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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



Pinyon Community Climate Action Project

- Emma Victoria Sage
- Alexander Basaraba
- Maxine Gill
- Paul Berne Burow

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Sierra Jobs First Collaborative

- Recreation / Tourism Partners
  - Westside + Eastside
- Arts + Culture Community
- Sierra Business Council

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September Meeting Date

- Move from Labor Day September 2
- Reschedule to September 9

Headlines of Interest

The Washington Post

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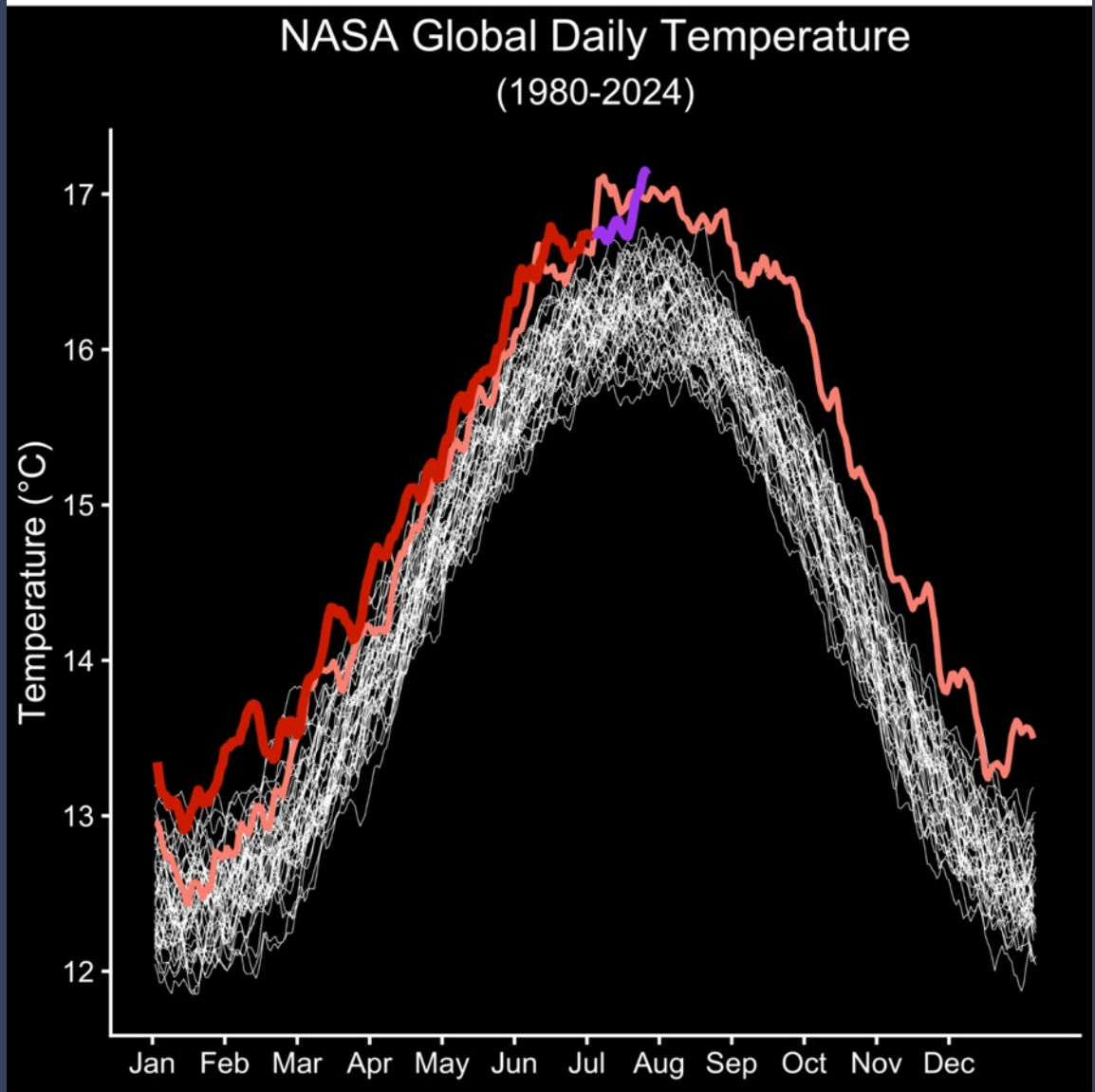
July was also the hottest month on record for dozens of other cities in the western United States, including Sacramento, Las Vegas and Portland, Ore.

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A stop sign warns tourists of extreme heat at Badwater Basin in Death Valley National Park, Calif., on July 8. (Daniel Jacobi II/AP)

NASA Data Shows July 22 Was Earth's Hottest Day on Record



Headlines of Interest

The Washington Post

Earth broke all-time heat record two days in a row, scientists say

Global temperatures Monday were highest ever observed – breaking a record set only 24 hours earlier.

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A man tries to sell flowers to people enjoying the views of the full moon rising near the Acropolis amid a heat wave in Athens on Sunday. (Louisa Gouliamaki/Reuters)

Headlines of Interest

CDC

Extreme Heat

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Extreme Heat | Heat-Related Illnesses | Risk Factors and Heat-Related Illness | Hot Weather Tips | View All

Extreme Heat and Your Health

KEY POINTS

- Heat related deaths and illnesses are preventable. Despite this fact, approximately 1,220 people in the United States are killed by extreme heat every year.
- This website provides helpful tips, information, and resources to help you stay safe in the extreme heat this summer.

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Health effects

Who is at increased risk

Tips to stay safe

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What is extreme heat?

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Heat Safety Tips and Resources

Weather.gov > Safety > Heat Safety Tips and Resources

Safety
National Program

Heat Safety | Heat Watch vs. Warning | Heat Forecast Tools | During a Heat Wave | Heat Related Illnesses



Heat Safety Resources

- Heat Safety
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- Seasonal Safety Campaign
- Ultraviolet (UV) Safety
- Games and Activities for Kids
- Survivor Stories
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- Links and Partners

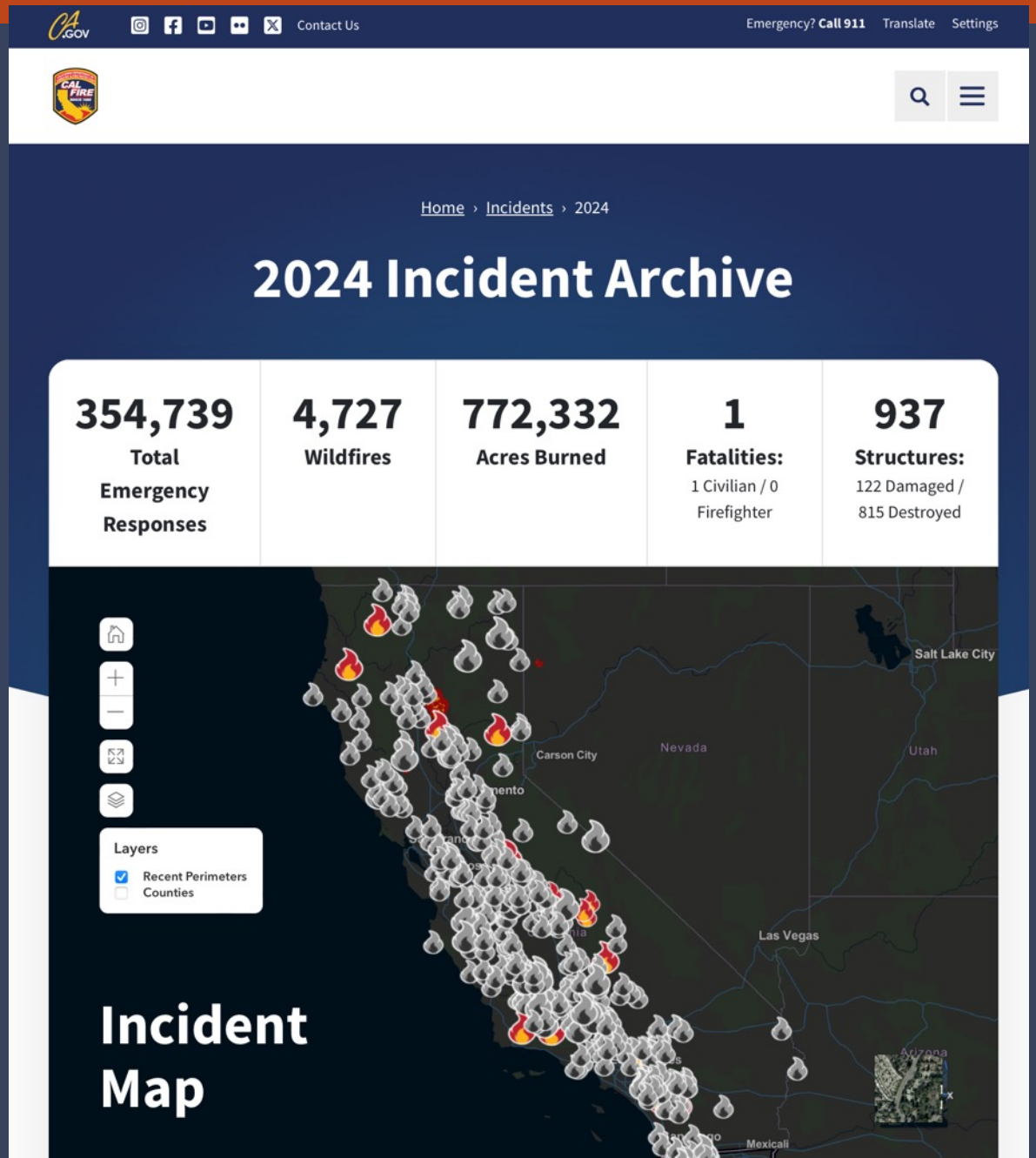
Heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year. Heat can be very taxing on the body; check out the heat related illnesses that can occur with even a short period of exposure. Everyone can be vulnerable to heat, but some more so than others. According to *The Impacts Of Climate Change On Human Health In The United States: A Scientific Assessment* the following groups are particularly vulnerable to heat; check in with friends and relatives who fall in one of these populations, especially if they don't have air conditioning.

- **Young children and infants** are particularly vulnerable to heat-related illness and death, as their bodies are less able to adapt to heat than are adults.
- **Older adults**, particularly those with pre existing diseases, take certain medications, are living alone or with limited mobility who are exposed to extreme heat can experience multiple adverse effects.
- **People with chronic medical conditions** are more likely to have a serious health problem during a heat wave than healthy people.
- **Pregnant women are also at higher risk.** Extreme heat events have been associated with adverse birth outcomes such as low birth weight, preterm birth, and infant mortality, as well as congenital cataracts.

It is **NEVER** safe to leave a child, disabled person or pet locked in a car, even in the winter. If you have a toddler in your household, lock your cars, even in your own driveway. Kids play in cars or wander outside and get into a car and can die in 10 minutes! **A reported 29 children died in hot cars in 2023. To see the latest information for 2024, go to this link.** Deaths routinely are reported as early as April and tragedies continue into December in southern states.

NWS Safety information on Children, Pets and Vehicles: Find out more about how cars can heat up quickly when left in the sun. Information and resources in both English and Spanish from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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FOREST ORDER NO. 05-04-50-24-10
USDA Forest Service
Inyo National Forest
Stage I Fire Restrictions

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Inyo National Forest. This Order is effective from July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal briquettes except in the Developed Recreation Sites listed in Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within the Developed Recreation Sites listed in Exhibit A, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).

3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.

2. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions contained in this Order. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit, however, may use a portable stove or lantern that is solely fueled by pressurized liquid petroleum or pressurized gas (LPG) fluids, and is outfitted with a fuel shut off valve.

3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

4. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence in one of the residence tracts listed in Exhibit B are exempt from Prohibition No. 1 while they are at their recreation residence, provided that the activity is done in compliance with the terms of the permit.

5. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for an organization camp, pack station, range permittee, or resort listed in Exhibit B are exempt from Prohibition No.1 while at their organization camp or resort, provided that the activity is done in compliance with the terms of the permit.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions contained in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

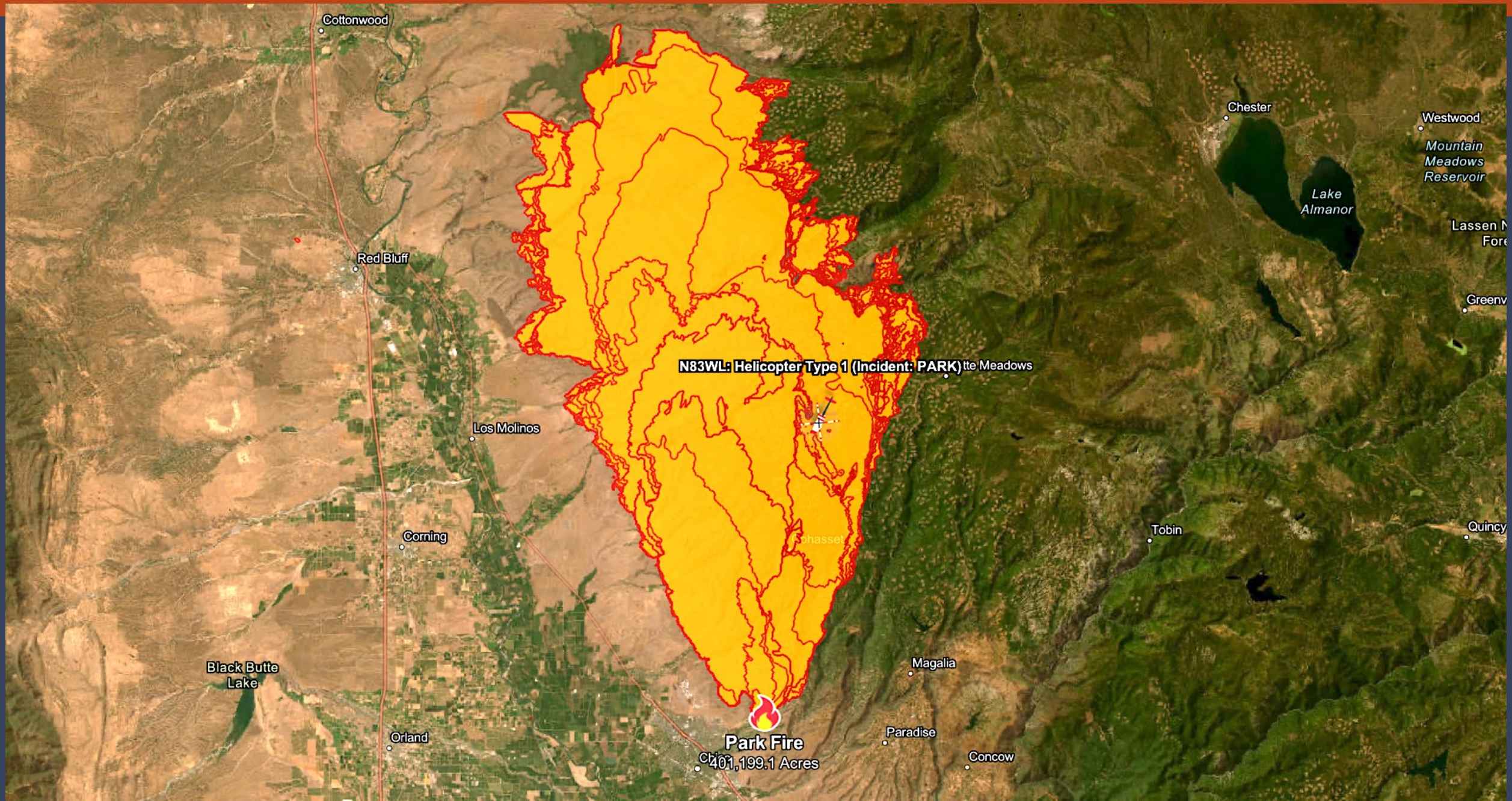
A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Bishop, California, on this 26th day of June 2024.

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LESLEY YEN
Forest Supervisor

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Event Calendar



Sagebrush and Solitude: Maynard Dixon in Nevada

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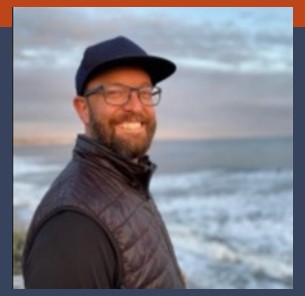
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Colin Robertson Appointed as First Administrator of Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation

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DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION OVERVIEW

Presentation to the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership

April 4, 2022

Presented by:

Colin Robertson, *Administrator*

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Audubon

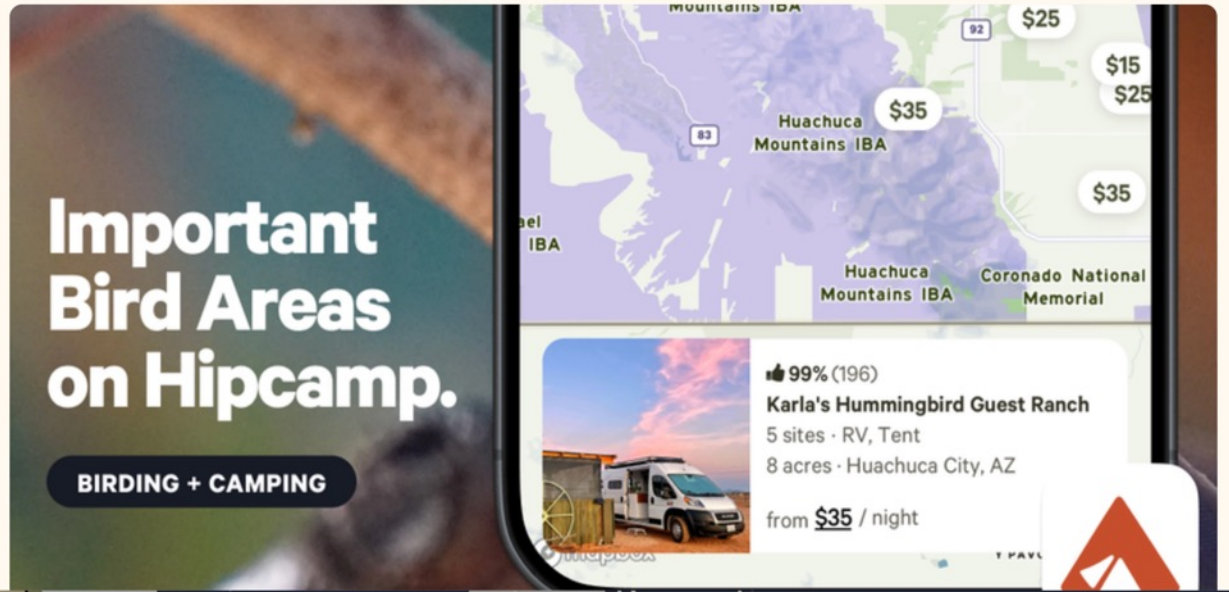
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Rust College's Birds of a Feather Audubon on Campus chapter enjoy a bonfire during their annual campout. Photo: Sydney Walsh/Audubon

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Bee Heroic

Bee Aware. Bee Proactive. Bee Heroic.

Our mission at Bee Heroic is to provide an information-to-action platform for initiating practices that will save and protect Earth's bees, and all of it's extraordinary pollinators, from near-term extinction.

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Bee Heroic was established from the necessity of saving the bees and other pollinators from projected extinction.

The bee is one of the roughly 900,000 *documented* species of insects, but scientists estimate there are about 20 million yet to be documented. Bees - wild and domesticated - are part of the Hymenoptera order of insects which includes among them wasps, flies, ants and others that make up cornerstone insects; but we need all insects for healthy eco and food systems; upon which, human health, economies, and lives, depend.

Bee Heroic is an adult focused *pollinator and climate* project that hosts and joins events throughout the US.

Earth's current mass extinction event is rarely mentioned in mainstream media. Because of this, many people do not realize our ecosystems and agriculture are in peril. Current pollinator and ecosystems problems will not wait another generation. As an adult

Bee Heroic in 2024

Pollen Nations Count

The great pollen nation includes the scope of winged and terrestrial insects, birds, bats, and other animals responsible for pollinating the bulk of Earth's ecosystem and agricultural flowering plants that don't rely on wind for pollination

These amazing animals have co-evolved with the plants they pollinate, and are largely responsible for the perpetuation and health of land based forest, riparian, and desert eco-systems.

Unfortunately, nearly all species of pollinators are in peril. As ecosystems are destroyed for real estate, commercial or civic use, resources are polluted, valuable habitat disappears leaving many of these animals homeless, starving, or poisoned. In addition to those impacts, human technologies - from agrochemical, to 5th Generation (5G) cellular, to geoengineering are accelerating the Extinction of Earth's remaining pollinators.

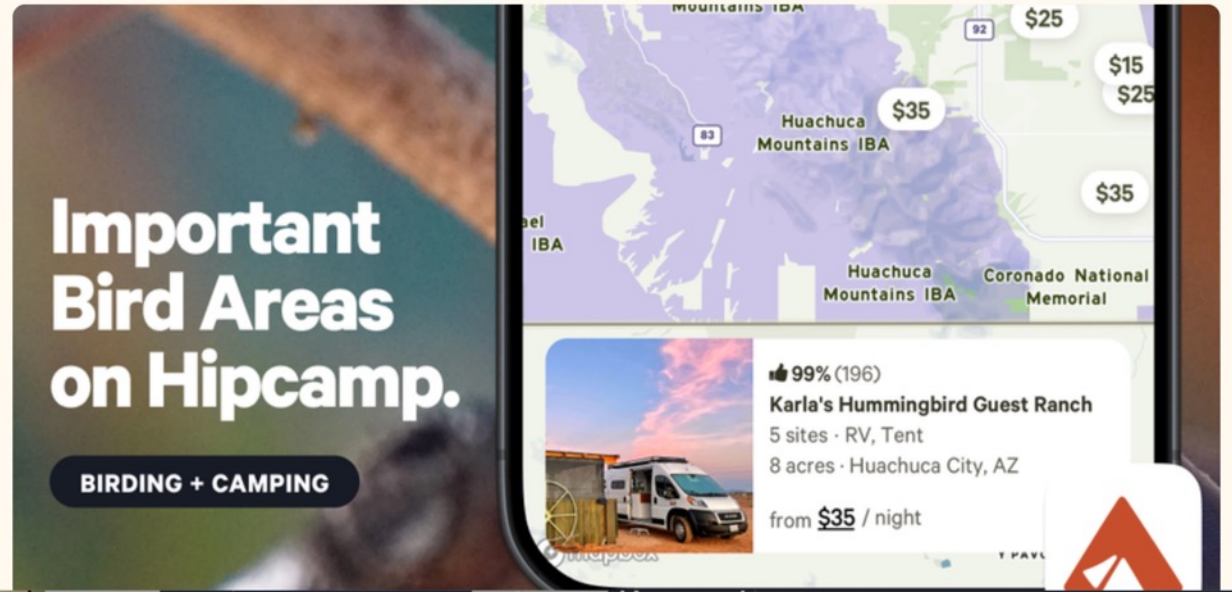
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San Francisco Chronicle

e-Edition Account

US & WORLD // CALIFORNIA

California's massive dam removal project faces new problem: wild horses

By Kurtis Alexander, Reporter

Updated Aug 2, 2024 7:56 p.m.

Gift Article



Wild horses graze along Jenny Creek near Iron Gate Dam in Siskiyou County. Managers of the Klamath River dam-removal project say the horses are interfering with efforts to revegetate areas where the dams are coming down.

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PARIS 2024

At the sacred home of Olympic surfing, fear and wonder are inseparable

At mighty Teahupo'o, Olympians don't defeat nature. They survive it.

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Connor O'Leary of Japan surfs at Teahupo'o. (Ed Sloane/AP)

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The Washington Post



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By Janice Kai Chen, Rachel Lerman and Kate Rabinowitz

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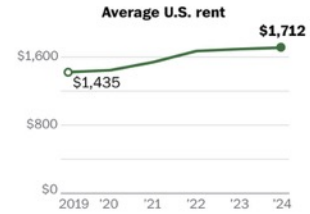
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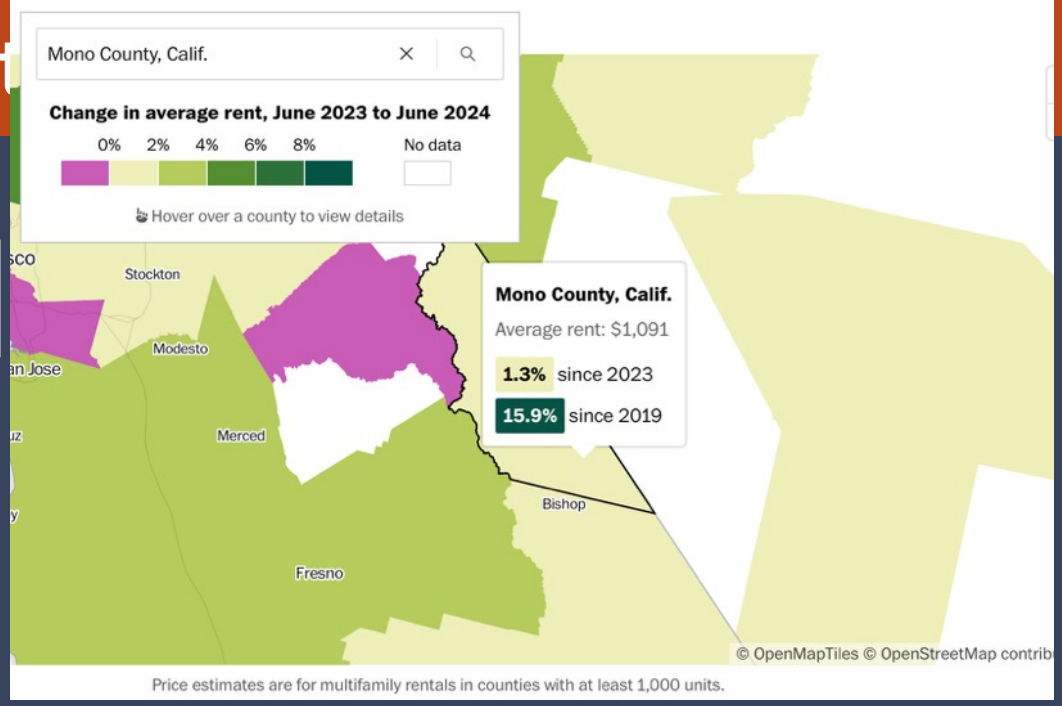
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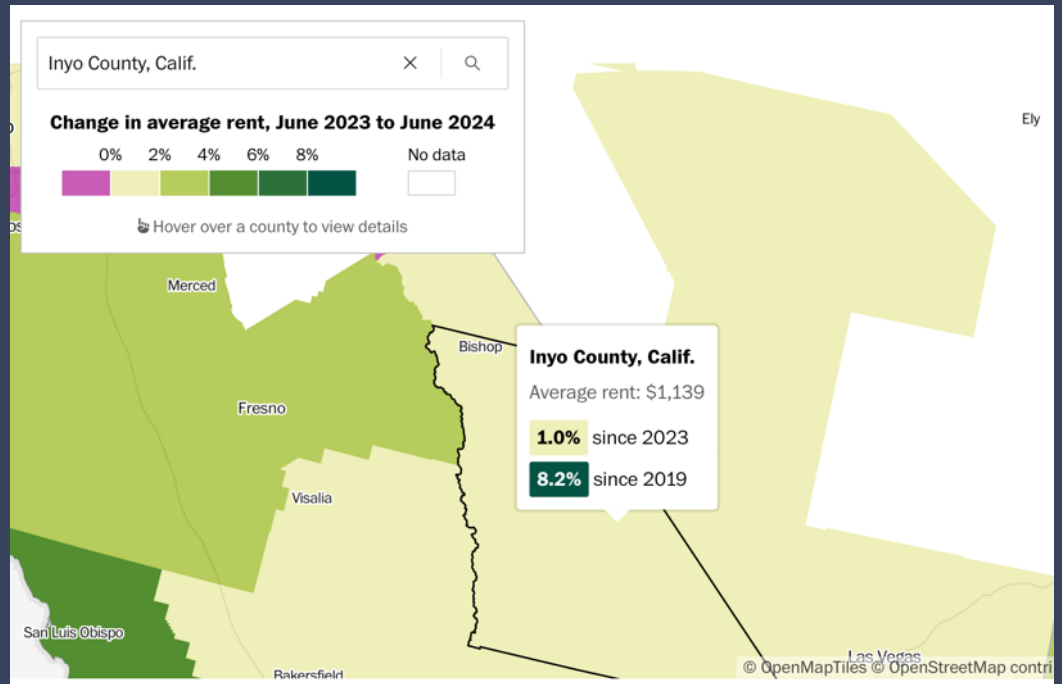
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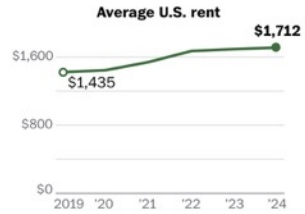
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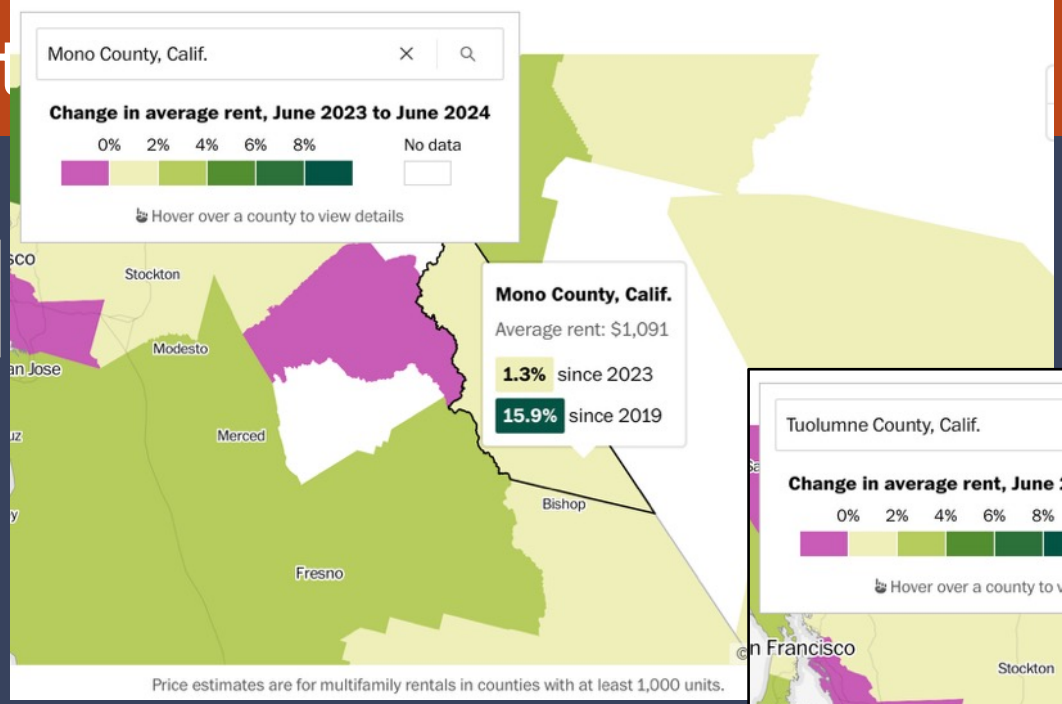
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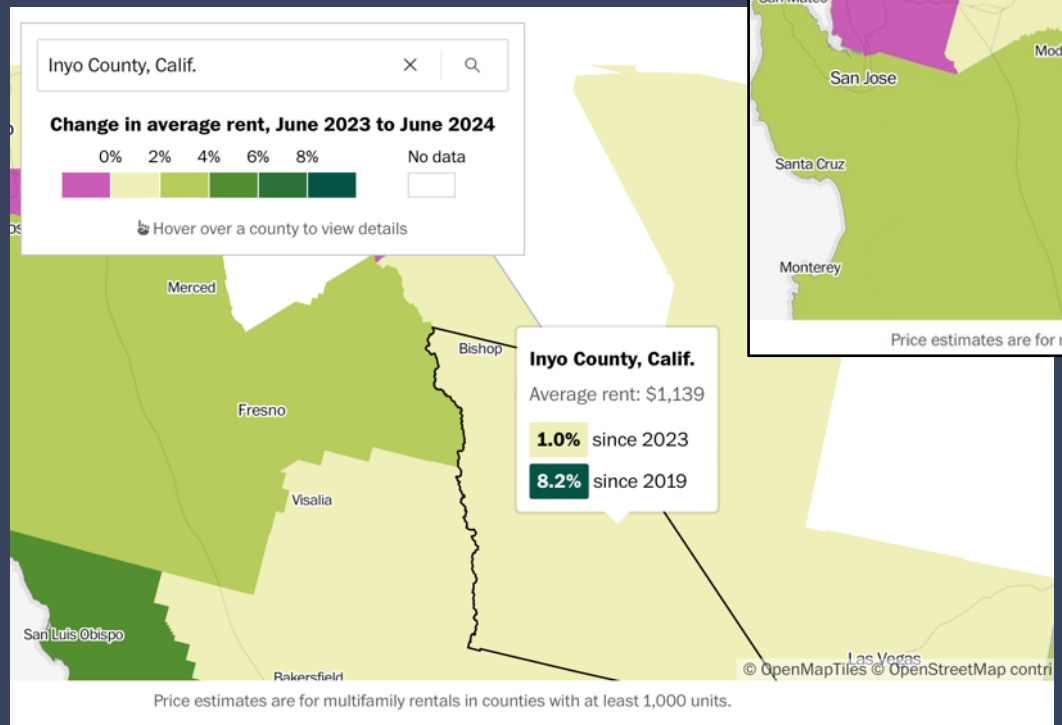
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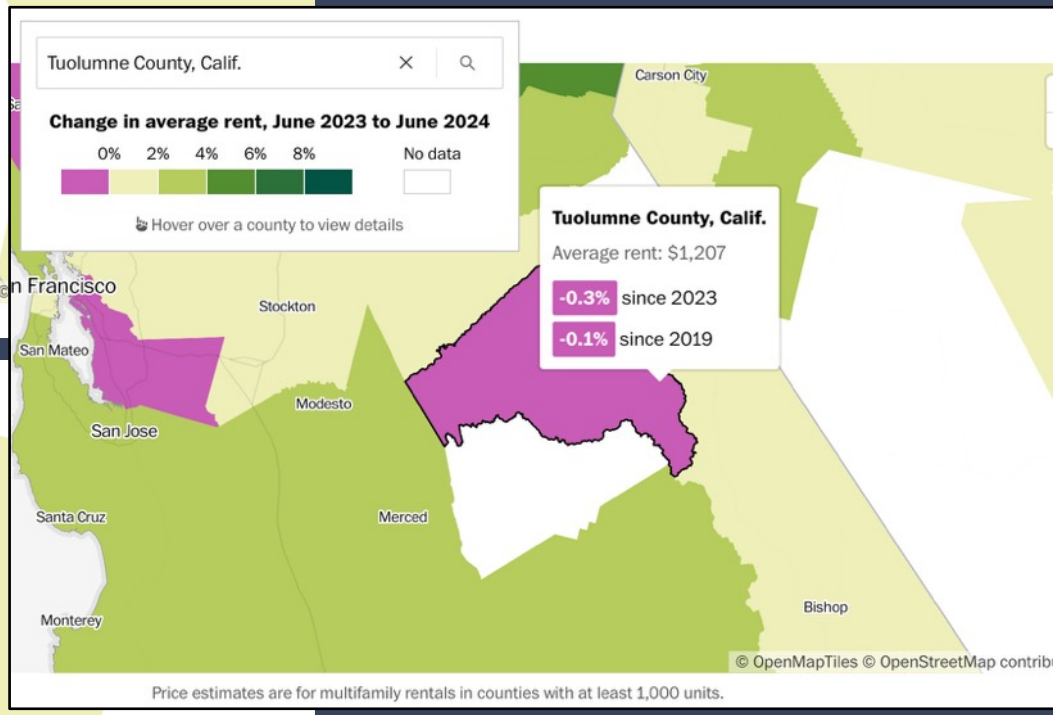
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What's new with Sierra Jobs First?

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INDUSTRY SECTOR COORDINATORS

Hello John,

Jill forwarded me your email with questions while Erika is out. This looks like an old version of the RFP somehow... we will clarify the relevant questions, wording and descriptions and repost on Monday. In the meantime, I've answered your questions in the response tool in adobe in the attached document.

Best to you
Kristin

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AMERICA'S SBDC CALIFORNIA NORTHERN CA NETWORK SIERRA

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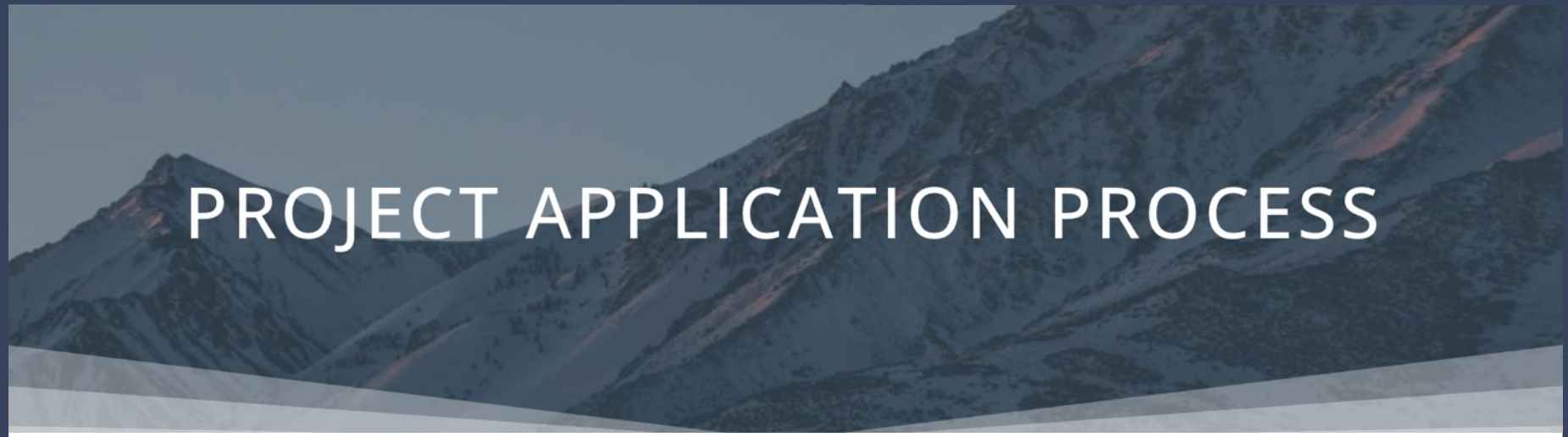
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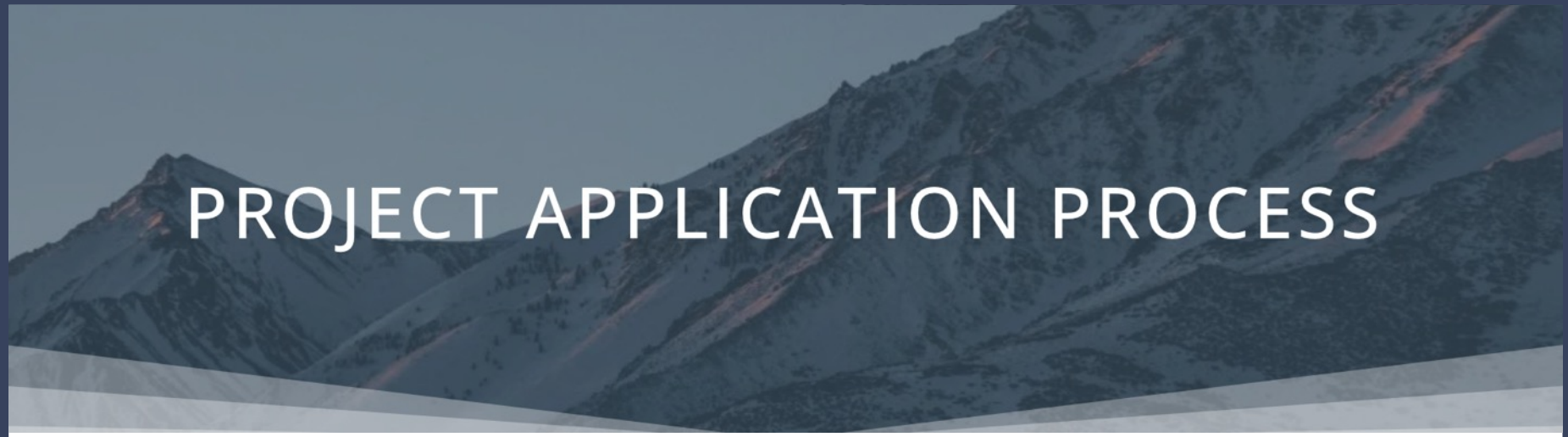
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Project Timeline

July 12: The Draft RFP Packet and workshop process sent to the Sierra Jobs First Collaborative.

Aug. 5: Google Form deadline for those who wish to receive technical assistance.

August 12 & 13: Five Project Technical Assistance Workshops

Please mark your calendars for the following project workshops that will be held in person throughout the region.

August 12:

- Sonora, 3-5pm

August 13:

- Mammoth Lakes, 9-12pm
- Bishop, 1:30-3:30pm
- Sonora, 10:30-12:30pm

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- **RFP – Opens 9/1 & Closes 10/31**
- November Review / PI Subcommittee
- November 22: In-person Council Meeting & Pitch Session
- December 6: Virtual Vote Council Meeting

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7/22/24: Strategic Planning Update – Next Review Period Pushed Back to Aug. 5th-9th

Thank you again to all who provided feedback on the Draft Strategies Packet. As previously announced, we received nearly 430 formal public comments during the last comment period in addition to the nearly 150 comments that came in verbally during meetings with various members of the Collaborative.

Due to the number of comments, an extensive internal review of those comments, and other delays, our team has made the decision to push back our next public review period in order to deliver a higher-quality product to you all.

This means we will have to shorten the next review period (Aug. 5-9) to one week from the originally scheduled 2-week review period. We apologize for any inconvenience and understand the scheduling challenges that this may present. We do, however, think that this will ultimately lead to a better quality product, and we appreciate your flexibility and understanding.

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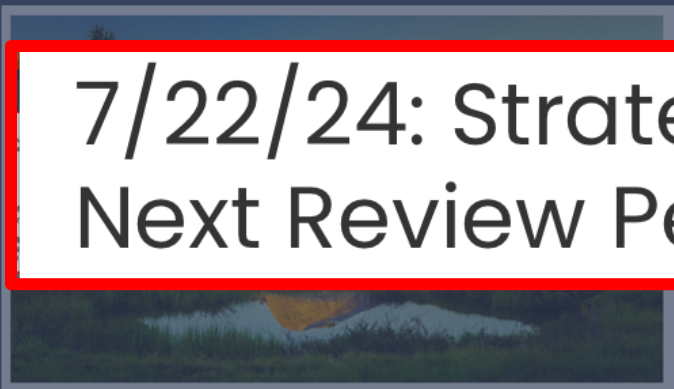
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August 23	Governing Council Vote on Strategic Plan
August 29	Submission to State

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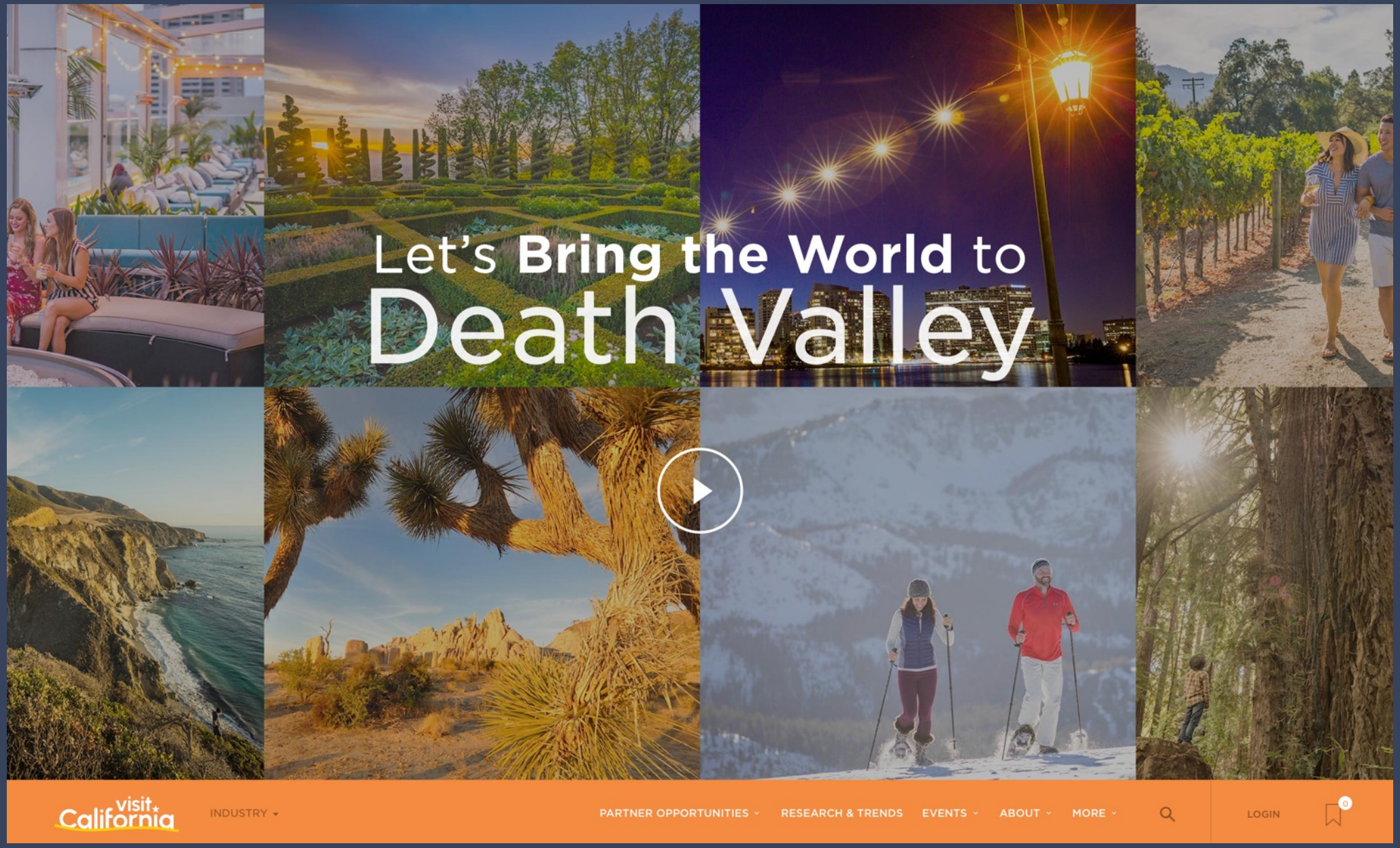
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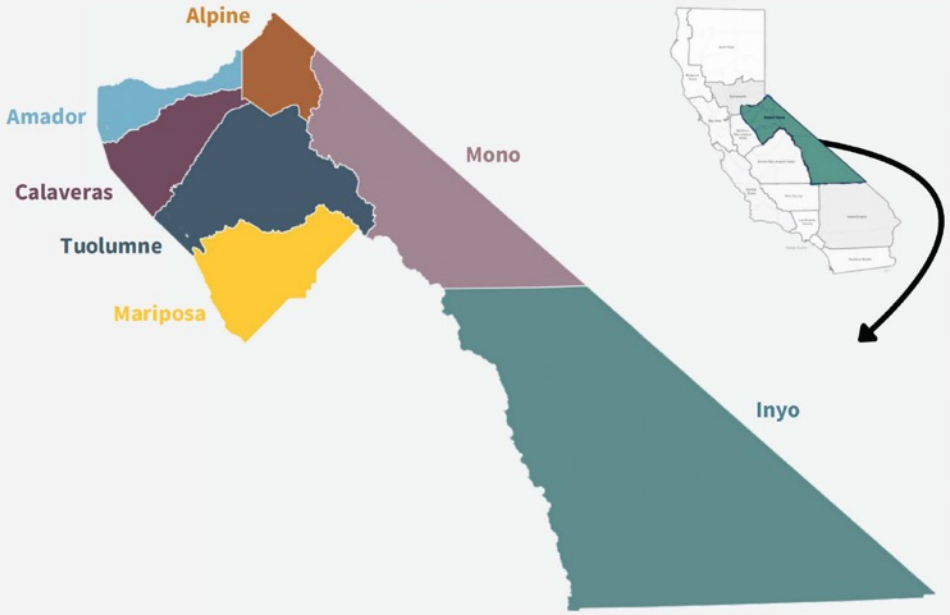
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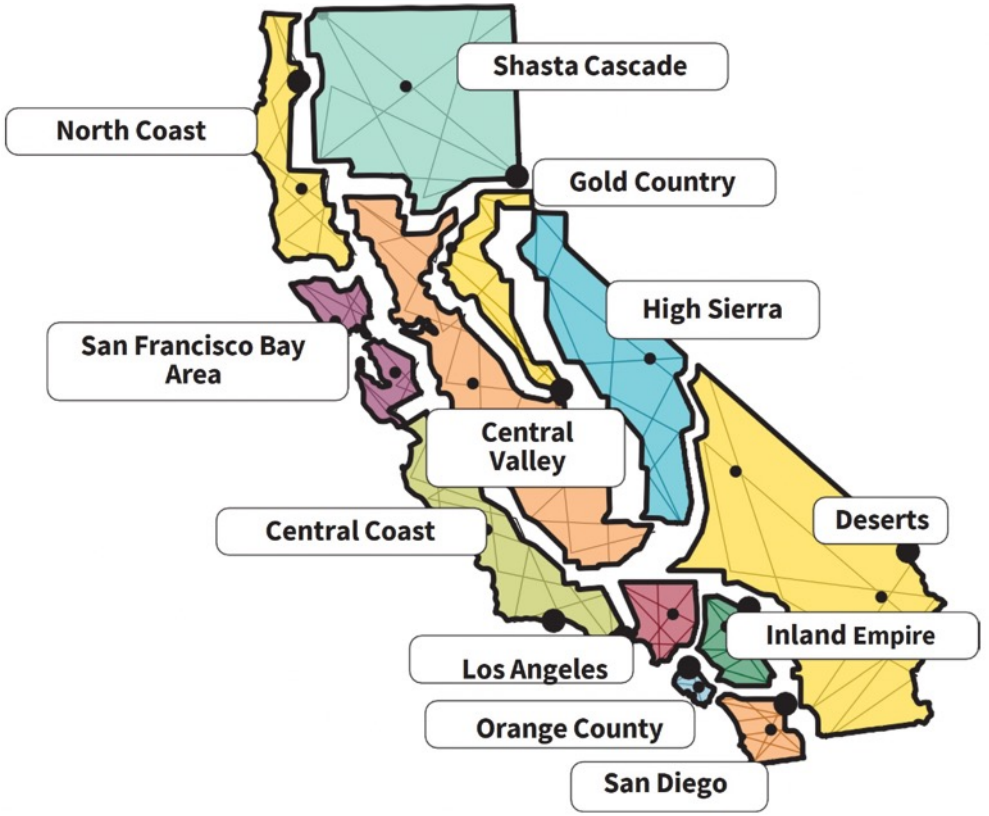
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Sierra Jobs First's communities are strong, with vibrant downtowns and local economies built around the incredible natural features and ecosystem services of the region, including the National Parks, forests, deserts, and watersheds. There are immense opportunities and enthusiasm for empowering this region's economies, workforce, indigenous cultures, land, and people through California Jobs First investments.

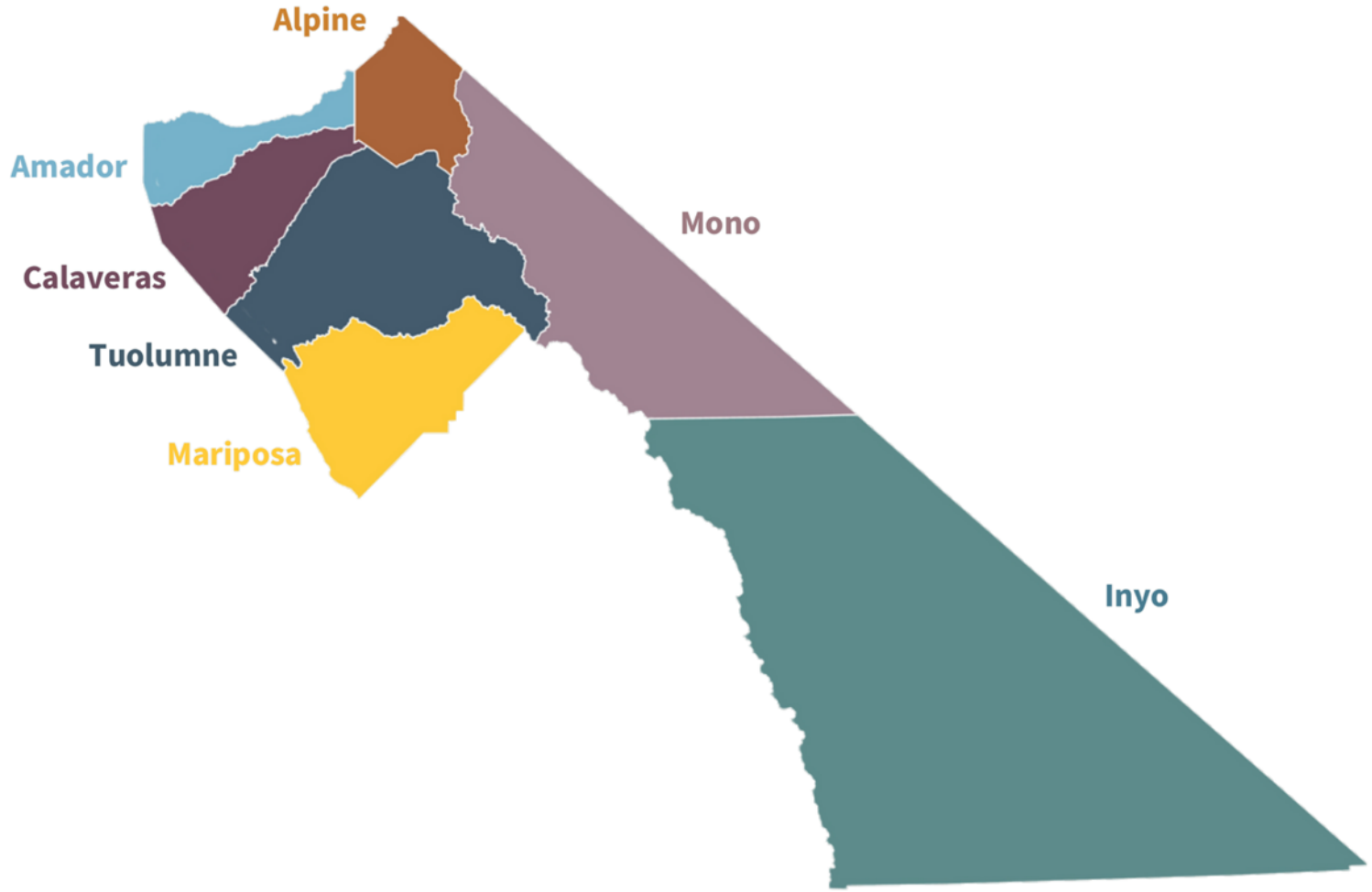


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Regional Strategic Plan Update

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

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."

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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:

- **Director of the Governor's Office of Planning & Research**: promoting alignment with General Plan guidelines and land use policies
- **Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency**: representing nature-based solutions and clean energy industries
- **Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture**: representing the agriculture industry
- **Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency**: representing the circular economy
- **Secretary of the California Health & Human Services Agency**: representing the healthcare industry and promoting jobs for disabled and disadvantaged workers
- **Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs**: representing the more than 1.6 million former service members that reside in the state
- **President of the Public Utilities Commission**: representing opportunities to advance California's clean energy workforce of the future and economic opportunities for communities

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Mountain bikers take in the views of Mount Tallac from the Powerline Trail above South Lake Tahoe. Soon they'll have to share 106 miles of trails in the basin with e-bikers.

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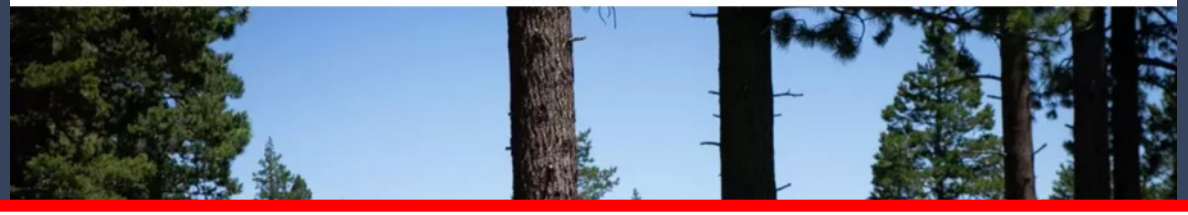
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> Bicycle advocates say the plan could turbo-charge a broad effort to create the kind of cohesive trail network that could make Tahoe a fully bikeable region — a vision many have dreamed about for years. It would be the first time in the United States that e-bikes have been given this much access to a national forest.

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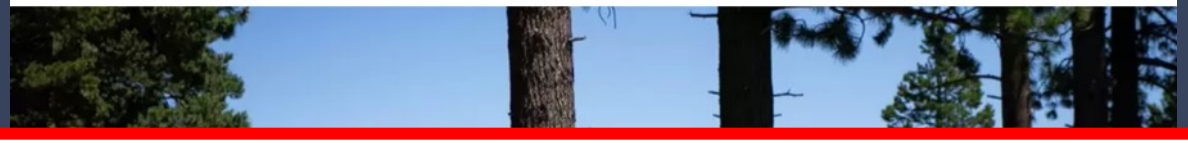
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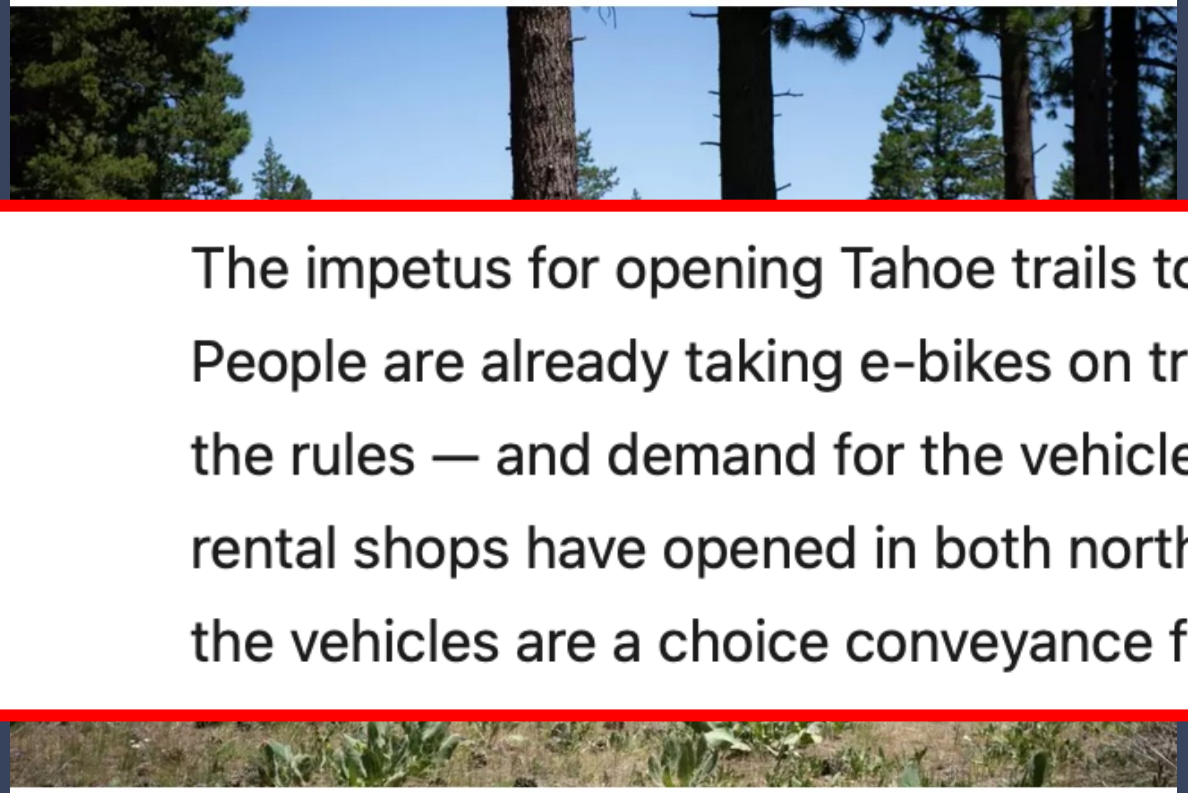
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The impetus for opening Tahoe trails to e-bikes was simple, Gabor said: People are already taking e-bikes on trails — even though it may be against the rules — and demand for the vehicles is increasing nationwide. E-bike rental shops have opened in both north and south Tahoe in recent years, and the vehicles are a choice conveyance for locals and visitors alike.

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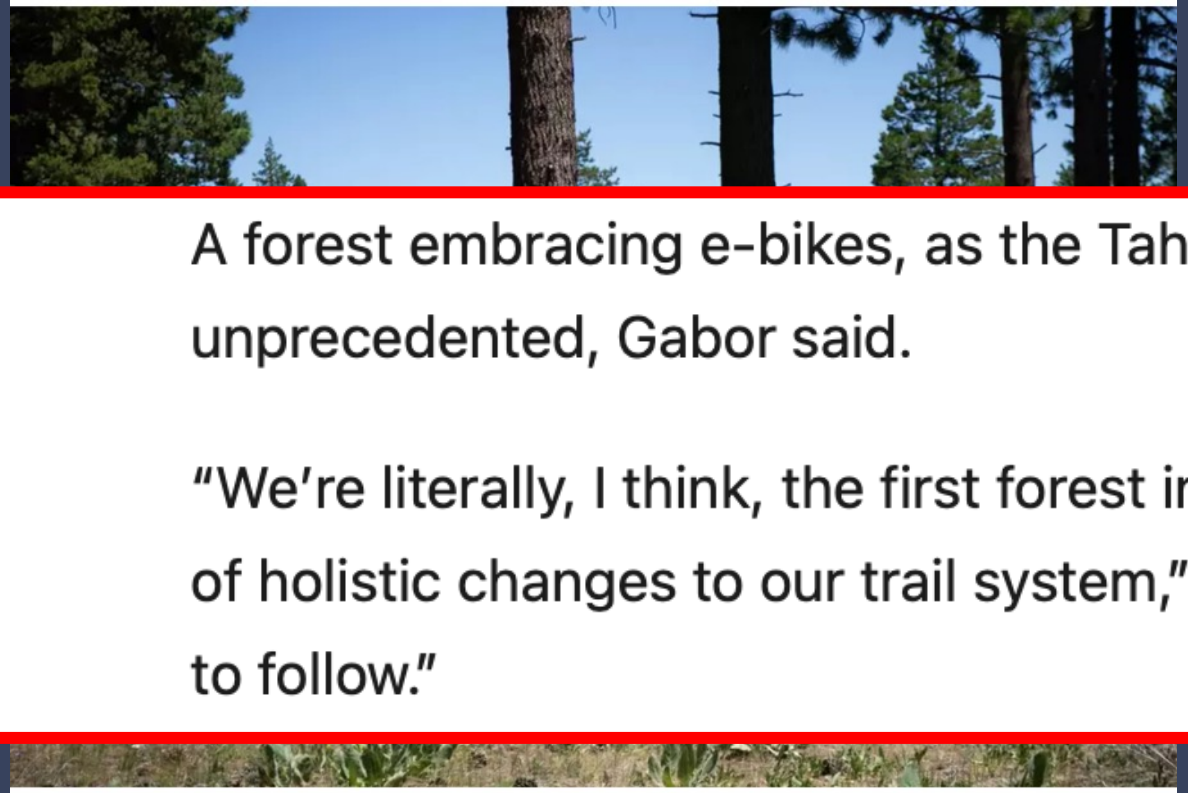
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A forest embracing e-bikes, as the Tahoe basin unit is poised to, might be unprecedented, Gabor said.

"We're literally, I think, the first forest in the nation to be making these kinds of holistic changes to our trail system," he said. "There isn't really an example to follow."

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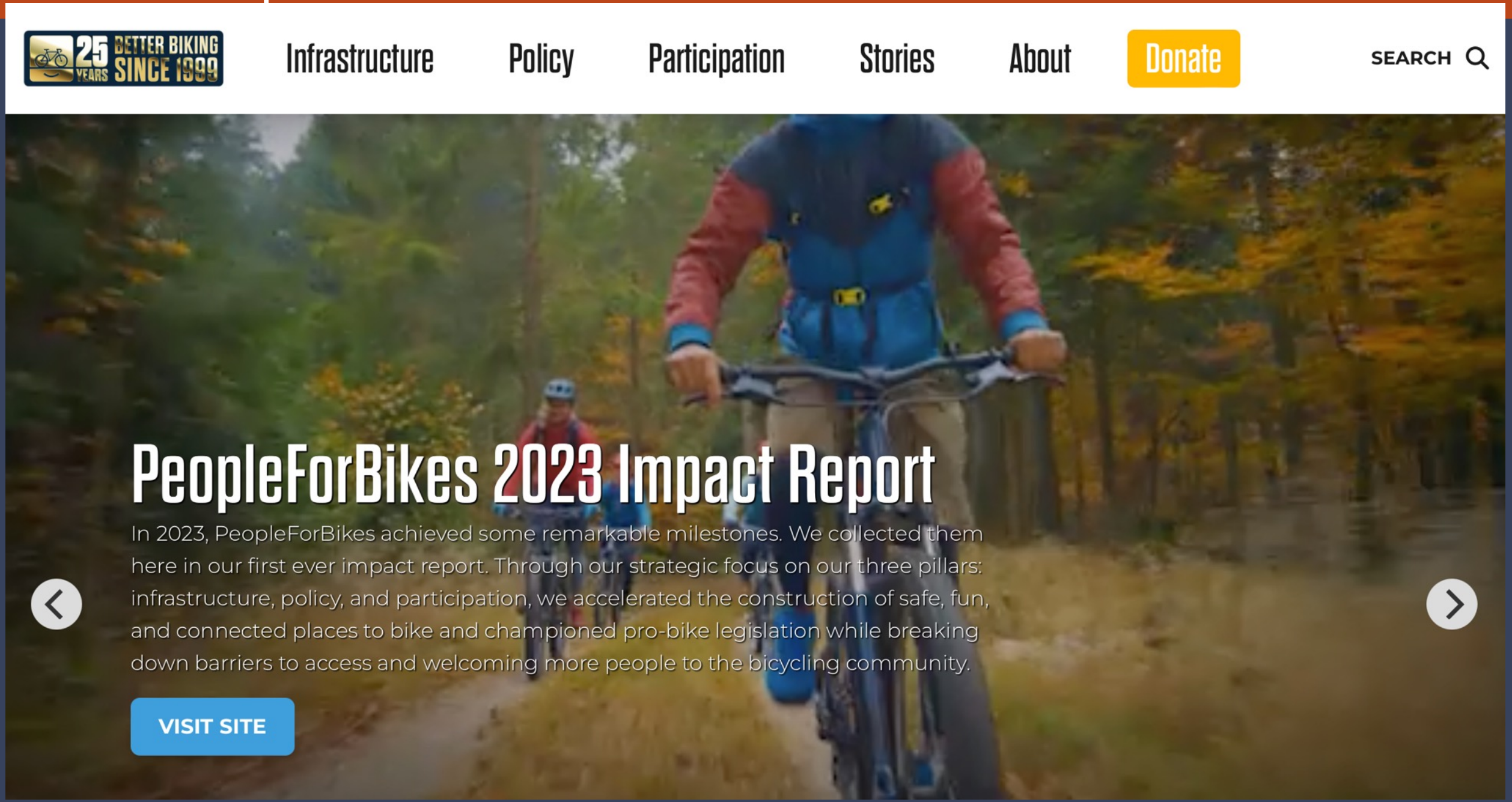
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Electric Mountain Bike Pilot Project Toolkit



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University of Vermont eMTB Study + Pilot Program

The Center for Rural Studies (CRS) at the University of Vermont, in collaboration with PeopleForBikes and local mountain bike and multi-use trail organization Fellowship of the Wheel (FOTW), conducted a pilot study on the use and perceptions of Class 1 pedal-assist eMTBs on natural surface singletrack trails on public land in Vermont.

During the 2022 trail season, CRS conducted their study on natural surface, non-motorized trails in Hinesburg, Vermont. The goal of the study was to gather more information and better understand perspectives around the inclusion of eMTBs on mountain bike trails, including:

- Perceived impacts of Class 1 eMTBs on physical trail conditions compared to traditional mountain bikes
- Potential trail user impacts related to the introduction of eMTBs on non-motorized, multi-use trails
- Considerations for initiating education outreach opportunities around eMTBs
- Diversity and inclusion implications



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The CRS pilot project provided important insights into eMTB usage in Vermont. Overall, perceptions of eMTB usage were more positive than negative and indicated a general willingness and even motivation to enable further integration of eMTBs into local trails.

Emerging themes from the pilot project centered around aspects of trail safety, accessibility, physical trail impacts, rider etiquette, and the number of users. Key findings include:

Trail Etiquette

Respondents to the intercept survey described the trail etiquette of eMTB riders as generally positive, though less positive than traditional mountain bike riders.

Overcrowding

Respondents to the statewide survey expressed concerns over increased crowding due to eMTB usage. However, focus group discussions noted increased usership generally, outside specifically eMTB use, as a positive aspect of the growth of the sport.

Safety

Some respondents to the statewide survey shared concerns about the safety of eMTBs, but participants of the intercept survey were neutral over whether or not eMTB introduction added safety concerns. Focus group discussions reinforced the neutral perspective, which emphasized that it comes down to the decisions of the individual rider, regardless of what bike they ride.

Trail Impacts

Both statewide and intercept survey results highlighted rider concerns about the physical impact eMTBs have on trails. Focus group participants largely disputed the perception of negative trail impacts from eMTBs but noted that justification for their views was only anecdotal or hypothetical. Participants agreed that more data is needed to back up statements about the physical trail impacts of eMTBs.

Accessibility

Intercept survey participants neither agreed nor disagreed that eMTBs make the sport of mountain biking more or less accessible, indicating respondents may perceive “accessible” by both physical and financial means. Focus group participants were largely against limiting eMTB riders to only those with

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SB 620: Low-impact camping areas.

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Summary Bill Text Status Votes Supporters & Opponents Analysis

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The Committee for Clean Water, Natural Resources, & Parks

For Immediate Release
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Lawmakers Release Climate Bond to Move California Toward Climate Resilience Despite State Budget Shortfall

SACRAMENTO, CA – Last night California lawmakers released a climate bond that would provide funding for a wide-range of climate resilience efforts across the state.

The Committee for Clean Water, Natural Resources, & Parks (CWNRP), along with environmental advocates across California, celebrate this significant milestone as the California Legislature has taken the next step towards putting a climate bond measure in front of California voters. Next, the Legislature must pass the bond in both houses with a two-thirds vote and the Governor must approve the measure by July 3 to be placed on the November 2024 ballot.

This achievement comes after over a year and a half of diligent effort and collaboration spearheaded by a number of climate leaders, including Senator Ben Allen, Senate President pro Tem Mike McGuire, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas. Over the last several months, they and their colleagues worked to form consensus and make critical decisions about what could be included in the final $10 billion bond proposal.

“This is a critical step for the CWNRP Coalition and for all Californians who want clean water, clean air, protection from wildfires and flooding and the preservation of our natural resources," said Sam Hodder, President and CEO of Save the Redwoods League and Co-President of the CWNRP Coalition.

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CA voters likely to decide $20 billion in bonds for climate and schools



Poll workers process ballots at the Shasta County Elections office in Redding, California on November 7, 2023. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

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Our health is undeniably tied to the health of our environment.

Safe drinking water, wildlife, wildfire resilience, and clean air must be in a #2024ClimateBond



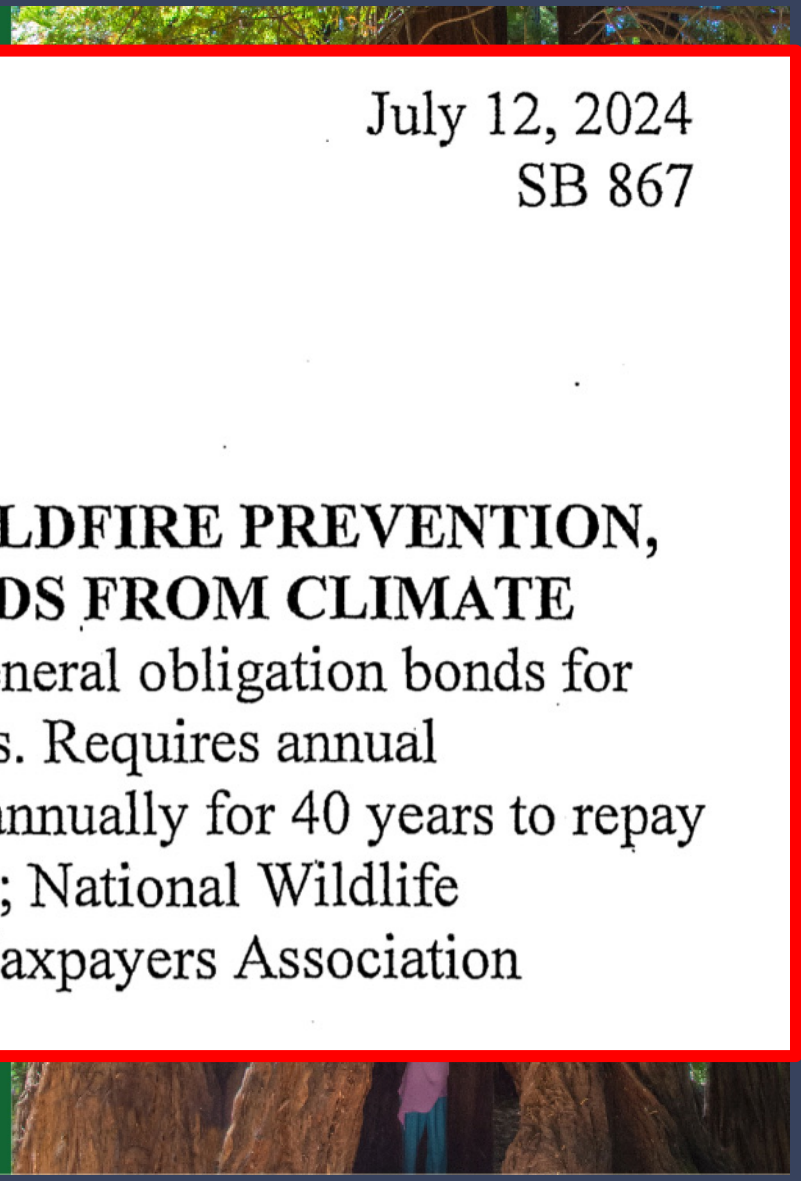
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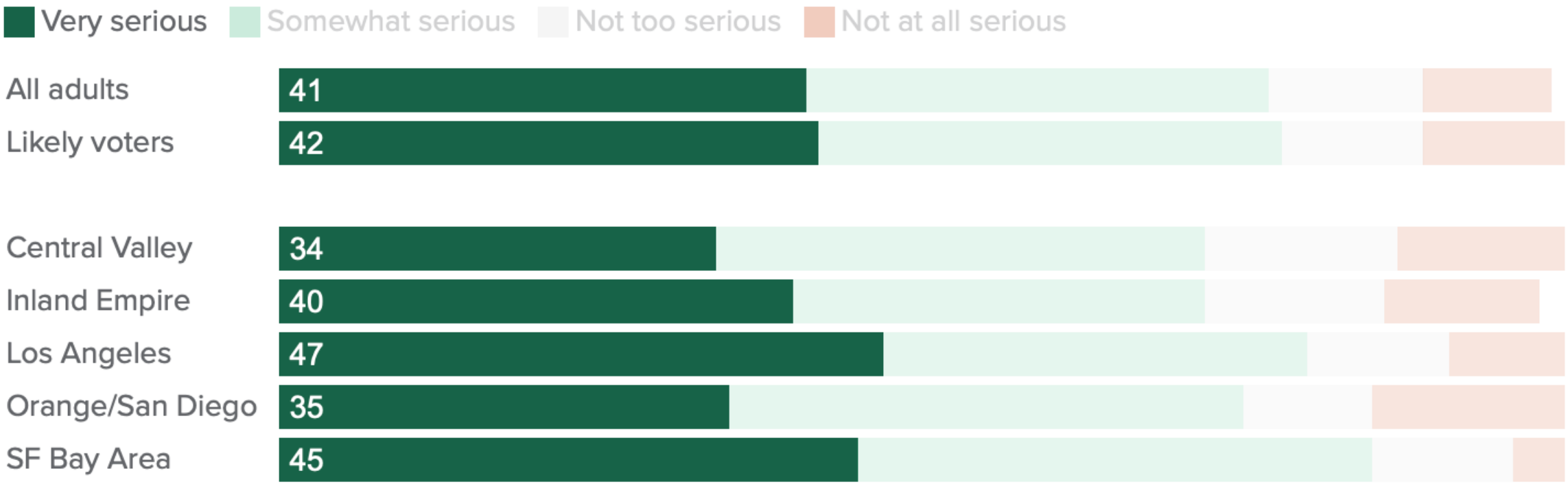
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Most Californians say climate change is a threat to the economy and quality of life for California's future



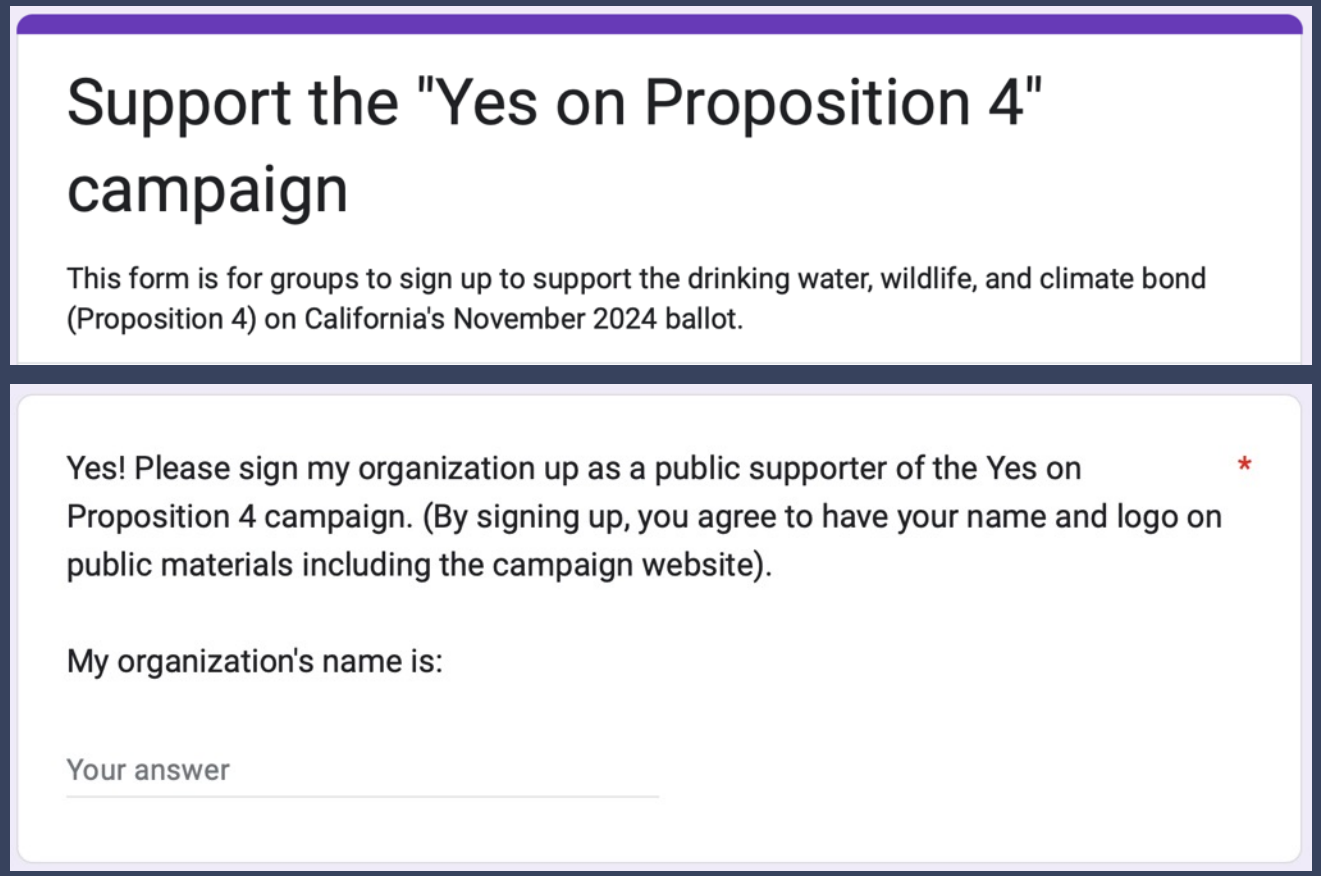
SOURCE: PPIC Statewide Survey, July 2024. Survey was fielded from June 24–July 2, 2024 (n=1,648 adults, n=1,261 likely voters).

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A majority say they would vote yes on a $10 billion bond to pay for flood protection and climate resiliency projects

State bond. Fifty-nine percent of California likely voters say they would vote “yes” on a $10 billion state bond measure for the November 2024 ballot to pay for flood protection and climate resiliency projects. (Note: the Proposition 4 ballot title and label were not available in time for this survey.) Voter support varies across partisan groups (78% Democrats, 25% Republicans, 55% independents), but about half or more say they would vote “yes” across demographic groups and state regions. In the July 2023 survey, 65 percent of California likely voters said they would vote for a $6 billion state bond for the November ballot to pay for flood protection and climate resiliency projects.

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Support the "Yes on Proposition 4" campaign

This form is for groups to sign up to support the drinking water, wildlife, and climate bond (Proposition 4) on California's November 2024 ballot.

Yes! Please sign my organization up as a public supporter of the Yes on Proposition 4 campaign. (By signing up, you agree to have your name and logo on public materials including the campaign website). *

My organization's name is:

Your answer

Hot Links: Prop 4 Updates

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Emergency Forest Restoration Teams: Lessons From the First Two Years



UC Cooperative Extension and Feather River Resource Conservation District staff lead landowners on a tour of private lands treated by the Plumas EFRT after the 2021 Dixie Fire, October 2022.

A report to the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force

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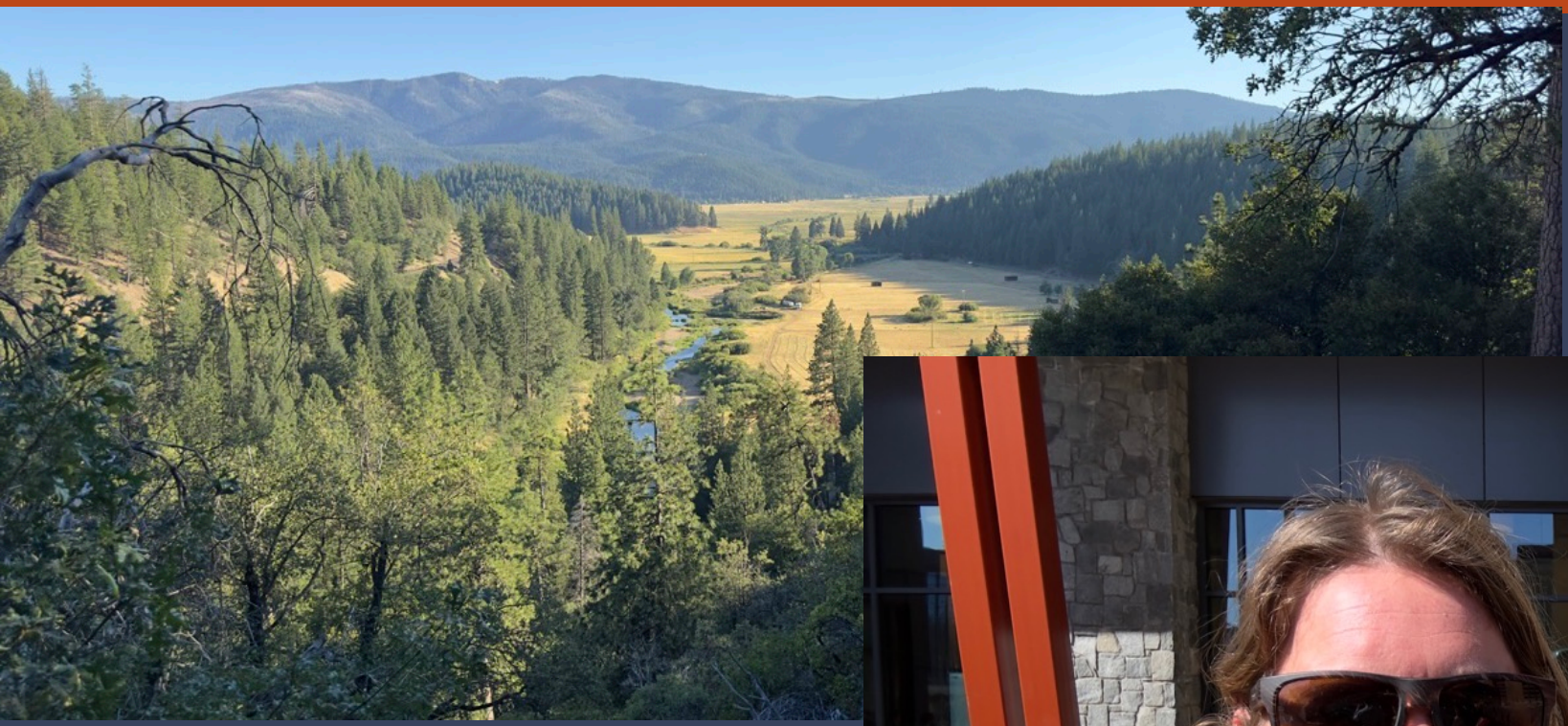
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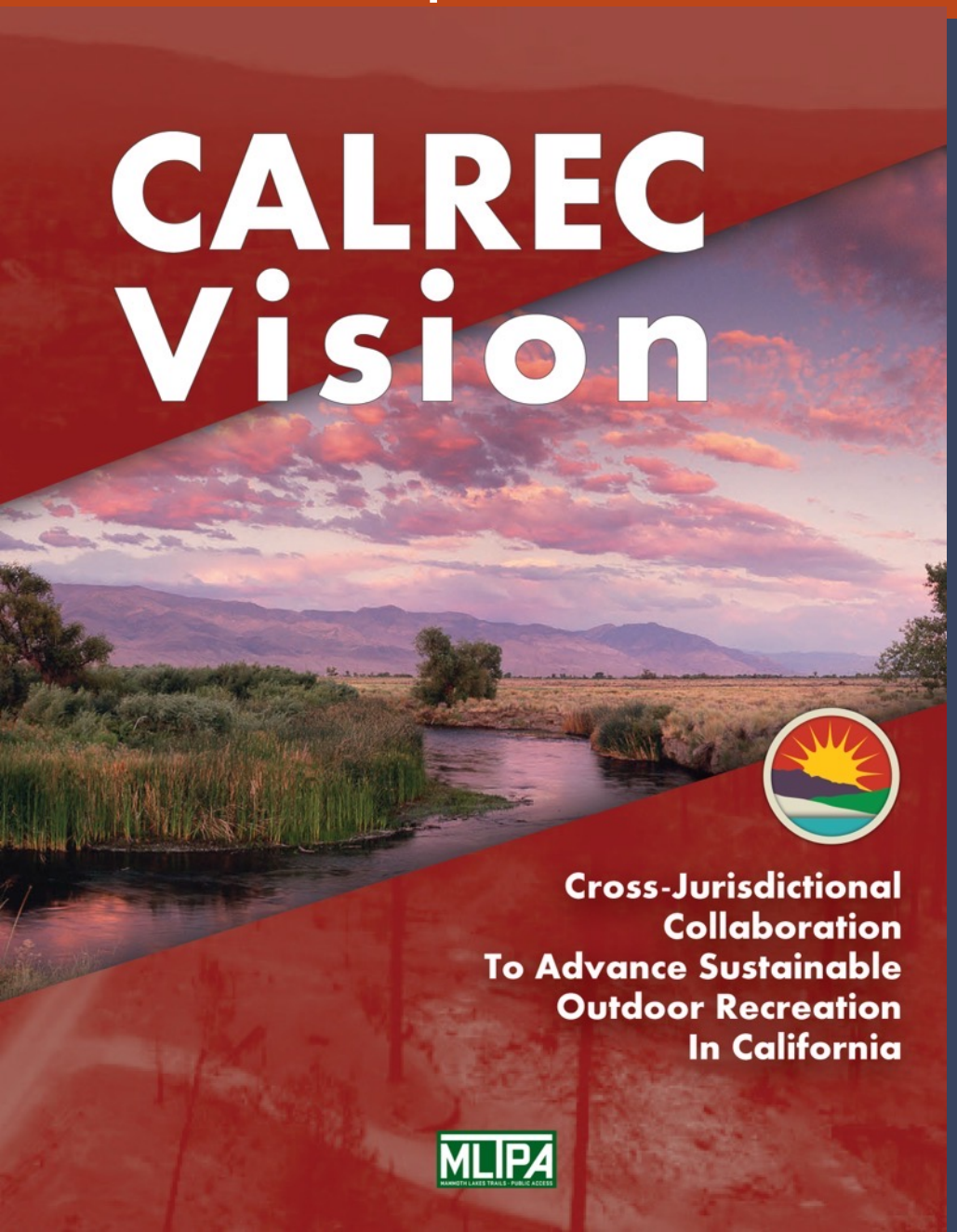
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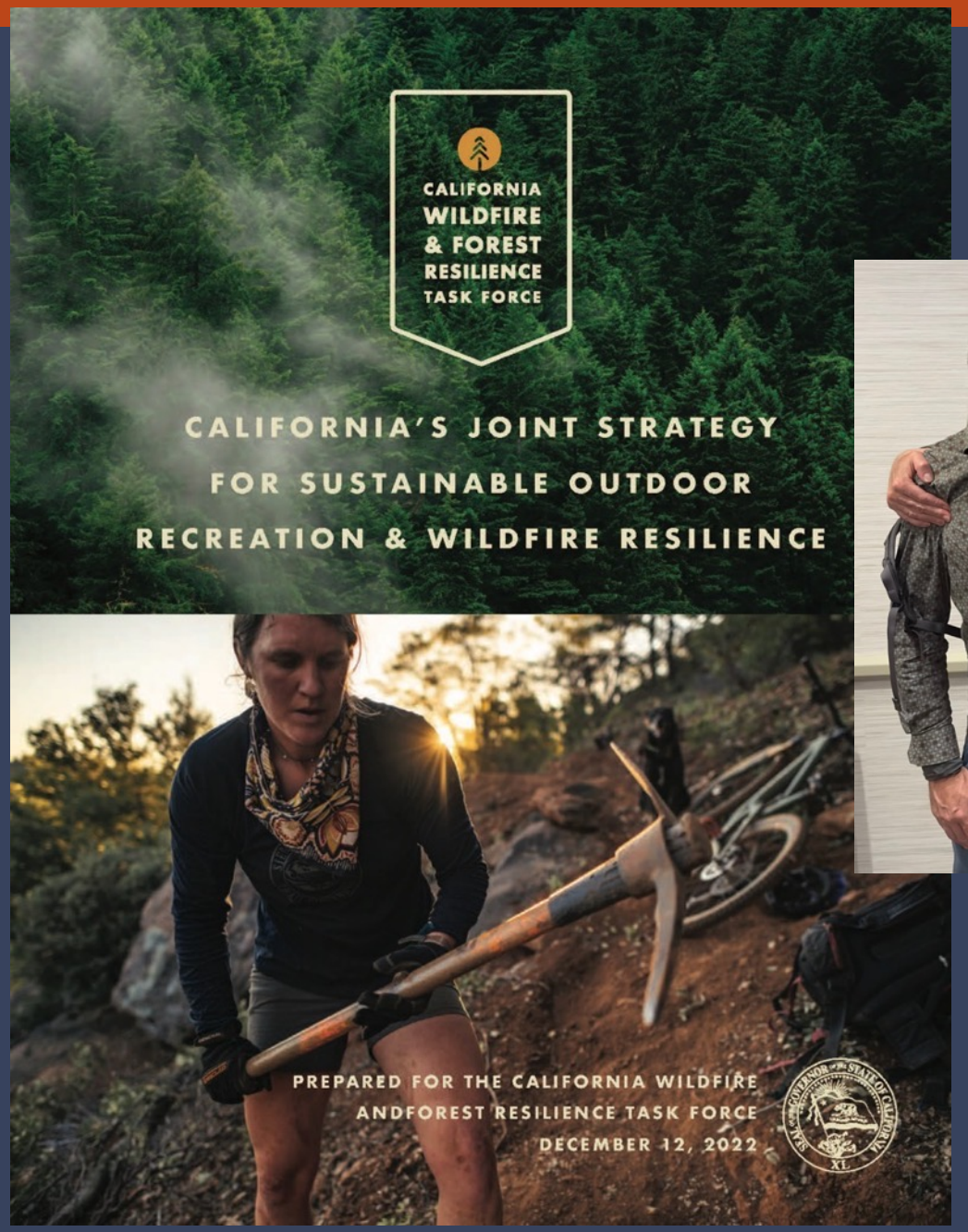




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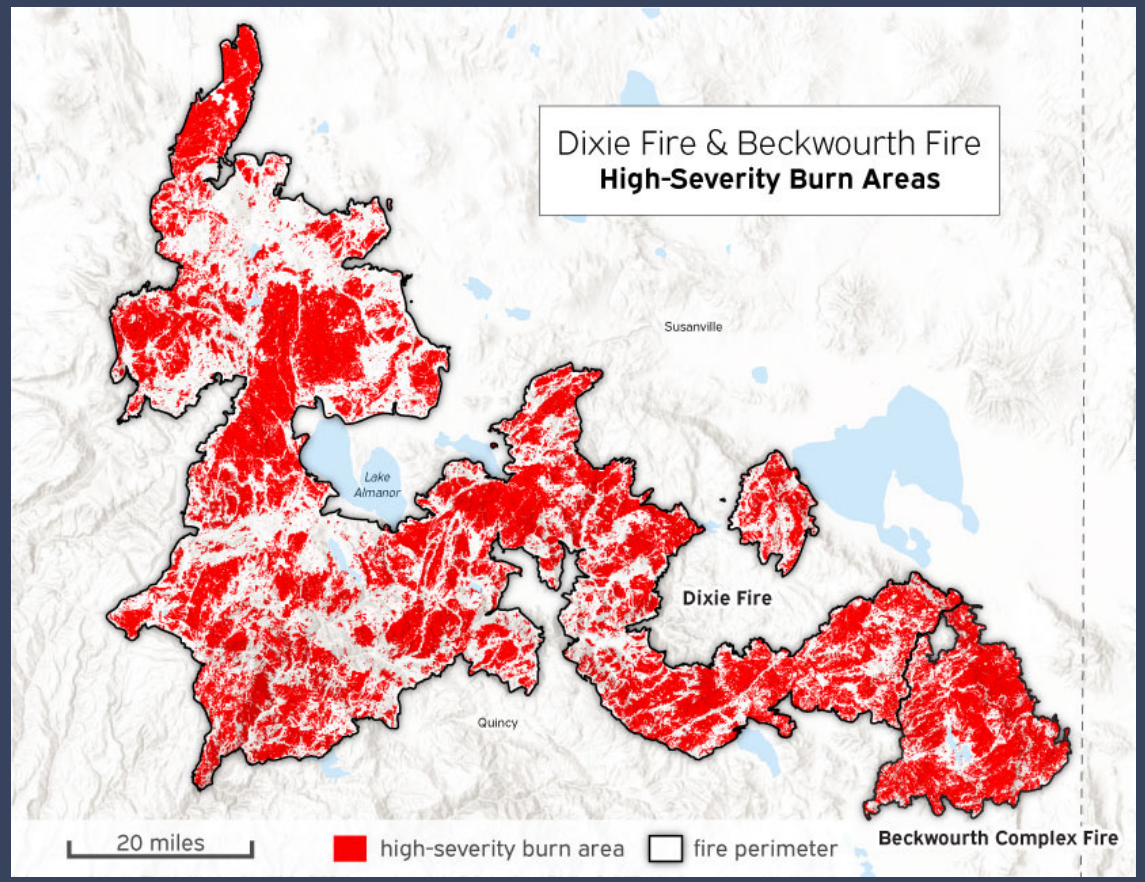
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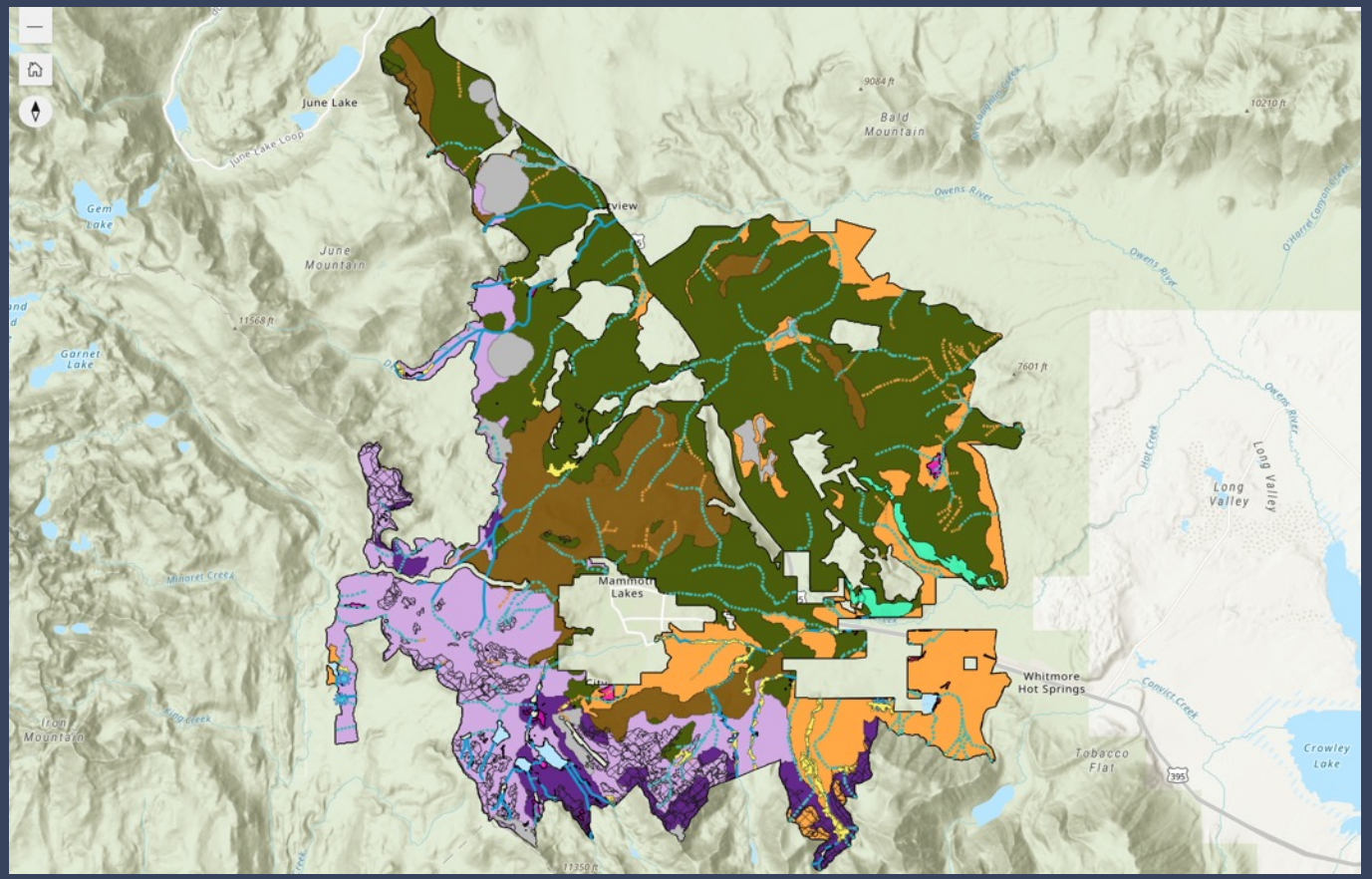






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Connected Communities Project

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.

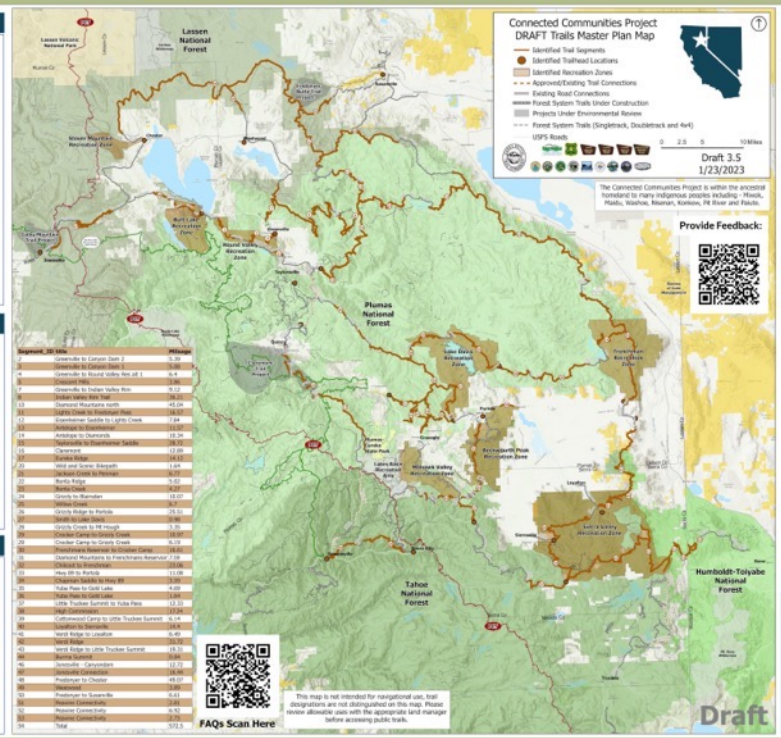
Goals & Objectives

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

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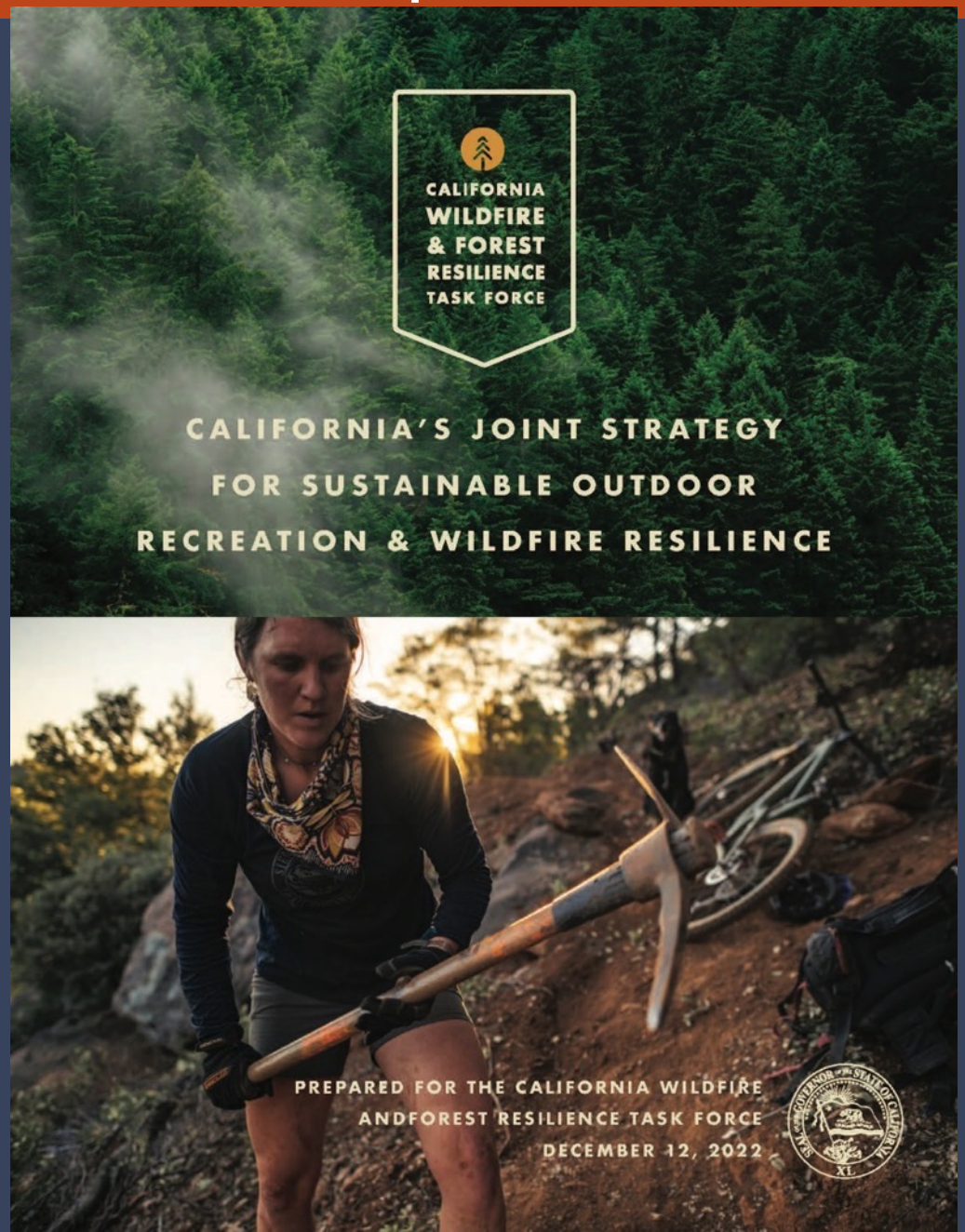




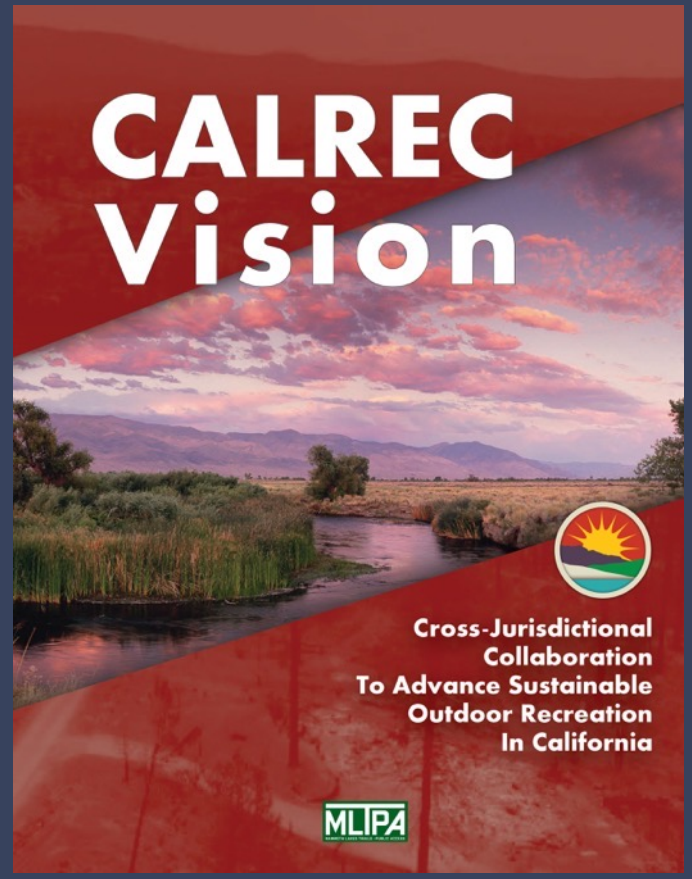
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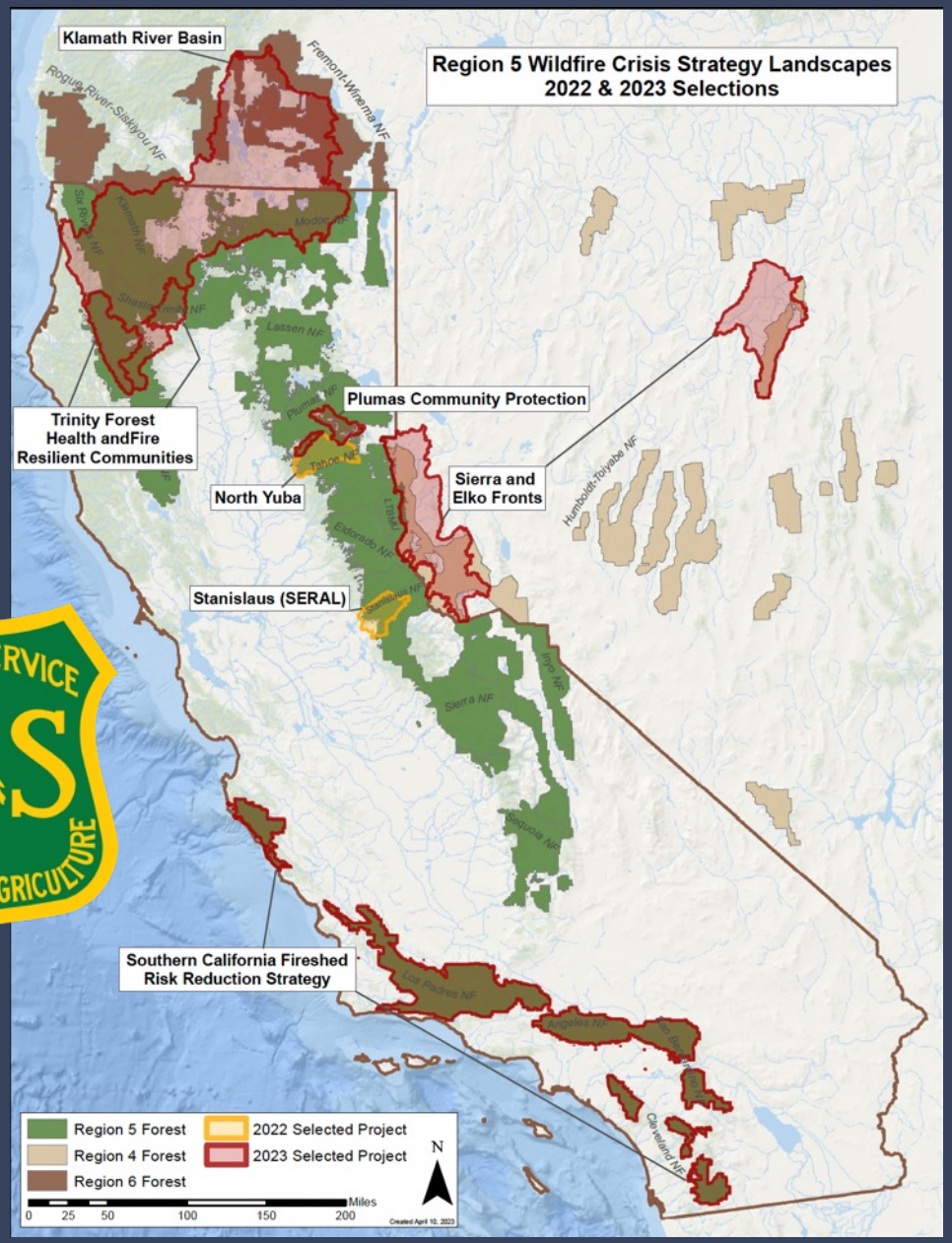
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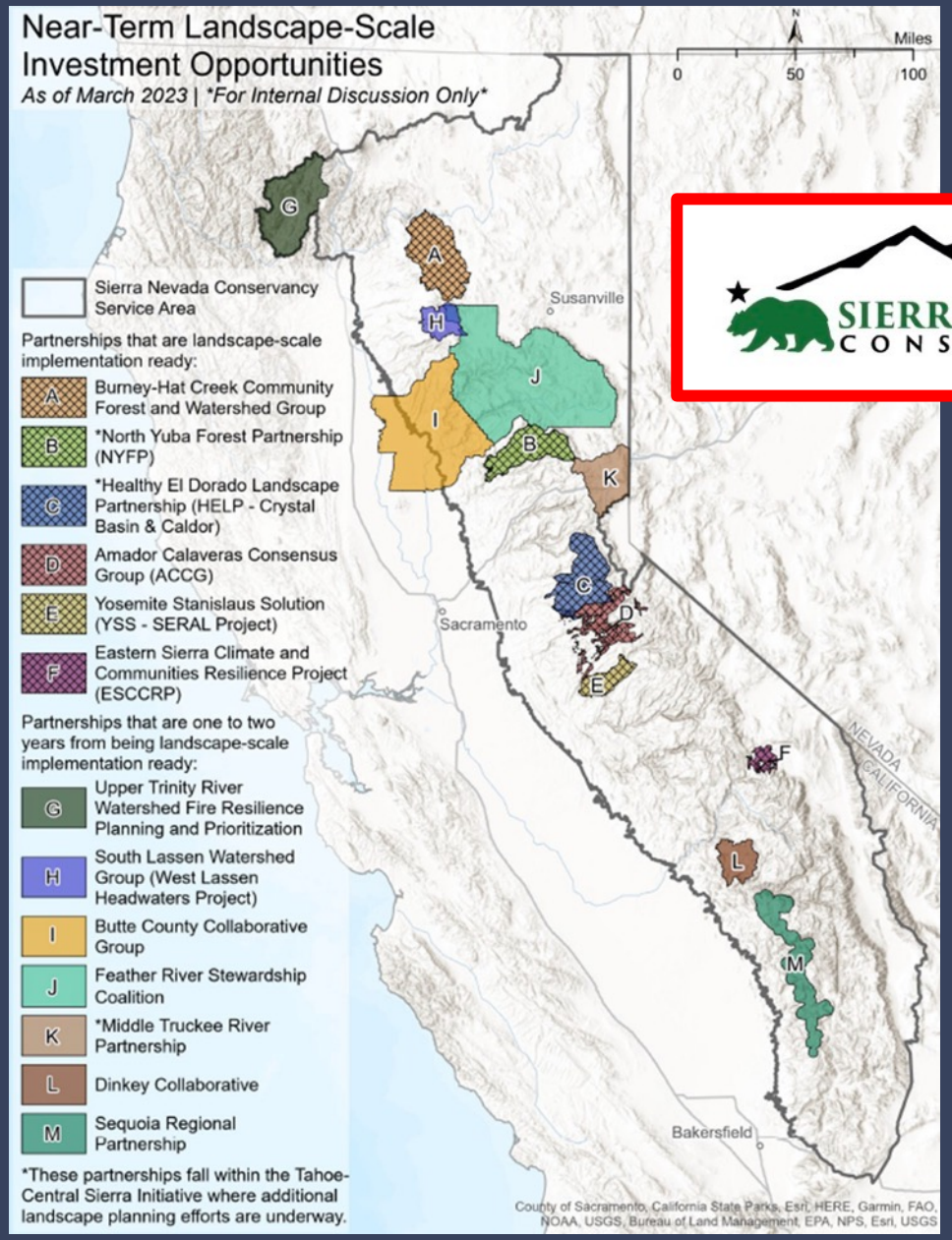






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OPINION // EDITORIALS

Say your prayers. California's new plan to ease the insurance crisis is going to need them

California's FAIR insurance plan has only about $385 million to pay for disasters. A new proposal could add millions of enrollees and billions in risk

By **Chronicle Editorial Board**, Opinion Staff

Aug 3, 2024

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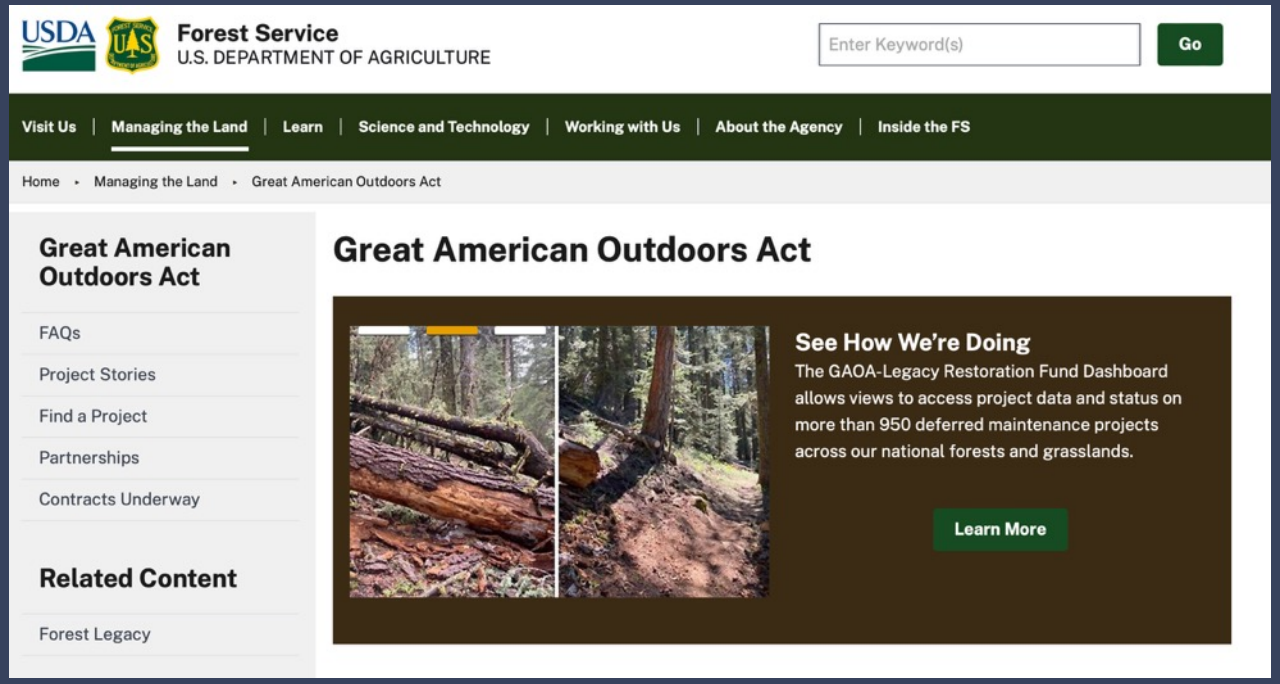


Ventura County Fire Department firefighters battle the Park Fire near Forest Ranch in Butte County on July 27.

Jungho Kim/Special to the Chronicle

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OUTDOOR RECREATION ROUNDTABLE

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Letter Signed by 250 Outdoor Businesses and Organizations Calls on Senate to Pass EXPLORE Act



Broad Coalition Calls on the Senate to Make History During Great Outdoors Month® and Pass the EXPLORE Act to Expand Access to Outdoor Recreation for All

WASHINGTON – Hundreds of national and local businesses and organizations spanning the entire $1.1 trillion outdoor recreation economy are calling on the Senate to pass the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act, this bipartisan legislation would increase access and transform outdoor recreation opportunities across the country for all activities and all Americans.

The EXPLORE Act passed the House in April by unanimous consent and is poised to stimulate local and national economies, enhance access for Americans—particularly those in underserved communities and with disabilities—to the outdoors, and modernize policies to bolster the recreation businesses that bridge people with nature and support 5 million jobs across America. The bill is similar to the America's Outdoor Recreation Act (AORA), which passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee last year.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

1. **Breaks down** government silos to address pressing recreation challenges and opportunities
2. **Expands parking** at highly-visited destinations
3. **Unifies** and makes data collection consistent
4. **Allows** for selling passes and collecting fees online
5. **Modernizes** film and photo permitting
6. **Creates** more transparency in processes
7. **Provides** flexibility in cross-agency outings
8. **Updates** infrastructure
9. **Improves** resources for hunters and anglers
10. **Supports** youth and veterans
11. **Builds** sustainable local economies

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High Country News

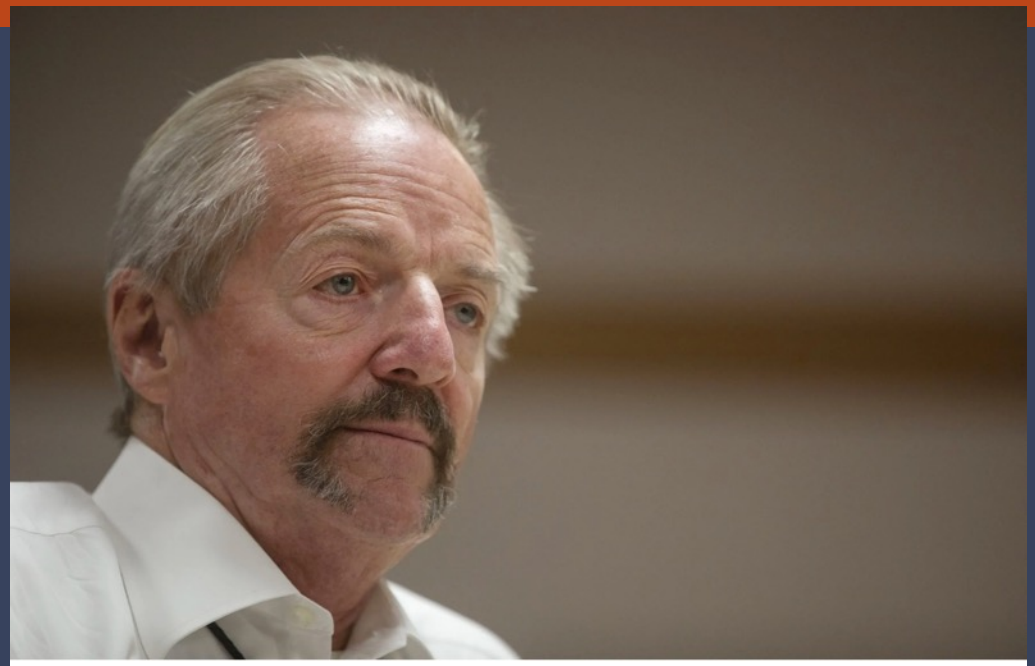
Project 2025's extreme vision for the West

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Michelle Nijhuis and Erin X. Wong July 19, 2024



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As acting director of the Bureau of Land Management during the Trump Administration, William Perry Pendley visited the Casper, Wyoming, BLM field office in 2020. Cayla Nimmo/The Casper Star-Tribune via AP

Agency Operations

The project's organizers plan to upend federal land-management agency operations by:

- re-relocating Bureau of Land Management headquarters to the West (p. 524);
- placing BLM law-enforcement officers under the direct supervision of political appointees rather than the agency's state directors, a move that could undermine the agency's ability to enforce its own regulations;
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The National Park Crowd Dilemma

Hours-long lines, faulty vehicle permitting systems, and poorly maintained facilities beg one question: are there too many people visiting national parks?

I don't think there's such a thing as too many people because in the outdoors, it's pretty easy to spread out. But I do think there's such a thing as overcrowding in one particular place, and our cars make it really easy to do this. Parts of national parks have become overcrowded. Maybe we need to remember that those aren't the only beautiful places to visit.

Just a few days before visiting Glacier, I was in Missoula, Montana, where I used to live. The best part of this town is its proximity to the outdoors, a reality that anyone who's lived in a small city or town probably knows well.

One night after work, I drove just fifteen minutes to a fairly popular hiking spot in Rattlesnake National Recreation Area. I walked about one mile before reaching a small beach where the creek's water was clearer than I've ever seen it and swallows darted into nests built into a rocky overhang. This was the perfect place to be, and no one was there.



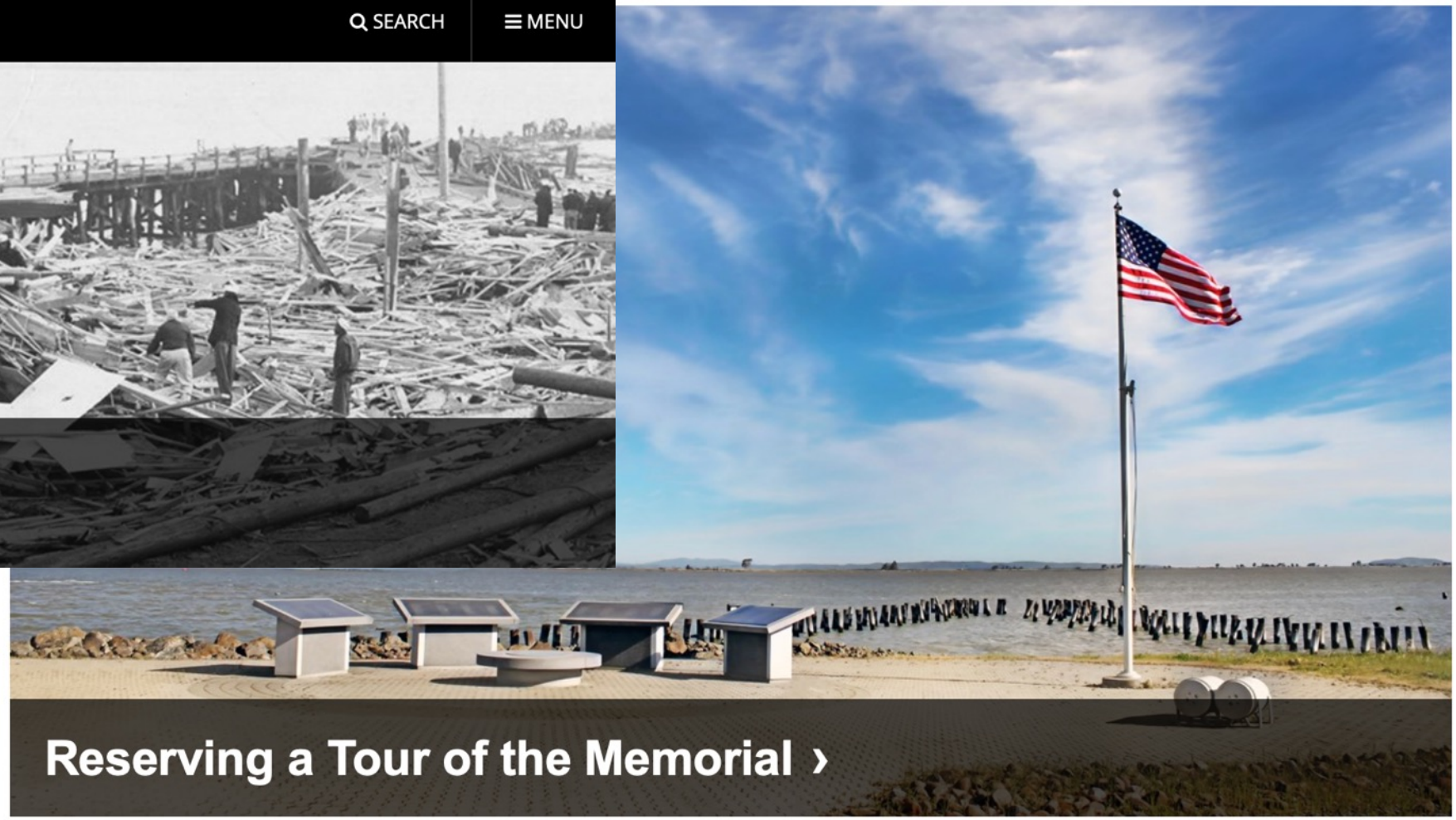
A mountain goat walks on Hidden Lake trail, Glacier National Park. (Photo by Claire Carlson)

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The Port Chicago Disaster: 320 American Lives Forever Remembered

On July 17, 1944, a massive explosion jolted the San Francisco East Bay area, shattering windows and lighting up the night sky. At Port Chicago Naval Magazine, 320 men were killed instantly when two ships loading ammunition for Pacific troops exploded. It was WWII's worst home front disaster.





Learn how to visit the national park site.



NPS Commemorations and Celebrations

National Park Service Birthday

Come join our birthday celebration on **August 25**! The National Park Service was created on August 25, 1916 to "preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations." Over the hundred plus years, we've grown into more than 400 national parks and many programs that reach communities around the country—and even the world!



NPS Photo

Ways to Celebrate

- **Visit in person.** There are more than 400 national parks of different shapes, sizes, and things to do. Check the calendar below for parks hosting special birthday events.

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Reimagine Recreation



What is Reimagine Recreation?

Reimagine Recreation is a strategic planning effort charting the path for the future of recreation on lands managed by the USDA Forest Service while addressing challenges and meeting emerging opportunities.

This effort:

- 'Reimagines' recreation in a collaborative manner by harnessing the knowledge, perspectives, creativity, and ingenuity of employees, Tribes, partners, and other stakeholders.
- Builds upon the aspirations of the Framework for Sustainable Recreation (PDF, 131 KB).
- Establishes national-level priorities for the Forest Service Recreation Program.
- Creates foundational strategic elements (a Vision, Key Shifts, and Goals) to guide our work.
- Kick-starts a multi-year strategic action plan that works to provide the necessary conditions to achieve stated priorities.

  The Reimagine Recreation strategic action plan will be primarily carried out at the national level to make way for benefits and efficiencies at the regional and local levels.

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Hello Valued Partners,

Happy Great Outdoors Month! I wanted to provide you an update on the status of the Reimagine Recreation Action Plan and Action Tracker documents. For those of you who attended the National Outdoor Recreation Conference (NORC) in South Lake Tahoe last month, we spent parts of the week introducing the components and structure of the two documents and familiarizing folks with the three key shifts – ***Empowered Workforce***, ***Intentional Engagement***, and ***Planning for All***.

Our intention was to debut both of those documents formally this month; however, based on conversations at NORC and upon further reflection, we've decided to pursue an additional Tribal review of these documents in coordination with the Office of Tribal Relations. The documents are now anticipated to be rolled out Fall 2024 following this 60-day Tribal review.

The important work we all are doing continues this summer as we anticipate millions of people will travel to and recreate across national forests and grasslands over the next several months. Here are a few talking points to effectively communicate this timetable shift with your respective staffs:

- We anticipate the Tribal review will serve to improve and strengthen our documents and make for better outcomes overall.
- Got one of the hard copies at NORC? Great! All the fundamentals shown in each document are still accurate and reflective of our agency's pursuit of reimagining recreation for this and future generations.
- Forest Service employees are being notified simultaneously of this timetable shift.
- We plan to debut both documents in PDF format this Fall. Stay tuned!
- Following the Action Plan debut, our team plans to host virtual sessions with you to capture impressions, address questions, and lean into future planning. More to follow.

Thank you for all that you do and your continued interest and support of Reimagining Recreation!

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President Joe Biden is betting that **$1.6 trillion** in climate and infrastructure money can transform America, create green jobs, outcompete China — and maybe catapult him to a second term.







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Maximize Investment into Communities

$48 Billion*

California Climate Commitment
3-Year Horizon*

$190 Billion in Federal Funding for California

$41.9 Billion*

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
2026 Horizon*

~$390 Billion*

Inflation Reduction Act
2026 Horizon*

~$52 Billion*

Chips & Science Act
2026 Horizon*

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$551 BILLION
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TAX CREDITS

$1.1 TRILLION IN **PASSED SPENDING**

According to a POLITICO analysis of public data, only a small portion of that money has been spent.

$125 billion has gone out the door under Biden's infrastructure and pandemic relief laws.

$125 BILLION **SPENT**

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Now Biden faces a rematch with former President Donald Trump, who could throttle what he calls Biden's **"Green New Scam."** With less than six months to go, Biden is trying to make progress before time runs out.

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‘No big plan B’: A global anti-Trump climate resistance struggles to gain ground

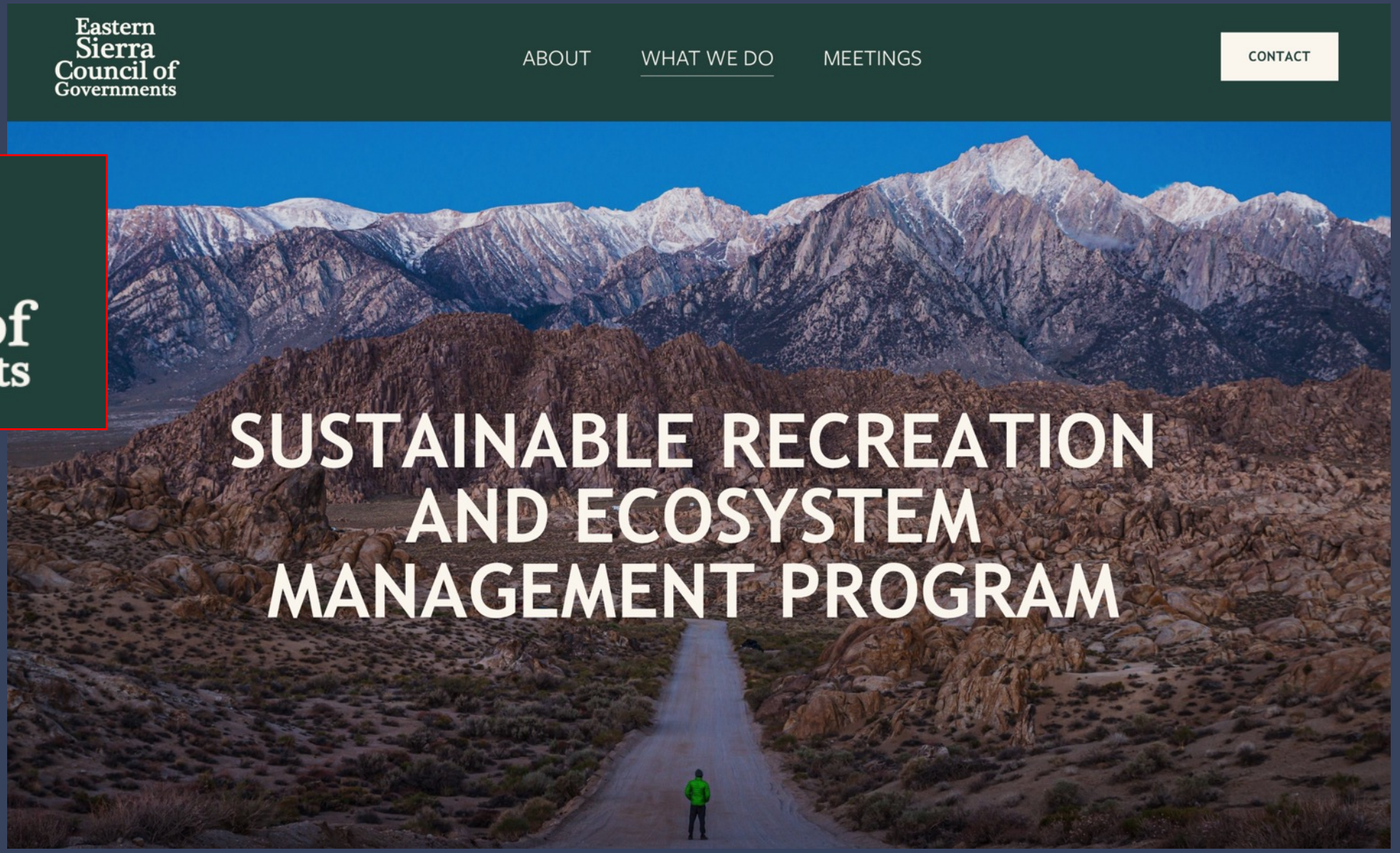
Diplomats and activists from around the world are discussing ways to keep up the fight against global warming, even in the face of an absent or hostile U.S. administration.



Protesters hold up signs in front of the White House on June 1, 2017, objecting to then-President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the 2015 Paris climate agreement. | Paul J. Richards/AFP via Getty Images

Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



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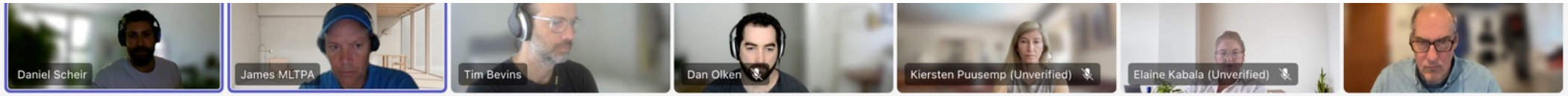
Summer 2024

- Alignment refinement and verification

Fall 2024

- Plan preparation
- Coordinate with other regional efforts
- Agency and stakeholder presentations





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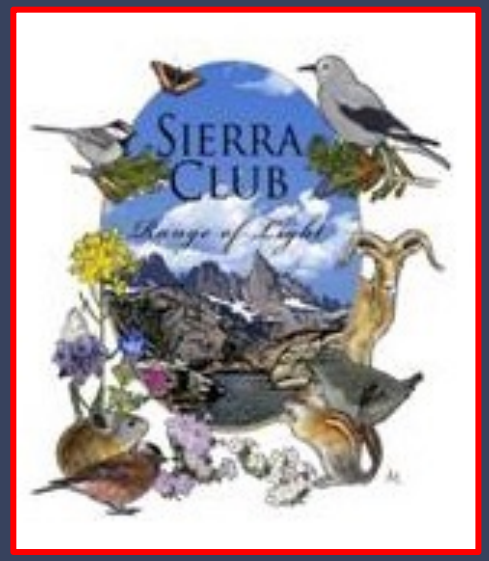
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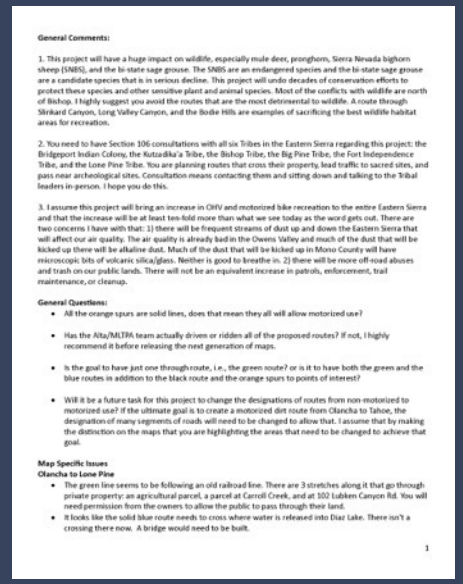

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Groundtruthing







General Comments:

1. This project will have a huge impact on wildlife, especially mule deer, pronghorn, Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep (SNBS), and the bi-state sage grouse. The SNBS are an endangered species and the bi-state sage grouse are a candidate species that is in serious decline. This project will undo decades of conservation efforts to protect these species and other sensitive plant and animal species. Most of the conflicts with wildlife are north of Bishop. I highly suggest you avoid the routes that are the most detrimental to wildlife. A route through Slinkard Canyon, Long Valley Canyon, and the Bodie Hills are examples of sacrificing the best wildlife habitat areas for recreation.

2. You need to have Section 106 consultations with all six Tribes in the Eastern Sierra regarding this project: the Bridgeport Indian Colony, the Kutzadika'a Tribe, the Bishop Tribe, the Big Pine Tribe, the Fort Independence Tribe, and the Lone Pine Tribe. You are planning routes that cross their property, lead traffic to sacred sites, and pass near archeological sites. Consultation means contacting them and sitting down and talking to the Tribal leaders in-person. I hope you do this.

3. I assume this project will bring an increase in OHV and motorized bike recreation to the entire Eastern Sierra and that the increase will be at least ten-fold more than what we see today as the word gets out. There are two concerns I have with that: 1) there will be frequent streams of dust up and down the Eastern Sierra that will affect our air quality. The air quality is already bad in the Owens Valley and much of the dust that will be kicked up there will be alkaline dust. Much of the dust that will be kicked up in Mono County will have microscopic bits of volcanic silica/glass. Neither is good to breathe in. 2) there will be more off-road abuses and trash on our public lands. There will not be an equivalent increase in patrols, enforcement, trail maintenance, or cleanup.

General Questions:

- All the orange spurs are solid lines, does that mean they all will allow motorized use?
- Has the Alta/MLTPA team actually driven or ridden all of the proposed routes? If not, I highly recommend it before releasing the next generation of maps.
- Is the goal to have just one through route, i.e., the green route? or is it to have both the green and the blue routes in addition to the black route and the orange spurs to points of interest?
- Will it be a future task for this project to change the designations of routes from non-motorized to motorized use? If the ultimate goal is to create a motorized dirt route from Olancha to Tahoe, the designation of many segments of roads will need to be changed to allow that. I assume that by making the distinction on the maps that you are highlighting the areas that need to be changed to achieve that goal.

Map Specific Issues

Olancha to Lone Pine

- The green line seems to be following an old railroad line. There are 3 stretches along it that go through private property: an agricultural parcel, a parcel at Carroll Creek, and at 102 Lubken Canyon Rd. You will need permission from the owners to allow the public to pass through their land.
- It looks like the solid blue route needs to cross where water is released into Diaz Lake. There isn't a crossing there now. A bridge would need to be built.

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- Lubken Canyon Road narrows down to one lane. There is a dashed green route along it. This may be a problem if there is a lot of traffic on it.
- How far down do the SNBS come on the southwest side of Lone Pine? This part of the Sierra is home to the largest SNBS unit. Hopefully they don't come down as far as Horseshoe Meadows Rd. or to Lubken Rd. There are great meadows and pastures along Lubken Rd. they might graze.
- There already is a lot of traffic along Whitney Portal Rd. and Movie Rd. especially during the Lone Pine Film Festival. This program may increase that traffic beyond the carrying capacity.

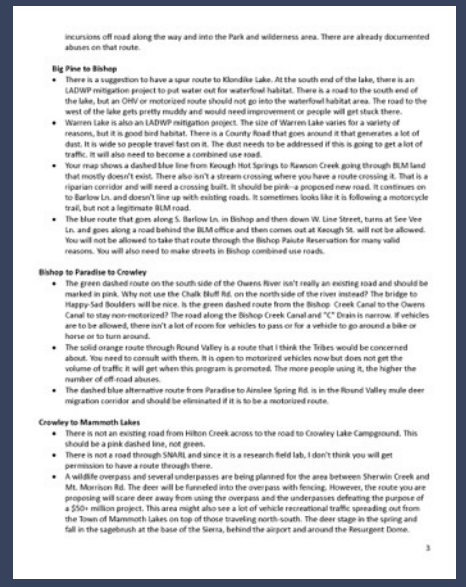
Lone Pine to Independence

- There isn't a road where the solid green line goes north from Mobius Arch and then curves back to Movie Rd. (marked "GE Trail"). It should be in pink. I doubt that route will be allowed, but take a look at the land management plan for the Alabama Hills and talk to the BLM before releasing the final maps.
- You should know it is really sandy between Hogback Creek and Manzanar in spots and not fun to cycle through. Ask those that participate in the Whiskey Tango Fondo cycling event. When OHVs are directed to travel that route, it will only make it worse or completely impassable for gravel biking. The road bed should be rebuilt. Another reason for rebuilding the road would be to reduce the dust to protect the LADWP Hogback Yellow-billed Cuckoo mitigation site. Frequent noise, lights, and dust will not invite birds to nest in the area defeating the purpose of the mitigation project.
- There is a solid blue route from Reward Rd. going north that runs across an alluvial fan. Most of it is on LADWP property so, shouldn't it be dashed for the same reason the other routes on LADWP property are dashed? While there is a dirt road there, and when you do get permission from LADWP to include it in this program, sending a lot of traffic there will invite off-road abuses, destroy biodiverse desert vegetation, destroy the soil, and cause erosion. Parts are also a BLM solar variance area and could be developed for large-scale solar.
- The northern part of that route ends at Mazourka Rd. where there is one of the few creosote ecosystems in the Owens Valley. It will also be a visible road scar from many locations in the Owens Valley and ruin everyone else's scenic views. For these reasons, you should use the old Carson and Colorado railroad road line instead.

Independence to Big Pine

- Why is it a dashed line between Reward Rd. and Mazourka Rd. but not from Mazourka Rd. to Aberdeen Station Rd.? It is almost entirely on LADWP land, not BLM land. Again, use the powerline roads or the railroad line so you don't destroy what natural habitat remains in the Owens Valley. There will be a dust problem that will need to be addressed on these roads.
- Crater Mountain is a very special place to the Tribes. Directing hundreds of people up McMurray Meadows Rd. Cone Rd. or Birch Creek Rd. is disrespectful. It also invites off-road abuses and incursions into the wilderness. That area supports wildlife. Please consider a route to the east of Highway 395.
- The dashed green line that goes across the eastern edge of Crater Mountain might be unpleasantly rocky since it is lava rock. The route follows a powerline and then drops down into the sandy area by the Big Pine Dump. It then crosses the Big Pine Creek bypass. There will be water in the bypass some years. A bridge might be needed to cross it.
- Part of the road marked in black on your map which goes to Death Valley NP, through Little Cowhorn Valley to the Eureka Dunes or to the Piper Wilderness is a County Road. If ATVs or OHVs travel on it, the road must be designated a combined use road. There was opposition to making it a combined use road when it was proposed as part of the Adventure Trails program over a decade ago. OHVs are not allowed in DVNP or in the Piper Wilderness and directing OHVs down that road or to Papoose Flat invites

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incursions off road along the way and into the Park and wilderness area. There are already documented abuses on that route.

Big Pine to Bishop

- There is a suggestion to have a spur route to Klondike Lake. At the south end of the lake, there is an LADWP mitigation project to put water out for waterfowl habitat. There is a road to the south end of the lake, but an OHV or motorized route should not go into the waterfowl habitat area. The road to the west of the lake gets pretty muddy and would need improvement or people will get stuck there.
- Warren Lake is also an LADWP mitigation project. The size of Warren Lake varies for a variety of reasons, but it is good bird habitat. There is a County Road that goes around it that generates a lot of dust. It is wide so people travel fast on it. The dust needs to be addressed if this is going to get a lot of traffic. It will also need to become a combined use road.
- Your map shows a dashed blue line from Keough Hot Springs to Rawson Creek going through BLM land that mostly doesn't exist. There also isn't a stream crossing where you have a route crossing it. That is a riparian corridor and will need a crossing built. It should be pink--a proposed new road. It continues on to Barlow Ln. and doesn't line up with existing roads. It sometimes looks like it is following a motorcycle trail, but not a legitimate BLM road.
- The blue route that goes along S. Barlow Ln. in Bishop and then down W. Line Street, turns at See Vee Ln. and goes along a road behind the BLM office and then comes out at Keough St. will not be allowed. You will not be allowed to take that route through the Bishop Paiute Reservation for many valid reasons. You will also need to make streets in Bishop combined use roads.

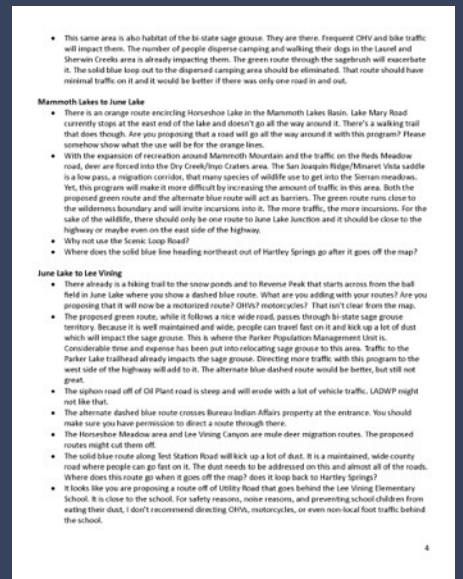
Bishop to Paradise to Crowley

- The green dashed route on the south side of the Owens River isn't really an existing road and should be marked in pink. Why not use the Chalk Bluff Rd. on the north side of the river instead? The bridge to Happy-Sad Boulders will be nice. Is the green dashed route from the Bishop Creek Canal to the Owens Canal to stay non-motorized? The road along the Bishop Creek Canal and "C" Drain is narrow. If vehicles are to be allowed, there isn't a lot of room for vehicles to pass or for a vehicle to go around a bike or horse or to turn around.
- The solid orange route through Round Valley is a route that I think the Tribes would be concerned about. You need to consult with them. It is open to motorized vehicles now but does not get the volume of traffic it will get when this program is promoted. The more people using it, the higher the number of off-road abuses.
- The dashed blue alternative route from Paradise to Ainslee Spring Rd. is in the Round Valley mule deer migration corridor and should be eliminated if it is to be a motorized route.

Crowley to Mammoth Lakes

- There is not an existing road from Hilton Creek across to the road to Crowley Lake Campground. This should be a pink dashed line, not green.
- There is not a road through SNARL and since it is a research field lab, I don't think you will get permission to have a route through there.
- A wildlife overpass and several underpasses are being planned for the area between Sherwin Creek and Mt. Morrison Rd. The deer will be funneled into the overpass with fencing. However, the route you are proposing will scare deer away from using the overpass and the underpasses defeating the purpose of a $50+ million project. This area might also see a lot of vehicle recreational traffic spreading out from the Town of Mammoth Lakes on top of those traveling north-south. The deer stage in the spring and fall in the sagebrush at the base of the Sierra, behind the airport and around the Resurgent Dome.

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- This same area is also habitat of the bi-state sage grouse. They are there. Frequent OHV and bike traffic will impact them. The number of people disperse camping and walking their dogs in the Laurel and Sherwin Creeks area is already impacting them. The green route through the sagebrush will exacerbate it. The solid blue loop out to the dispersed camping area should be eliminated. That route should have minimal traffic on it and it would be better if there was only one road in and out.

Mammoth Lakes to June Lake

- There is an orange route encircling Horseshoe Lake in the Mammoth Lakes Basin. Lake Mary Road currently stops at the east end of the lake and doesn't go all the way around it. There's a walking trail that does though. Are you proposing that a road will go all the way around it with this program? Please show what the use will be for the orange lines.
- With the expansion of recreation around Mammoth Mountain and the traffic on the Reds Meadow road, deer are forced into the Dry Creek/Inyo Craters area. The San Joaquin Ridge/Minaret Vista saddle is a low pass, a migration corridor, that many species of wildlife use to get into the Sierran meadows. Yet, this program will make it more difficult by increasing the amount of traffic in this area. Both the proposed green route and the alternate blue route will act as barriers. The green route runs close to the wilderness boundary and will invite incursions into it. The more traffic, the more incursions. For the sake of the wildlife, there should only be one route to June Lake Junction and it should be close to the highway or maybe even on the east side of the highway.
- Why not use the Scenic Loop Road?
- Where does the solid blue line heading northeast out of Hartley Springs go after it goes off the map?

June Lake to Lee Vining

- There already is a hiking trail to the snow ponds and to Reverse Peak that starts across from the ball field in June Lake where you show a dashed blue route. What are you adding with your routes? Are you proposing that it will now be a motorized route? OHVs? motorcycles? That isn't clear from the map.
- The proposed green route, while it follows a nice wide road, passes through bi-state sage grouse territory. Because it is well maintained and wide, people can travel fast on it and kick up a lot of dust which will impact the sage grouse. This is where the Parker Population Management Unit is. Considerable time and expense has been put into relocating sage grouse to this area. Traffic to the Parker Lake trailhead already impacts the sage grouse. Directing more traffic with this program to the west side of the highway will add to it. The alternate blue dashed route would be better, but still not great.
- The siphon road off of Oil Plant road is steep and will erode with a lot of vehicle traffic. LADWP might not like that.
- The alternate dashed blue route crosses Bureau Indian Affairs property at the entrance. You should make sure you have permission to direct a route through there.
- The Horseshoe Meadow area and Lee Vining Canyon are mule deer migration routes. The proposed routes might cut them off.
- The solid blue route along Test Station Road will kick up a lot of dust. It is a maintained, wide county road where people can go fast on it. The dust needs to be addressed on this and almost all of the roads. Where does this route go when it goes off the map? does it loop back to Hartley Springs?
- It looks like you are proposing a route off of Utility Road that goes behind the Lee Vining Elementary School. It is close to the school. For safety reasons, noise reasons, and preventing school children from eating their dust, I don't recommend directing OHVs, motorcycles, or even non-local foot traffic behind the school.

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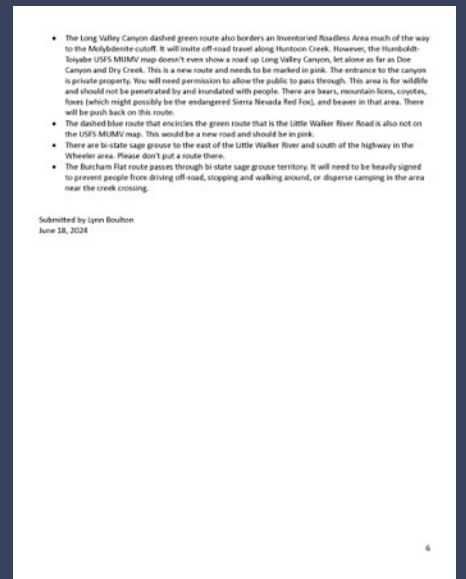
Lee Vining to Bridgeport

- There a solid blue line from Mattly Rd. to the Old Marina. This road gets washed out frequently. Also, there is a lot of traffic coming off of Highway 395 to the Old Marina and limited parking. Because OHVs sometimes travel in groups, this route might cause traffic to back up on Highway 395 waiting to turn into the Old Marina parking lot. There is also a road that goes off of this segment of road that goes over to Lee Vining Creek and on to Test Station Road. This is not a safe creek to cross in spring or early summer and will need signage explaining that.
- The solid blue route that goes through Conway Ranch does not connect to the Conway Ranch Road. You will need to build a bridge over Wilson Creek and the Wilson Creek Ravine. Because this is not an existing motorized route, it needs to be marked with a pink line. While there is a road there from Highway 167 through the ranch up to the ravine, it is not a public road the whole way and any proposal you have for a route through that property (owned by Mono County) must conform to the conservation easement requirements. Also, bi-state sage grouse use Conway Ranch, especially along that blue route. It is also part of the homeland of the Kutzadika'a Tribe. They should be consulted about this and other routes. The green route that runs to the east of Conway Ranch and crosses Wilson Creek is a better route. Still, the stream crossing should be armored.
- The whole solid green route from Rattlesnake Gulch Rd. to SR270, crossing it and going up Cinnabar Canyon to Big Alkali Flat and then over to Travertine Hot Springs is entirely inappropriate. This route must be taken off the table. The southern end of this route goes through Mooseville, a historic town overlying an older cultural site. A large part of the route is not an existing BLM road and should be in pink. Just a few short segments are a BLM road. Rattlesnake Gulch Rd. to the Sinnamon Cut is an existing road, but then stops. From Sinnamon Cut north to Highway 270 the proposed route doesn't follow a road until it meets a little used road coming in from the west. That section follows a riparian corridor and passes through sage grouse habitat that needs to be protected; not trawelled. The road up Cinnabar Canyon is a BLM road only to the mine, but it is badly eroded and not maintained. this route crosses mule deer and pronghorn migration routes, passes through private lands with conservation easements, passes through the Bodie Mountain WSA, and leads people to Travertine Hot Springs which is a special Tribal site that has already been trashed and damaged by visitors. You will get push back on this route. The blue spur off of it, is inappropriate as well.
- The alternate route that goes up Cottonwood Canyon is better. Although going up the Geiger Grade out of the Bodie Historic State Park is eroded and leaves little passing room. As you get closer to Bodie and Potato Peaks at the top of the grade and the Rough Creek headwaters, there are sage grouse that walk in the road and cross it. Motorized vehicles need to go through that section slowly. Signage won't be enough. There will need to be speed bumps or something. The rest of this route is off the map. I assume it follows the Masonic-Bodie Rd. to Highway 182 and that there is a spur route along the Aurora Canyon road.

Bridgeport to Walker

- It looks like the route out of Bridgeport heading north is Highway 395. It is not safe to have green sticker vehicles riding on the highway there and the California motor vehicle code only allows three miles of combined use roads. This stretch would exceed that.
- The dashed blue route up Yaney Canyon runs along the boundary of an Inventoried Roadless Area which will invite incursions into the roadless area. However, the route extends to Huntoon Creek, which is much longer than the Humboldt-Toiyabe USFS MUMV map shows is an existing USFS road. Most of this route should be in pink. This is an inappropriate route--for motorized or non-motorized travel. Yaney Canyon is one of the few remaining wild areas in the county. It needs to stay that way.

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- The Long Valley Canyon dashed green route also borders an Inventoried Roadless Area much of the way to the Molybdenite cutoff. It will invite off-road travel along Huntoon Creek. However, the Humboldt-Toiyabe USFS MUMV map doesn't even show a road up Long Valley Canyon, let alone as far as Doe Canyon and Dry Creek. This is a new route and needs to be marked in pink. The entrance to the canyon is private property. You will need permission to allow the public to pass through. This area is for wildlife and should not be penetrated by and inundated with people. There are bears, mountain lions, coyotes, foxes (which might possibly be the endangered Sierra Nevada Red Fox), and beaver in that area. There will be push back on this route.
- The dashed blue route that encircles the green route that is the Little Walker River Road is also not on the USFS MUMV map. This would be a new road and should be in pink.
- There are bi-state sage grouse to the east of the Little Walker River and south of the highway in the Wheeler area. Please don't put a route there.
- The Burcham Flat route passes through bi-state sage grouse territory. It will need to be heavily signed to prevent people from driving off-road, stopping and walking around, or disperse camping in the area near the creek crossing.

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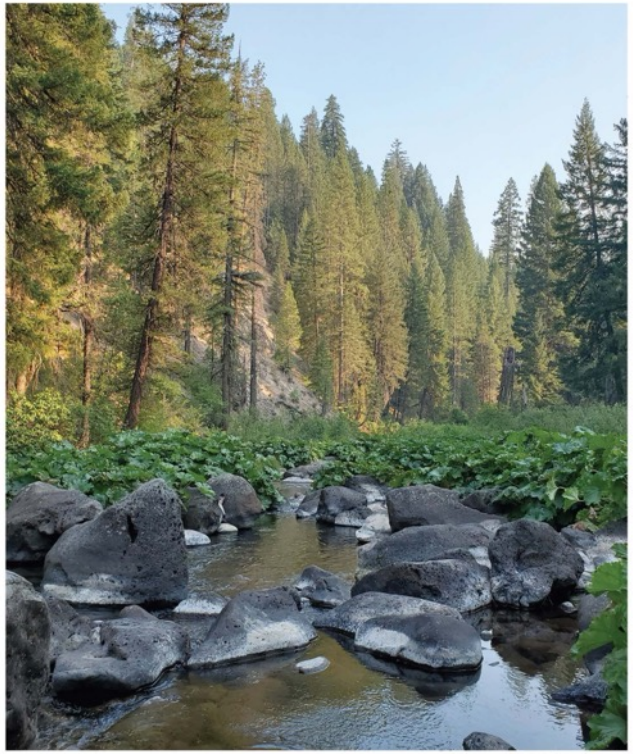
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OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Pacific Southwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) announced a round of funding for the California Forests and Watersheds Program. Nine new or continuing forest restoration and resilience grants totaling $53 million were awarded. The nine awards announced leveraged $31.4 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of $84.4 million.

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Angeles National Forest

Building Capacity and Community Wildfire Resiliency in the Angeles National Forest (CA)
Grantee: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Grant Amount: $6,200,000
Matching Funds: $1,800,000
Total Project Amount: $8,000,000
Increase the pace and scale of high-priority community wildfire resilience efforts, such as defensible space creation and fuel break maintenance, located in shared jurisdictional boundaries along the wildland-urban interface of the Angeles National Forest. Project will protect adjacent communities from catastrophic fires and mitigate the negative impacts of fire and related climate hazards to local watersheds and ecosystems.

Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities II (CA)
Grantee: Whitebark Institute
Grant Amount: $7,000,000
Matching Funds: $3,360,000
Total Project Amount: $10,360,000
Advance both forest and community resilience within the Eastern Sierra through implementation of components of the ESCCRP-Part I and project expansion northward to the Mono Basin. Project will implement 1,865 acres within the already developed ESCCRP Part I, and conduct project development and environmental compliance for the Resilient Mono Basin Project that will include planning for additional forest restoration activities in the western Mono Basin.

Lassen National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (CA)
Grantee: Sierra Institute for Community and Environment
Grant Amount: $4,962,000
Matching Funds: $1,000,000
Total Project Amount: $5,962,000
Advance landscape-scale forest and watershed restoration efforts on the Almanor Ranger District of the Lassen National Forest in collaboration with partners at the Butte County Resource Conservation District and Sierra Institute for Community and Environment. Funds will advance phase 1 implementation activities on NFS lands in the 20,000-acre Upper Butte Creek Project (UBC) and the 101,000-acre West Lassen Headwaters Project (WLHP). Additionally, funds will support a local collaborative, the South Lassen Watersheds Group, to enable collaborative, community and Tribal engagement during WLHP and UBC implementation.

Lower Trinity Landscape Resilience (CA)
Grantee: Watershed Research and Training Center
Grant Amount: $2,998,200
Matching Funds: $5,607,800
Total Project Amount: $8,606,000
Restore resilient forest structure, hydrologic and habitat conditions across the landscape from the community of Junction City on the east to just above Hoopa on the west. Project will assist with the planning of the ambitious Big Ranch Project, the largest single planning effort yet endeavored on the west side of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and funds will support the 2021 Knob and Monument Fires post-fire safety, fuels and restoration work within the same landscape.

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California poppies in Los Padres National Forest

Reducing Ignition Potential through Ignition-Prone Area Restoration (CA)
Grantee: University of California - Santa Barbara
Grant Amount: $1,300,000
Matching Funds: $270,900
Total Project Amount: $1,570,900
Reduce ignitions in the Los Padres National Forest in disturbed areas within the Thomas Fire scar by replacing flammable nonnative grasses with low flammability native species. Project will create hazard reduction tools that will identify hotspots based on abundance of non-native grassy fuels near prior ignition points, test restoration approaches, and create a decision support tool that identifies and matches high hazard sites and their environmental features to restoration methods.

Reforestation and Restoration of Caldor Fire-Affected Watersheds (CA)
Grantee: American Forests
Grant Amount: $10,600,000
Matching Funds: $8,500,000
Total Project Amount: $19,100,000
Restore thousands of acres in the South Fork American and Cosumnes River watersheds. This effort will be led by American Forests, American Rivers and the Colfax Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe, in collaboration with the Eldorado National Forest and in coordination with regional partners. This project will advance a comprehensive suite of forest and watershed recovery treatments including reforestation, seed and cone collection, meadow and watershed restoration, native plant revegetation, and Tribal-led cultural site protection within the Caldor Fire footprint.

Restoring Forest Habitats in Mendocino National Forest (CA)
Grantee: Patriot Restoration Ops
Grant Amount: $4,000,000
Matching Funds: $800,000
Total Project Amount: $4,800,000
Treat thousands of acres of priority forest habitats and provide Mendocino National Forest and orchestrate NEPA surveys to facilitate future treatments in areas impacted by the August Complex Fire. Fuels treatments will be done via post-fire fuels reduction and site preparation, reforestation, site preparation, understory thinning and prescribed fire to accelerate reforestation, restore ecosystem services, mitigate post-fire impacts, and enhance forest resilience to wildfire and climate change for neighboring communities, watersheds and wildlife.

Upper Trinity River Watershed Partnership (CA)
Grantee: Watershed Research and Training Center
Grant Amount: $6,100,000
Matching Funds: $5,050,000
Total Project Amount: $11,150,000
Accelerate and scale-up critical planning and implementation projects, reduce hazardous fuels to protect communities, enhance landscape wildfire resilience, restore meadows and oak woodlands and reduce sedimentation in the Upper Trinity River Watershed. Project will yield significant benefits to both local communities and landscapes, and the many downstream beneficiaries (Tribal, fisheries, farms and metro areas) reliant on Trinity River water.

Western Klamath Landscape and Community Resiliency (CA)
Grantee: Mid Klamath Watershed Council
Grant Amount: $9,834,800
Matching Funds: $ 5,000,000
Total Project Amount: $14,834,800
Address limiting factors to increasing pace and scale of upslope and instream restoration across all land ownerships. Project will prioritize manual and mechanical fuel reduction, prescribed fire, instream and meadow habitat restoration, trail maintenance, native and invasive plant management, environmental compliance and research/monitoring projects across all lands, proportional to funding constraints.

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Advance both forest and community resilience within the Eastern Sierra through implementation of components of the ESCCRP-Part I and project expansion northward to the Mono Basin. Project will implement 1,865 acres within the already developed ESCCRP Part I, and conduct project development and environmental compliance for the Resilient Mono Basin Project that will include planning for additional forest restoration activities in the western Mono Basin.

(continued)



California poppies in Los Padres National Forest

National Forest and orchestrate NEPA
future treatments in areas impacted by
Fire. Fuels treatments will be done via
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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

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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

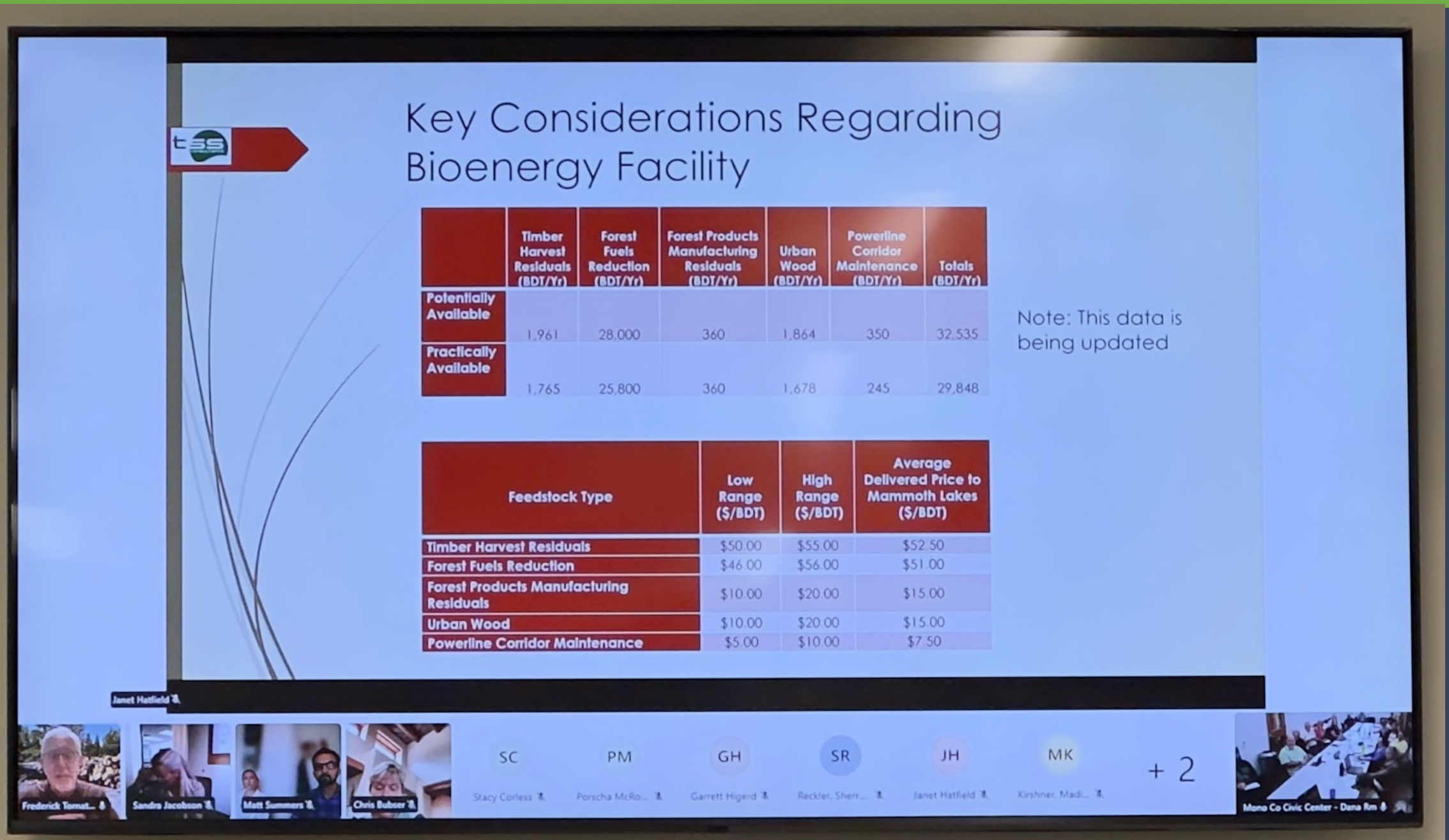
BACKGROUND/HISTORY:
The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) engaged with Alpine, Inyo and Mono Counties, The Town of Mammoth Lakes and the City of Bishop, completed a regional economic development strategy required to access federal and other funding opportunities known as a Comprehensive Economic 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

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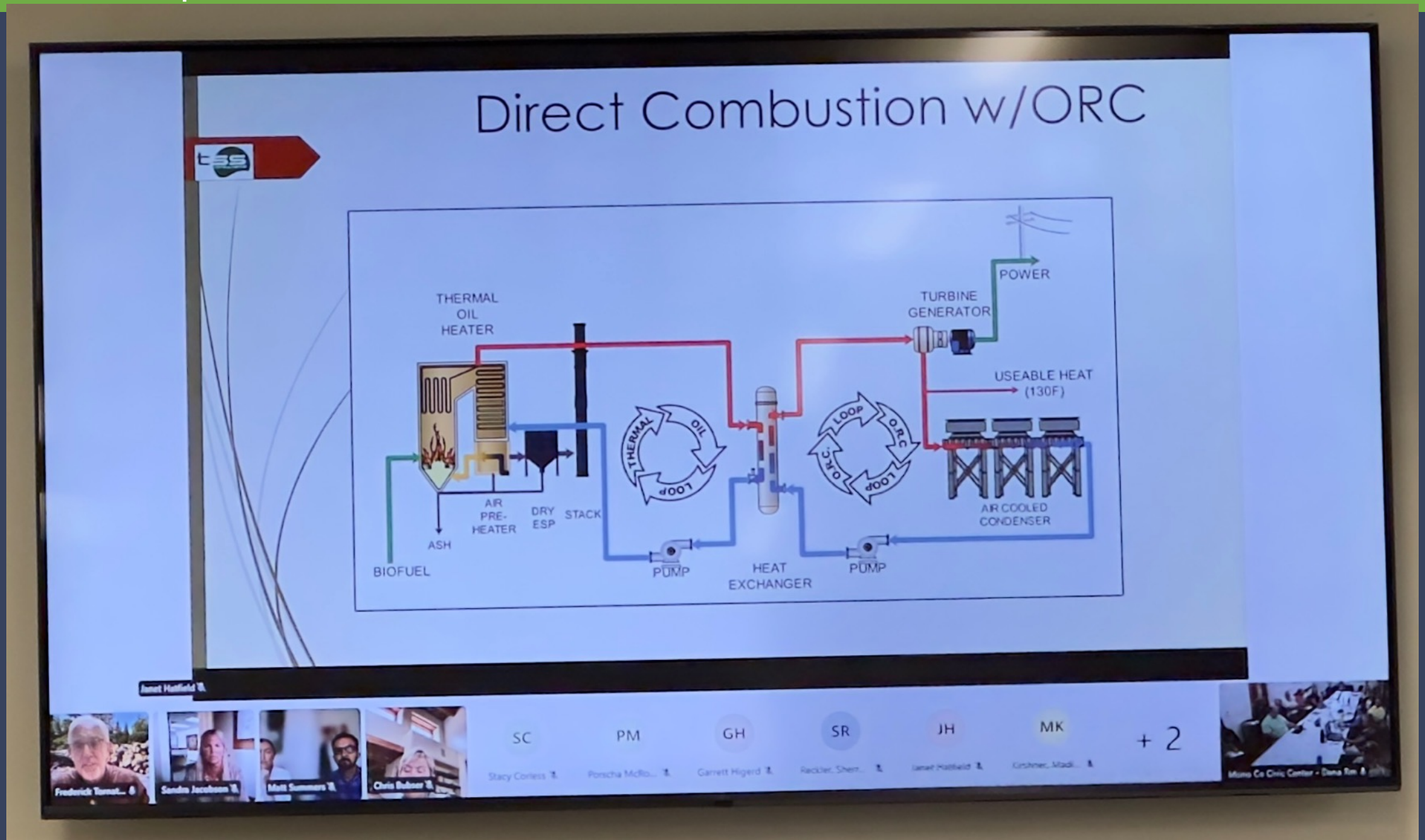
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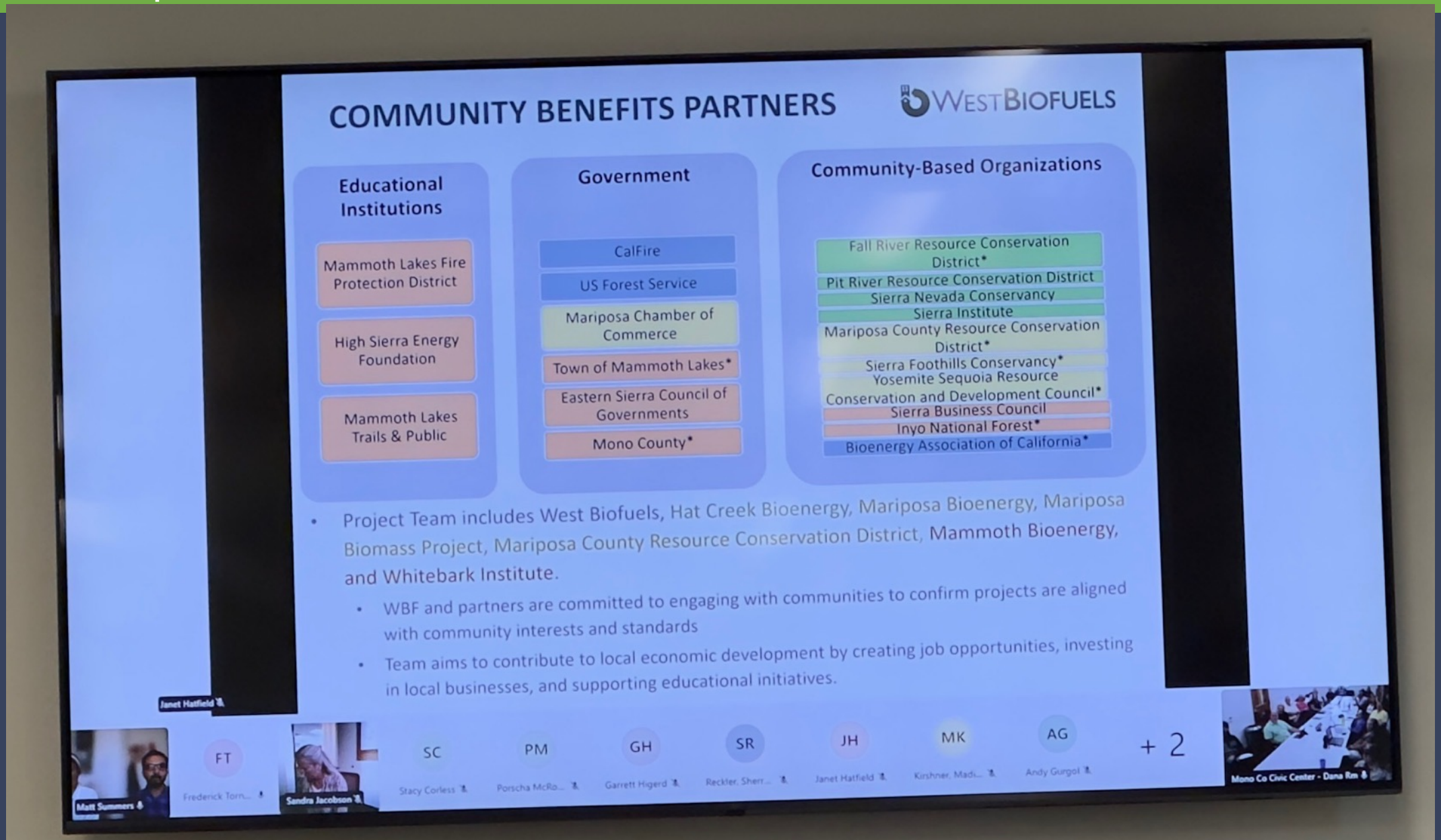
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Potentially Available	1,961	28,000	360	1,864	350	32,535
Practically Available	1,765	25,800	360	1,678	245	29,848

Feedstock Type	Low Range ($/BDT)	High Range ($/BDT)	Average Delivered Price to Mammoth Lakes ($/BDT)
Timber Harvest Residuals	$50.00	$55.00	$52.50
Forest Fuels Reduction	$46.00	$56.00	$51.00
Forest Products Manufacturing Residuals	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00
Urban Wood	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00
Powerline Corridor Maintenance	$5.00	$10.00	$7.50

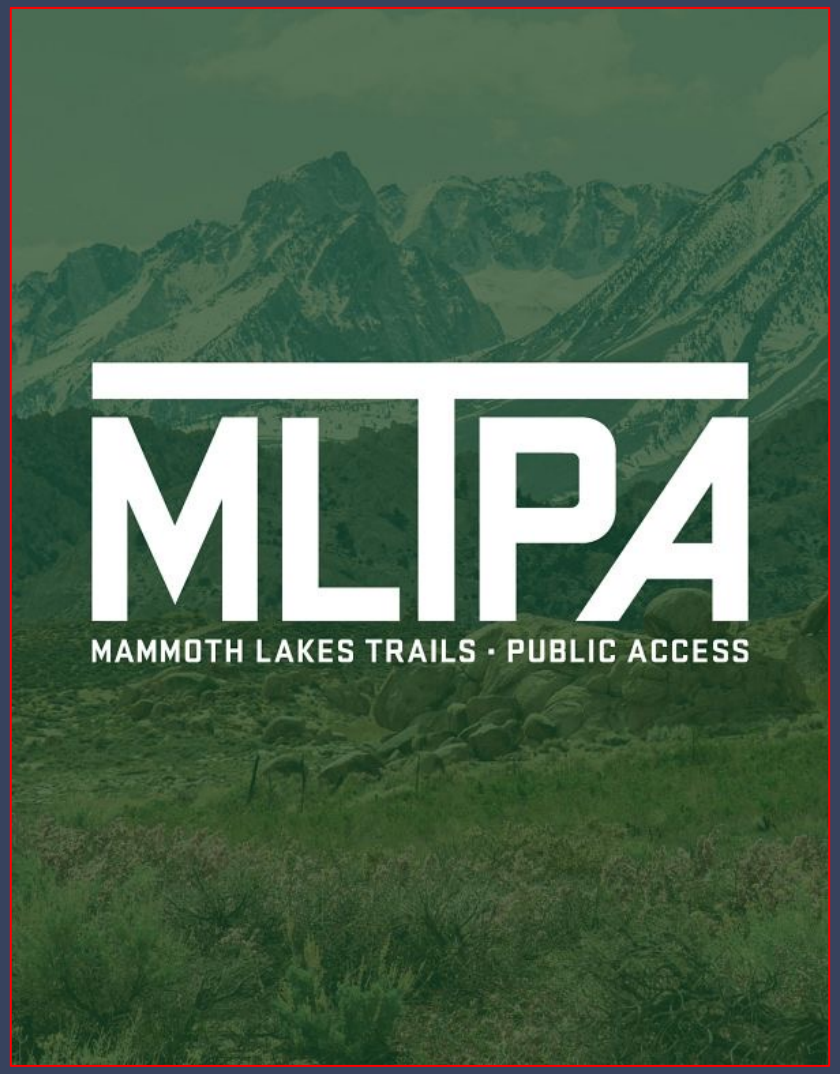
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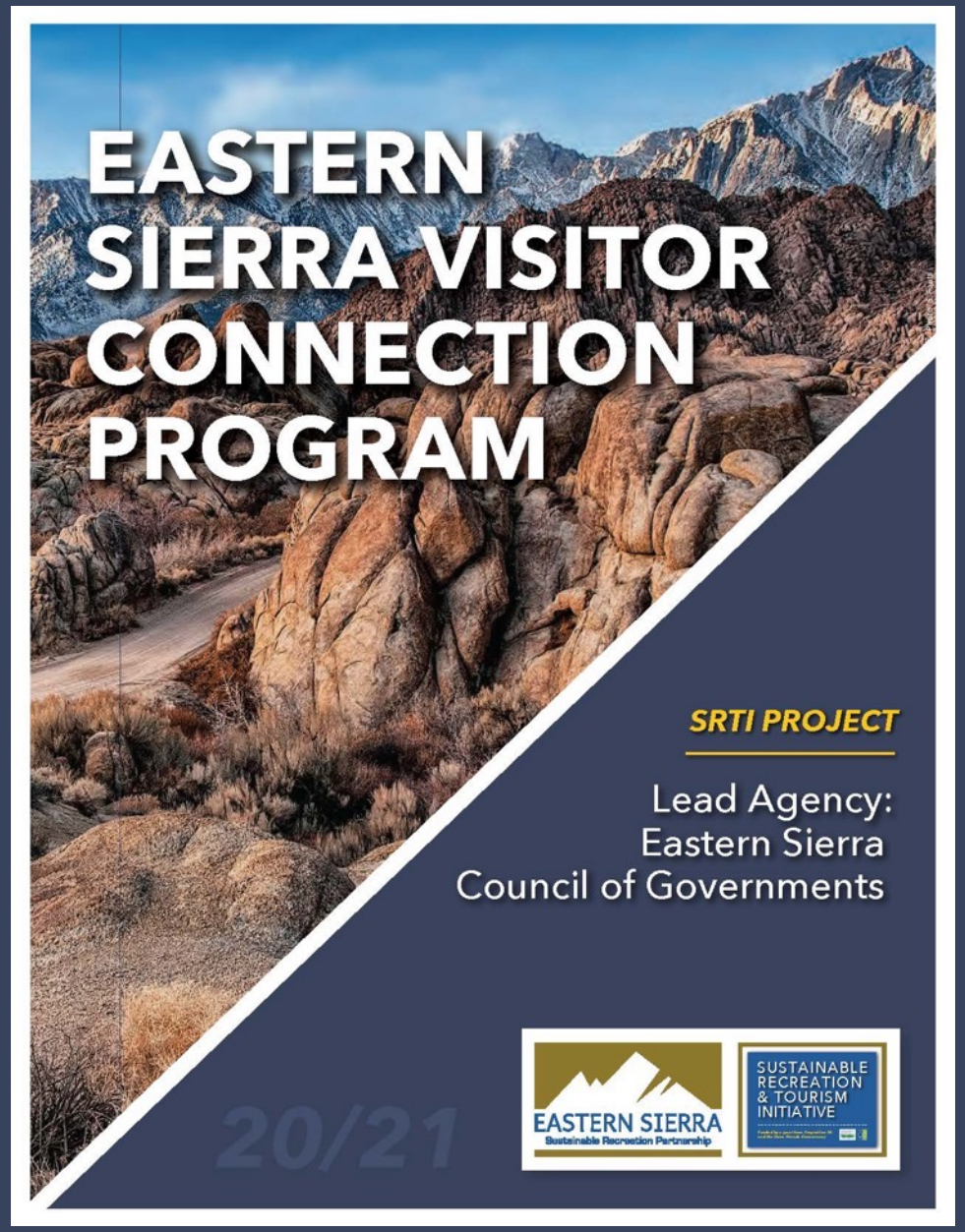
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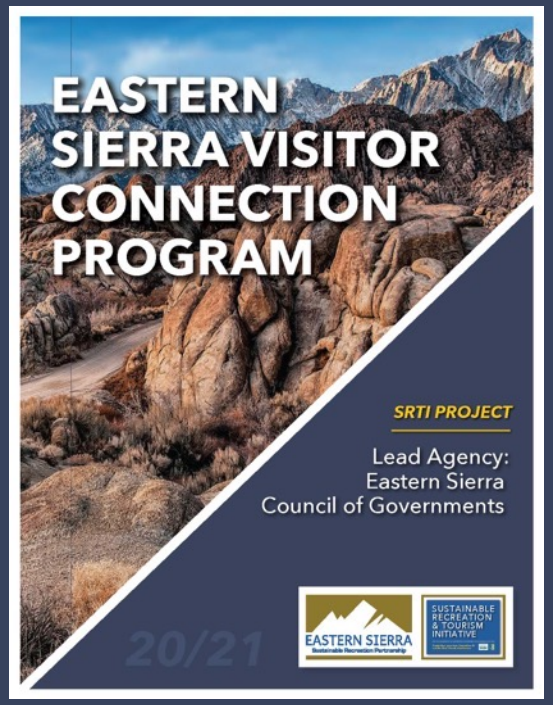
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Visitor Audience Connection

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

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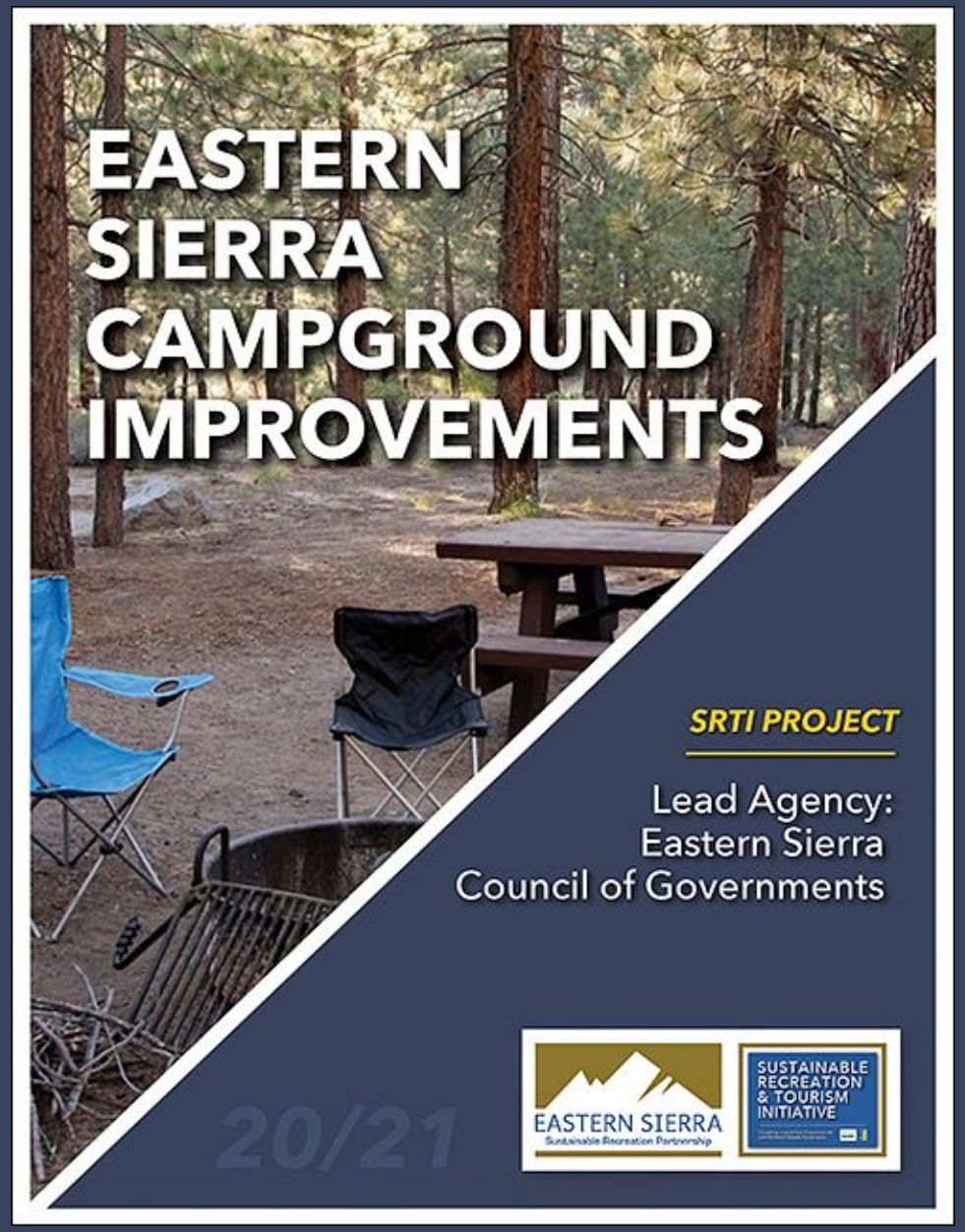


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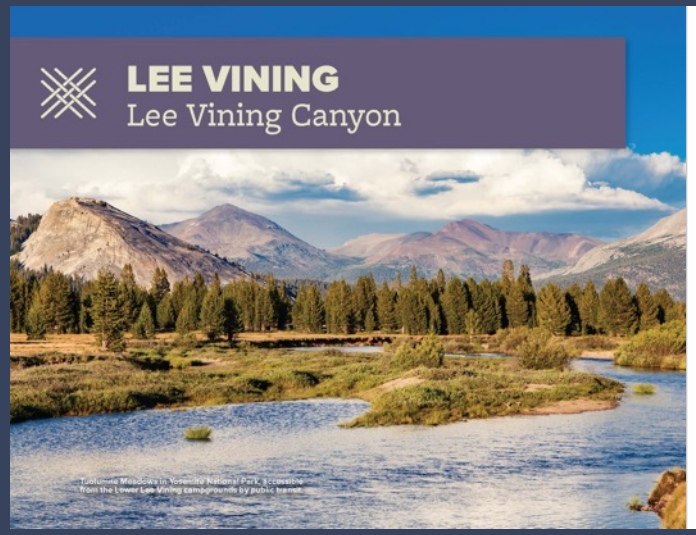
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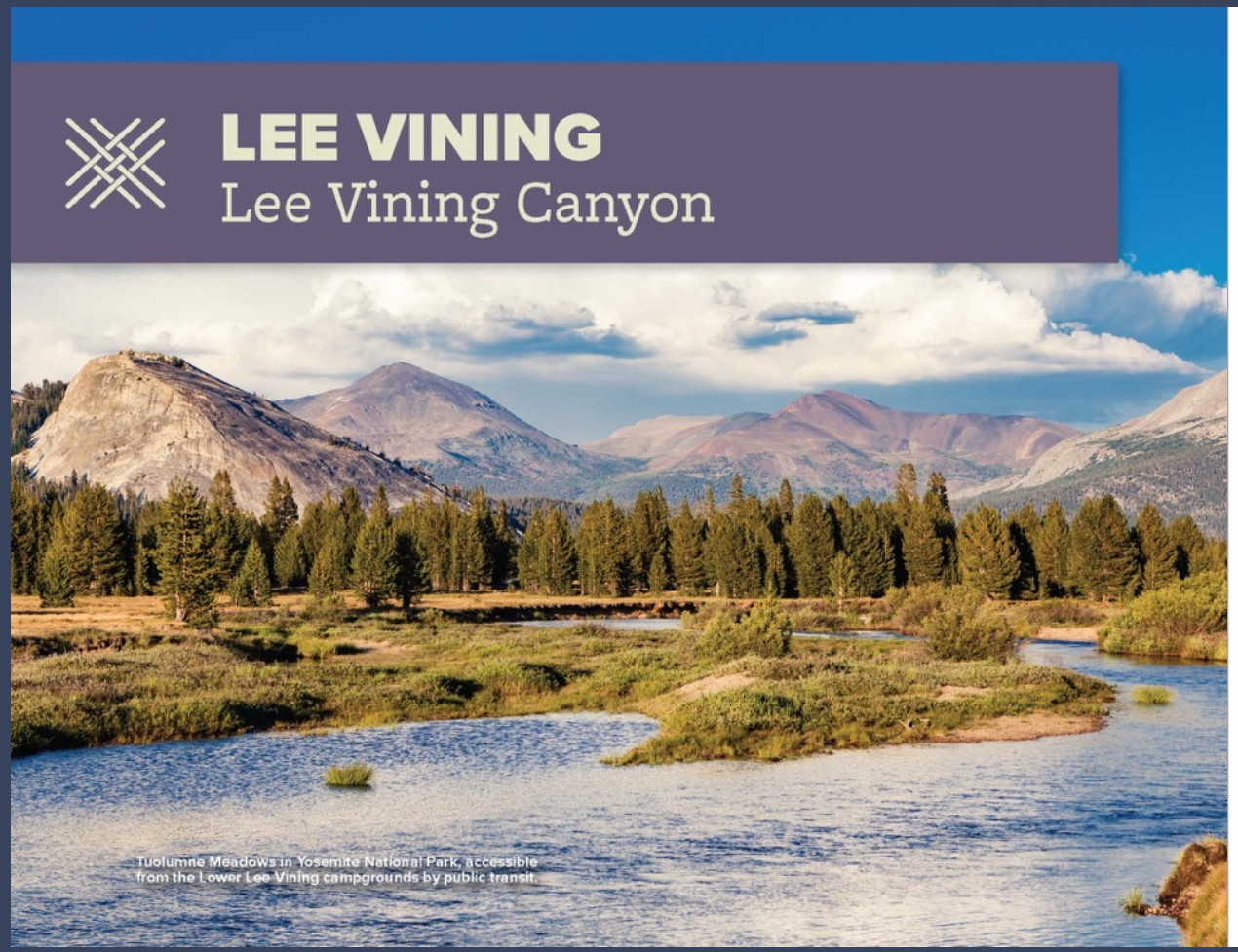






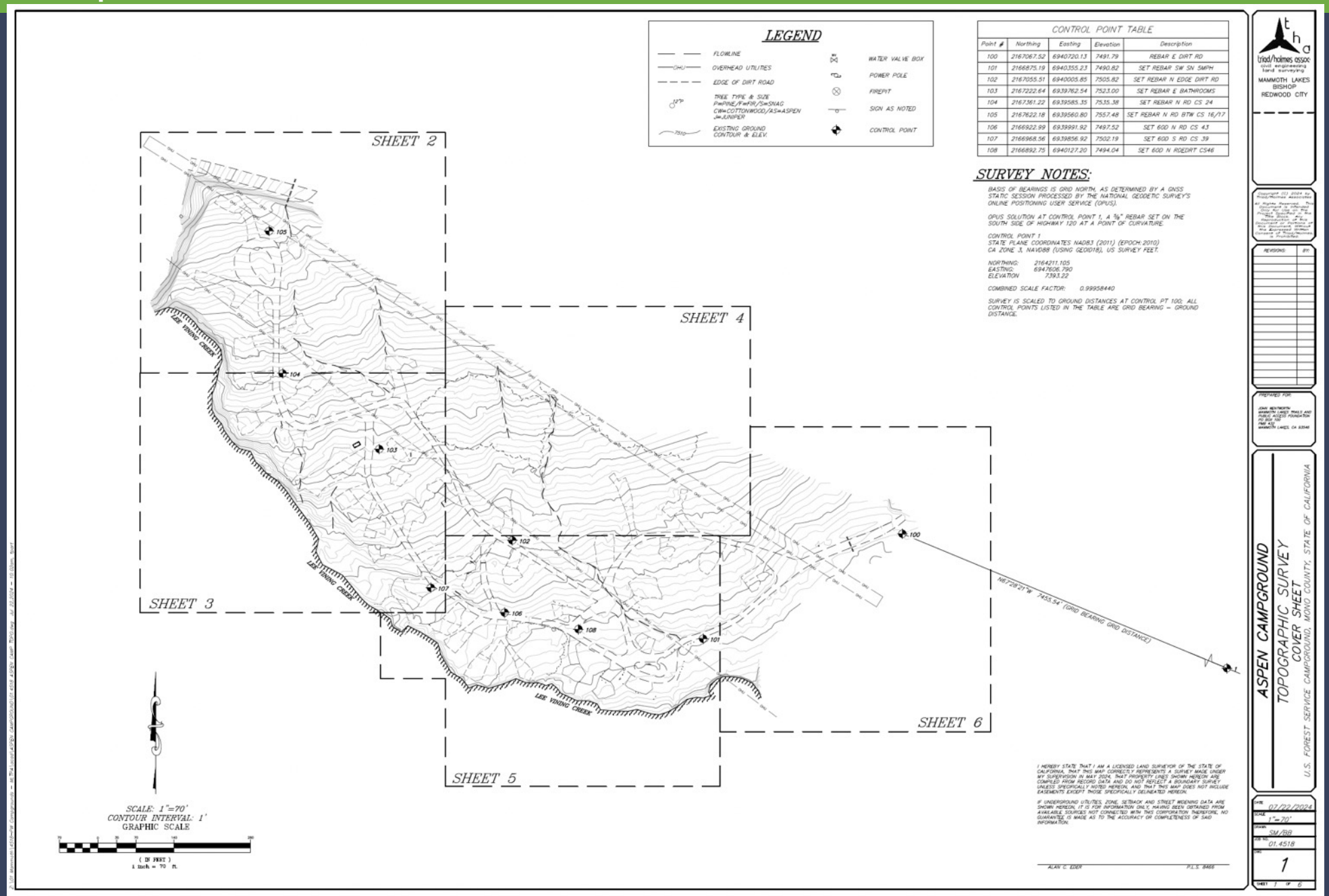


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Brooks Bryant
RE: Campground Surveys
To: Kristy Williams, Cc: John Wentworth, aeder@thainc.com

Inbox - GOOGLE...wentworth@mltpa.org

Kristy,

The update is as follows:

Aspen Campground Survey is set to be delivered by the end of the day tomorrow.

Grey's Campground Survey is 80% drafted, we will deliver soon.

Moraine Campground field survey is complete, is next in the queue for drafting.

Lower Lee Vining Campground is 25% complete on the field survey, we will finish this field survey next.

Onion Valley Campground field survey is 0% and will follow the completion of the LLV CG field survey.

I will be out of office until 8/12. Please forward all further inquiries to Al Eder (aeder@thainc.com) while I am gone.

Thanks,

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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

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John Roberts July 30, 2024 at 7:13 PM

RE: Eastern Sierra Campground Project - Site Visit

To: Kristy Williams, Cc: Maki Boyle & 4 more Details

Hi Kristy,

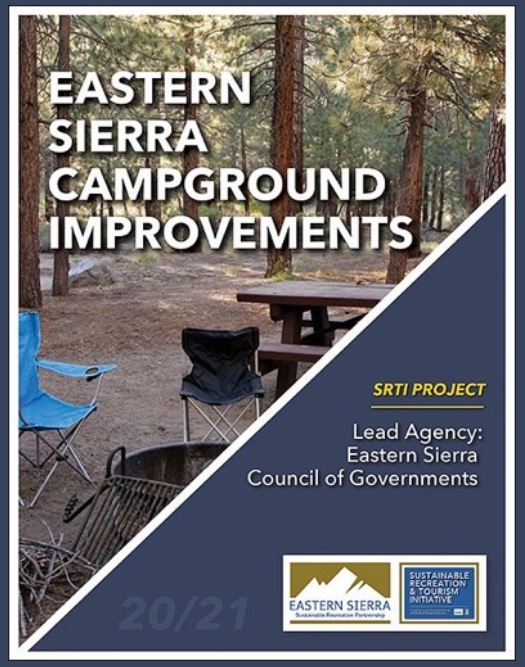
Yes. I think it is best to proceed with the site visit in the first week of October. I assume we'll get the other surveys ahead of time to allow us to process the info. It would be useful to have a progress set of the Onion Valley campgrounds ahead of time if the final is not available. I understand that it is a somewhat complex site, but a draft would be better than nothing.

If that makes sense to you, we'll begin to make our arrangements.

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Recreate Responsibly California



Hello Recreate Responsibly California Coalition Members,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! We're excited to share important updates about legislation, historic wrongs being righted, the return of rare Purple Martins, and more. From ensuring safe and responsible recreation to celebrating environmental achievements and recovery efforts, we have a lot to cover.

Education Campaigns

Summer Preparedness, Part II

As temperatures rise, and California's sixth-largest fire keeps resources tied up, our members continue to look for ways to promote health and safety tips. Here are some new resources for combating rising temperatures

- CDC's Extreme Heat Guide
- NOAA's Heat Safety Tips

Keep sharing campaigns you're finding useful on these topics and more. In the meantime, take a look at the Recreate Responsibly calendar for more summer-specific messaging.

News & Advocacy

Exoneration of Black Sailors from Port Chicago

On July 17th, 2024,400 people came to witness the Secretary of the Navy fully exonerated the remaining 256 defendants of the 1944 Port Chicago courts-martial, marking the 80th anniversary of the explosion at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine. This decision acknowledges significant legal errors during the original trials and stands as a testament to the enduring pursuit of justice for the African-American Sailors affected by the disaster.

- Read the press release from this historic occasion.
- Visit the NPS webpage to learn about the memorial and see the documentary.

A Win for the Rare and Endangered Purple Martins

Did you know that the largest and most consistent population of Western Purple Martins in Santa Clara County is on Midpen lands? The migratory species was thought to have disappeared from the county until Midpen began the restoration of Mount Umunhum and saw the acrobatic avians overhead and nesting in old utility poles. Read more about the Purple Martins Return and how Natural Resources team are creating enticing nesting boxes.

- Midpen also celebrated 10 years of accomplishments. Check out this episode of OpenRoad With Doug McConnel

Partner Updates – In Alphabetical Order

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

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday September 7, 2024 @ 3:30 PM