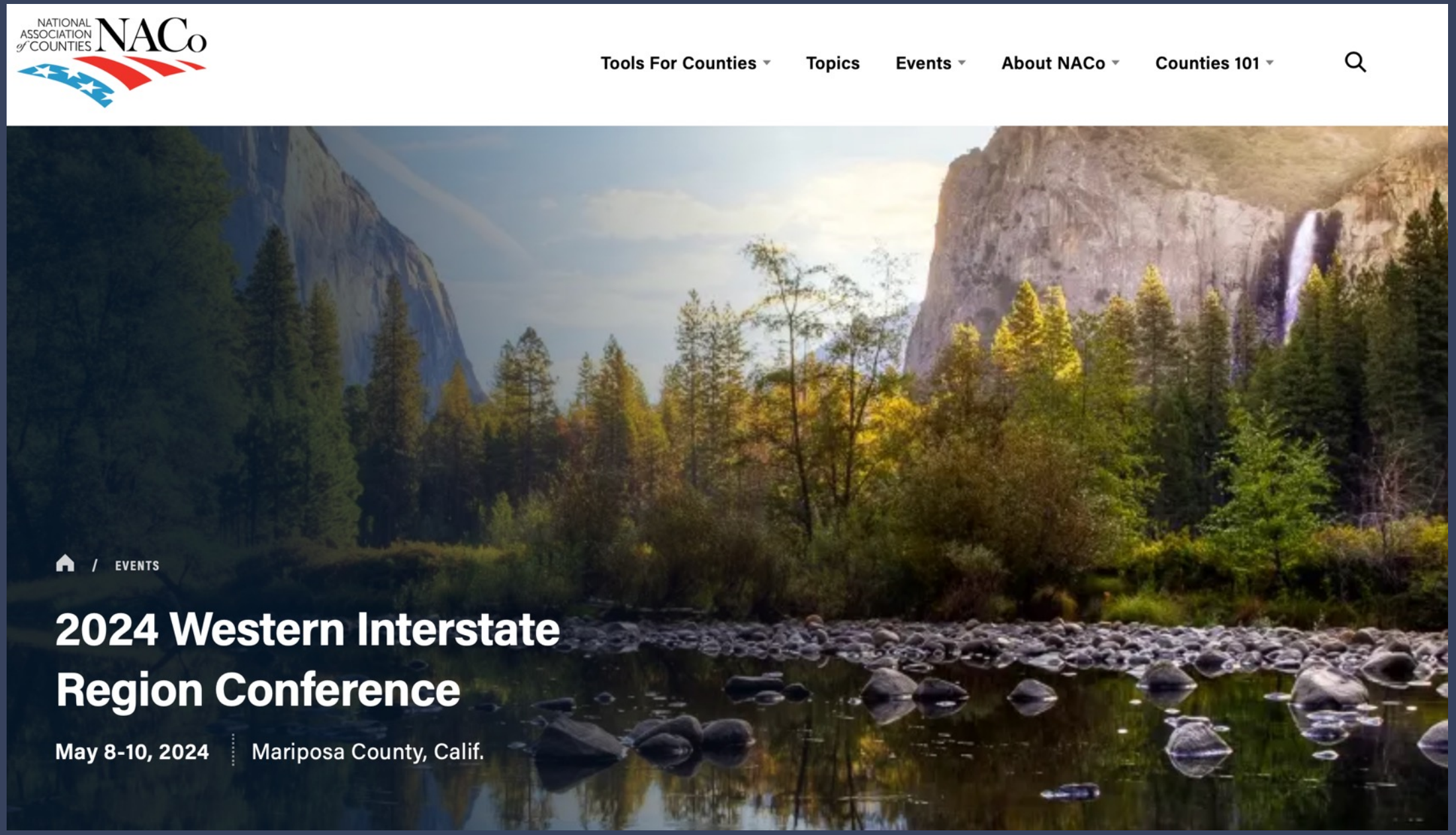
> Beneficial Fire
> Sustainable Outdoor Recreation


WHITEBARK INSTITUTE
Legend
Hwy 395
Wilderness
Mono County
Mono Basin Resiliency
ESCCRP
FORESTNAME
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Inyo National Forest
CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE
CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE
PREPARED FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE ANDFOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE
DECEMBER 12, 2022
N

Priority Key Actions

- Identify program for implementation with CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force
- Identify resources and capacity for implementation as identified with CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force
- Others…

Conference Season - NACO 2024 Western Interstate Region Conference



OPPORTUNITIES
for california counties

RECREATION

EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership





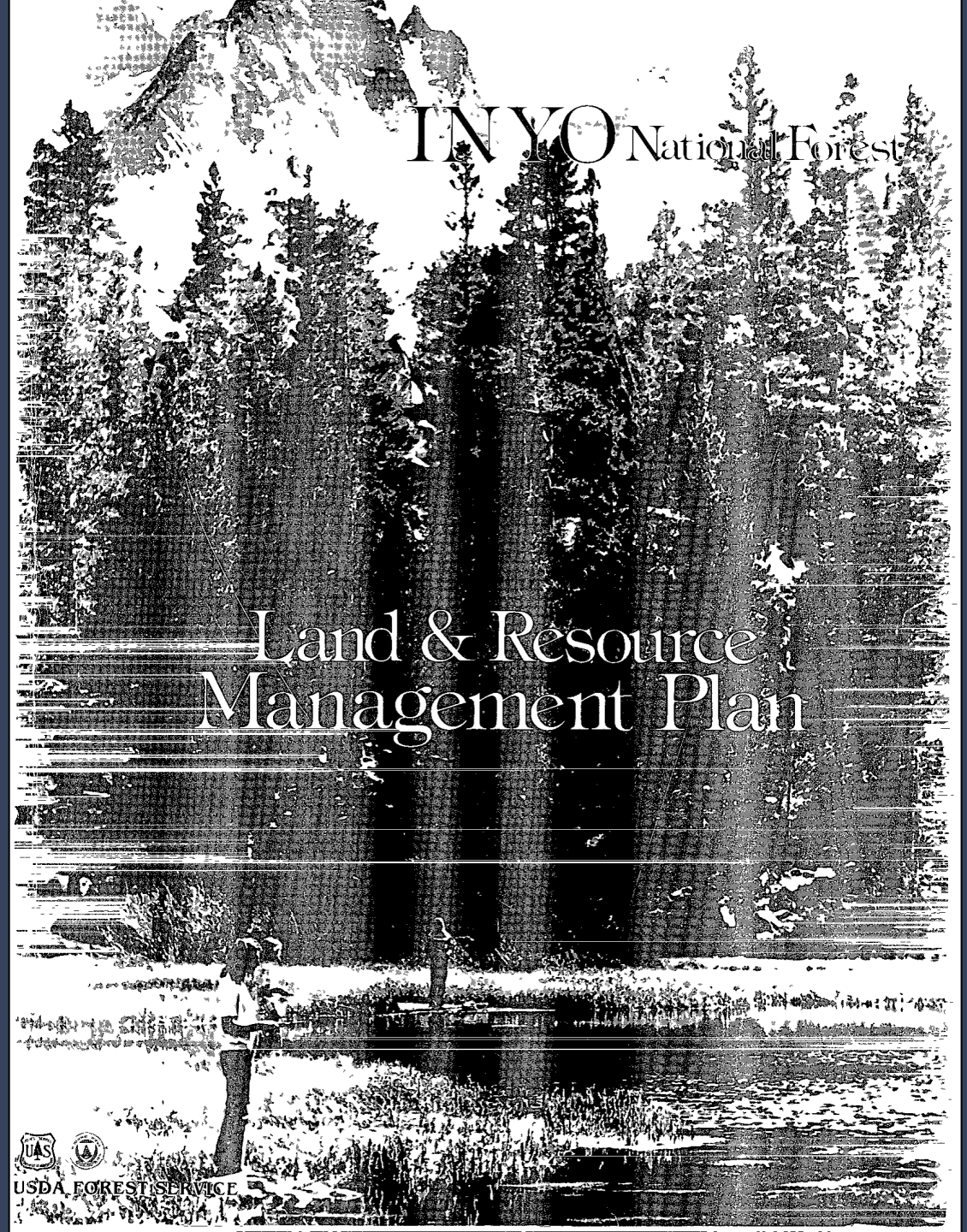
UNITED STATES
CALIFORNIA
THE EASTERN SIERRA REGION





THE EASTERN SIERRA REGION





Inyo National Forest

Pacific Southwest Region USDA Forest Service

Land and Resource Management Plan

1 9 8 8

DENNIS W. MARTIN
Forest Supervisor

PAUL F. BARKER
Regional Forester

This Forest Plan establishes the management direction and associated long-range goals and objectives for the Inyo National Forest for the next ten to fifteen years.

EASTERN SIERRA
recreation collaborative

Deliverables

EASTERN SIERRA
recreation collaborative

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION STRATEGIES

Inyo National Forest Management Plan Revision

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest

Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mono, and Tulare Counties, California;
Esmeralda and Mineral Counties, Nevada






Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region R5-MB-323a September 2019

USDA United States Department of Agriculture | Forest Service | Pacific Southwest Region

Inyo National Forest
351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200
Bishop, CA 93514
(760) 873-2400 Voice
(760) 873-2538 Text (TDD)

File Code: 1950

Date: October 22, 2019

Dear Interested Party,

The signed Record of Decision for the Inyo National Forest land management plan and associated final environmental impact statement is now available. The final environmental impact statement was published on September 20, 2019, for a 30-day review period, and the land management plan was posted for reference on the project website at the same time.

The final Record of Decision was signed on October 21, 2019, at the end of the 30-day review period. The Plan will be approved by a Notice of Plan Approval in the Federal Register, which is expected to be published October 24, 2019. The land management plan will go into effect 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Plan Approval.

The signed Record of Decision, land management plan, and final environmental impact statement, along with supporting documents, are available on the Forest's public website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/inyo/landmanagement/planning. You may request hard copies or electronic copies in a format such as a CD, by contacting the Inyo National Forest.

The 2019 land management plan will guide how we manage the Inyo National Forest for the next 10-15 years. The final documents reflect extensive public participation over the past seven years. We greatly appreciate the commitment of everyone who helped shape the plan and provided important contributions toward the development of the land management plan through their participation in the planning process.

If you would like more information or have questions related to the release of the signed Record of Decision, please contact Erin Noesser, Forest Environmental Coordinator, at erin.noesser@usda.gov or (760)873-2449, or public affairs officer Deb Schweizer at (760)873-2427.

Sincerely,

Tammy Randall-Parker

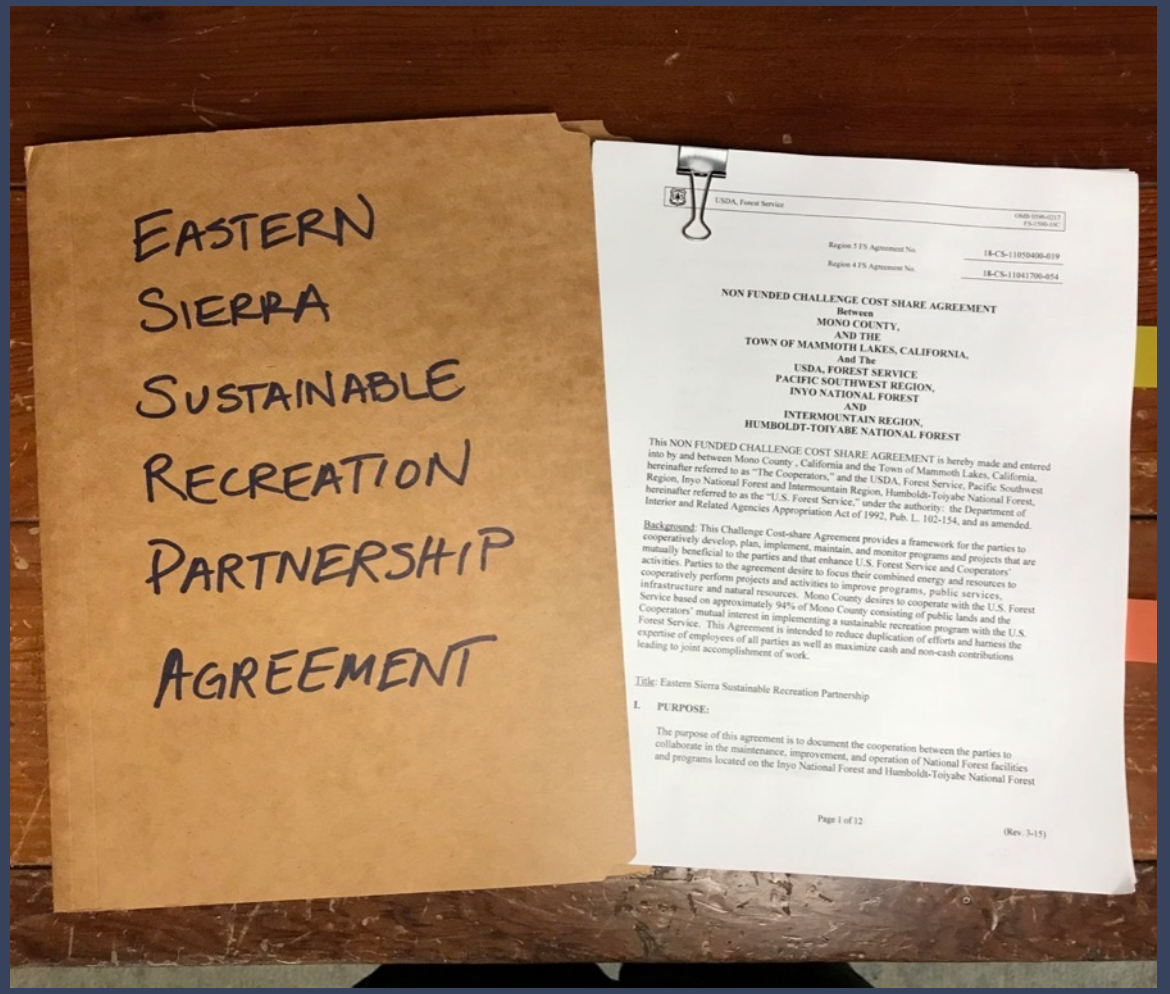
Tammy Randall-Parker
Forest Supervisor


Leslie Chapman
County Administrative Officer



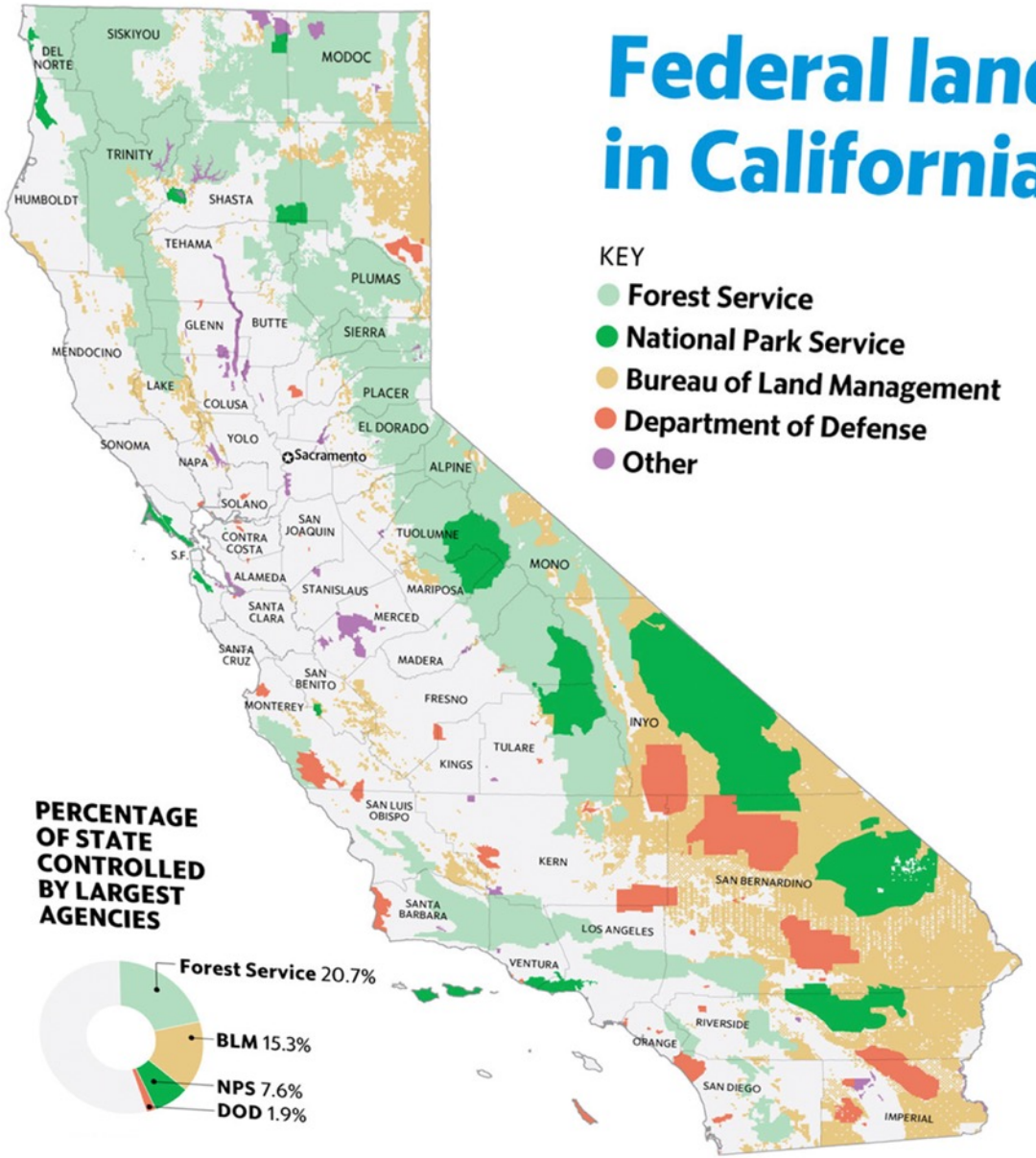





EASTERN
SIERRA
SUSTAINABLE
RECREATION
PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENT
USDA, Forest Service
Region 5 FS Agreement No. 18-CS-11050400-019
Region 4 FS Agreement No. 18-CS-11041700-054
NON FUNDED CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between
MONO COUNTY,
AND THE
TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA,
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION,
INYO NATIONAL FOREST
AND
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION,
HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST
This NON FUNDED CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT is hereby made and entered into by and between Mono County , California and the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, hereinafter referred to as "The Cooperators," and the USDA, Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Inyo National Forest and Intermountain Region, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service," under the authority: the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-154, and as amended.
Background: This Challenge Cost-share Agreement provides a framework for the parties to cooperatively develop, plan, implement, maintain, and monitor programs and projects that are mutually beneficial to the parties and that enhance U.S. Forest Service and Cooperators' activities. Parties to the agreement desire to focus their combined energy and resources to cooperatively perform projects and activities to improve programs, public services, infrastructure and natural resources. Mono County desires to cooperate with the U.S. Forest Service based on approximately 94% of Mono County consisting of public lands and the Cooperators' mutual interest in implementing a sustainable recreation program with the U.S. Forest Service. This Agreement is intended to reduce duplication of efforts and harness the expertise of employees of all parties as well as maximize cash and non-cash contributions leading to joint accomplishment of work.
Title: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership
I. PURPOSE:
The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to collaborate in the maintenance, improvement, and operation of National Forest facilities and programs located on the Inyo National Forest and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Page 1 of 12
(Rev. 3-15)

EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership

"A public/public partnership between tribal, local, state, and federal government agencies and a regional voice for sustainable outdoor recreation in California."


Federal land in California
KEY
Forest Service
National Park Service
Bureau of Land Management
Department of Defense
Other
SISKIYOU
DEL NORTE
MODOC
TRINITY
HUMBOLDT
SHASTA
TEHAMA
PLUMAS
GLENN
BUTTE
SIERRA
MENDOCINO
LAKE
COLUSA
PLACER
EL DORADO
YOLO
SONOMA
NAPA
Sacramento
ALPINE
SOLANO
SAN JOAQUIN
CONTRA COSTA
TUOLUMNE
MONO
S.F.
ALAMEDA
STANISLAUS
MARIPOSA
SANTA CLARA
MERCED
SANTA CRUZ
MADERA
SAN BENITO
FRESNO
MONTEREY
INYO
TULARE
KINGS
SAN LUIS OBISPO
KERN
SAN BERNARDINO
SANTA BARBARA
LOS ANGELES
VENTURA
RIVERSIDE
ORANGE
SAN DIEGO
IMPERIAL
PERCENTAGE OF STATE CONTROLLED BY LARGEST AGENCIES
Forest Service 20.7%
BLM 15.3%
NPS 7.6%
DOD 1.9%



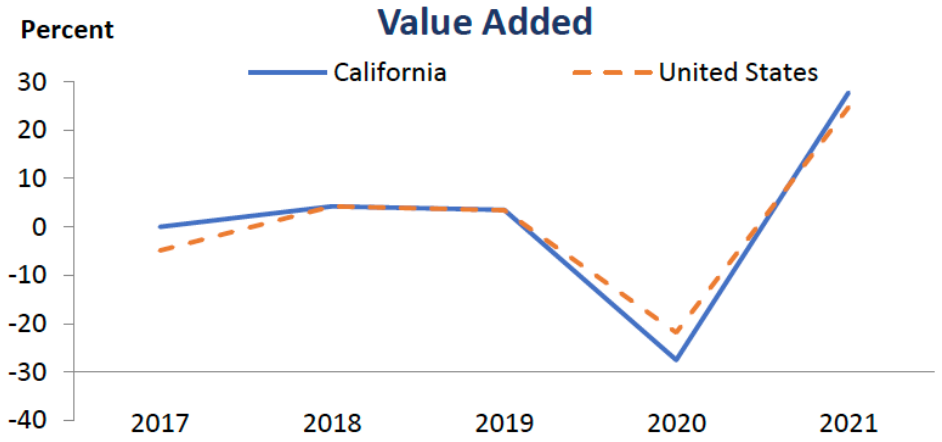
Outdoor Recreation in California

- 517,238 Direct Jobs
- $54.7 Billion Total Outdoor Recreation Value Added
- $28.3 Billion In Wages and Salaries
- 1.6% Share of GDP



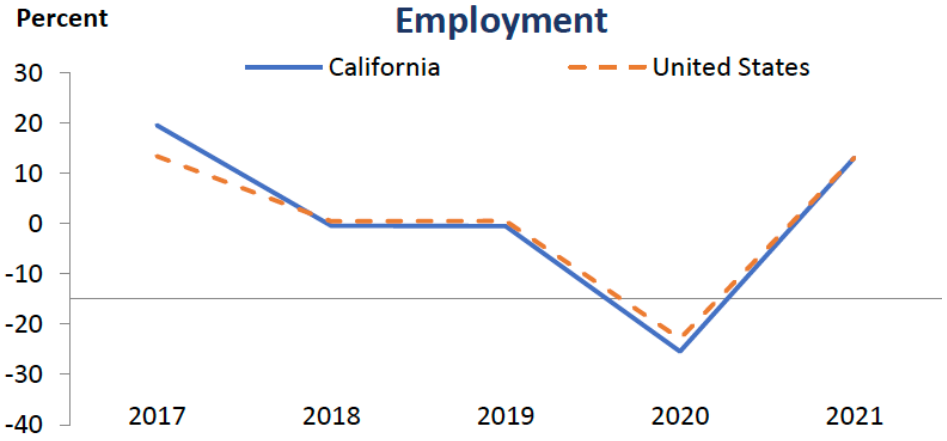
Ranked #1

In 2021, California ranked 1st among all states in ORSA value added and 8th among all states in ORSA value-added growth. Since 2020, ORSA value added has grown 27.8 percent in California, compared with an increase of 24.7 percent for the United States.



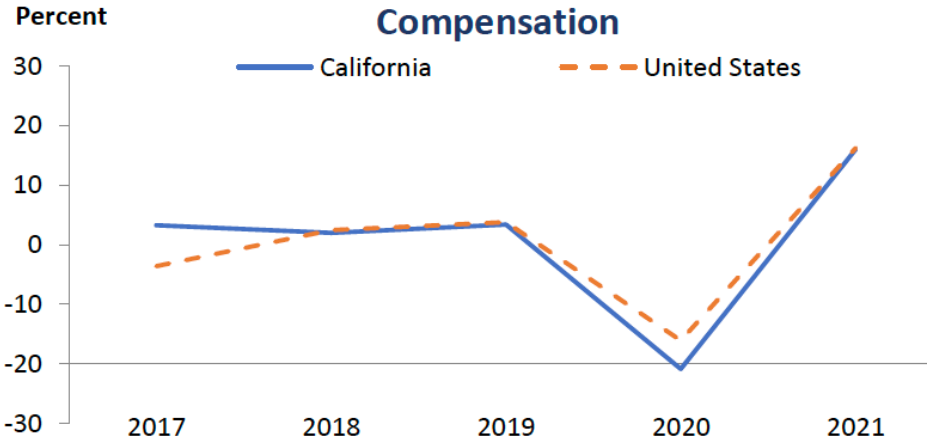
Ranked #1

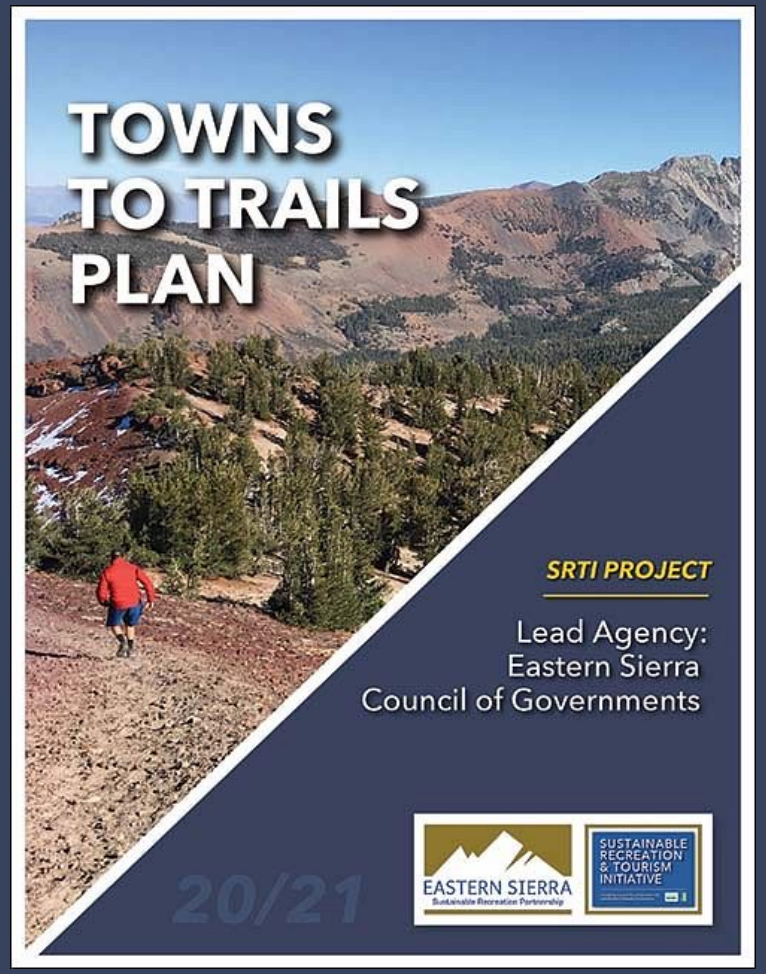
In 2021, California ranked 1st among all states in ORSA employment and 30th among all states in ORSA employment growth. Since 2020, ORSA employment has grown 13.1 percent in California, compared with an increase of 13.1 percent for the United States.

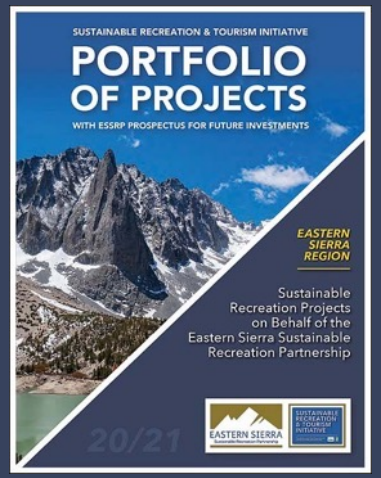


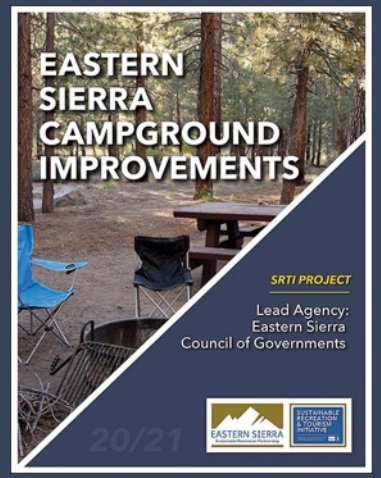
Ranked #1

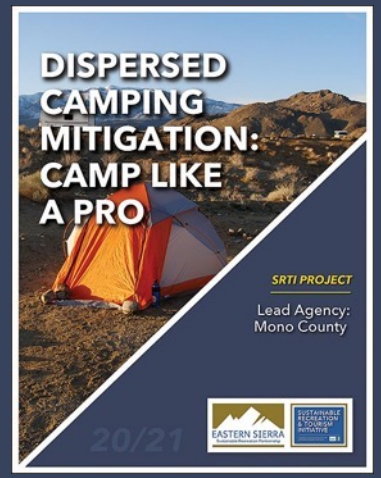
In 2021, California ranked 1st among all states in ORSA compensation and 25th among all states in ORSA compensation growth. Since 2020, ORSA compensation has grown 16 percent in California, compared with an increase of 16.2 percent for the United States. Average compensation per wage-and-salary job in California ORSA industries was $54,640 in 2021, compared with $103,305 for all salaried jobs in the state.

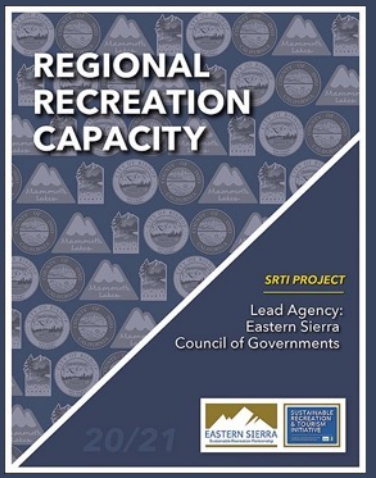


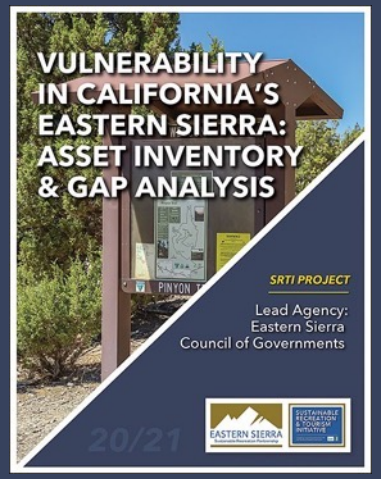

TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership
SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE
20/21

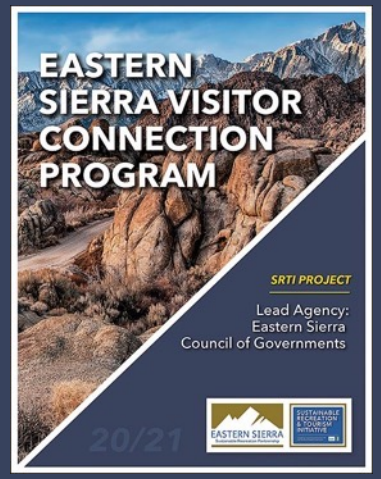

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE
PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS
WITH ESSRP PROSPECTUS FOR FUTURE INVESTMENTS
EASTERN SIERRA REGION
Sustainable Recreation Projects on Behalf of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership
20/21

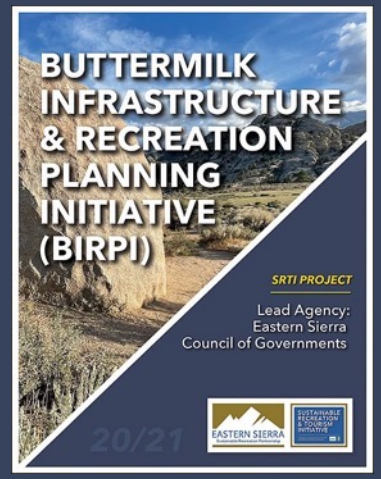

EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21

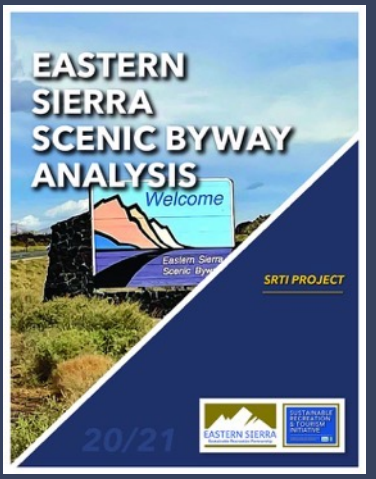

DISPERSED CAMPING MITIGATION: CAMP LIKE A PRO
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Mono County
20/21


REGIONAL RECREATION CAPACITY
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21


VULNERABILITY IN CALIFORNIA'S EASTERN SIERRA: ASSET INVENTORY & GAP ANALYSIS
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21

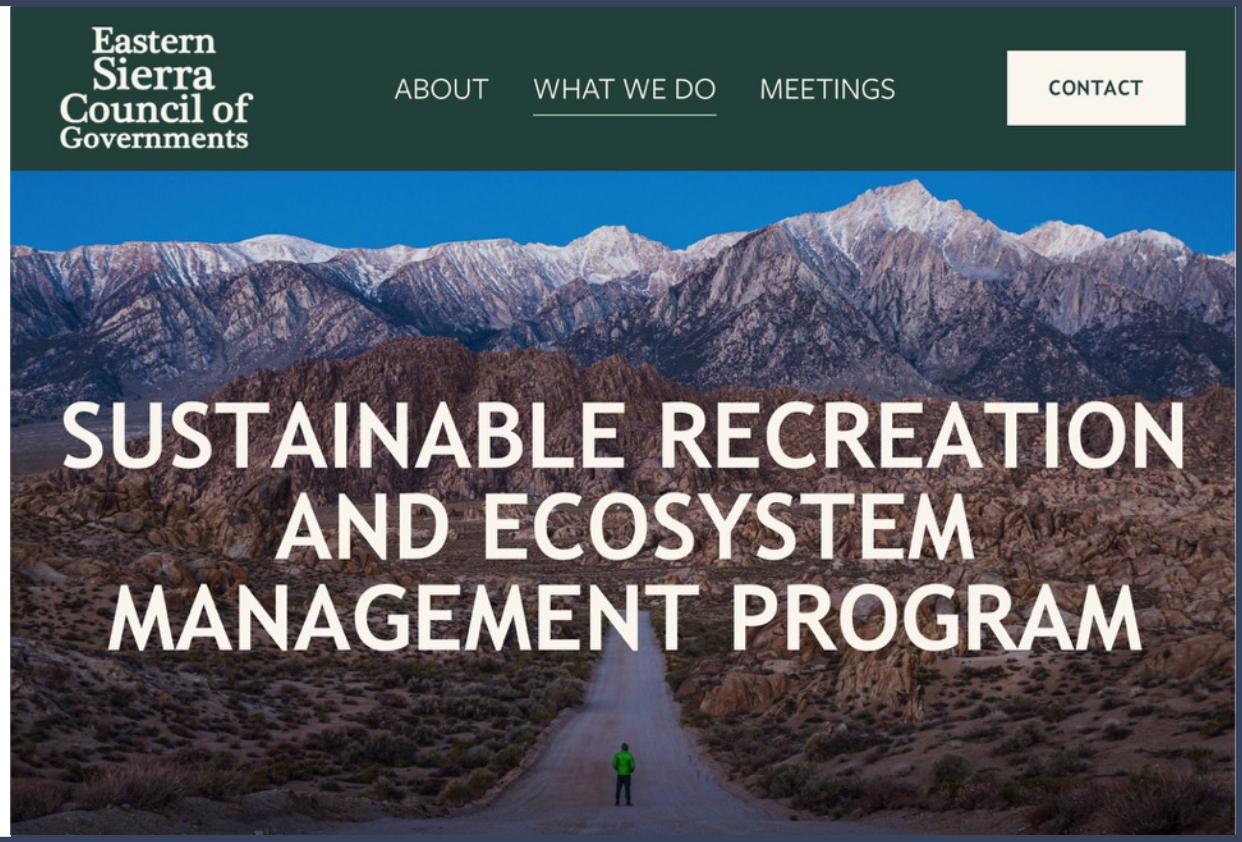

EASTERN SIERRA VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21


BUTTERMILK INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION PLANNING INITIATIVE (BIRPI)
SRTI PROJECT
Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments
20/21


EASTERN SIERRA SCENIC BYWAY ANALYSIS
Welcome
SRTI PROJECT
20/21

EASTERN SIERRA

Sustainable Recreation Partnership





Shared Stewardship



AGREEMENT FOR SHARED STEWARDSHIP OF CALIFORNIA'S FOREST AND RANGELANDS
Between the
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
And the
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

7. **Improve Access to Sustainable Recreation:** Foster a range of forest and wildland opportunities that reflect the needs of and better serve California's diverse population. The Parties will pursue mission-appropriate and sustainable recreation opportunities in ways that leverage resources and extend capacity through partnerships and alignment around a shared vision of access and diversity. Examples include improved transportation opportunities, more affordable lodging options, increasing accessible trails and facilities, and targeting low income communities that lack access.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE



PREPARED FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE
ANDFOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE
DECEMBER 12, 2022

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST



Maximize Investment into Communities

$190 Billion in Federal Funding for California

$48 Billion*

California Climate Commitment
3-Year Horizon*

$41.9 Billion*

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
2026 Horizon*

~$390 Billion*

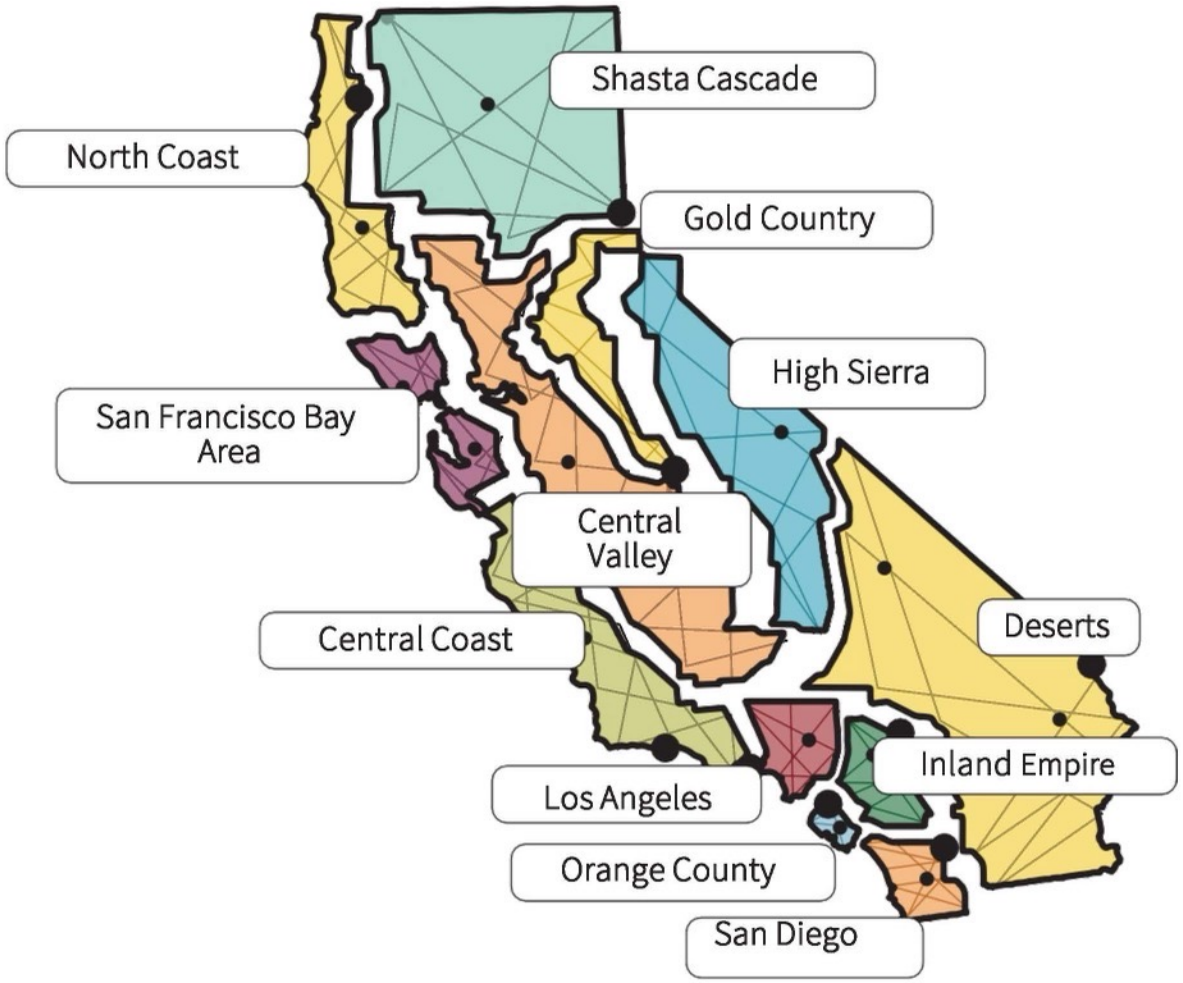
Inflation Reduction Act
2026 Horizon*

~$52 Billion*

Chips & Science Act
2026 Horizon*

Regional Updates: Visit CA “Regional Strategic Tourism Plans”





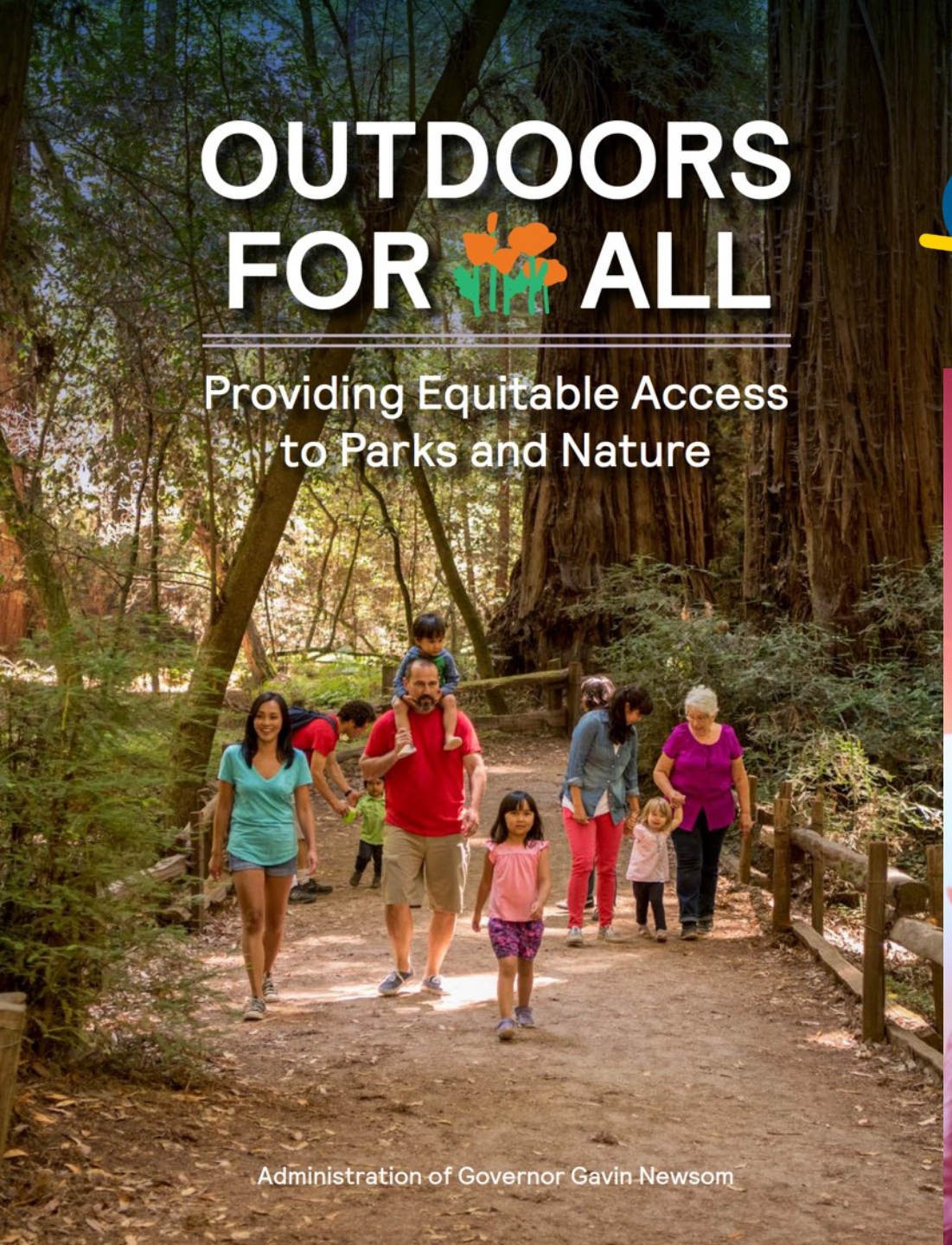
Regional Tourism Strategic Plans Development

- Consistent methodology
- Approach enables flexibility
- More than marketing
- Extensive input effort

JLL visit California

OUTDOORS FOR ALL

Providing Equitable Access to Parks and Nature



Administration of Governor Gavin Newsom

visit California

Our Next Chapter

California Is The Ultimate Playground

Escape to the perfect beach. Ride roller coasters all day. Splurge on an unforgettable wine tasting experience. You can find endless ways to play in California, The Ultimate Playground.



Regional Updates: Visit CA "Regional Strategic Tourism Plans"

FROM THE CEO

Dear Industry Partners,

Today, as the world's travel industry gathers in Los Angeles for IPW, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that California visitor spending soared to an unprecedented $150.4 billion in 2023, surpassing the pre-pandemic 2019 record. The governor celebrated our industry to kick off California Tourism Month, the state's official observance of tourism's essential role in the state's economy.

Our industry's remarkable recovery was accompanied by the creation of an additional 64,900 jobs in 2023, bringing the total number of California hospitality workers to 1.2 million. Moreover, the tax revenue generated by visitors reached $12.7 billion, funding vital local services for all Californians.

Our Travel Matters website has been updated with the latest numbers to demonstrate travel and tourism's economic impact on the state. The site reaches decision-makers at state and local levels to highlight how travel is critical for California.

And the good news continues. Travel spending exceeded pre-pandemic levels in 34 of the state's 58 counties. Destinations that aren't quite at full recovery are only a few percentage points away from reaching 2019 spending levels.

Regional Updates: Visit CA "Regional Strategic Tourism Plans"

FROM THE CEO

Today, as the world's travel industry gathers in Los Angeles for IPW, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that California visitor spending soared to an unprecedented $150.4 billion in 2023, surpassing the pre-pandemic 2019 record. The governor celebrated our industry to kick off California Tourism Month, the state's official observance of tourism's essential role in the state's economy.

demonstrate travel and tourism's economic impact on the state. The site reaches decision-makers at state and local levels to highlight how travel is critical for California.

And the good news continues. Travel spending exceeded pre-pandemic levels in 34 of the state's 58 counties. Destinations that aren't quite at full recovery are only a few percentage points away from reaching 2019 spending levels.

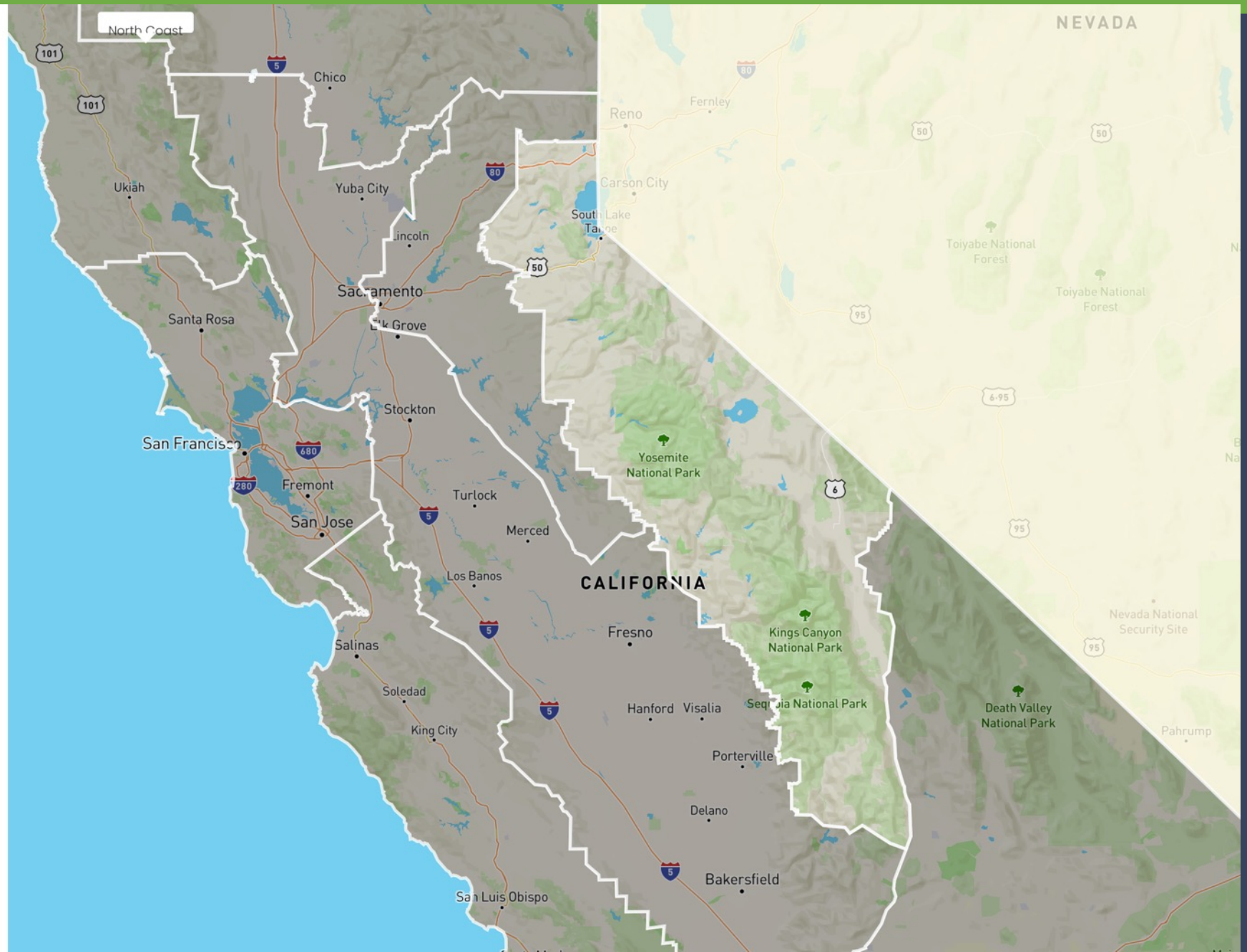
Regional Updates: Visit CA “Regional Strategic Tourism Plans”

High Sierra

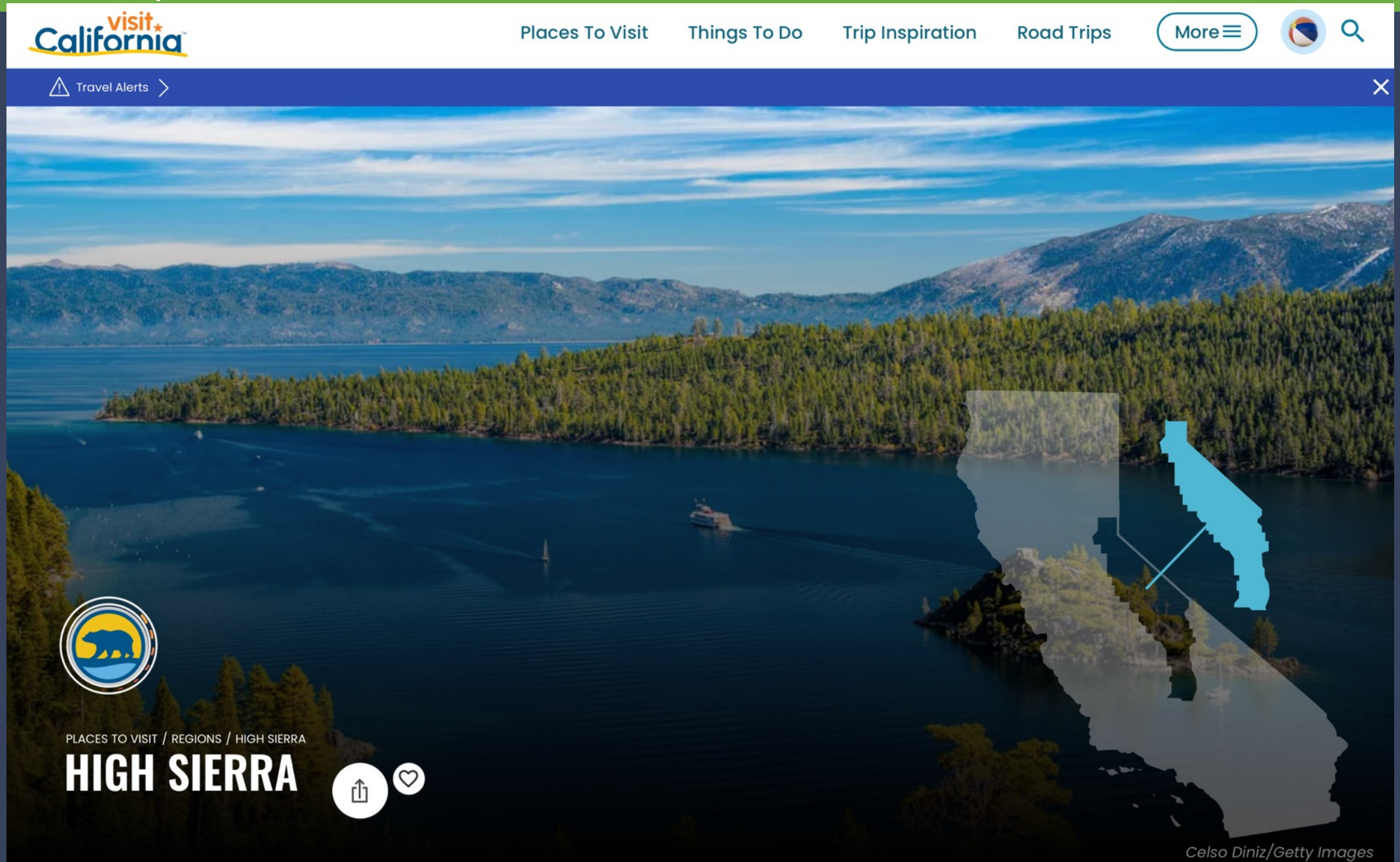
visit California



Snow-covered peaks in winter, gushing waterfalls in spring, wildflower meadows and glistening lakes in summer, vibrant colors in fall—this is a land of dramatic and wild beauty. World-class mountain resorts circle turquoise-blue Lake Tahoe. Mammoth Lakes offers epic skiing and endless high-altitude delights. Yosemite National Park, a World Heritage Site, is more beautiful than you can imagine and absolutely worth a visit. Whether you hike a mountain, ski the steeps, or lounge in a hot tub beneath a canopy of stars, you’ll find your perfect getaway.



Regional Updates: Visit CA “Regional Strategic Tourism Plans”



Regional Updates: Visit CA “Regional Strategic Tourism Plans”

JLL visit California

REGIONAL STRATEGIC TOURISM PLANS





JLL visit California

Regional Strategic Plan Update

Regional Updates: Visit CA “Regional Strategic Tourism



“John -

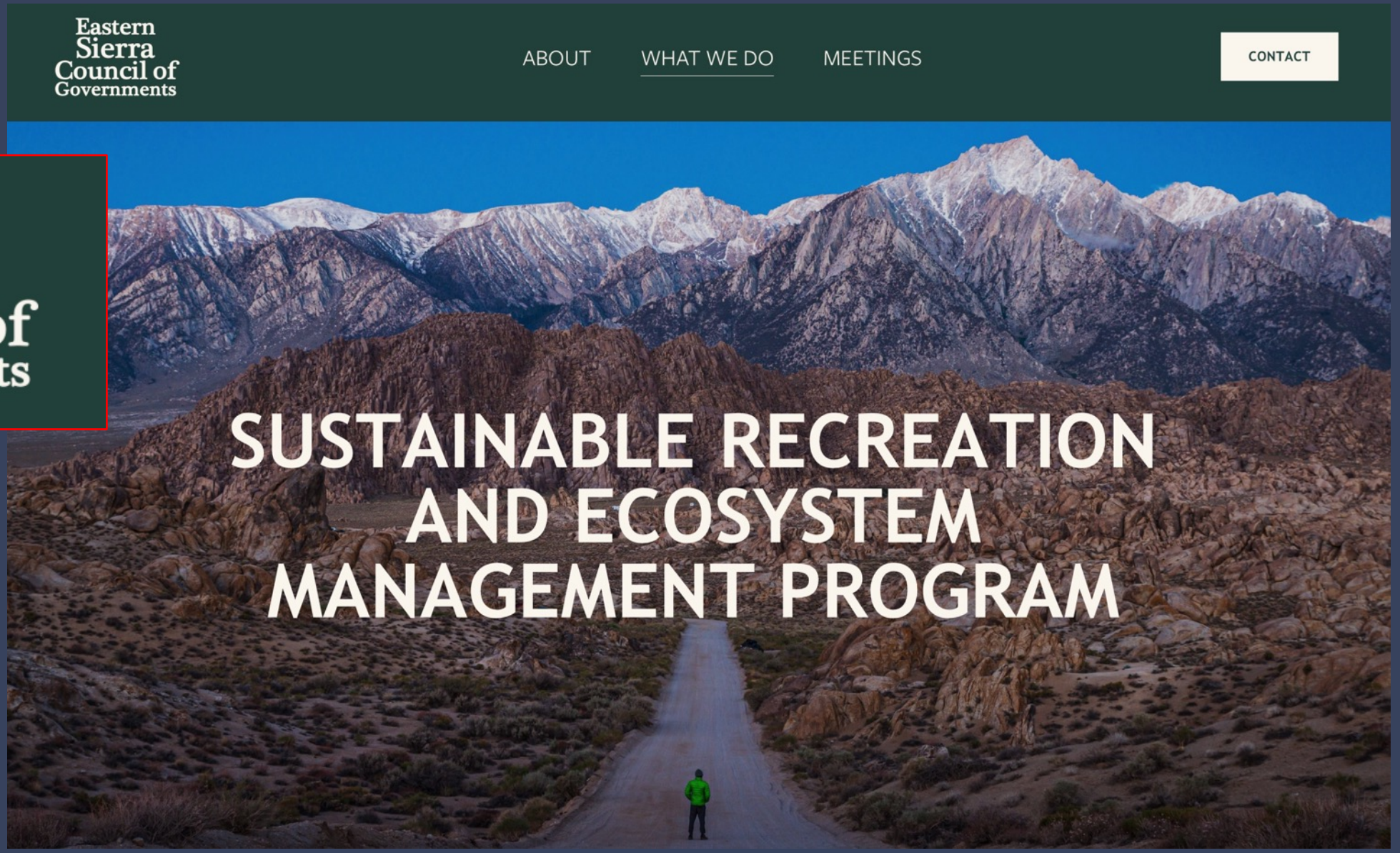
Thanks for the follow up. I would like to propose more follow up content in late May. I have more refinement to do between now and then with VC involved. Would that work?

Thanks,
Bethanie”



Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

ESCOG: Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program

- Towns to Trails: County Meetings Coming Up June 11 - 13
  - *Tim Bevins - Alta Planning*
- Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project
  - Springing Into Action - Newsletter
  - Eastern Sierra Biomass Facility
    - *Laura Beardsley - Whitebark Institute, Executive Director*
- ESCOG: Board actions from April 24 ESCOG Meeting

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



ESSRP May 2024 Update

Updates

- Mono County Collaborative Planning Team
- California Trails and Greenways Conference
- Agency / Local Expert Feedback



Next Steps

April/May 2024

- Agency input
- Alignment refinement
- Workshop promotion

June 2024

- Community workshops
- Ground truthing and data verification

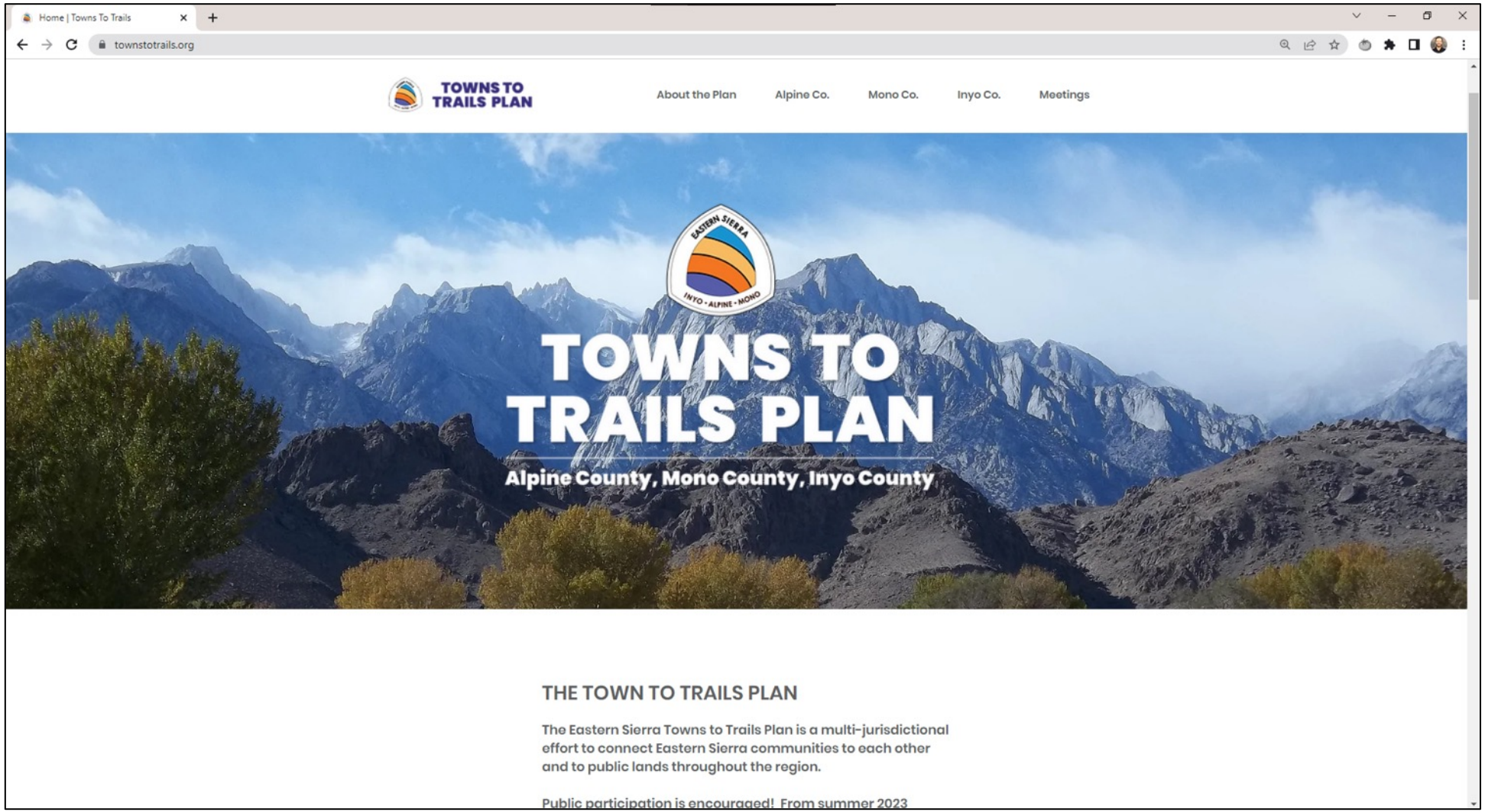
Fall 2024

- Plan preparation



Website

townstotrails.org



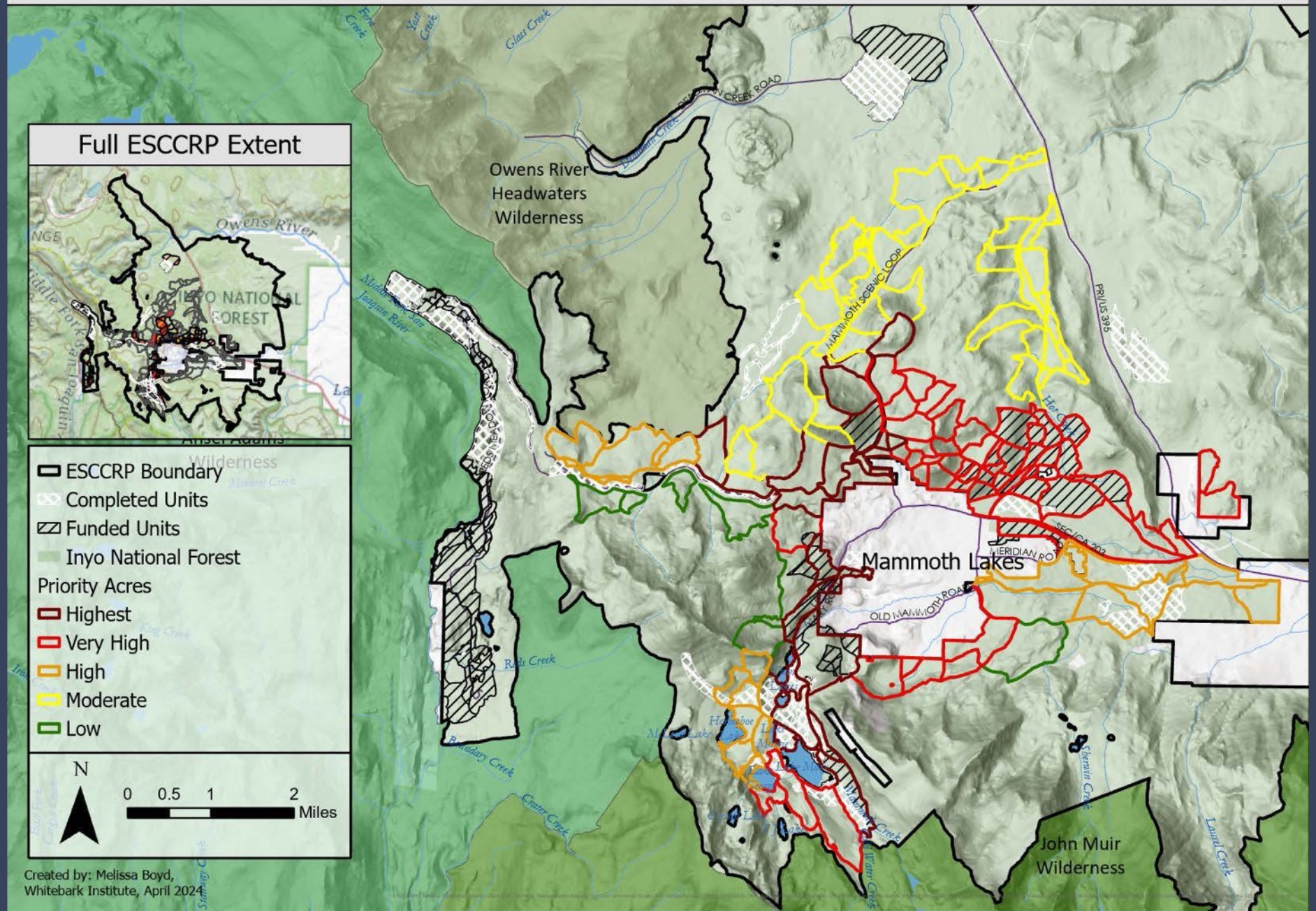
Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects



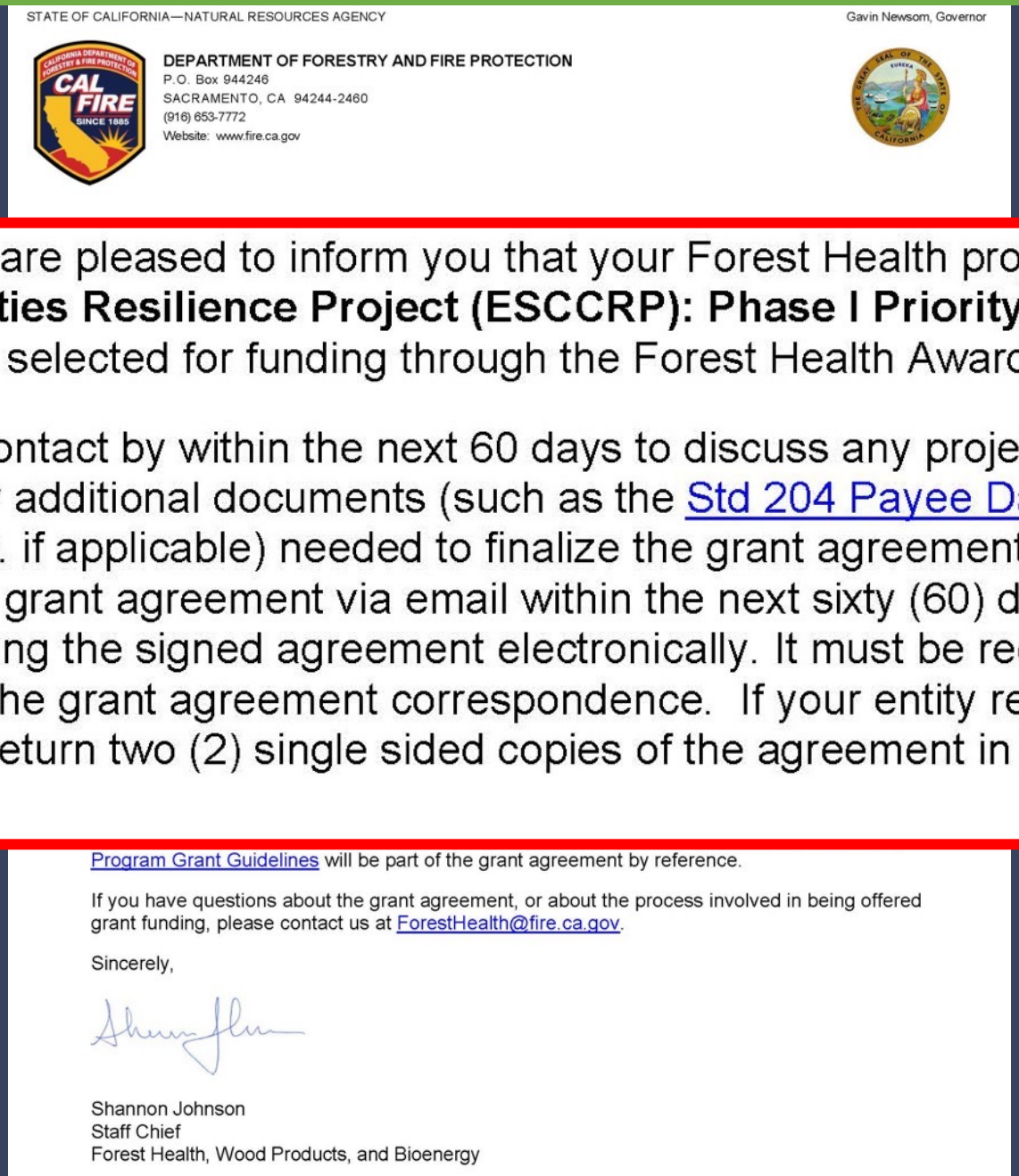


Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project

Priority Acres



Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects



STATE OF CALIFORNIA—NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

Gavin Newsom, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
P.O. Box 944246
SACRAMENTO, CA 94244-2460
(916) 653-7772
Website: www.fire.ca.gov

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that your Forest Health project **Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP): Phase I Priority Acres (Project) (58406756)** has been selected for funding through the Forest Health Award Grant Program.

CAL FIRE will be in contact by within the next 60 days to discuss any project modifications as well as to request any additional documents (such as the Std 204 Payee Data Record, final Board Resolution, etc. if applicable) needed to finalize the grant agreement. Once finalized, CAL FIRE will then send a grant agreement via email within the next sixty (60) days. You are responsible for returning the signed agreement electronically. It must be received by CAL FIRE by the date given on the grant agreement correspondence. If your entity requires original signatures, you may return two (2) single sided copies of the agreement in lieu of the electronic copy.

Program Grant Guidelines will be part of the grant agreement by reference.

If you have questions about the grant agreement, or about the process involved in being offered grant funding, please contact us at ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Shannon Johnson
Staff Chief
Forest Health, Wood Products, and Bioenergy

Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

WHITEBARK INSTITUTE

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments

Looked Like $60 Million Worth of Good News to Share - ???

Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Project Name: Community Scale Rural Bioenergy Facilities

Forest Biomass Conversion

Location: California

Federal Cost Share: $30,000,000

Lead Applicant: West Biofuels, LLC

Technology: Forest Biomass to Energy Conversion

Project Impacts

- Provide low carbon, reliable energy for three remote communities that face high risk of wildfires
- Reduce carbon emissions through the use of produced biochar that also can be sold in regional agricultural markets
- Provide an end use and local market for biomass from forest thinning campaigns that are key to preventing forest fires in this region

Project Summary

This project aims to prevent local forest fires while providing low-carbon, stable energy for three communities in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. Burney, Mariposa, and Mammoth Lakes are small, remote, mountainous communities threatened by wildfires and faced with frequent power outages due to extreme weather. State and

E·D·A

U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ESCOG)
Joint Powers Authority

STAFF REPORT

To: ESCOG Board

From: Dan Holler, Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Manager

Subject: CEDS - Town of Mammoth Lakes Project & Program Specific Action Plan

Prepared on: February 21, 2024

Attachments: A) Appendix D - Town of Mammoth Lakes Project & Program Specific Action Plan

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:
The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) engaged with Alpine, Inyo and Mono Counties, The Town of Mammoth Lakes and the City of Bishop, completed a regional economic development strategy required to access federal and other funding opportunities known as a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The Mammoth Town Council accepted the CEDS on October 18, 2023 and it was subsequently approved by the ESCOG on October 19, 2023. The CEDS was approved by the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) on January 5, 2024.

The CEDS sets forth six focus areas with identified goals and objectives. The CEDS takes a higher level planning approach through the Evaluation Framework section of the document in outlining Metrics for Success for each area. The Town of Mammoth Lakes has submitted an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant relying upon the approved CEDS. The grant includes funding for a regional bioenergy facility, support for expanded childcare, a pedestrian bridge connection in the Village at Mammoth area and support for a preforming

Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

Project Summary

This project aims to prevent local forest fires while providing low-carbon, stable energy for three communities in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. Burney, Mariposa, and Mammoth Lakes are small, remote, mountainous communities threatened by wildfires and faced with frequent power outages due to extreme weather. State and federal programs have improved the management of dry, wildfire-fueling forest biomass through forest thinning campaigns and other land management activities. However, locally commercialized end uses for captured biomass are still limited. To address this issue, this project plans to deploy three community-scale bioenergy systems, transforming culled biomass into 100% renewable electricity and biochar soil amendments. Each facility aims to produce 3 MW of reliable, renewable electricity,

This project aims to prevent local forest fires while providing low-carbon, stable energy for three communities in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. Burney, Mariposa, and Mammoth Lakes are small, remote, mountainous communities threatened by wildfires and faced with frequent power outages due to extreme weather. State and

The CEDS sets forth six focus areas with identified goals and objectives. The CEDS takes a higher level planning approach through the Evaluation Framework section of the document in outlining Metrics for Success for each area. The Town of Mammoth Lakes has submitted an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant relying upon the approved CEDS. The grant includes funding for a regional bioenergy facility, support for expanded childcare, a pedestrian bridge connection in the Village at Mammoth area and support for a preforming

Mono County Office of Emergency Management

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Date: April 30, 2024

To: Interested Consultants

Re: Request for Proposals for Pre-Development Work Necessary for the Construction and Operation of a 3-Megawatt Biomass Power Plant

---

Introduction

The Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) is a bold attempt to restore forest health and lower the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire around the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML). The ESCCRP seeks to rejuvenate 90 square miles (58,000 acres) of the Inyo National Forest (INF) surrounding the town to more resilient conditions able to withstand inevitable future fires. The INF is the most visited National Forest in California, making the need to dramatically decrease the risk of high-severity wildfires on the INF of great state- and national-level importance.

The ESCCRP has secured over $13 million in funding for planning, environmental analyses, and initial forest thinning operations. A main challenge to "accelerating the pace and scale" of treatments to adequately reduce the wildfire threat is disposal of biomass. Building and operating a bioenergy facility is 'The Missing Link' in providing community protection and restoring regional forest resilience. An environmentally sound means of disposing of the huge volume of woody debris generated by substantial thinning is critical to the viability of the ESCCRP. ESCCRP partners currently lack a funding source to pay for the completion of the time-sensitive pre-development work necessary to attract a developer and expedite construction and operation of a bioenergy facility. Mono County, a key partner in the ESCCRP since its launch in 2020, is requesting $299,889 in funding over 21 months which, coupled with $300,719 in cooperator funds, will allow for this essential pre-development work to take place. Mono County will contribute $50,213 in cooperator funds which are supported by a $250,506 contribution from the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG), a local Joint Powers Authority comprised of city and county governments that works to address issues of regional significance.

Project Goals

- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest resilience on the INF.
- Reduce forest management costs by stimulating local bioenergy markets.
- Promote the environmental and economic health of Eastern Sierra communities.

P.O. Box 969
Bridgeport, CA 93517
(760) 924-4633

Chris Mokracek
Mono County Biomass RFP
To: Ales Tomaier, Andy Gurgol, Bob Gardner, Claire Freeman & 24 more

Inbox - TOML Email April 30, 2024 at 4:12 PM

Details

Siri Found a Contact
Chris Mokracek
cmokracek@mono.ca.gov

Add

All:

The Mono County Biomass RFP has been released. I will schedule for Board approval the first meeting in June if possible.

Chris

Chris Mokracek
Director
Mono County
Emergency Management
PO Box 696
Bridgeport, CA 93517
Office: (760) 924-4633
Cell: (907) 398-9000
https://ready.mono.ca.gov/

NOTICE: CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION. This message, including any attachments, is private and may be subject to provisions of the Privacy Act. The information in this message is legally privileged. It is intended to be confidential and for the use of the named recipient only. If you are not a named recipient, please immediately notify me by reply and destroy the message and all attachments without reading or saving them, and please do not copy or send them to anyone. Thank you!

PDF
Mono County Biomas...FP.pdf

Mono County Office of Emergency Management

READY Mono

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Date: April 30, 2024

To: Interested Consultants

Re: Request for Proposals for Pre-Development Work Necessary
Construction and Operation of a 3-Megawatt Biomass Power

Introduction

The Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (E
attempt to restore forest health and lower the risk of uncharacteristi
Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML). The ESCCRP seeks to rejuvena
(58,000 acres) of the Inyo National Forest (INF) surrounding the tow
conditions able to withstand inevitable future fires. The INF is the m
Forest in California, making the need to dramatically decrease the r
wildfires on the INF of great state- and national-level importance.

The ESCCRP has secured over $13 million in funding for planning,
analyses, and initial forest thinning operations. A main challenge to
pace and scale" of treatments to adequately reduce the wildfire thre
biomass. Building and operating a bioenergy facility is 'The Missing
community protection and restoring regional forest resilience. An en
means of disposing of the huge volume of woody debris generated
thinning is critical to the viability of the ESCCRP. ESCCRP partners
funding source to pay for the completion of the time-sensitive pre-de
necessary to attract a developer and expedite construction and ope
facility. Mono County, a key partner in the ESCCRP since its launch
requesting $299,889 in funding over 21 months which, coupled with
cooperator funds, will allow for this essential pre-development work
County will contribute $50,213 in cooperator funds which are suppo
contribution from the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESC
Powers Authority comprised of city and county governments that wo
issues of regional significance.

Project Goals

- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest resilience on the
- Reduce forest management costs by stimulating local bioenergy markets.
- Promote the environmental and economic health of Eastern Sierra communities.

P.O. Box 969
Bridgeport, CA 93517
(760) 924-4633

Chris Mokracek — Inbox - TOML Email — May 3, 2024 at 2:50 PM

Mono County Biomass RFP Update

To: Ales Tomaier, Andy Gurgol, Bob Gardner, Claire Freeman, Chris Mokracek & 23 more — Details

Siri Found a Contact
Chris Mokracek
cmokracek@mono.ca.gov
Add

WRAFT Members:

As of 4/30, the RFP has been widely distributed among Bioenergy consultants. I received the following email from the Bioenergy Association of California:

"I have forwarded this RFP to members of the Bioenergy Association of California and expect that several will submit proposals. I'm also starting to put together the agenda for BAC's summer member meeting – which will be virtual on July 15 (1-4pm) – and am thinking about having a panel discussion on bioenergy needs and opportunities in the Sierras. Would you be interested in and available to give a brief presentation on Mono's plans, the need for this RFP and how it fits into the County's Emergency Management plan?"

Julia Levin
Executive Director
Bioenergy Association of California
510-610-1733
jlevin@bioenergyca.org
www.bioenergyca.org

Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

Resilience Efforts Continue in the Eastern Sierra



Vital Funding Helps Turn Plans Into Action

Over the past two years, Whitebark has worked as a primary partner to the Inyo National Forest (INF) to conduct environmental analyses for the first phase of the Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP). While this effort to support and complete NEPA analysis on 58,000 acres of INF is underway, Whitebark has also been getting work done, on-the-ground, to reduce excessive fuel loads and restore healthy forests on areas within the ESCCRP landscape where environmental analysis has already been completed.

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects

4. CONSENT AGENDA
   - 4.1 Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2024
   - 4.2 Inyo Mono Broadband Consortium Activities Report
   - 4.3 Eastern Sierra California Jobs First Activities Report

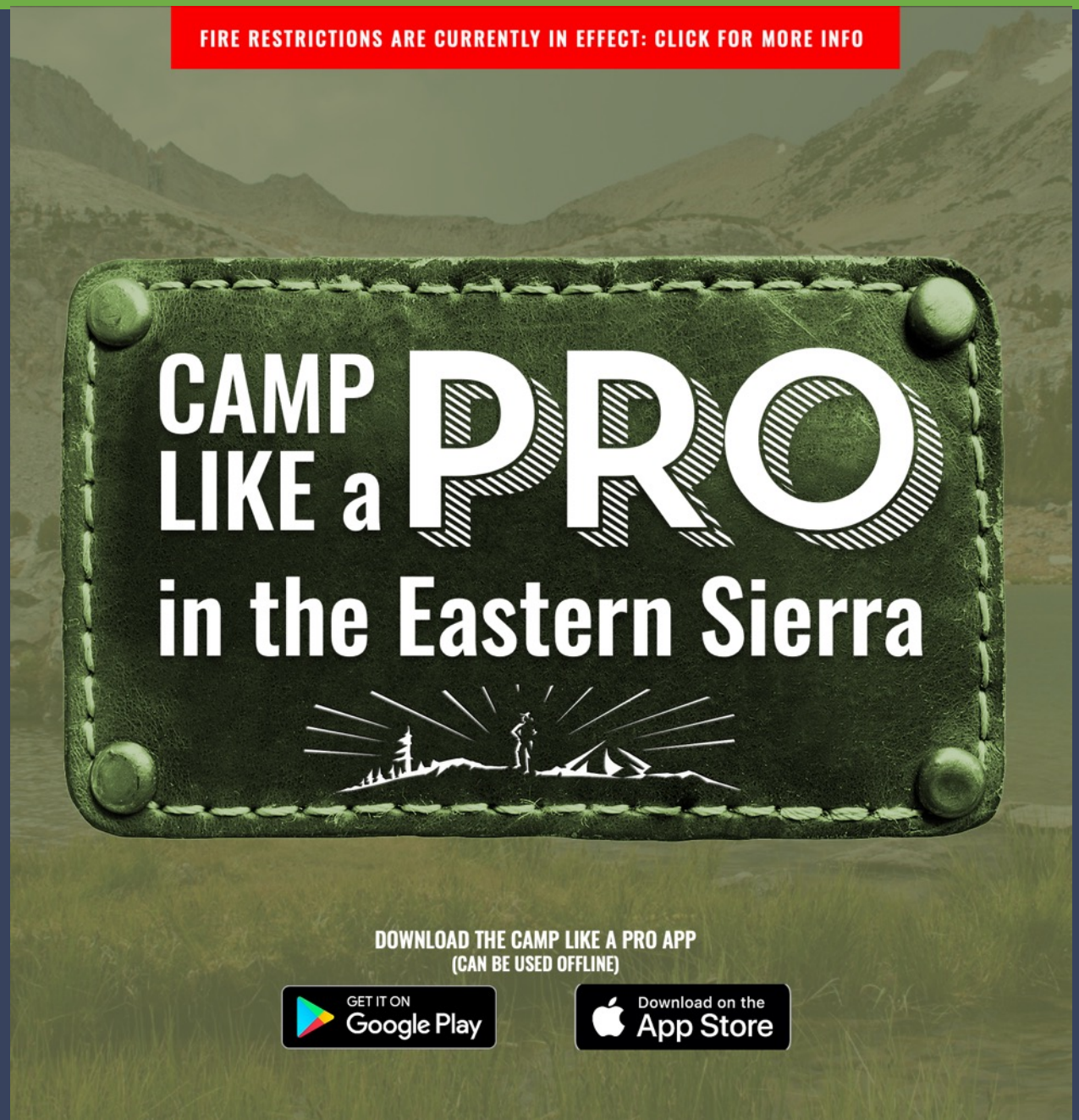
Eastern Sierra Council of Governments

5. POLICY MATTERS
   - 5.1 Approve amendments to Consultant Services Agreement w/SBC
   - 5.2 Approve Contract Agreement with Celeste Berg Consulting, LLC for the Provision of Administrative Services
   - 5.3 Approve Contract Agreement with Kate Morley for the Provision of Administrative Services
   - 5.4 Discuss Member Agency Contribution Allocations and Provide Direction to Staff
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT + BOARD MEMBER/AGENCY REPORTS

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects

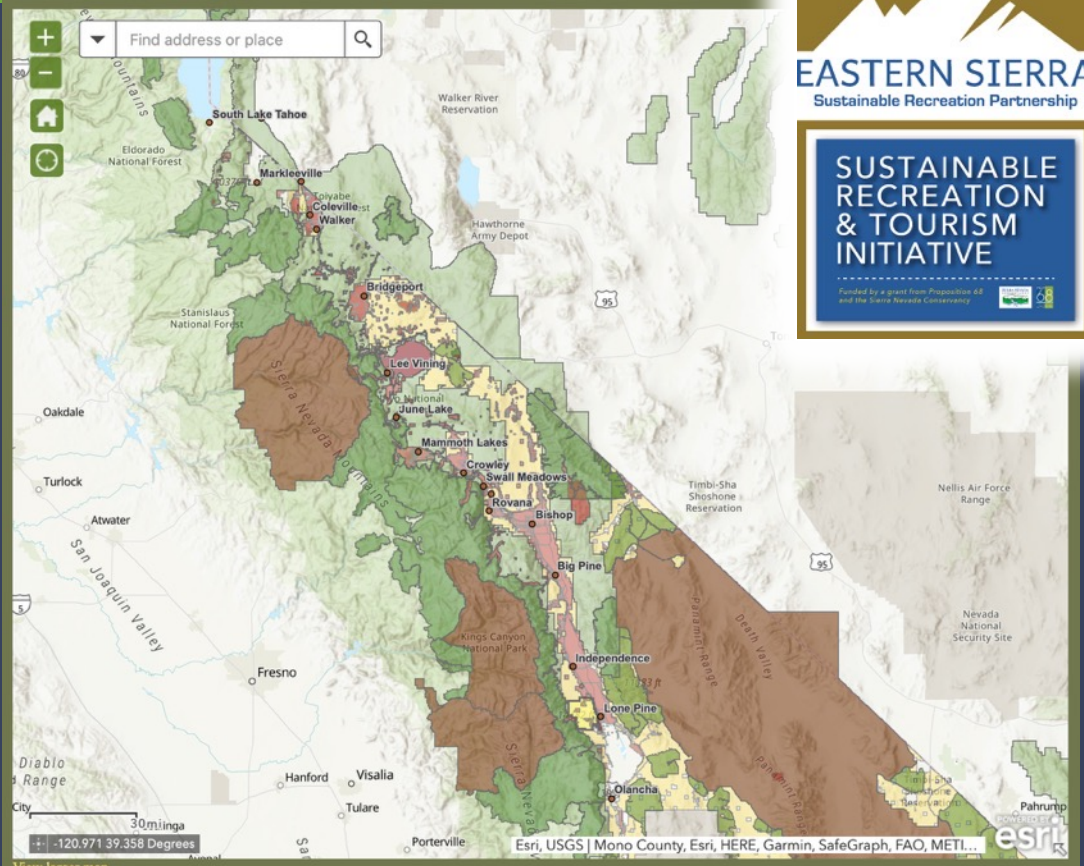


Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE

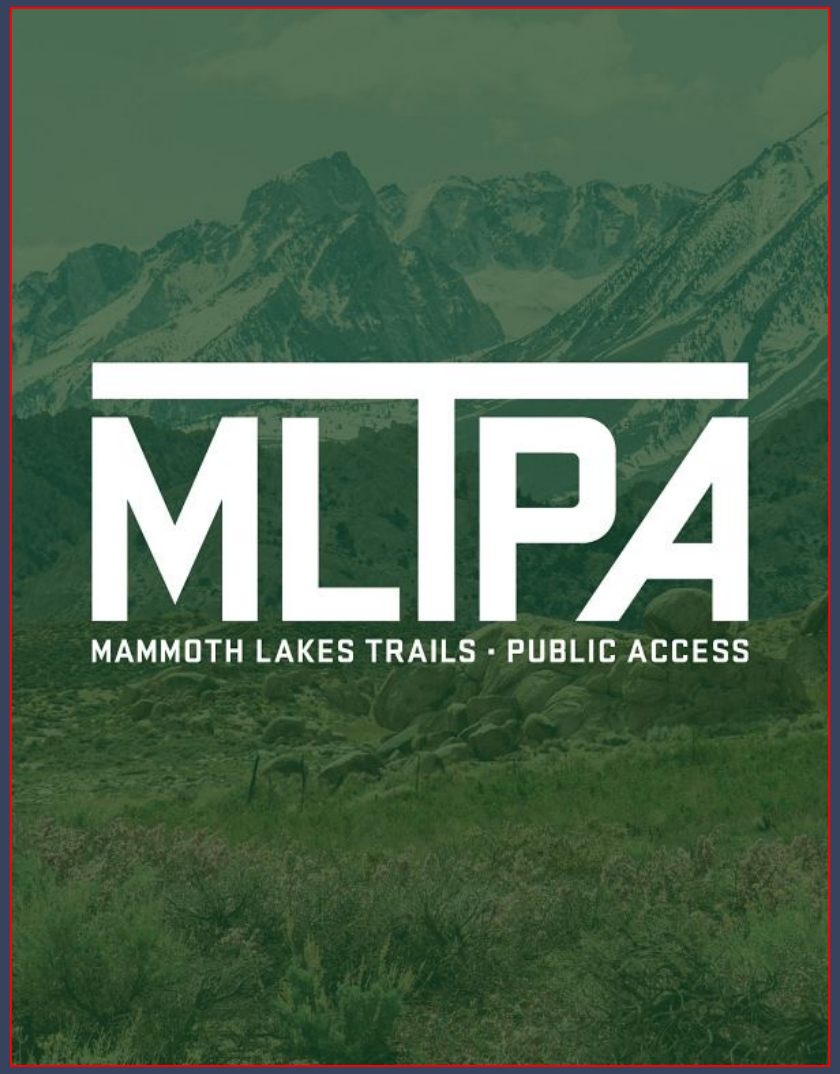


View larger map

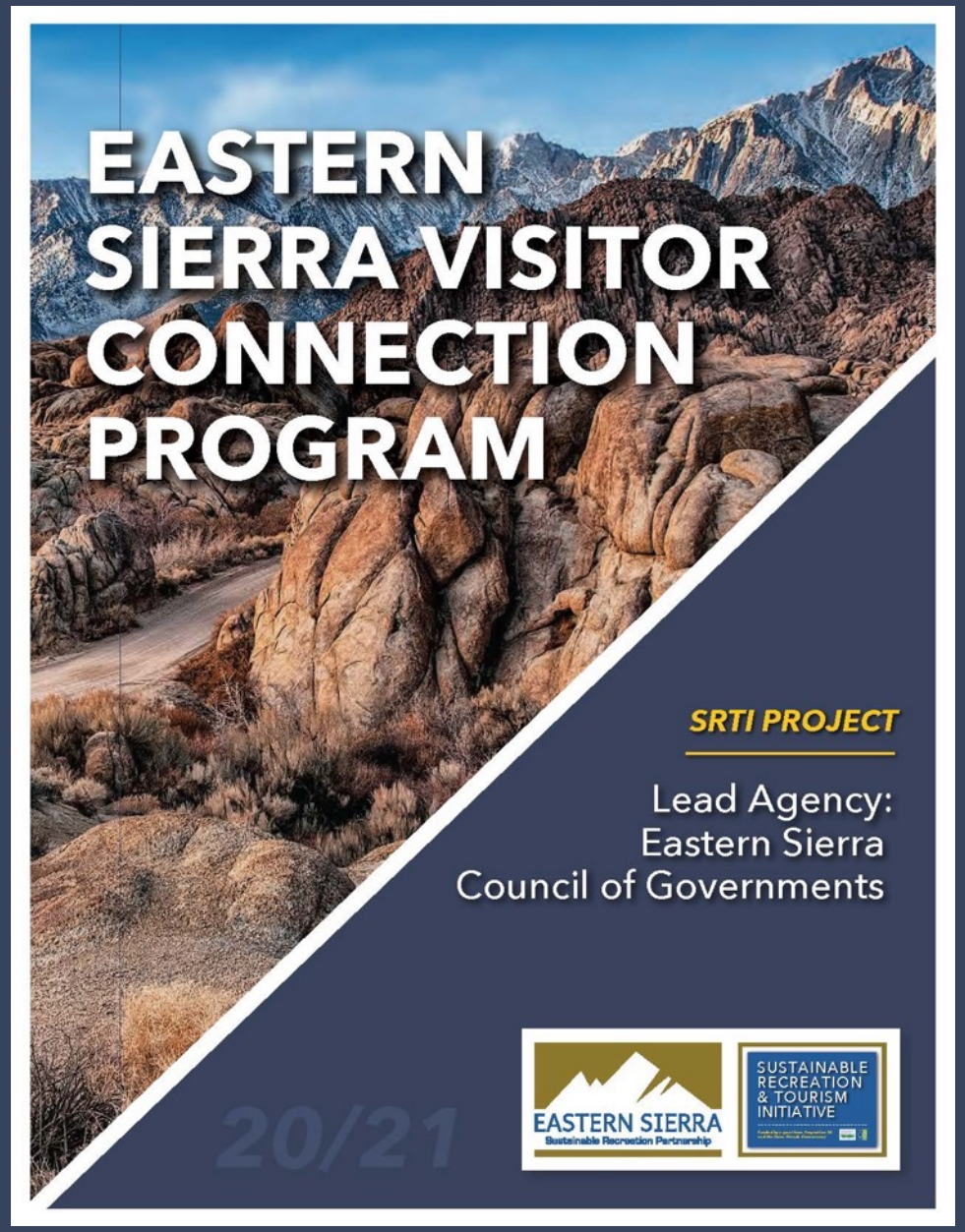
Please click anywhere on this interactive map for more details on land ownership, current policy/restrictions, and other useful information

Campground	Picnic Area	No Dispersed Camping
Visitor Center	Park	Wilderness Areas
RV Park (Hookups)	Boat Launch	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
RV Dump	Day Use Area	National Park Service
Trailhead	Airport	U. S. Forest Service

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



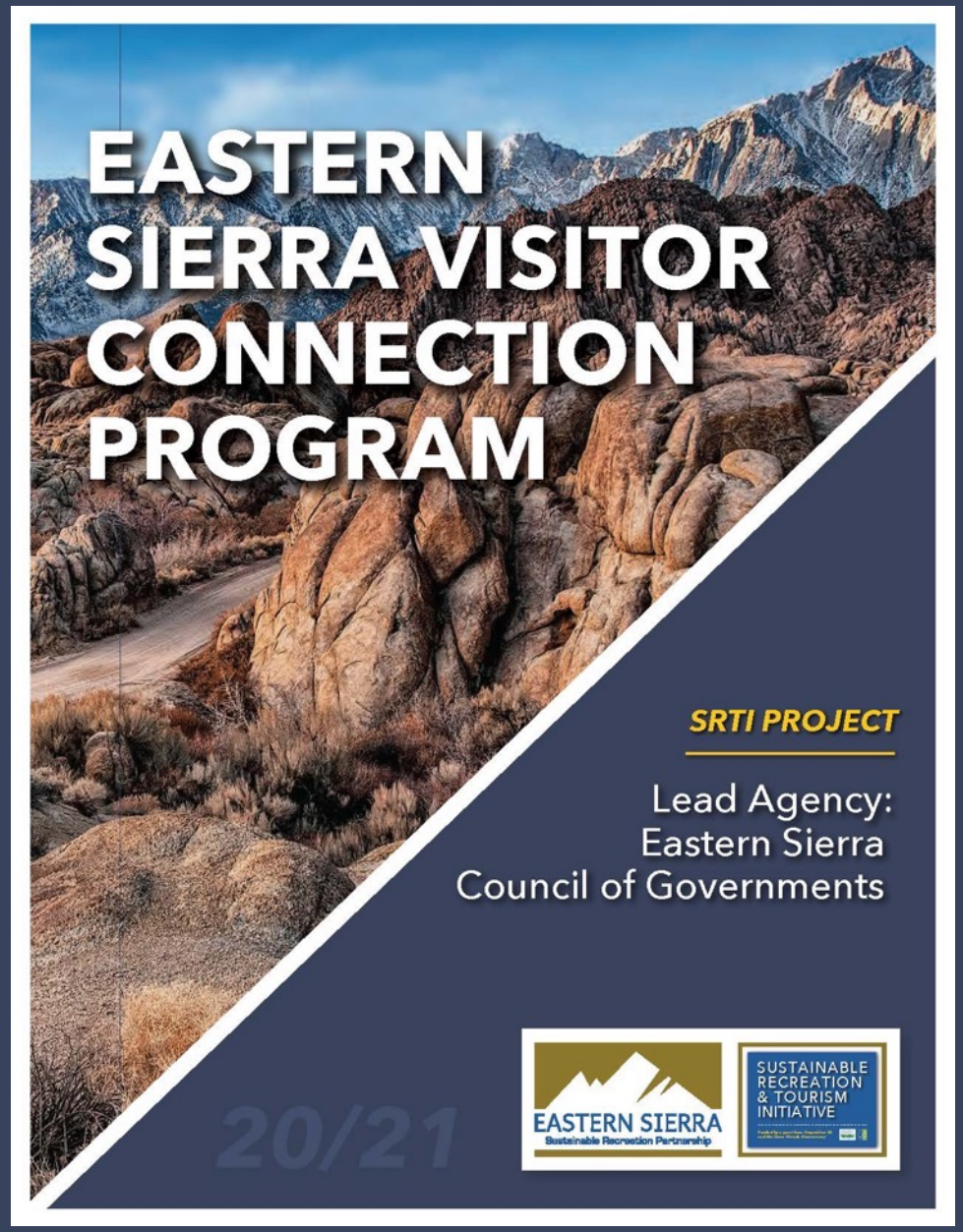
Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



Visitor Audience Connection

- MLTPA + Whitebark Staff drafted an agreement including:
  - CALFIRE "Visitor Education and Outreach Addendum"
  - Opportunities with "Camp Like A Pro"
  - Needs of "Visitor Connection Program"

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



Visitor Audience Connection

Claire Freeman — Inbox -...rth@mltpa.org — April 26, 2024 at 11:14 AM
Whitebark VCP meeting
To: Kristy Williams, Cc: John Wentworth — Details

Hi Kristy,

We are anticipating signing a contract with our brand/campaign developer for the CALFIRE grant early next week.
The leader of the effort is planning to come out and visit the East side. I think it would be great if we could schedule a meeting for you two to meet.
Would you have time on Monday the 13th or Tuesday the 14th for an hour or two to meet with our contractor and share more about your role in this project?

Also, John, would you like to be CC'd on these type of emails? I want to keep you in the loop where appropriate, but also do not want to clutter your inbox.

Thanks!
Claire

Claire Freeman
Community Resilience Program Manager
Wildlife Biologist

claire@whitebarkinstitute.org
www.whitebarkinstitute.org
(909) 900-6782
Mailing address: PO Box 182
Physical address: 3399 Main Street,
Suite W5 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Upcoming out of office: April 27 – May 7

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



Visitor Audience Connection

Claire Freeman Inbox -...rth@mltpa.org April 26, 2024 at 11:14 AM
Whitebark VCP meeting
To: Kristy Williams, Cc: John Wentworth Details

We are anticipating signing a contract with our brand/campaign developer for the CALFIRE grant early next week.
The leader of the effort is planning to come out and visit the East side. I think it would be great if we could schedule a meeting for you two to meet.
Would you have time on Monday the 13th or Tuesday the 14th for an hour or two to meet with our contractor and share more about your role in this project?

Claire

Claire Freeman
Community Resilience Program Manager
Wildlife Biologist

claire@whitebarkinstitute.org
www.whitebarkinstitute.org
(909) 900-6782
Mailing address: PO Box 182
Physical address: 3399 Main Street,
Suite W5 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Upcoming out of office: April 27 – May 7

Join Us for Online Celebration of Wildfire Preparedness Week Events, May 4-10

Release Date: May 2, 2024

Preparing homes and communities for 2024 Fire Season

VALLEJO, Calif. — To celebrate Wildfire Preparedness Week from May 4-10, federal partners in California — including the USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Affairs — are launching an online campaign focused on wildland fire safety and prevention while recreating on public lands.

"As Californians, many of us have seen the impacts of wildfire close to our homes. Remembering to think like a firefighter while we're recreating can help our time away from home be as relaxing and safe as possible," said Jaime Gamboa, Fire Director for the Pacific Southwest Region.

Join us on social media and learn how to #thinklikeafirefighter. Posts will offer safety tips for vehicles, campfires and smoke, plus weather and situational awareness. Following a few simple tips can help you #knowbeforeyougo and ensure a safe, fun experience while exploring your public lands.

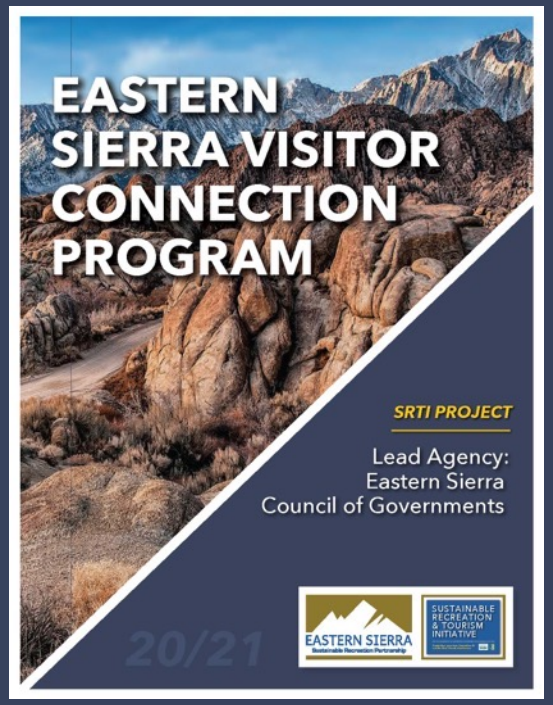
Now is also the time to create defensible space around homes and buildings, make homes more fire resistant, and have emergency plans in place. This is especially important as about 25% of the state's population, or 11 million Californians, live in a high-risk fire zone.

Additionally, our partner CAL FIRE encourages Californians to access the free app Ready for Wildfire focused on local alerts, preparedness checklists, and evacuation plans.

Follow the Pacific Southwest Region on Facebook, X and Instagram for daily posts highlighting fire preparedness while recreating on public lands.

###

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects

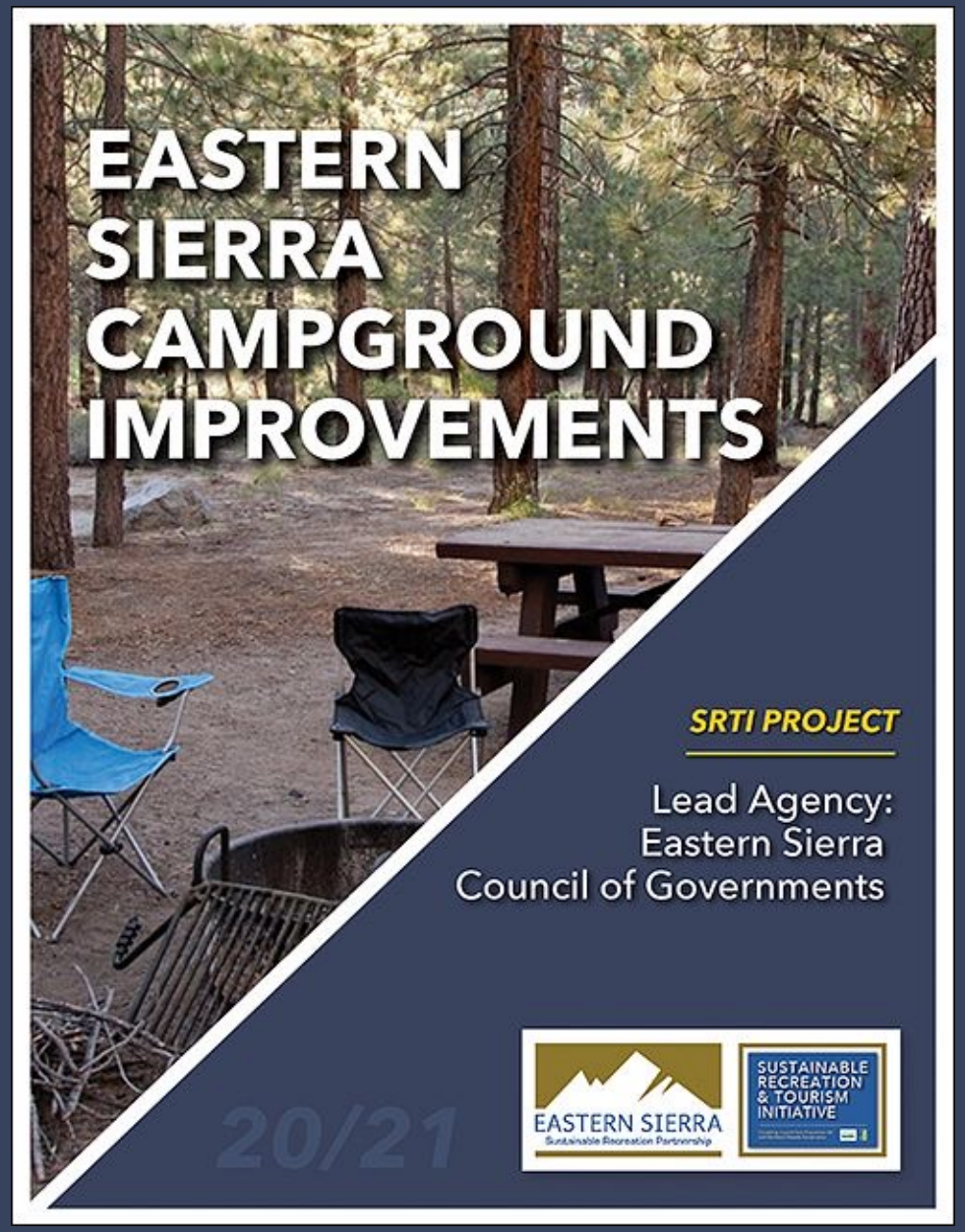


WHITEBARK INSTITUTE

MLTPA
MAMMOTH LAKES TRAILS · PUBLIC ACCESS

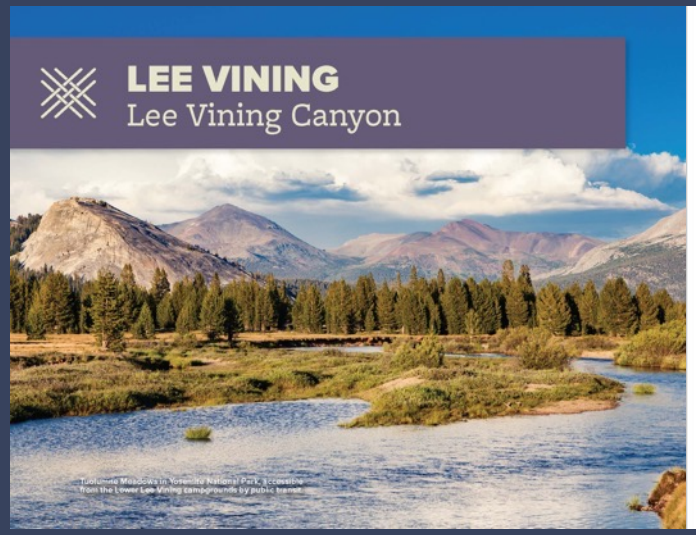
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION
CAL FIRE
SINCE 1885

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



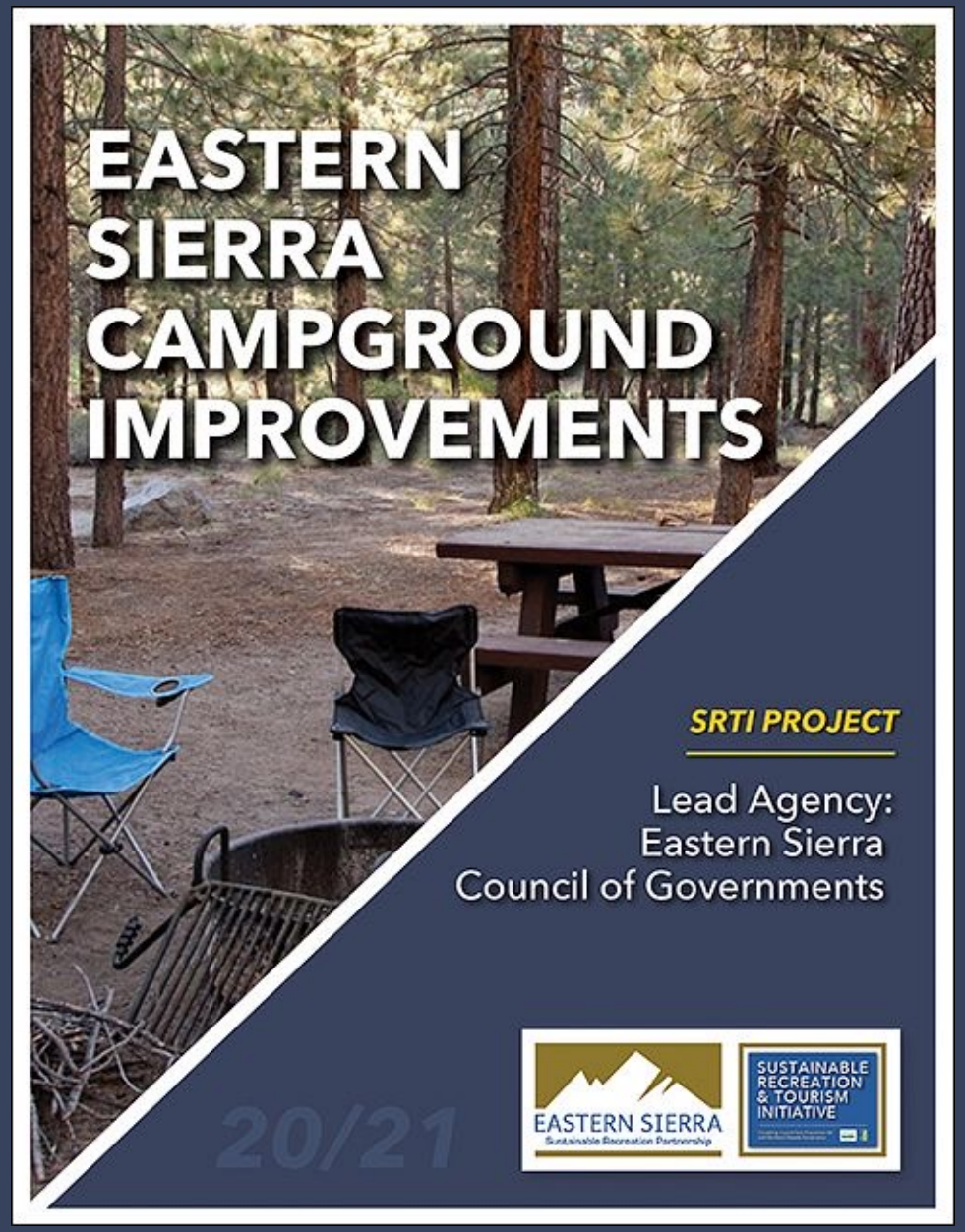








Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



Pilot Infrastructure Program

- Project Contractors identified / prevailing wages issues addressed
- Project Contractor agreements drafted by MLTPA pro bono
- USFS Challenge Cost Share Agreement submitted to G & A
- Site "Conceptual Renderings" funded by Innovative Finance for National Forest Program

Regional Updates: Easte e

Triad / Holmes Associates, Inc.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This Independent Contractor Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into, on the date of the signature dated last below (the "Effective Date"), by and between the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation ("MLTPA"), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, whose principal place of business is P.O. Box 100, PMB 432, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 and the independent contractor, Triad/Holmes Associates, Inc. ("Contractor", collectively referred to with MLTPA as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party"), whose principal place of business is 873 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Services**. During this Agreement's Term (as defined in Section 3 below), Contractor agrees to provide services to MLTPA as described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Services"). Contractor will perform the Services in a diligent, careful, thorough, and professional manner consistent with customary practice and in compliance with applicable law. Contractor may use Contractor's employees or subcontractors to perform the services under this Agreement.

2. **Compensation and Expenses; Invoices and Payment**.

2.1 MLTPA will pay compensation to Contractor for performance of the Services as set forth in Exhibit A. Upon Contractor's submission of a signed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 to MLTPA, MLTPA shall make payable any such compensation within thirty (30) days of receipt of an authorized and approved invoice from Contractor upon completion of the Services or as specified in Exhibit A. Any payment made pursuant to this paragraph shall be sent to Contractor's address stated above and deemed paid upon placement in U.S. Mail. Contractor shall provide MLTPA with no more than one (1) invoice per month.

2.2 MLTPA will not reimburse Contractor for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Contractor in connection with performance of the Services, unless specified in Exhibit A.

2.3 Contractor will pay, when and as due, any and all taxes incurred as a result of Contractor's compensation, including, without limitation, any and all federal income taxes, territorial taxes, estimated taxes, or taxes imposed upon revenue or income by any governmental entity having taxing authority with respect to Contractor. MLTPA will not: (a) withhold taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act ("FICA") (e.g., Social Security, Medicare) from payments remitted by MLTPA to Contractor; (b) make FICA payments on Contractor's behalf; (c) make federal or state unemployment compensation contributions on Contractor's behalf; or (d) withhold federal or state income tax from payments remitted by MLTPA to Contractor.

3. **Term, Termination, and Survival**. This Agreement's term will begin on the Effective Date and will terminate upon completion of the Services set forth in Exhibit A or December 31, 2024, whichever occurs sooner ("Term"). Either Party may provide notice of termination of this Agreement at any time and for any reason with thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party has the option to terminate











Regional Updates: Easte e

Triad / Holmes Associates, Inc.

In witness whereof, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

MLTPA	TRIAD/HOLMES ASSOCIATES, INC.
By:	By:
Name: John Wentworth	Name: Tom Platz
Title: CEO	Title: President
Date: 4/25/2024	Date: 4/25/2024

Page 9 of 20









Page 16 of 16



Page 15 of 16

Regio

Triad /

Adam,

We signed the agreement on Friday, so I am reaching out to get the ball rolling on the campground surveys in Lee Vining.

Do we need to schedule a walk through for the Lee Vining Campgrounds like we did for Devil's Postpile Topo? I walked all three campgrounds this weekend, and Aspen and Moraine Campgrounds were closed still as of Saturday afternoon. We would like to get into those campgrounds ASAP preferably before they are opened, it will save us a lot of time if we can work in an empty campground. Who is my contact on the Mono Lake Ranger District? We will need to obtain a yale key like we did last time to get into the closed campgrounds.

Let us know what works for your schedule, we can make sure to have the crew there to walk the campgrounds with you.

Thanks,

Brooks Bryant

Triad/ Holmes Associates

Mammoth Lakes Office

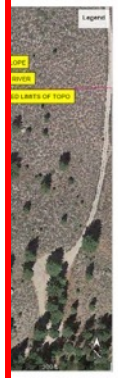
PO Box 1570 (mailing address)

549 Old Mammoth Rd Ste. 202

Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

O: 760-934-7588 ext. 2





Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects

USDA, Forest Service — OMB 0596-0217 FS-1500-10

FS Agreement No. 24-CS-11050400-006

Cooperator Agreement No. _____

CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between
MLTPA FOUNDATION
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
INYO NATIONAL FOREST

This CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT is hereby made and entered into by and between the MLTPA Foundation, hereinafter referred to as "MLTPA," and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Inyo National Forest hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service," under the authority: Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-154.

Background: The Inyo National Forest manages 80 campgrounds in the Eastern Sierra region. Many of them are long overdue for redesign and renovation to meet the needs of current visitors and to improve resilience to natural disturbances like floods and wildfires. Due to an acute lack of funding, the Inyo N.F. works with local partner organizations to pool resources to complete mutually beneficial projects.

Title: Great American Outdoors Act Inyo Campground Improvements

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to complete design and engineering survey work needed to renovate six Inyo National Forest campgrounds in accordance with the following provisions and the hereby incorporated Statement of Work and Financial Plan, attached as Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

MLTPA creates sustainable trail and recreation systems that support prosperous economies and healthy communities in Mammoth Lakes, the Eastern Sierra, and beyond. MLTPA and the Inyo National Forest have a shared interest in renovating aging campgrounds to provide a quality visitor experience, protect natural resources, mitigate damage from climate-driven disturbances, and to support the local economy which depends on outdoor recreation tourism. Completing project designs is a precursor to the Forest Service being able to contract for the renovation of the six campgrounds.

In Consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

Page 1 of 14 (Rev.3-15)



Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects

USDA, Forest Service — OMB 0596-0217 FS-1500-10

FF. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. This agreement is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through December 31, 2026 at which time it will expire. The expiration date is the final date for completion of all work activities under this agreement.

GG. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this agreement. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last date written below.

John Wentworth — Digitally signed by John Wentworth Date: 2024.04.23 04:29:12 -07'00'

JOHN WENTWORTH, CEO/Board President — Date
MLTPA FOUNDATION

Lesley Yen — Digitally signed by LESLEY YEN Date: 2024.04.23 14:11:15 -07'00'

LESLEY YEN, Forest Supervisor — Date
U.S. Forest Service, Inyo National Forest

The authority and format of this agreement have been reviewed and approved for signature.

HUGO MARTINEZ-ROACHO — Digitally signed by HUGO MARTINEZ-ROACHO Date: 2024.04.17 13:19:21 -04'00'

HUGO MARTINEZ-ROACHO — Date
U.S. Forest Service Grants Management Specialist

Page 13 of 14 (Rev.3-15)



Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects

John Northmore Roberts & Associates, Inc.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This Independent Contractor Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into, on the date of the signature dated last below (the "Effective Date"), by and between the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation ("MLTPA"), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, whose principal place of business is P.O. Box 100, PMB 432, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 and the independent contractor, John Northmore Roberts & Associates, Inc. (doing business as NorthmoreCorvillon and referred to herein as "Contractor", collectively referred to with MLTPA as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party"), whose principal place of business is 2927 Newbury St., Ste. B, Berkeley, CA 94703.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Services**. During this Agreement's Term (as defined in Section 3 below), Contractor agrees to provide services to MLTPA as described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Services"). Contractor will perform the Services in a diligent, careful, thorough, and professional manner consistent with customary practice and in compliance with applicable law. Contractor may use Contractor's employees or subcontractors to perform the services under this Agreement.

2. **Compensation and Expenses; Invoices and Payment**.

2.1 MLTPA will pay compensation to Contractor for performance of the Services as set forth in Exhibit A. Upon Contractor's submission of a signed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 to MLTPA, MLTPA shall make payable any such compensation within thirty (30) days of receipt of an authorized and approved invoice from Contractor upon completion of the Services or as specified in Exhibit A. Any payment made pursuant to this paragraph shall be sent to Contractor's address stated above and deemed paid upon placement in U.S. Mail. Contractor shall provide MLTPA with no more than one (1) invoice per month.

2.2 MLTPA will not reimburse Contractor for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Contractor in connection with performance of the Services, unless specified in Exhibit A.

2.3 Contractor will pay, when and as due, any and all taxes incurred as a result of Contractor's compensation, including, without limitation, any and all federal income taxes, territorial taxes, estimated taxes, or taxes imposed upon revenue or income by any governmental entity having taxing authority with respect to Contractor. MLTPA will not: (a) withhold taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act ("FICA") (e.g., Social Security, Medicare) from payments remitted by MLTPA to Contractor; (b) make FICA payments on Contractor's behalf; (c) make federal or state unemployment compensation contributions on Contractor's behalf; or (d) withhold federal or state income tax from payments remitted by MLTPA to Contractor.

3. **Term, Termination, and Survival**. This Agreement's term will begin on the Effective Date and will terminate on DATE ("Term"). OPTIONAL SENTENCE: Either Party may provide notice of termination of this Agreement at any time and for any reason with thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party has the option to terminate this Agreement immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following



Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects

MLTPA
MAMMOTH LAKES TRAILS · PUBLIC ACCESS

March 13, 2024

Matt Driscoll
Eastern Sierra Area Representative
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
PO Box 9245
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Re: Amendment Requests for Agreement Number 1586-RT

- Due to increased costs per prevailing wage requirements for the Triad Holmes Associates proposal that were received after the Progress Report was submitted and a variety of cost increases reflected in both contractor proposals due to inflation, we have determined that there is sufficient funding to pursue design and engineering planning for only 6 campgrounds as opposed to the originally proposed 9.

that the total budget for the project not be adjusted per the rationale that follows.

- Attorneys who serve pro bono on the MLTPA Board of Directors accessed expertise within their firms to advise MLTPA on prevailing wage issues associated with the two contractors identified in the "Next Steps" section of the Progress Report, John Northmore Roberts and Triad Holmes Associates. These two firms have been identified by Inyo National Forest staff as the preferred contractors for the project. Based on the advice of pro bono counsel, MLTPA has determined that the contract for Triad Holmes Associates for site survey work will need to be paid at California prevailing wages, while the contract for landscape architecture firm John Northmore Roberts can be paid without additional prevailing wage compensation.
- Adam Barnett, Recreation, Wilderness, and Wild & Scenic Rivers Program Manager for the Inyo National Forest and our principal project contact, advised for the Progress Report that producing technical drawings for improvements to the three Shady Rest campground

PO Box 100 PMB 432 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-0100
(760) 934-3154 [p] www.mltpa.org

sites are unlikely to proceed within the time frame of the grant given competing interests for the sites for community housing.

- Due to increased costs per prevailing wage requirements for the Triad Holmes Associates proposal that were received after the Progress Report was submitted and a variety of cost increases reflected in both contractor proposals due to inflation, we have determined that there is sufficient funding to pursue design and engineering planning for only 6 campgrounds as opposed to the originally proposed 9.
- While Adam Barnett was able to identify potential alternatives for the Shady Rest sites for design and engineering planning, there would still be insufficient funding within the current grant to pursue these alternative sites due to the higher than anticipated costs in the proposals from both John Northmore Roberts and Triad Holmes Associates.

Thank you for considering our request for an amendment as detailed to our agreement with SNC for the "Eastern Sierra Campground Improvements" project. We look forward to your thoughts and addressing any questions you may have.

Best –

John Wentworth
CEO / Board President
MLTPA Foundation

PO Box 100 PMB 432 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-0100
(760) 934-3154 [p] (866) 760-0285 [f] www.mltpa.org

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects

From: **Kristy Williams** kristywilliams@mltpa.org
Subject: Re: MLTPA - Fwd: #1596-RT Amendment request questions
Date: April 15, 2024 at 5:51 PM
To: Matt Driscoll Matt.Driscoll@sierranevada.ca.gov
Cc: Chelsea Taylor chelseataylor@mltpa.org, John Wentworth johnwentworth@mltpa.org



Hi Matt,

Thanks for your help with our amendment.

Triad Engineering Prevailing vs Non Prevailing Wage Analysis:
We requested an analysis from Triad Engineering for additional information on the cost of their services without prevailing wage considerations and their analysis is included below.

- **Prevailing Wage Field Survey Cost Estimate:**
  - 274 Total Survey Hours @ 2-Man **Prevailing Wage Rate ($390/hr)= $106,860**
  - 274 Hours @ Drafting Rate ($110/hr)=30,140
  - 44 hours @ Coordination Rate ($180/hr)=$8,000
  - **Total=$145,000**

- **Non-Prevailing Wage Field Survey Cost Estimate:**
  - 274 Total Survey Hours @ 2-man **Non-Prevailing Wage Rate ($255/hr)=$69,870**
  - 274 Hours @ Drafting Rate ($110/hr)=30,140
  - 44 Hours @ Coordination Rate ($180/hr)=$8,000
  - **Total=$108,010**

- Note that prevailing wage added an effective 34% increase in the total project cost for SURVEY work.

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



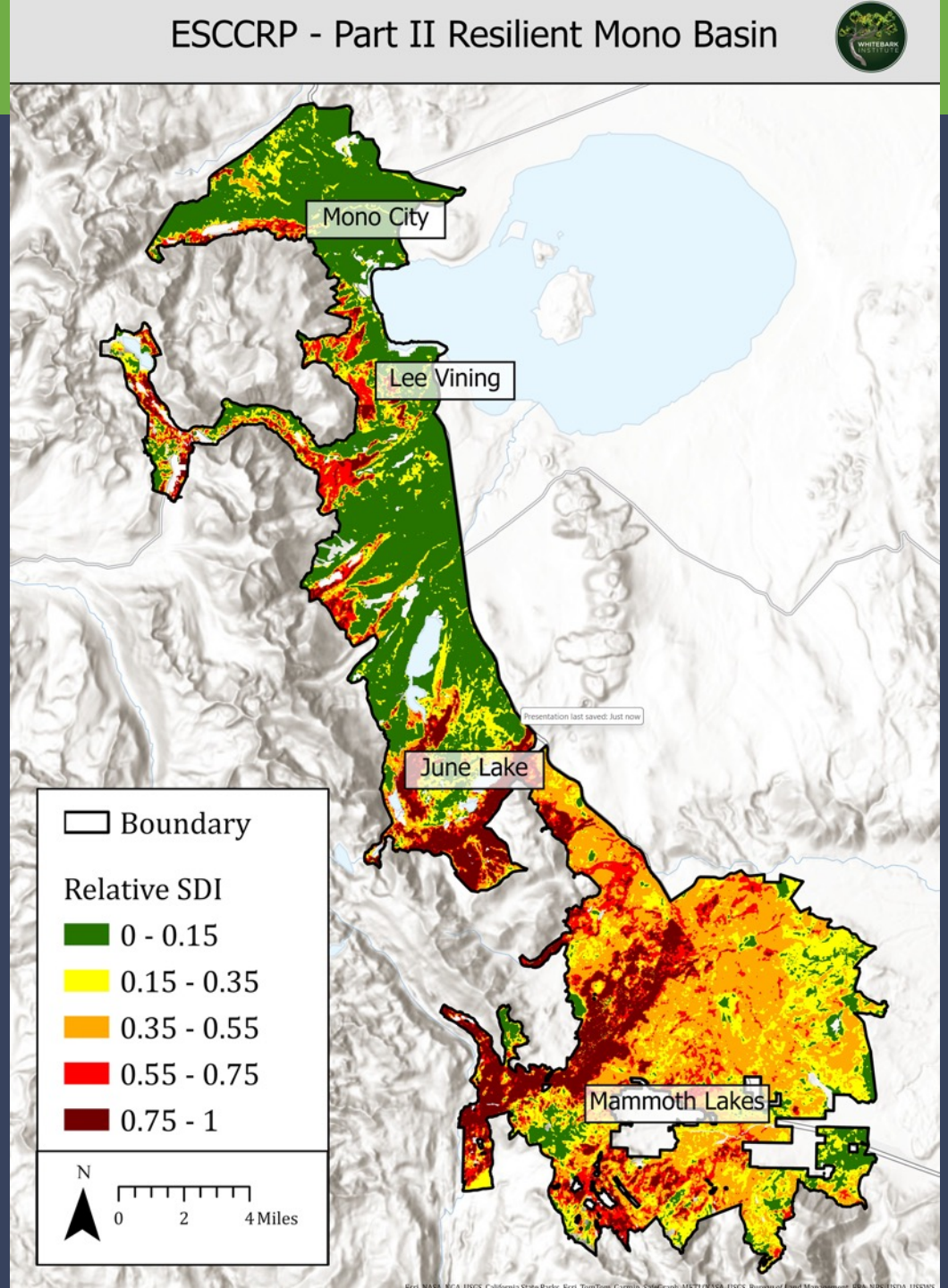
Rick Kattelman
Scientific Advisor







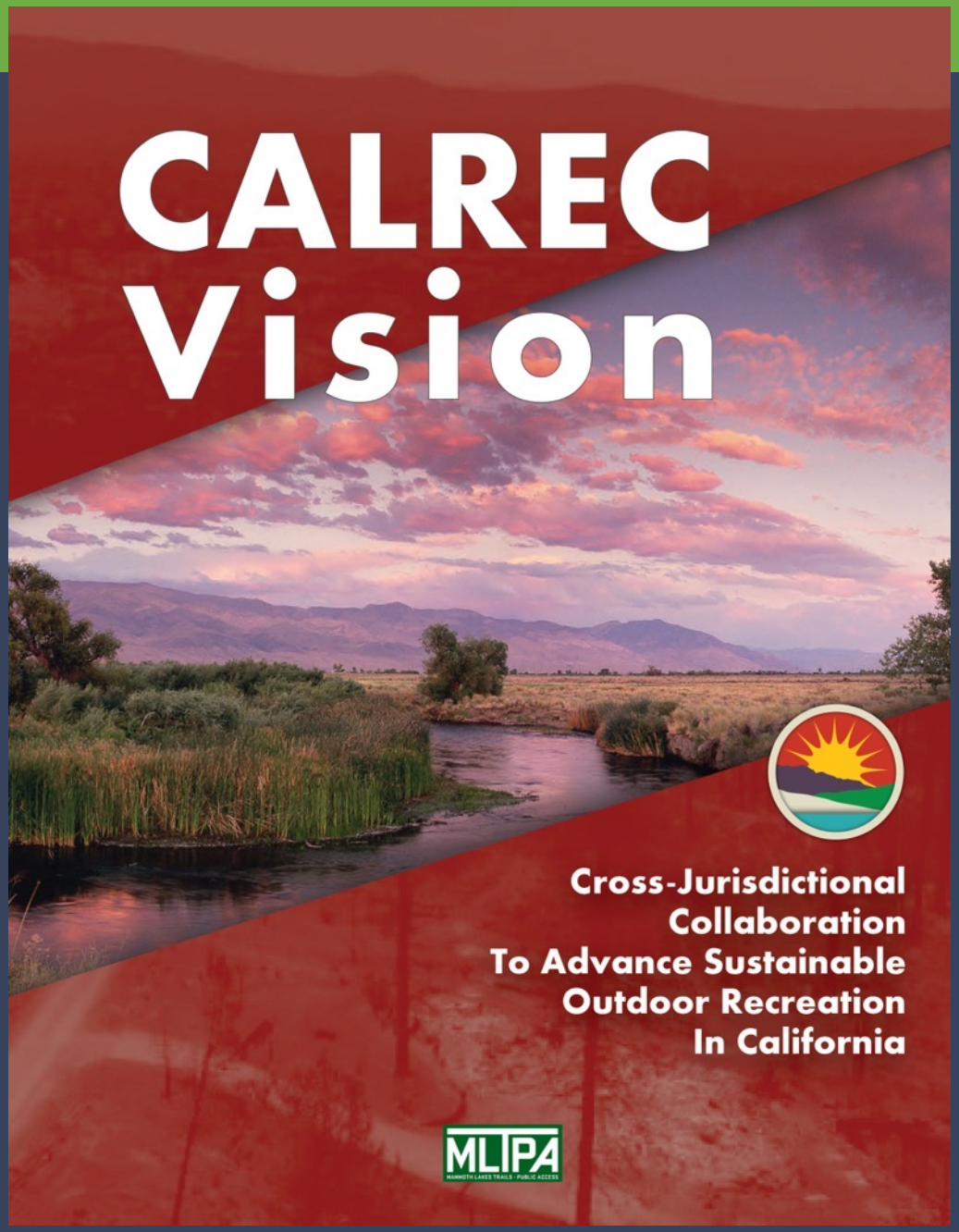
RECAP



"This is a snapshot of forest densities of the ESCCRP and western Mono Basin, which is being proposed as a northern extension of the ESCCRP, the "Resilient Mono Basin"

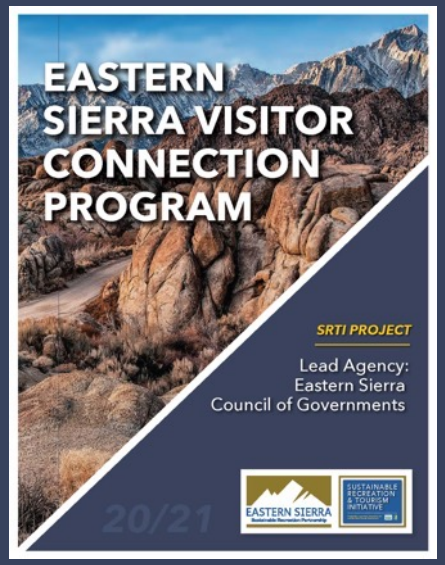
"The areas in red depict where forest densities are so high we can expect imminent mortality in stands at very high levels (think Inyo craters at a bigger scale) if no action is taken.

"Areas in Orange are on the "watch list" and will likely succumb to mortality under climatic extremes."


CALREC
Vision
Cross-Jurisdictional
Collaboration
To Advance Sustainable
Outdoor Recreation
In California
MLTPA


CALIFORNIA
WILDFIRE
& FOREST
RESILIENCE
TASK FORCE
CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY
FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR
RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE
PREPARED FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE
ANDFOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE
DECEMBER 12, 2022

Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



WHITEBARK INSTITUTE

MLTPA
MAMMOTH LAKES TRAILS · PUBLIC ACCESS

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION
CAL FIRE
SINCE 1885

SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

Recreate Responsibly California



Happy Earth Month Recreate Responsibly California Coalition Members,

At our last meeting, we welcomed some new members and had another great round of updates from participants. A strong theme of this meeting relates to partnerships and opportunities to collaborate and we've included lots of great information about new, and new to us, connections worth knowing about. We hope you enjoy these updates, resources, and event information from our members.

Partnerships, Connections, & Education Campaigns

Tourism Partnerships with Leave No Trace This program within LNT uses the Center's messaging to ensure that all travelers—residents and visitors alike—are well equipped to take action to protect land and water resources. The Tourism Partnerships staff helps partners produce location-specific campaigns that incorporate core Leave No Trace assets.

- Visit their website for example partnerships and to sign up for the newsletter.

National Extension Outdoor Recreation Working Group, a sub-committee of the National Extension Tourism Working Group, is taking a closer look at how outdoor recreation works in local economies and the role extension programs can play in providing technical assistance at the local level. Extension programs in California currently assist communities and regions by collecting data, providing capacity for relationship building, and participating in important efforts, like California Jobs First.

- Land managers and other community groups are welcome to join. Learn more and sign up to join the mailing list here.

Events, Meetings, & Conferences

Central Coast Tourism Council (CCTC) has a couple of opportunities to connect and all are welcome.

- **CCTC Annual Retreat and Planning Session** will be held in Monterey from **April 21st - 23rd.** The event will have many speakers relevant to this group, including a representative of JLL and Travel California.
  - Take a look at the itinerary and register here by April 8th. Any questions about the retreat can be sent to Christine Thomas at hello@centralcoast-tourism.com

- **Earth Day Volunteers Needed!** CCTC is celebrating Earth Month by tabling at Earth Day events across Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Volunteers are needed to work 2-3 hour shifts. If you are interested in signing up or have any questions, please reach out to Event Manager, Camden at camden@lpfw.org
  - **Santa Ynez Valley: April 13, 10 AM - 2 PM**
  - **Ventura: April 20, 11 AM - 4 PM**
  - **Ojai: April 25, 3 PM - 7 PM**
  - **Santa Barbara: April 27, 9 AM - 7 PM & April 28, 9 AM - 6 PM**

Celebrate Our Parks! A reminder to mark your calendars for these designated weeks.

- **National Park Week** is **April 20th** to **April 28th**. Learn more about the programs, partners, and events happening at the NPS webpage, here. Additionally, Members shared that many parks impacted by fires last year will be opening this summer. Included are Death Valley and Sequoia-Kings Canyon.
- **California State Parks Week** is **June 12th** to **16th, 2024.** Find an event near you here!

Together Bay Area Conference is **May 7th - 10th, 2024** in San Francisco. This event will focus on how regional collaboration can support urgent needs and long-term transformation across land conservation and stewardship; Tribal alliances and right relations; and securing significant and stable regional funding.

- Learn more and register here.

Mammoth Lakes Recreation: News from the Trailhead



MESSAGE FROM MLR

Can you believe it - Mammoth Lakes Recreation became an active non-profit 10 years ago!?!?!?!

As we continue to evolve as an organization, and grow the arts & culture community and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities in Mammoth Lakes and the Eastern Sierra, we are grateful for your support and involvement!

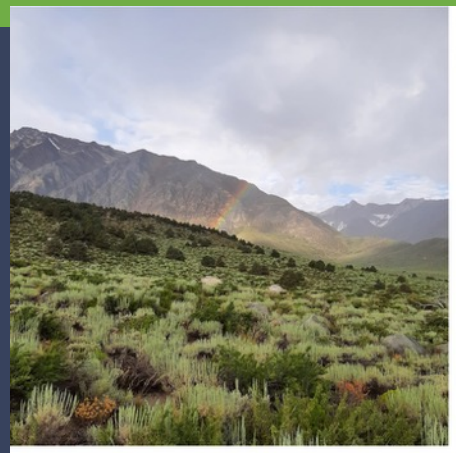
Spring has sprung and this month we will be turning the gears ever so slowly from winter to summer. If you are a new or returning volunteer, join us at the annual volunteer orientation for our stewardship programs. Following the orientation, we will host the bi-annual Mammoth Trails meeting to learn what is ahead for summer from the Town's Office of Outdoor Recreation, the Mono County Sustainable Outdoors and Recreation program, the Inyo National Forest and many of our local organizations and clubs.

Please join us for all the fun!

With gratitude,

Kim

Kim Anaclerio
Program Director



CSA1: NEW TRAILS EFFORTS

We all love to get outside and play, right? The Community Service Area 1 (CSA1), out of Crowley, is spearheading efforts to bring more opportunities to play on trails!

Check out the full story on the MLR website to learn all about what is being planned for the CSA1 area.

LEARN MORE

MAMMOTH TRAILS
RECREATION FOR ALL

BI-ANNUAL MAMMOTH TRAILS MEETING

Join us for the bi-annual Mammoth Trails Meeting!

Thursday, April 25, 2024
Mammoth Brewing Company
6:00pm - 8:00pm

More information on the event page on the MLR website.

LEARN MORE



DID YOU KNOW? INYO NATIONAL FOREST

With Mammoth Lakes Recreation being based out of Mammoth Lakes, CA, we are completely surrounded by the Inyo National Forest.

Mammoth Lakes comprises 4-square miles of land; an island within the forest. Enjoy these fun facts and get to know the Inyo!

LEARN MORE

Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

- Town of Mammoth Lakes
- National Park Service
- Mono County
- Inyo National Forest, USFS
- Inyo County
- HT National Forest, USFS
- ESCOG
- City of Bishop
- CALTRANS
- BLM
- Alpine County

Next Meeting - First Monday of the Month @ 3:30

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday June 3, 2024 @ 3:30 PM