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

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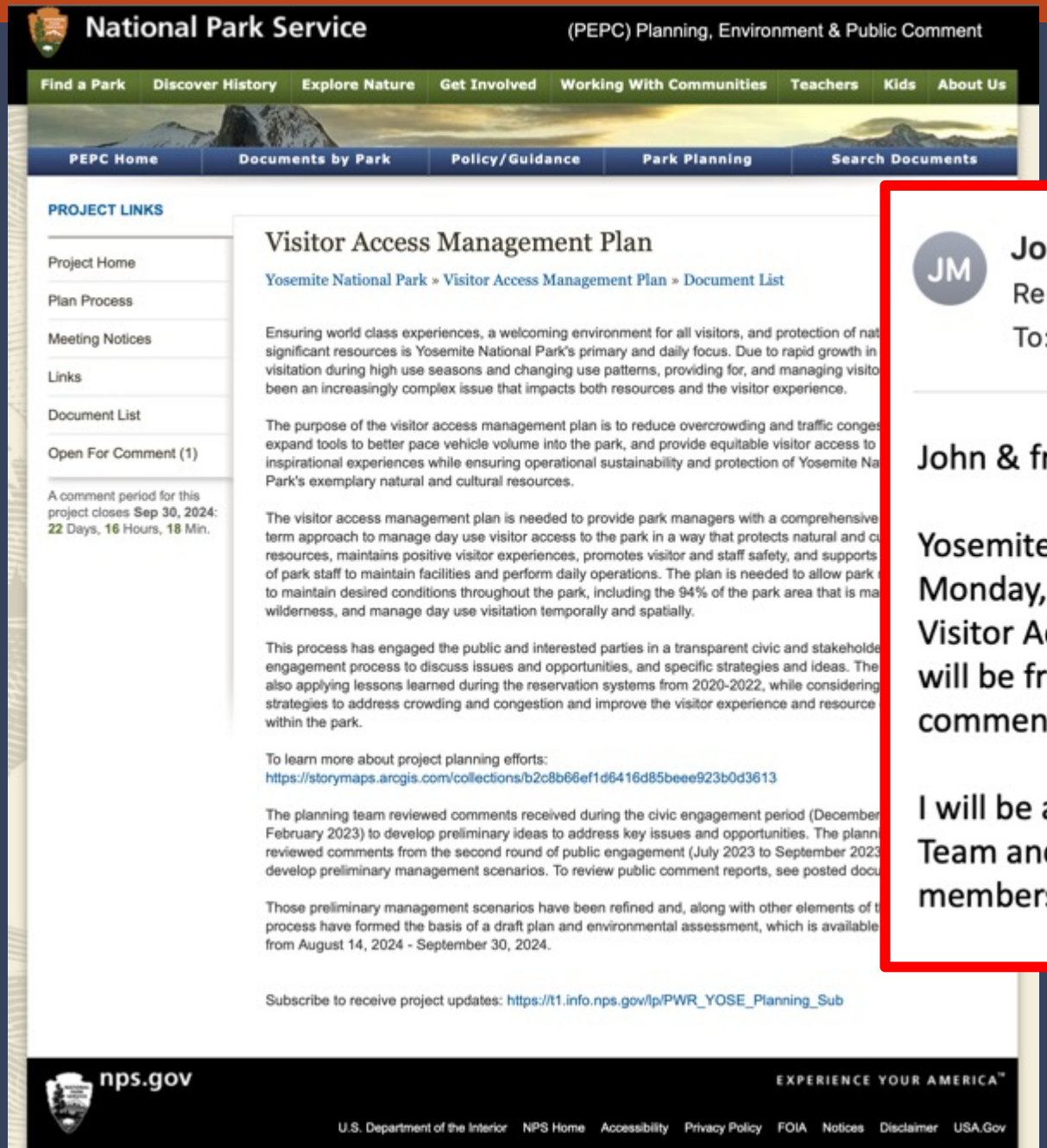
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PROJECT LINKS

- Project Home
- Plan Process
- Meeting Notices
- Links
- Document List
- Open For Comment (1)

A comment period for this project closes **Sep 30, 2024**: **22** Days, **16** Hours, **18** Min.

Visitor Access Management Plan

Yosemite National Park » Visitor Access Management Plan » Document List

Ensuring world class experiences, a welcoming environment for all visitors, and protection of nat
significant resources is Yosemite National Park's primary and daily focus. Due to rapid growth in
visitation during high use seasons and changing use patterns, providing for, and managing visito
been an increasingly complex issue that impacts both resources and the visitor experience.

The purpose of the visitor access management plan is to reduce overcrowding and traffic conges
expand tools to better pace vehicle volume into the park, and provide equitable visitor access to
inspirational experiences while ensuring operational sustainability and protection of Yosemite Na
Park's exemplary natural and cultural resources.

The visitor access management plan is needed to provide park managers with a comprehensive
term approach to manage day use visitor access to the park in a way that protects natural and cu
resources, maintains positive visitor experiences, promotes visitor and staff safety, and supports
of park staff to maintain facilities and perform daily operations. The plan is needed to allow park
to maintain desired conditions throughout the park, including the 94% of the park area that is ma
wilderness, and manage day use visitation temporally and spatially.

This process has engaged the public and interested parties in a transparent civic and stakeholde
engagement process to discuss issues and opportunities, and specific strategies and ideas. The
also applying lessons learned during the reservation systems from 2020-2022, while considering
strategies to address crowding and congestion and improve the visitor experience and resource
within the park.

To learn more about project planning efforts:
https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/b2c8b66ef1d6416d85beee923b0d3613

The planning team reviewed comments received during the civic engagement period (December
February 2023) to develop preliminary ideas to address key issues and opportunities. The planni
reviewed comments from the second round of public engagement (July 2023 to September 2023
develop preliminary management scenarios. To review public comment reports, see posted docu

Those preliminary management scenarios have been refined and, along with other elements of t
process have formed the basis of a draft plan and environmental assessment, which is available
from August 14, 2024 - September 30, 2024.

Subscribe to receive project updates: https://t1.info.nps.gov/lp/PWR_YOSE_Planning_Sub

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JM **Joe Meyer** September 6, 2024 at 8:45 AM

Re: [EXTERNAL] ESSRP - Draft Agenda for Monday Sept. 9

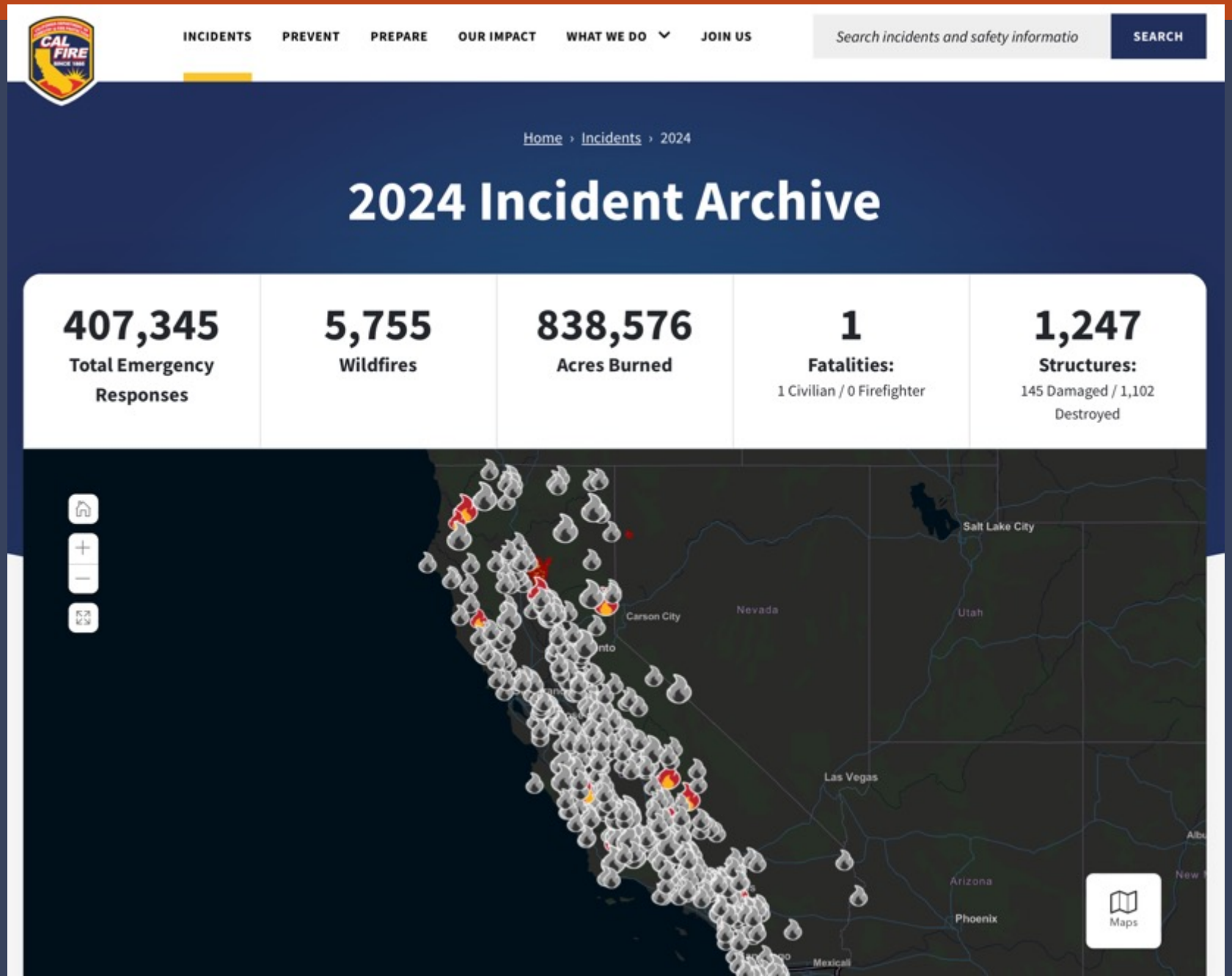
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John & friends,

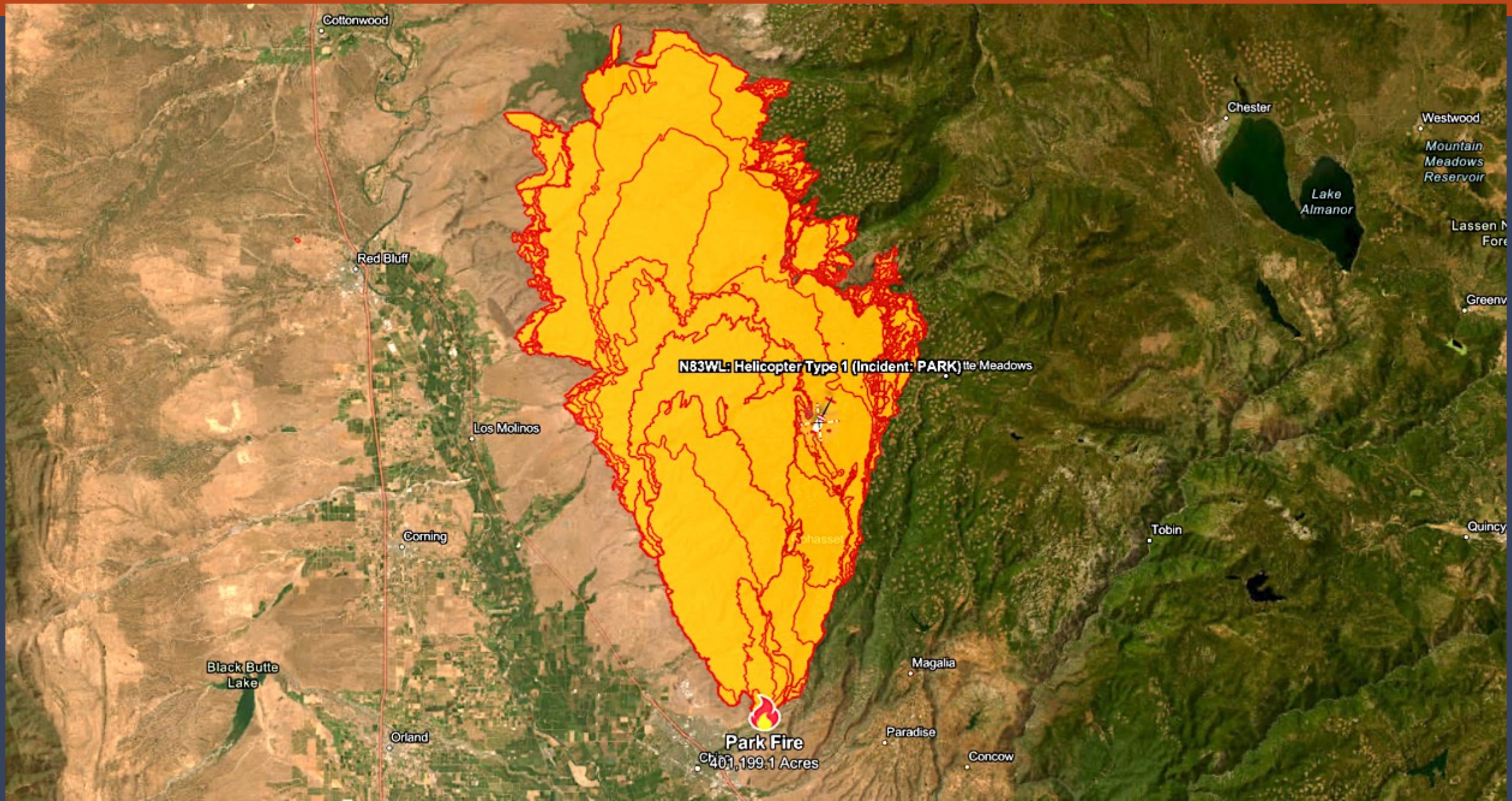
Yosemite National Park will be hosting an open house in Mammoth Lakes on Monday, September 9 to present information and answer questions about the Visitor Access Management Plan/Environmental Assessment. The open house will be from 5-7pm at the Community Center, 1000 Forest Drive. Written comments can be submitted until 9/30 - comments can entered at this link.

I will be at the open house in person, along with members of the Planning Team and the Park's Leadership Team. It will be good to see some ESSRP members in person!

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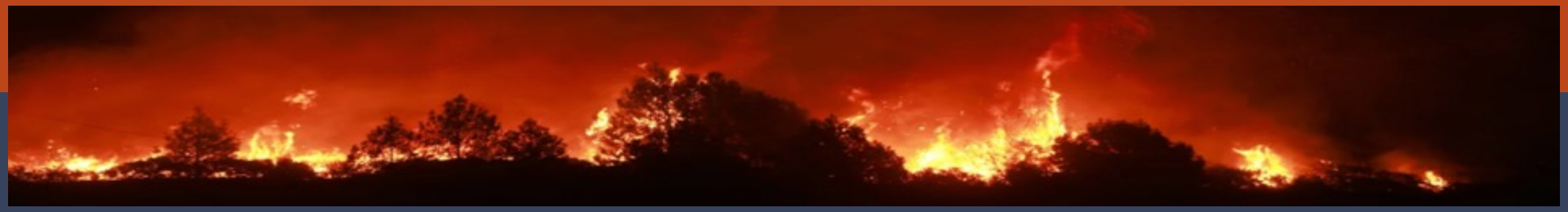
INCIDENT	COUNTIES	STARTED	ACRES	CONTAINMENT
Park Fire	Butte, Tehama	7/24/2024	429,603	99%
Borel Fire	Kern	7/24/2024	59,288	95%
Lake Fire	Santa Barbara	7/05/2024	38,664	100%
2024 SQF Lightning Complex	Kern, Tulare	7/13/2024	33,026	95%
Sites Fire	Colusa	6/17/2024	19,195	100%
Boone Fire	Fresno	9/03/2024	17,766	24%
Line Fire	San Bernardino	9/05/2024	17,459	0%
Post Fire	Los Angeles, Ventura	6/15/2024	15,563	100%
Shelly Fire	Siskiyou	7/03/2024	15,520	100%
Corral Fire	San Joaquin	6/01/2024	14,168	100%
Basin Fire	Fresno	6/26/2024	14,023	100%
Coffee Pot Fire	Tulare	8/03/2024	13,347	27%
Boise Fire	Humboldt	8/09/2024	12,967	91%
Hurricane Fire	Kern, San Luis Obispo	7/13/2024	12,703	100%
Fresno June Lightning Complex	Fresno	6/24/2024	10,616	100%
Rancho Fire	Kern	7/13/2024	9,950	100%
Hill Fire	Humboldt, Trinity	7/16/2024	7,224	100%
White Fire	Kern	7/13/2024	5,646	100%

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Residents flee as California and Nevada wildfires get dangerously close and forecasters warn of record heat

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• **California's Line Fire explodes in size:** The wildfire has consumed 17,459 acres as of Sunday after igniting at the base of the San Bernardino Mountains on Thursday. The blaze has more than quadrupled in size since Saturday morning. Authorities urged residents in several areas to flee as the massive blaze shot bright red flames and thick, billowing plumes of smoke into the sky. About 500 firefighters are battling the wildfire, which was 0% contained as of Sunday morning, according to Cal Fire.

Thunderstorm winds are causing "very erratic behavior" on the blaze and vegetation is "critically dry," the agency said Sunday. Smoke continues to be an issue for firefighters, and afternoon thunderstorms have the potential to cause new ignitions.

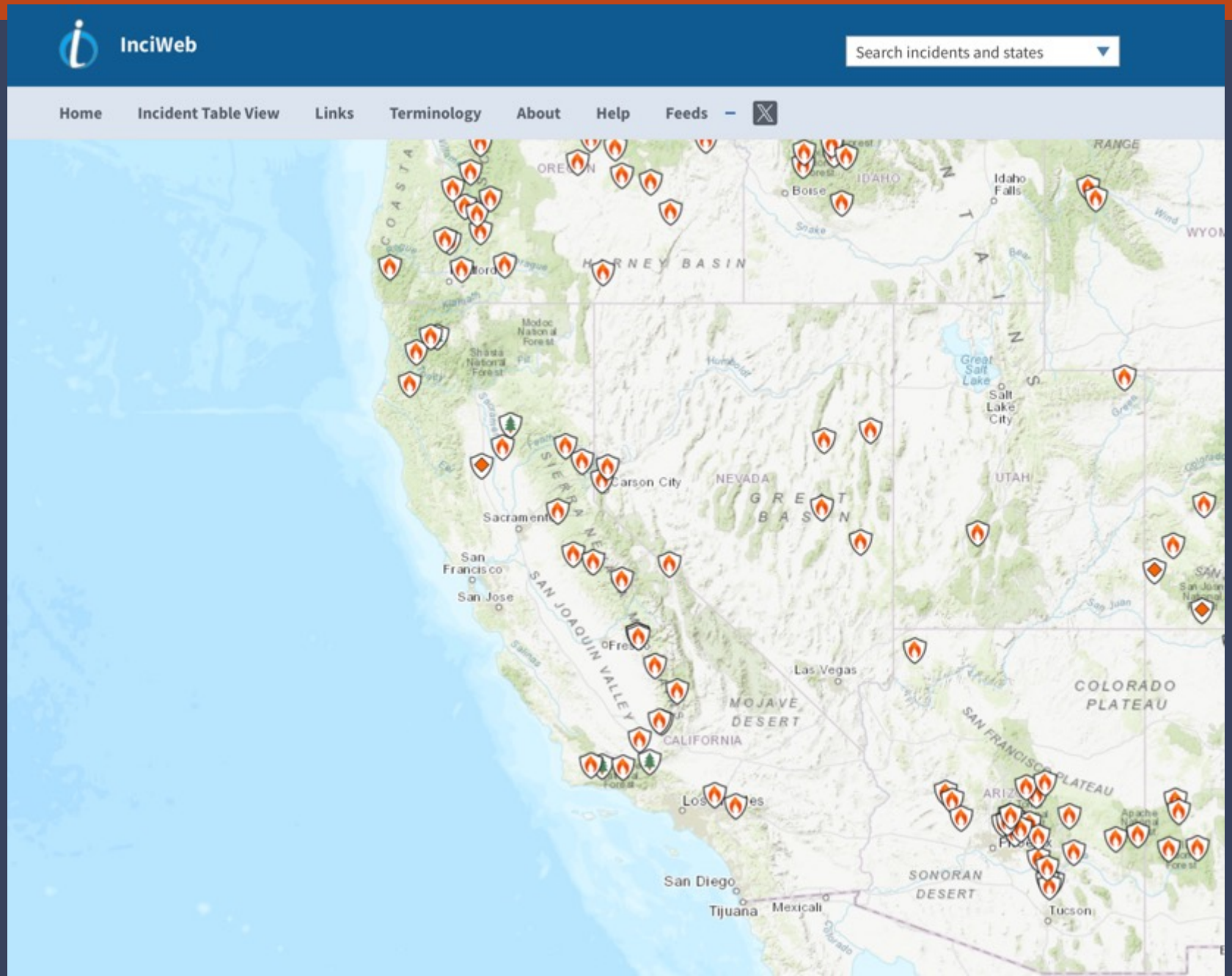
"Hot and dry conditions mixed with thunderstorms are expected to challenge firefighters for the next few days," Cal Fire said.

• **Line Fire creates its own weather:** As it burns through acres of land, it's creating its own weather in the form of pyrocumulus clouds. The clouds can create erratic winds that push the fire outward, spreading it farther and challenging firefighters. If it's hot enough, the clouds can produce lightning and rain, called pyrocumulonimbus. They can reach heights of 50,000 feet and generate their own systems of thunderstorms.

• **Nevada wildfire destroys structures**: The Davis Fire, a dangerous, wind-driven blaze south of Reno, has burned about 3,300 acres, destroyed at least six structures and remains 0% contained as of Sunday morning, Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue said on X. "Numerous communities under evacuation orders impacting 1,800 people," it said. "Heavy aerial resources and multiple agencies working to stop this wind-driven wildfire." NV Energy said it has cut power to around 18,700 customers "to prevent further ignitions and protect first responders." It asked those who still have power, and are near the fire to prepare for potential outages.

• **Sweltering heat will add to the region's misery:** Excessive heat warnings and advisories are in effect for southern California, the Desert Southwest and the northern Great Basin. Temperatures in Southern California range from 95 to 105 degrees – about 10 to 20 degrees above average for the region. An air quality alert has also been issued "due to heat wave and elevated fine particle pollution levels due to wildfire smoke," according to the National Weather Service.

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Former chief of staff sues California State Sen. Alvarado-Gil for sexual harassment, discrimination

The lawsuit includes allegations of sexual harassment, discrimination, retaliation and violations of other state labor laws.

Ashley Zavala • SACRAMENTO, Calif. —



California State Sen. Marie Alvarado-Gil is facing a civil lawsuit filed by her ex-chief of staff who alleges the senator forced him to do sexual favors while she was his boss and he suffered a back injury because of it.

Alvardo-Gil, who represents parts of Eastern California and the Central Valley, recently changed her party affiliation from Democratic to Republican.

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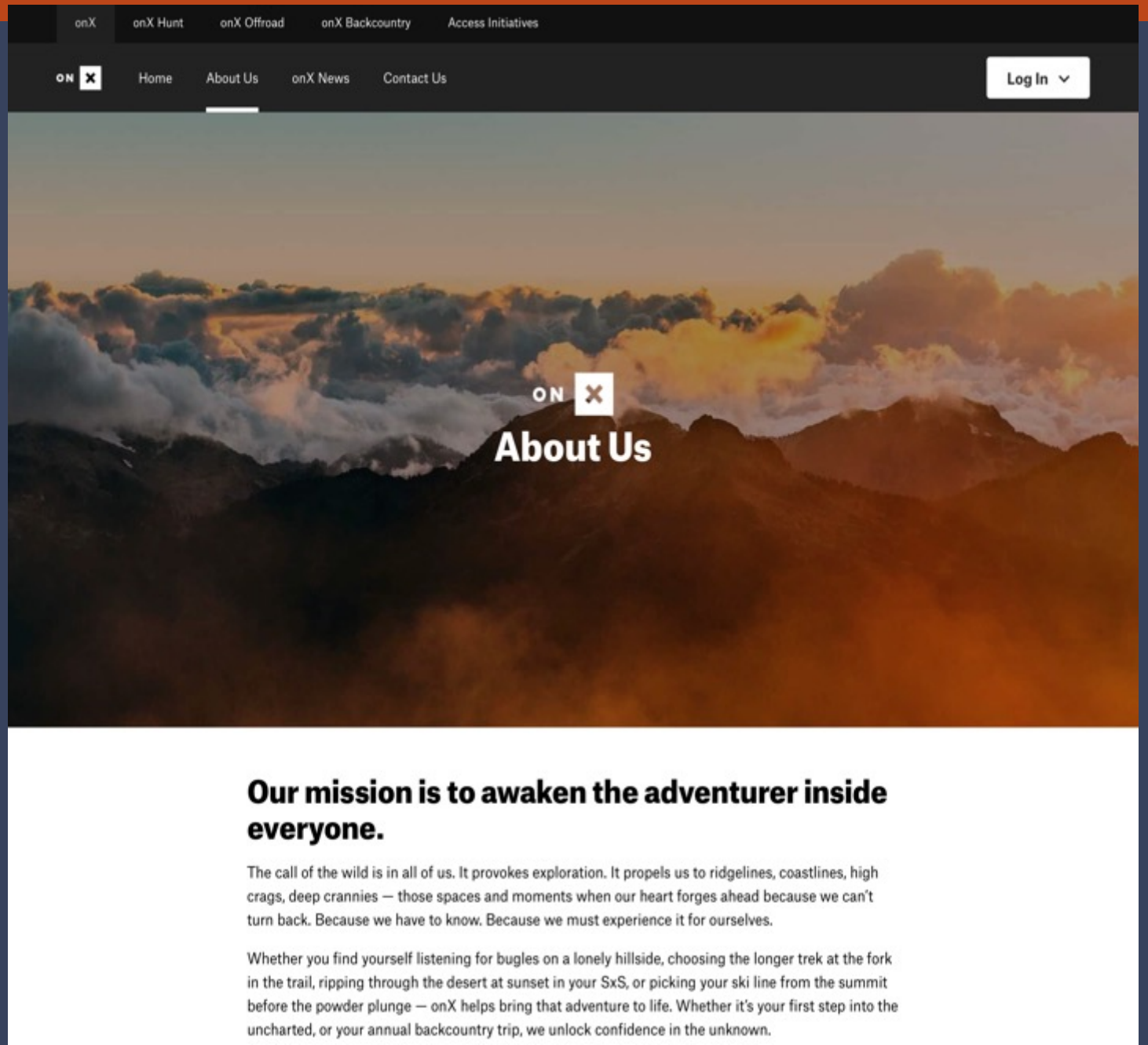
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WHAT IS BIKEPACKING?

Simply put, bikepacking is a mix of all-terrain cycling and backpacking. It evokes the freedom of backcountry hiking and travel off the beaten path but with the added range, quicker pace, and thrill of riding a nimble bicycle. Bikepacking involves carrying the essential gear—and not much more—on an off-road-capable bike for an overnight or multi-day ride. That could range from a full load with sleeping gear, a cooking kit, and food for camping to a minimal kit with just the clothing and supplies you need to link shelters or hotels. It's all about pedaling further into places less traveled, both near and far, via singletrack trails, gravel, and forgotten dirt roads, and connecting with the vast landscapes, welcoming people, and diverse places encountered along the way. If you ask us, nothing else compares to adventure travel by bike.

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BIKEPACKING VERSUS BICYCLE TOURING

While the two are quite similar, and can often be used interchangeably to describe the same thing, there are some key differences that set bikepacking apart from bicycle touring—particularly in terms of how we talk about and create routes. The primary distinction is a focus on off-pavement riding.

Bikepacking involves multi-day cycling primarily on dirt roads, trails, and gravel. There are many reasons to prefer off-pavement riding, but a big part of the magic is that cycling on low-traffic and traffic-free routes allows riders to be immersed in the surroundings, the riding, and the experience.

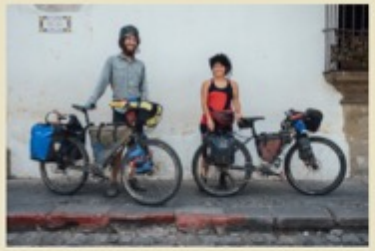
The surfaces used on most bikepacking routes range from smooth gravel to rugged singletrack and from rutted dirt roads to purpose-made cycle paths. Bikepacking routes commonly incorporate a variety of mixed surfaces linked via paved backroads, towns, byways, and rail trails. The beauty of off-road cycling is that it can take on many interesting forms. We'll dig into the assortment of bicycles and bags made to tackle different types of routes in the next two sections of the guide. In the meantime, here are a few related articles:



Panniers vs. Bikepacking Bags documents a couple's transition from one to the other



What is Bikepacking? (Video) aims to answer the question



A Story of Migration digs into Andrea and Jakes's move from heavy panniers and racks to lighter bikepacking gear



Beginner Bikepacking follows Robin and Sabina on their journey toward to more rugged and remote routes

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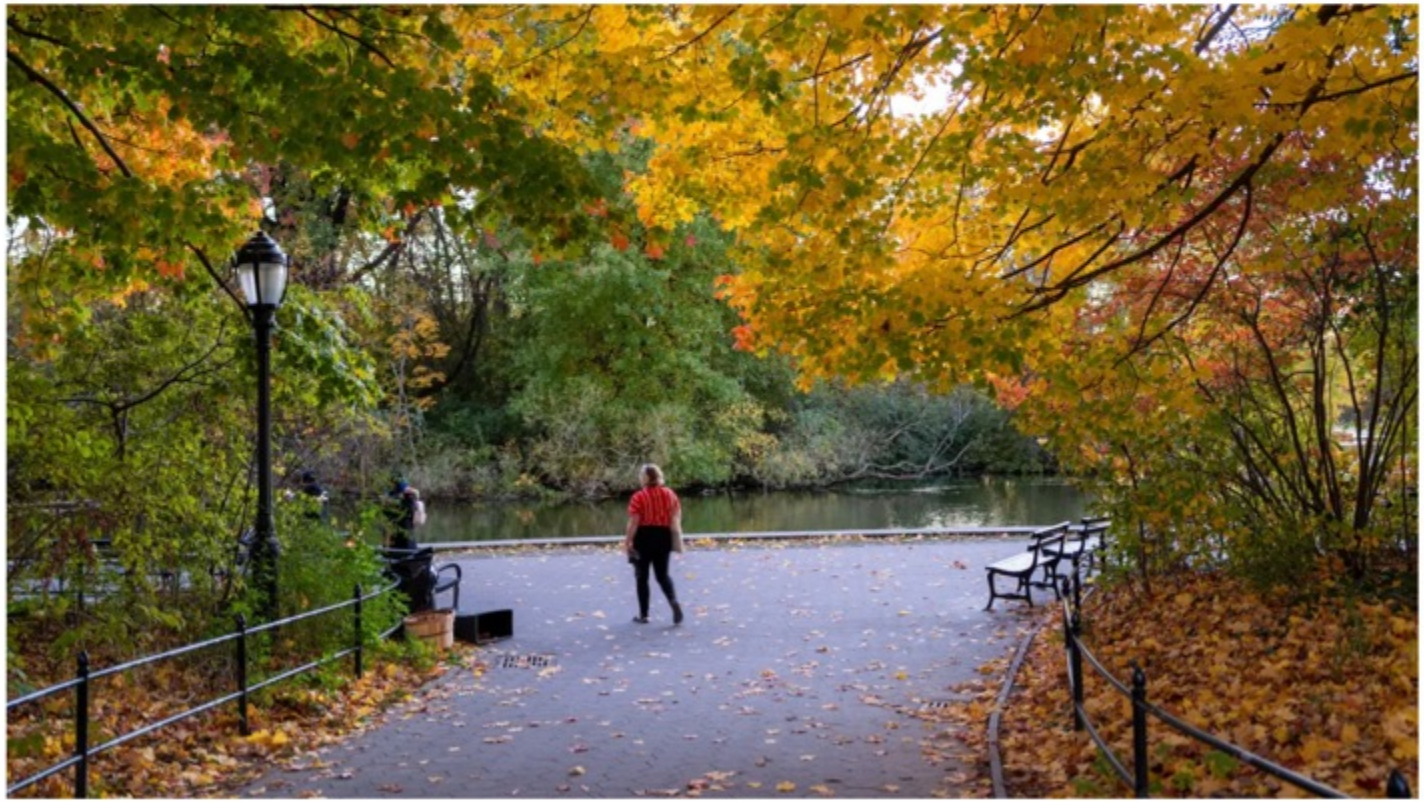
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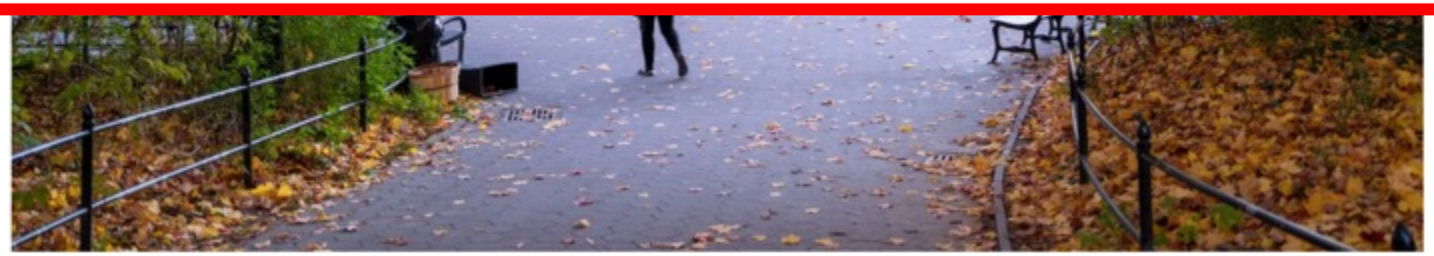
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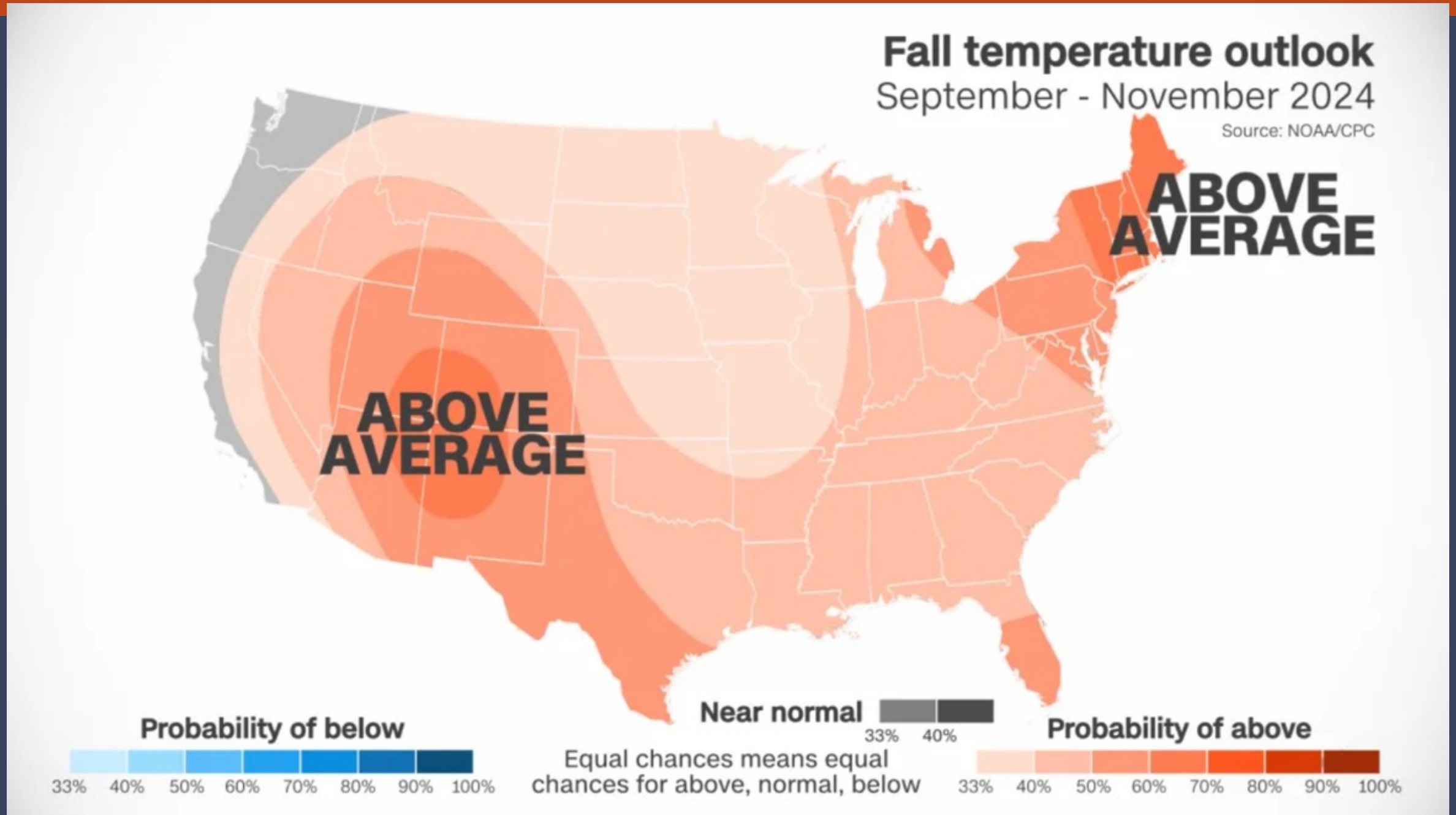
But while pumpkin spice is already overtaking the country, the familiar fall feel may take much longer to materialize as the warmth of an intensely hot summer in the United States shows signs it could bleed into the new season – a trend as the world warms from fossil fuel pollution.

"The fall season is increasingly being seen as an extension of summer," said Jennifer Marlon, a climate scientist at the Yale School of the Environment. "It's warming fast."



People enjoy Brooklyn's Prospect Park as trees near their peak autumn foliage in October 2022 in New York City. Spencer Platt/Getty Images/File

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Death Valley National Park has its hottest summer on record

By Forrest Brown, CNN

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Summers in Death Valley National Park can be dangerous when visitors don't take all the precautions.

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CNN Climate Solutions Weather

The planet endures its hottest summer on record — for the second straight year

By Laura Paddison, CNN

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The period between June and August — summer in the Northern Hemisphere — was the world's hottest such period since records began in 1940, according to data published Friday by Copernicus, Europe's climate change service.

This summer was 0.69 degrees Celsius hotter than the 1991 to 2020 average, edging past the previous record set last summer by 0.03 degrees, Copernicus found.



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Final Draft Submitted to the State on August 29, 2024



READ the PDF

We are pleased to announce that sixteen members of the Sierra Jobs First Governing Council convened virtually on Aug. 23 to officially approve moving forward with the region's Strategic Plan, a report designed to guide project selection and job growth.

This will allow SBC to submit the plan to the State next week after completing a final copy edit and double-checking that all small edits and corrections are accounted for. Because this plan is a living document, revisions may continue throughout the Sierra Jobs First process to best serve the region's goals and priorities.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the hundreds of involved community members, organizations, and members of the Collaborative who provided critical guidance on creating a plan that represents all the Sierra region's varied communities and populations.

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Industry Sector Coordinator(s)

Sierra Business Council will be hiring **up to five consultants** to support the Sierra Jobs First Collaborative in the execution of the Catalyst grant awarded to the region. These Industry Sector Coordinators will advise the Sierra Jobs First Collaborative on how to fund $9 million in pre-development activities and provide technical assistance for Catalyst and Implementation Fund grant applications.

SBC seeks consultants in the following five Collaborative identified industry sectors:

1. Natural and Working Lands
2. Sustainable Agriculture and Ranching
3. Community Health
4. Sustainable Recreation and Tourism
5. Clean Energy

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Erika Harvey September 6, 2024 at 12:12 PM
collaboration
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collaboration
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Add

Hi Mathew and John,

I would like to set up a meeting to introduce you both, regarding collaboration on the Industry Coordinator RFP for Sustainable Recreation and Tourism.

Can you both meet on Monday the 16th @ 2pm.

Thank you,

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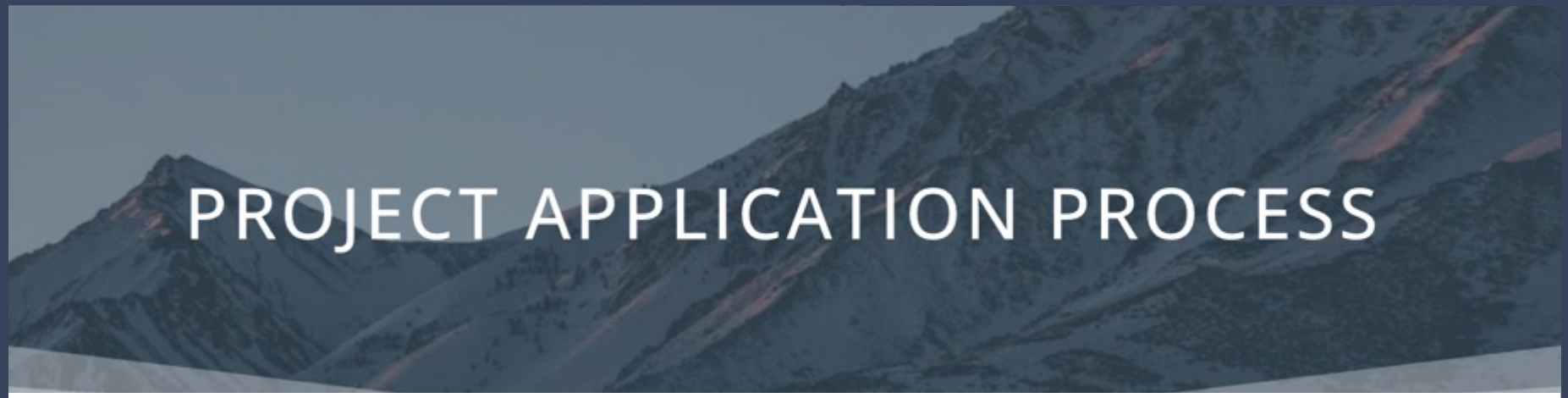
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All projects funded by any portion of the California Jobs First program *must* create sustainable, good-paying jobs, benefit disinvested communities, and advance climate goals.

8/6/2024 Updates:

Thank you to all who submitted draft project application packets to meet the August 5th deadline. We appreciate the time and detail you included. If you have submitted a draft project packet, SBC will be in touch to set up a Project Technical Assistance Appointment in Sonora, Bishop, or Mammoth on Aug. 13th. See below for details.

IMPORTANT: Catalyst Project Timeline Updates:

To give project applicants more time to collaborate and refine their RFPs, we've pushed back the Catalyst application timeline to the following dates:

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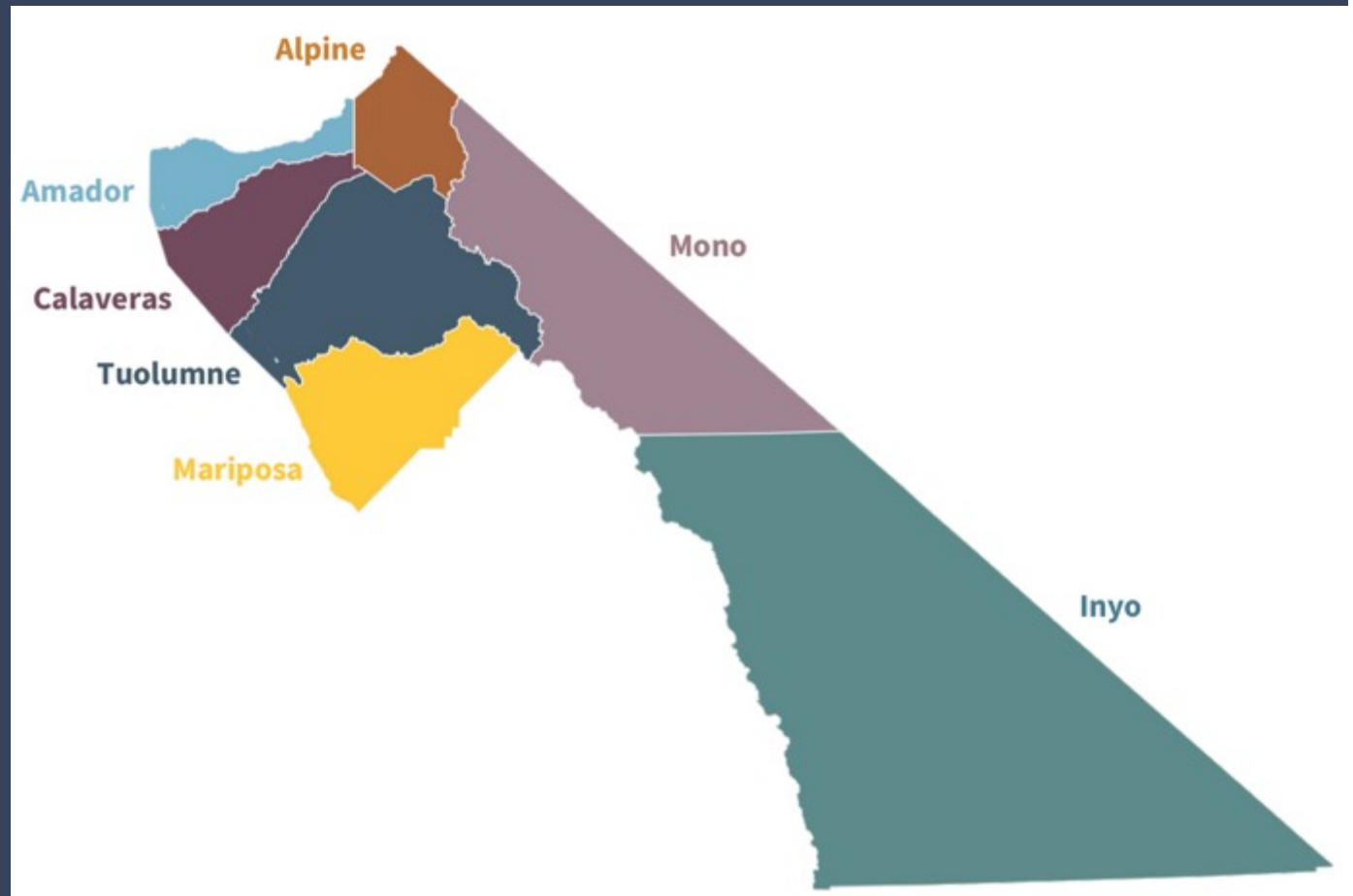
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California Jobs First: State Launches First-of-its-Kind Council to Create Thousands of More Jobs Across All Regions

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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STATEWIDE ALIGNMENT ON TRAINING CALIFORNIANS FOR FAMILY-SUSTAINING JOBS

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

- **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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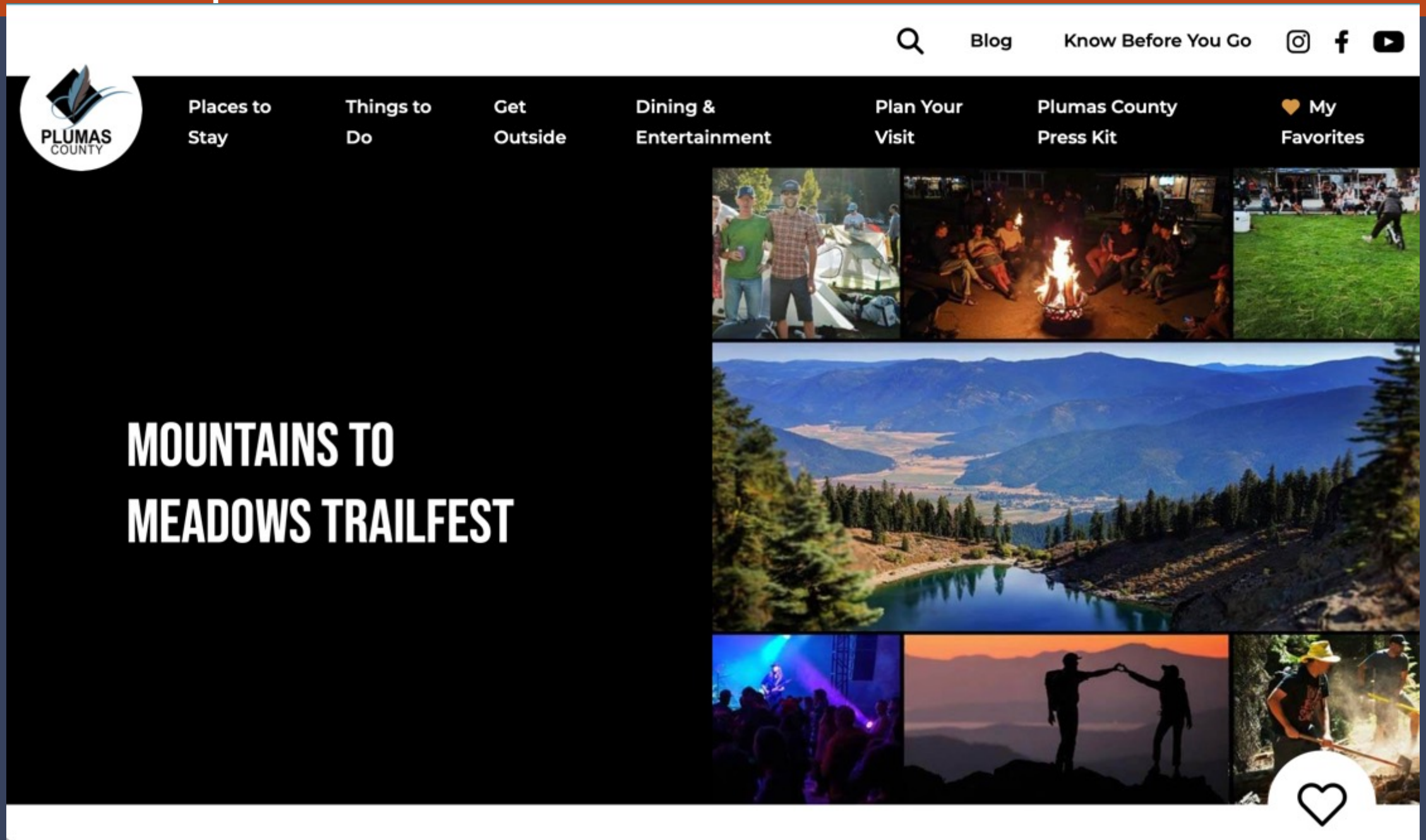




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Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship



Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Launches Mountains to Meadows Trailfest September 19-22, 2024—Come for the trails, stay for the party!

Join us this fall for a NEW outdoor festival celebrating trails and community, and benefiting the work of the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship!

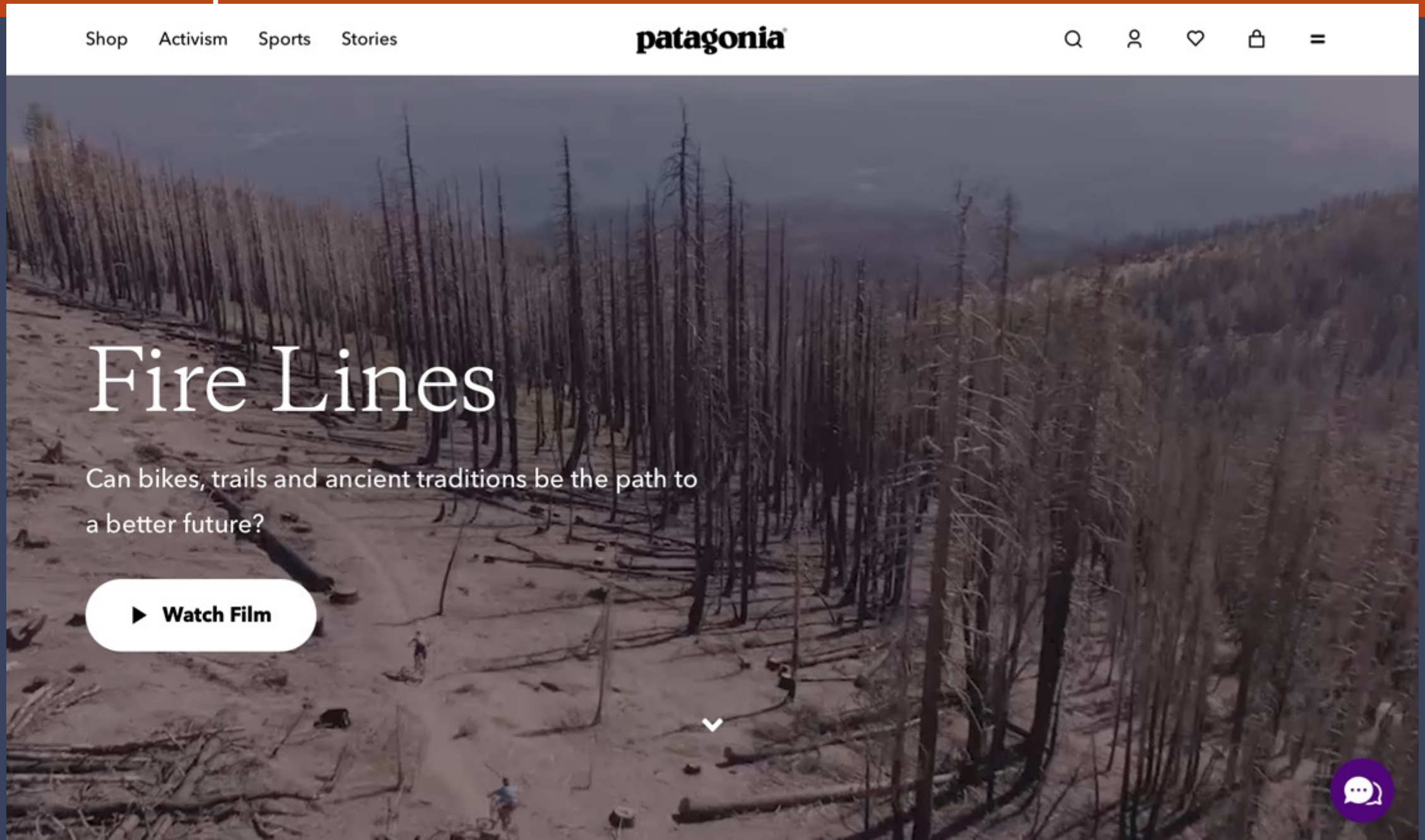
Mountains to Meadows Trailfest is a four-day festival held September 19-22 at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds in Quincy. On tap is a full slate of activities, including two days of optional trailwork with the SBTS Pro Trail Crew on Mount Hough, a Poker Run/Ride, locally led



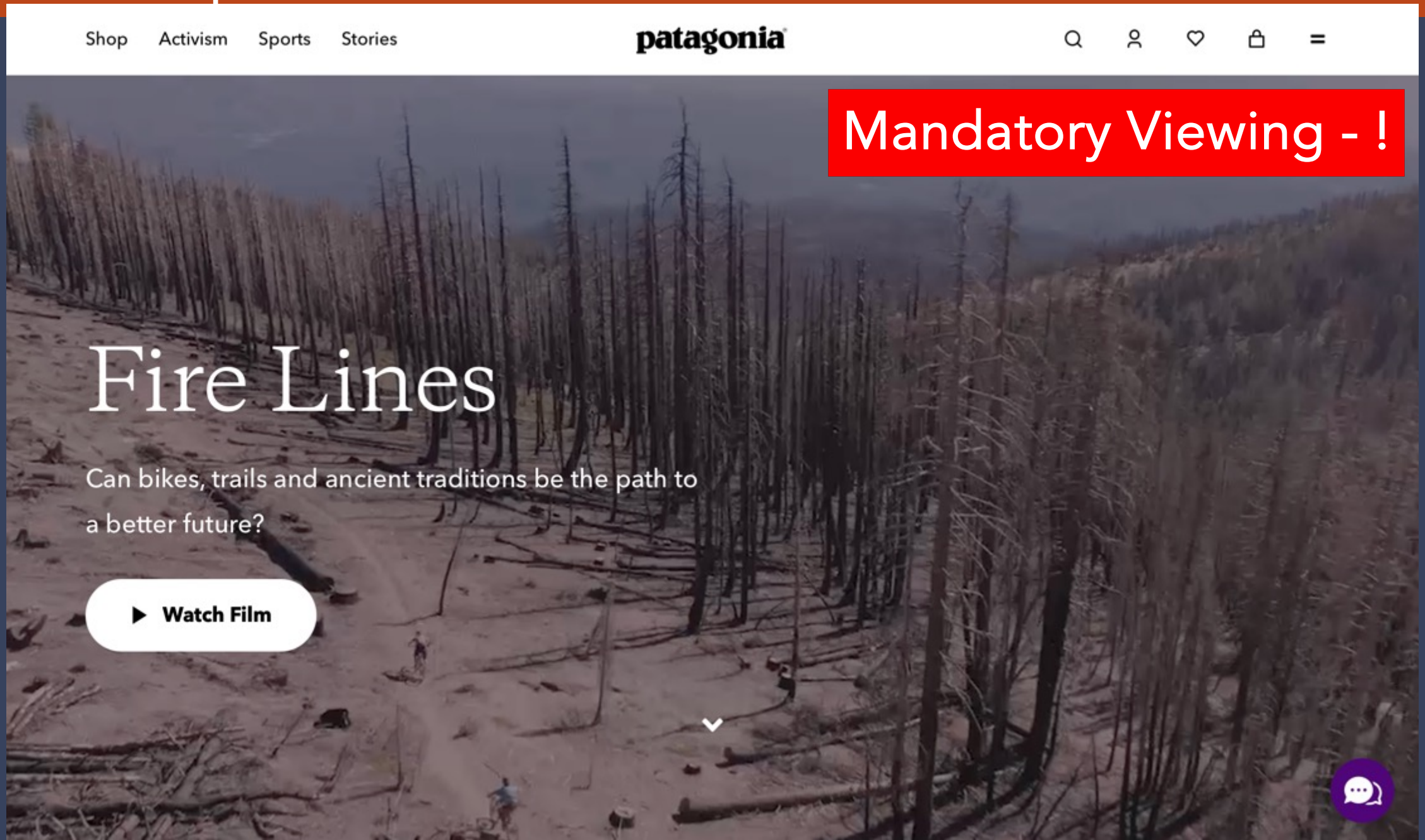




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Sierra Nevada Regional Meeting

Register early to reserve your seat at the next meeting of the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, October 10 at the Tahoe Blue Event Center in South Lake Tahoe, hosted by the California Tahoe Conservancy and the Tahoe Fund.

The Task Force and CALFIRE will unveil several new tools that will revolutionize how California tracks and communicates progress toward improving wildfire and landscape resilience at its sixth regional meeting on October 10th in South Lake Tahoe:

Interagency Treatment Dashboard: One year after its beta release with 2022 data, CALFIRE will present three years (2021-2023) of treatment data from a more complete range of federal, state, local, tribal, and private entities through its expanded and improved Interagency Treatment Dashboard.

Draft Metrics: The Task Force Science Advisory Panel will present its initial proposed metrics to document the reduced fire risk, carbon storage, and watershed and habitat improvement benefits of recent projects.

Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Dashboard: CALFIRE will summarize its progress in developing a fuel treatment effectiveness dashboard to document the benefits of treatments in reducing the impacts of recent fires, including the Park Fire in Butte and Tehama County.

October 9 – 11, 2024
Tahoe Blue Event Center
South Lake Tahoe

Directions & Parking

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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM
In person: **Tahoe Blue Event Center, South Lake Tahoe**
Online: Zoom

Wednesday – October 9, 2024	**Field Tours Start Between 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM**
• Tahoe Forest Products Mill Tour (multiple timeslots)	

Thursday – October 10, 2024	
8:30 AM	**Resource Fair & Check-in** Local Partners & Displays
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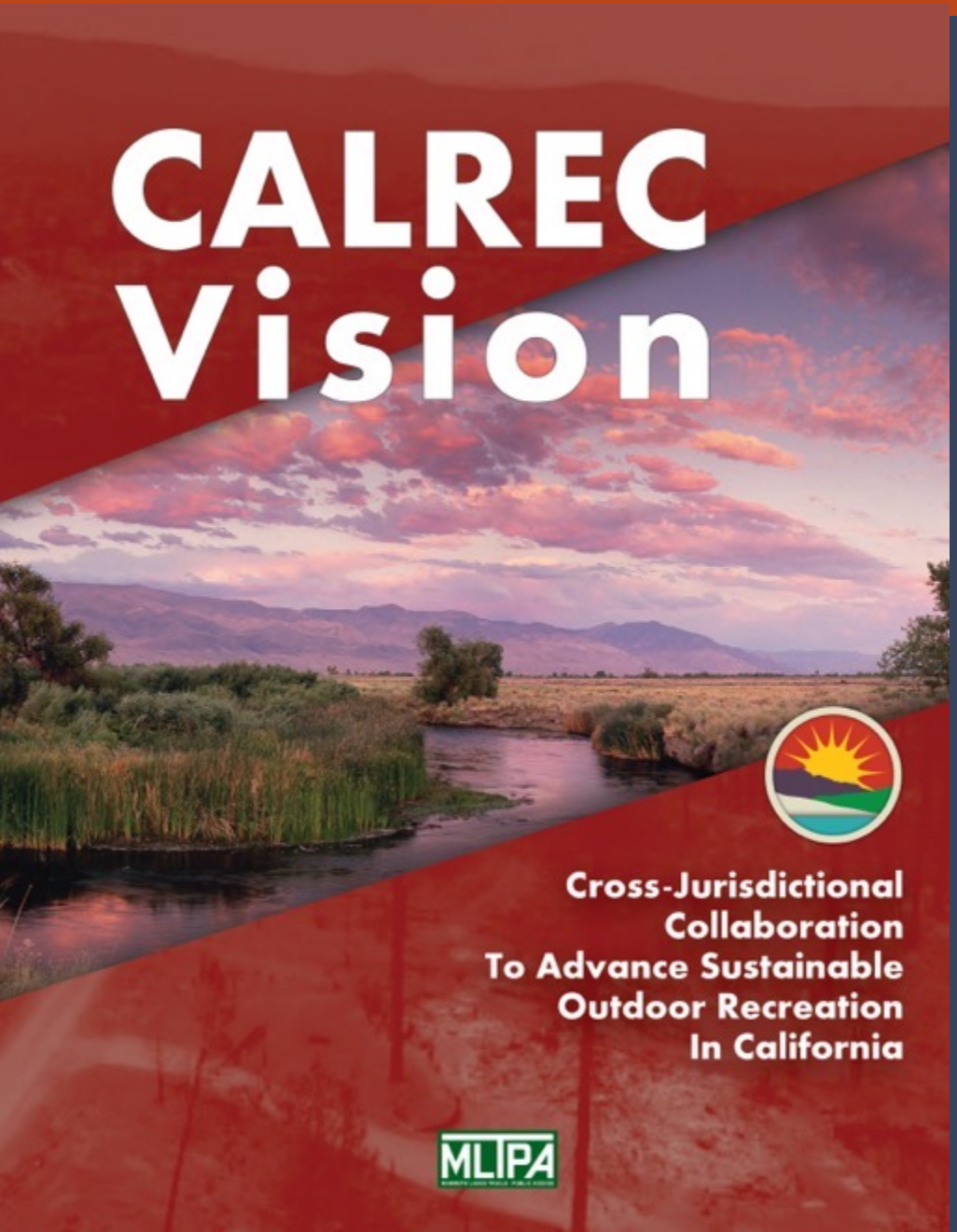
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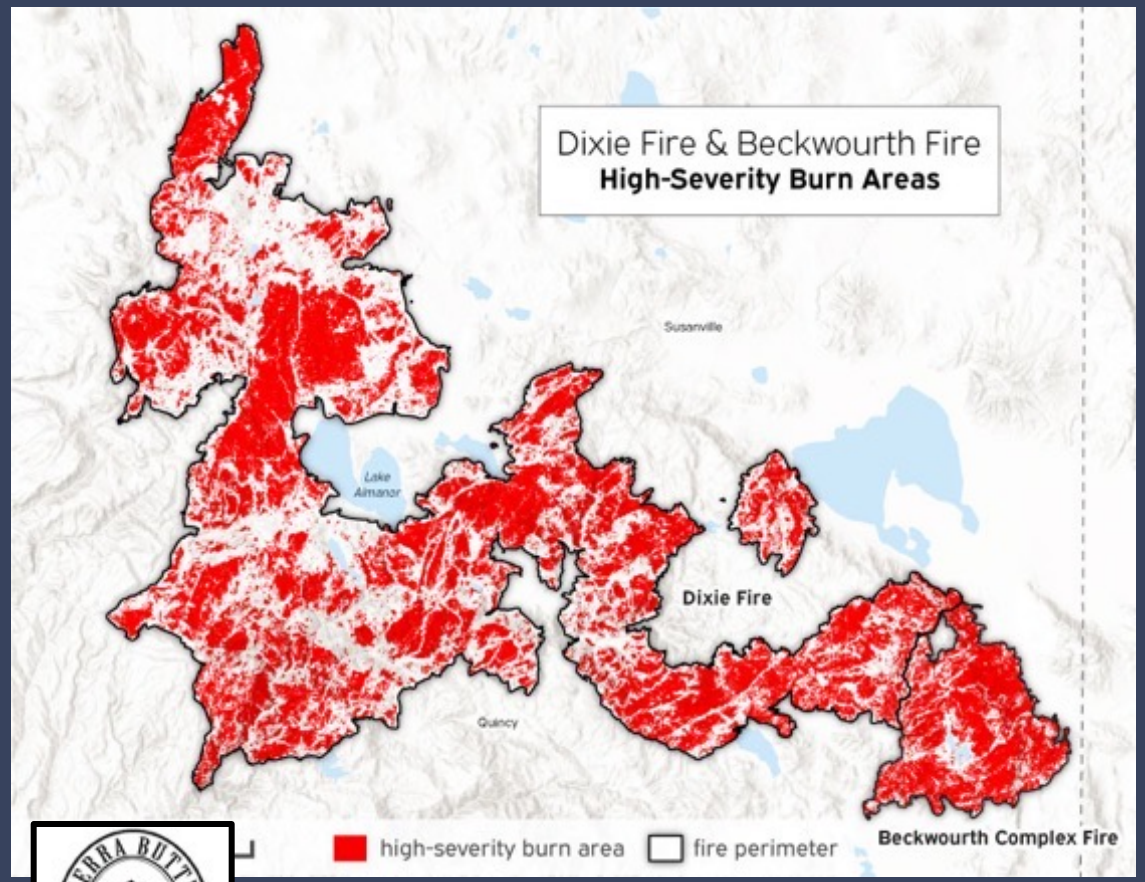
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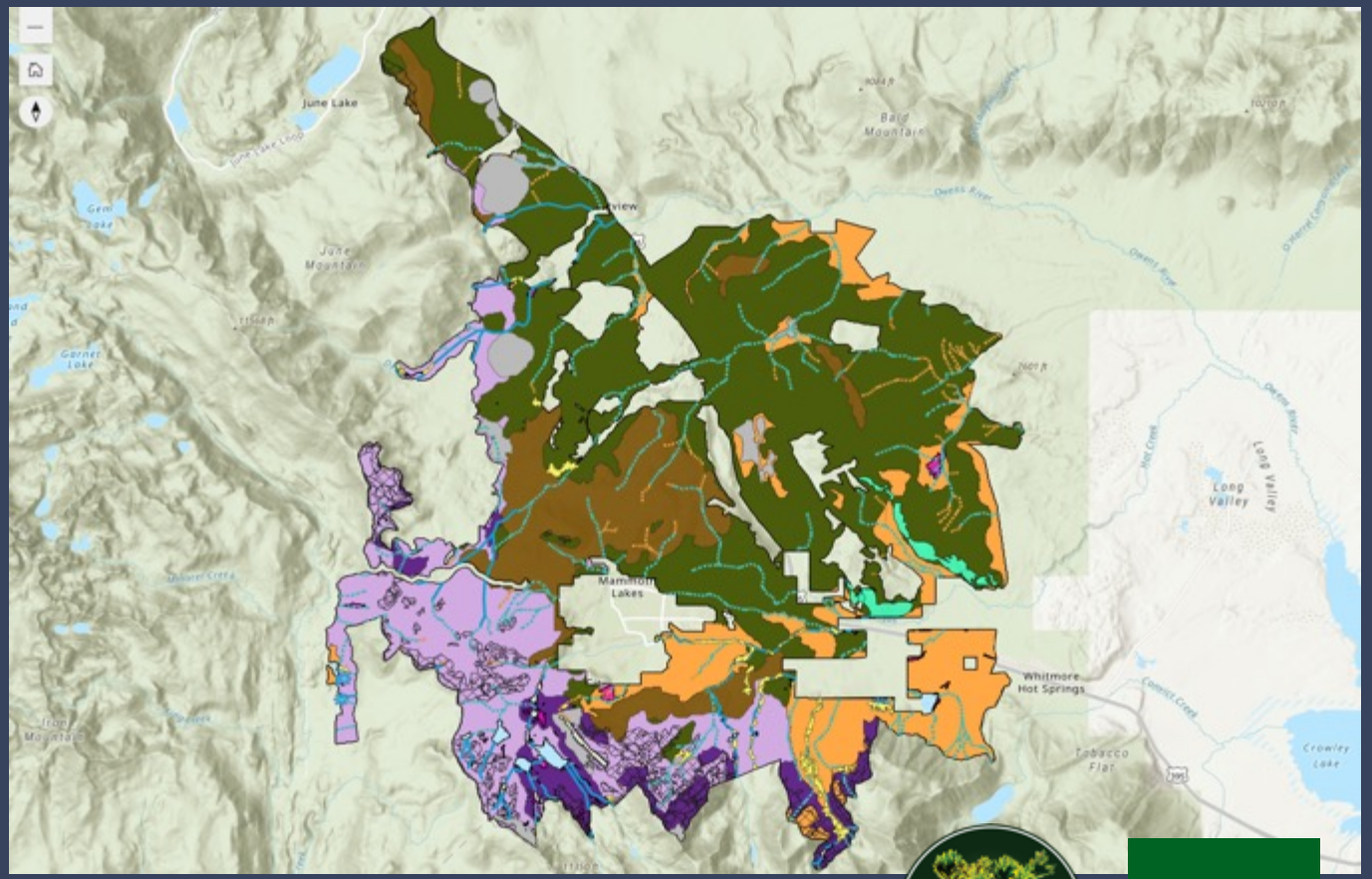






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Connected Communities Project

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.

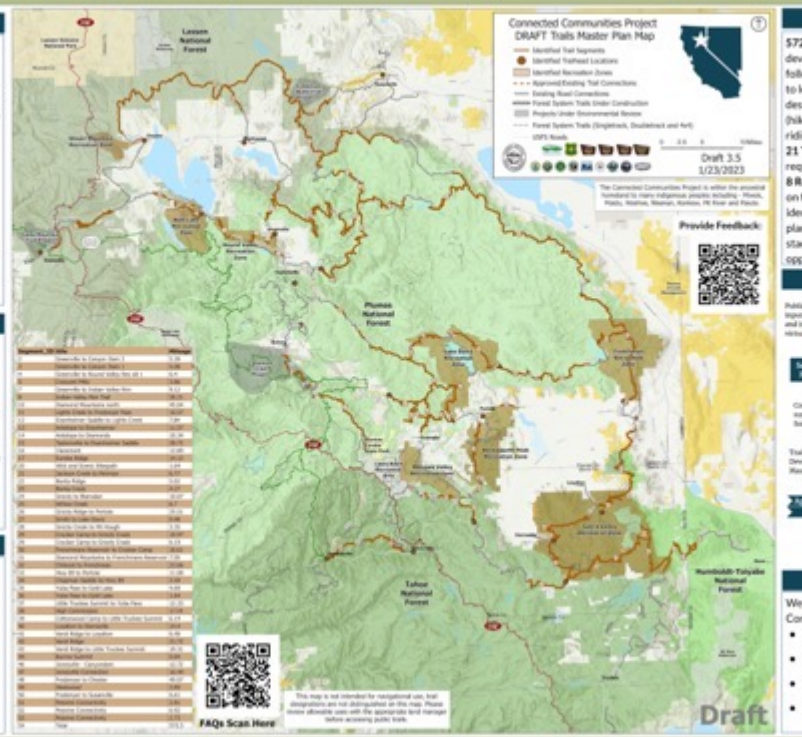
Goals & Objectives

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

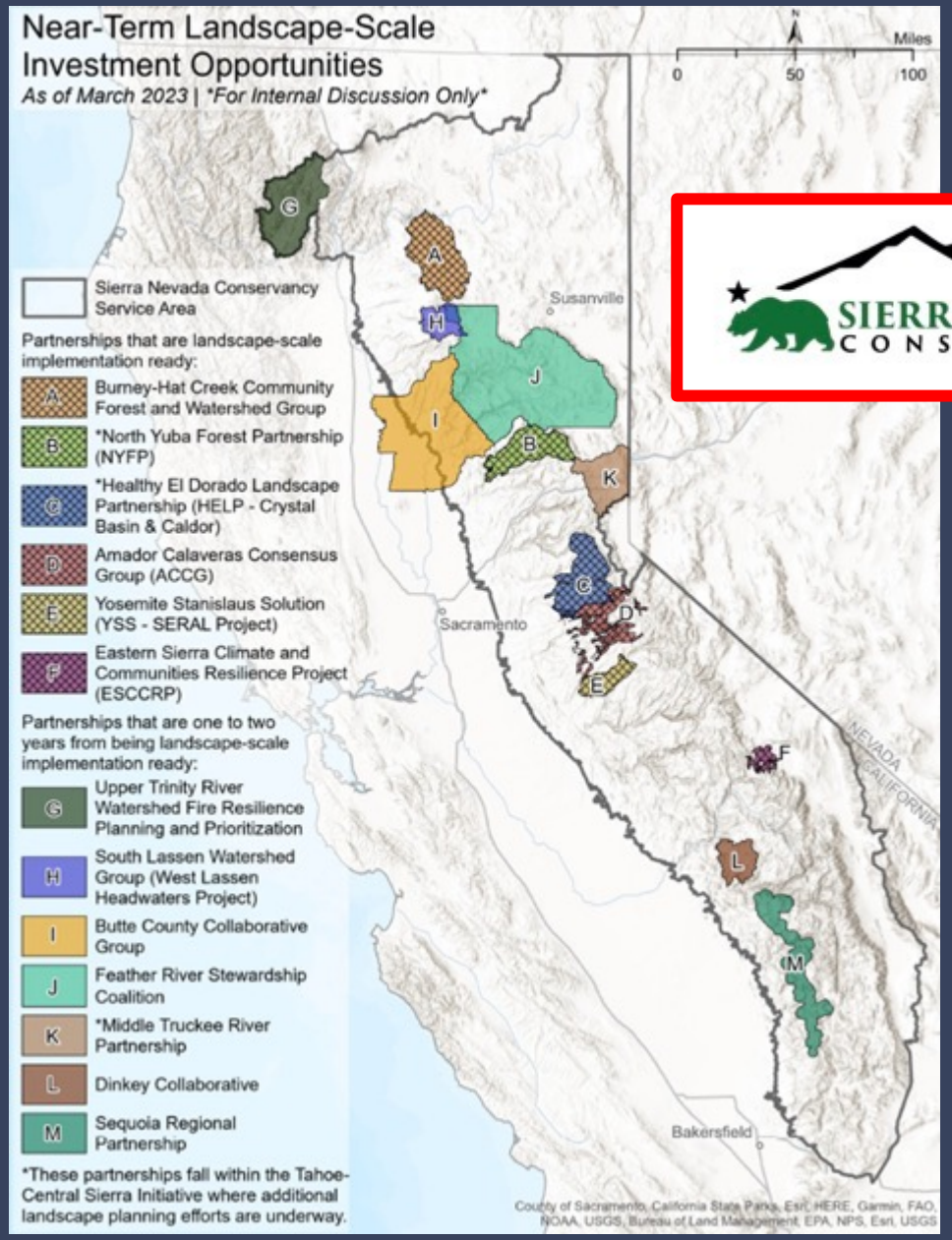
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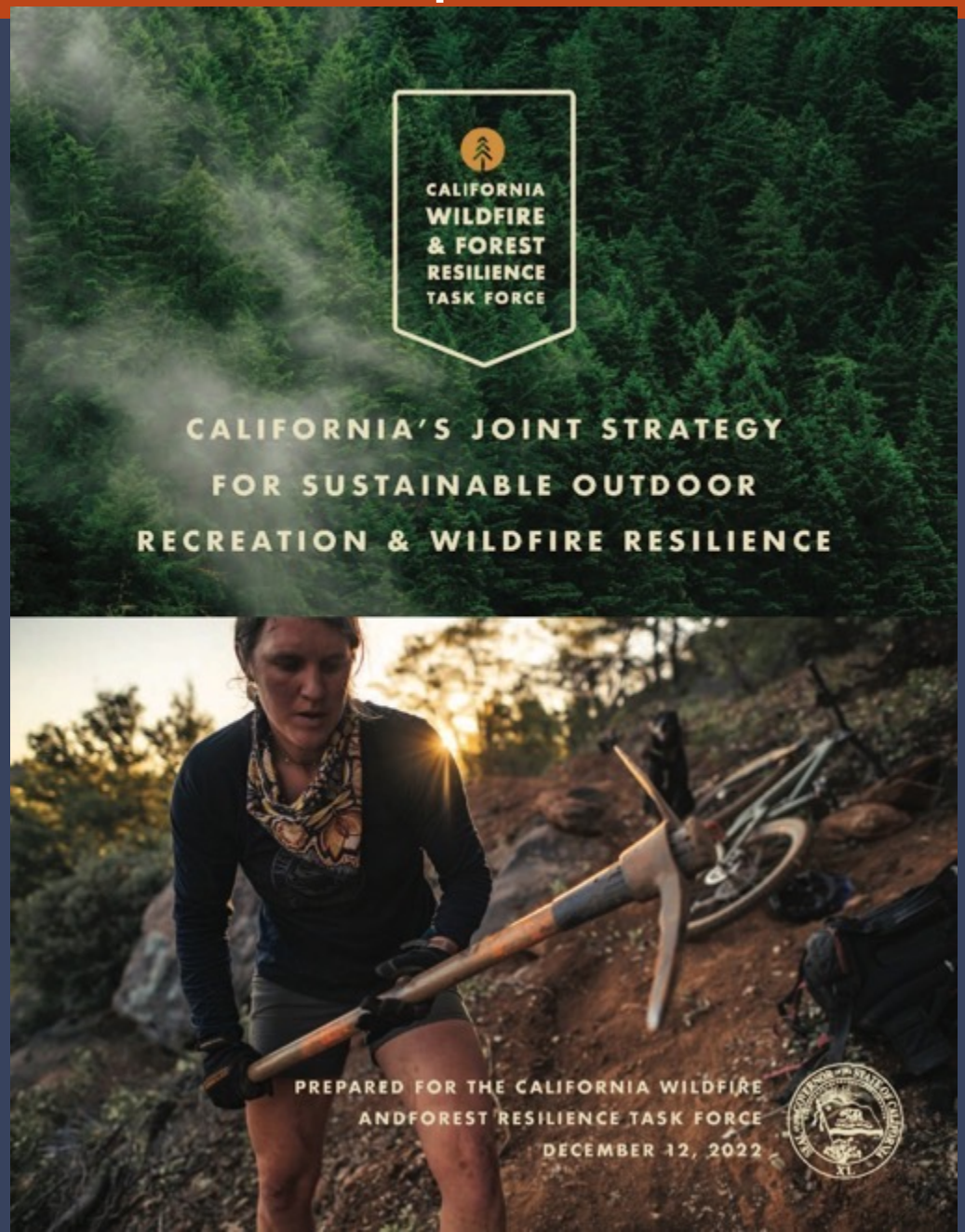


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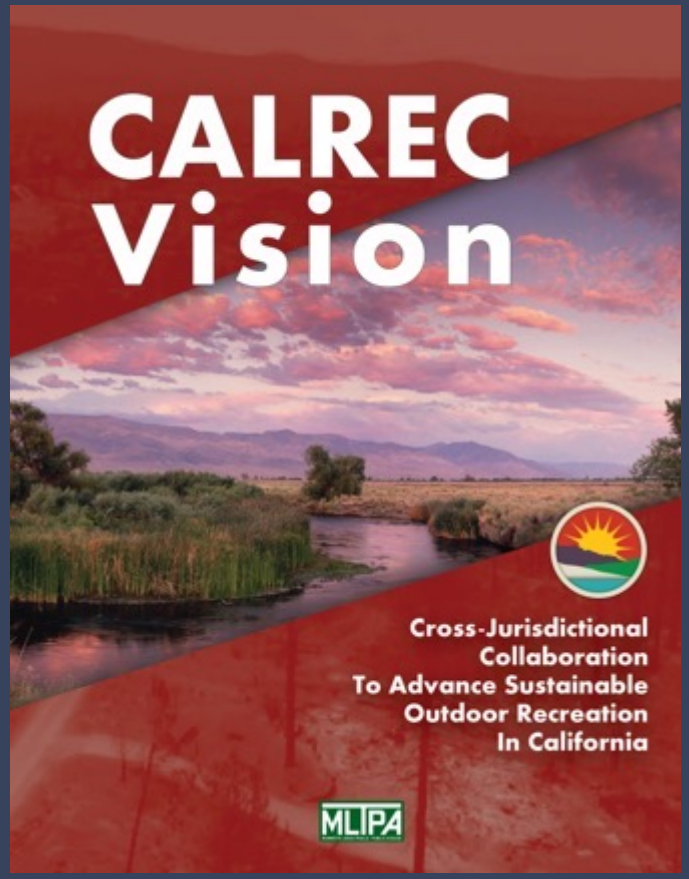


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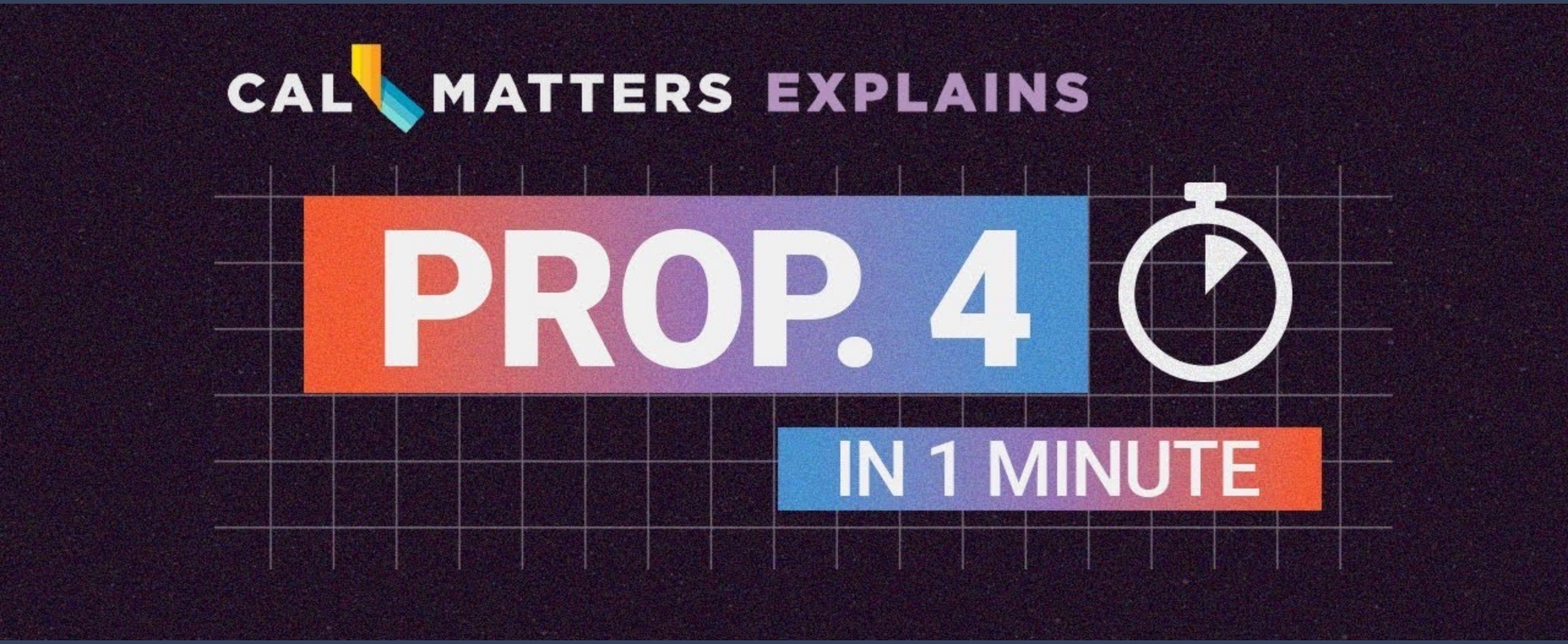
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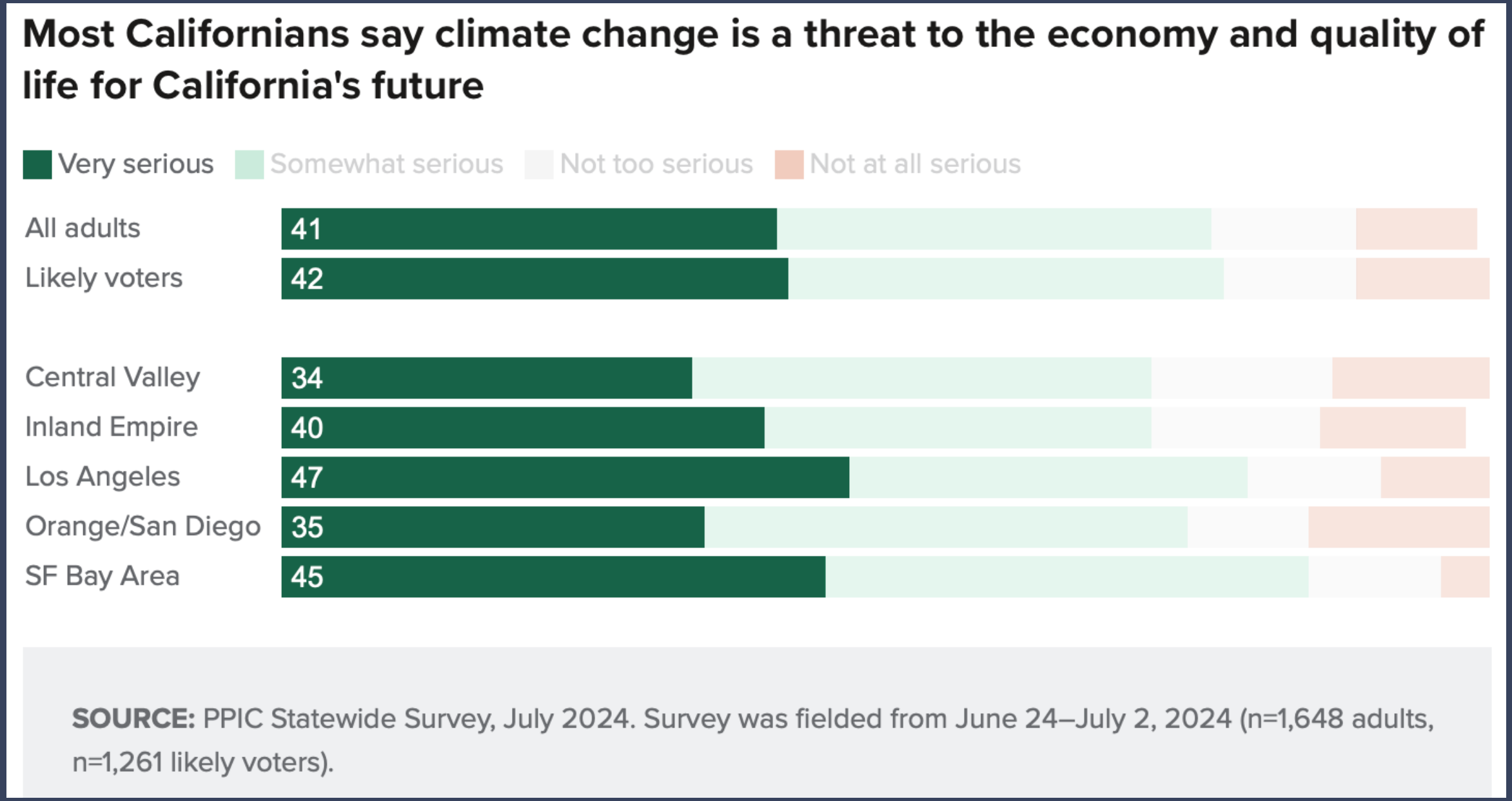
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Why We're All In on Prop 4 in California

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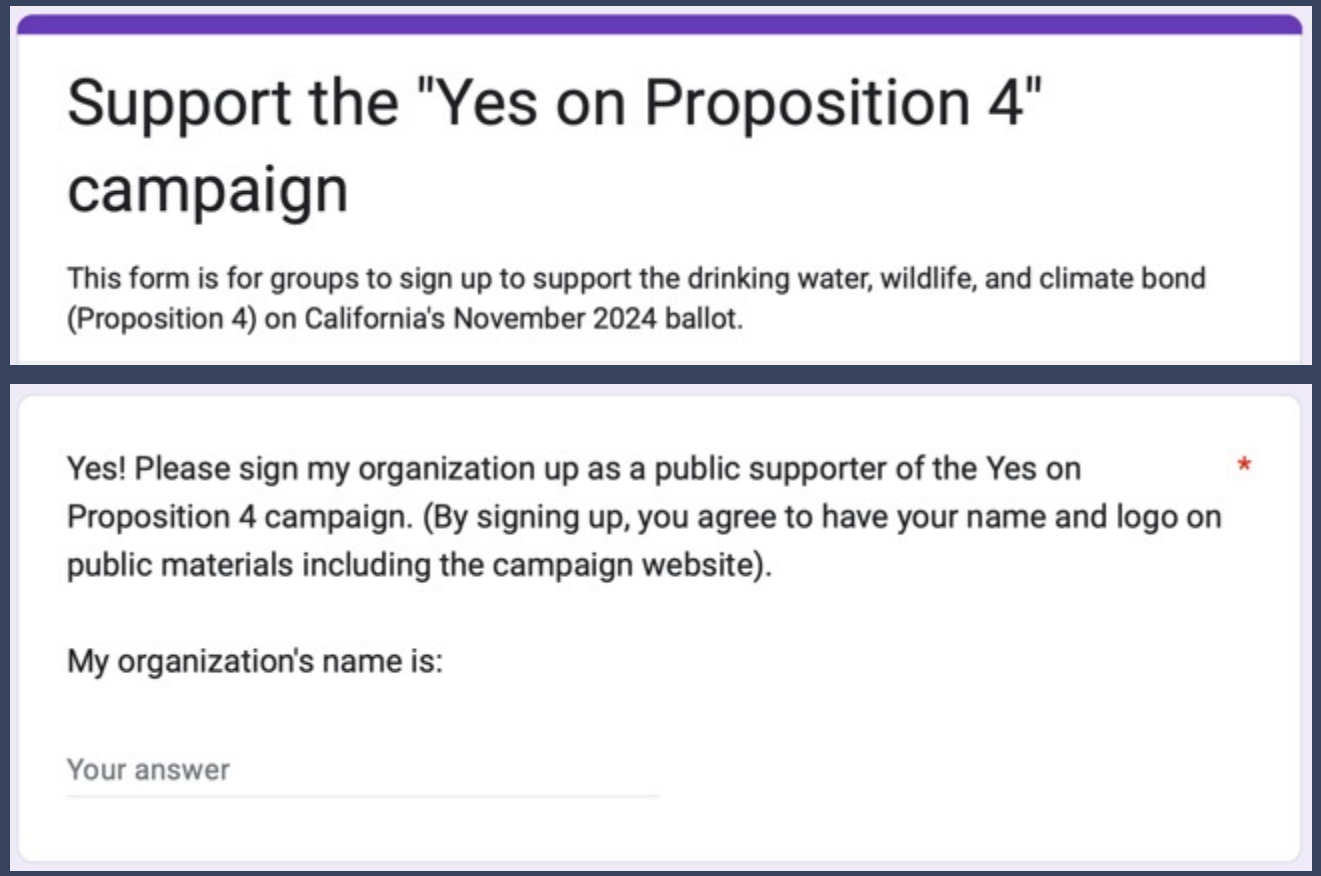
Trying to escape sea-level rise, Northwest coastal tribes are drowning in paperwork

A new study shows how federal grant funding has actually become an obstacle to climate adaptation.

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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

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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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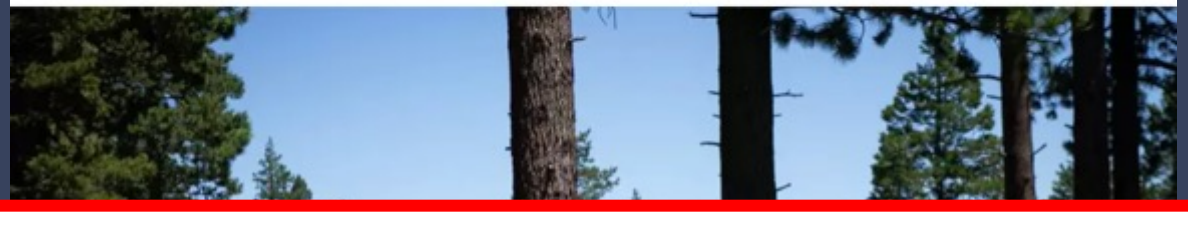
The plan applies to the U.S. Forest Service's 154,000-acre Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, which oversees about 78% of the basin's landmass and attracts an estimated 7.8 million visitors per year. The 362 miles of trails the unit manages tie into neighborhoods, ski areas, city centers, state parks and lakeside beaches and "are some of the most highly visited in the United States," according to a draft environmental assessment document outlining the plan.

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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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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
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9. **Improves** resources for hunters and anglers
10. **Supports** youth and veterans
11. **Builds** sustainable local economies

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National Park Service SEARCH MENU



250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

America's National Parks: Inspiring a More Perfect Union

The National Park Service joins the nation in the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. The aspirational vision in the Declaration defines the ideals that set the United States on a course of continued work toward a more perfect union.

Throughout the commemoration, the National Park Service will proudly serve the American people by embracing our mission to provide opportunities for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. We will inspire a more perfect union by providing opportunities for celebrating, commemorating, and contemplating the meanings of the words in the Declaration and their relevance to our lives today.

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What is Reimagine Recreation?

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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:

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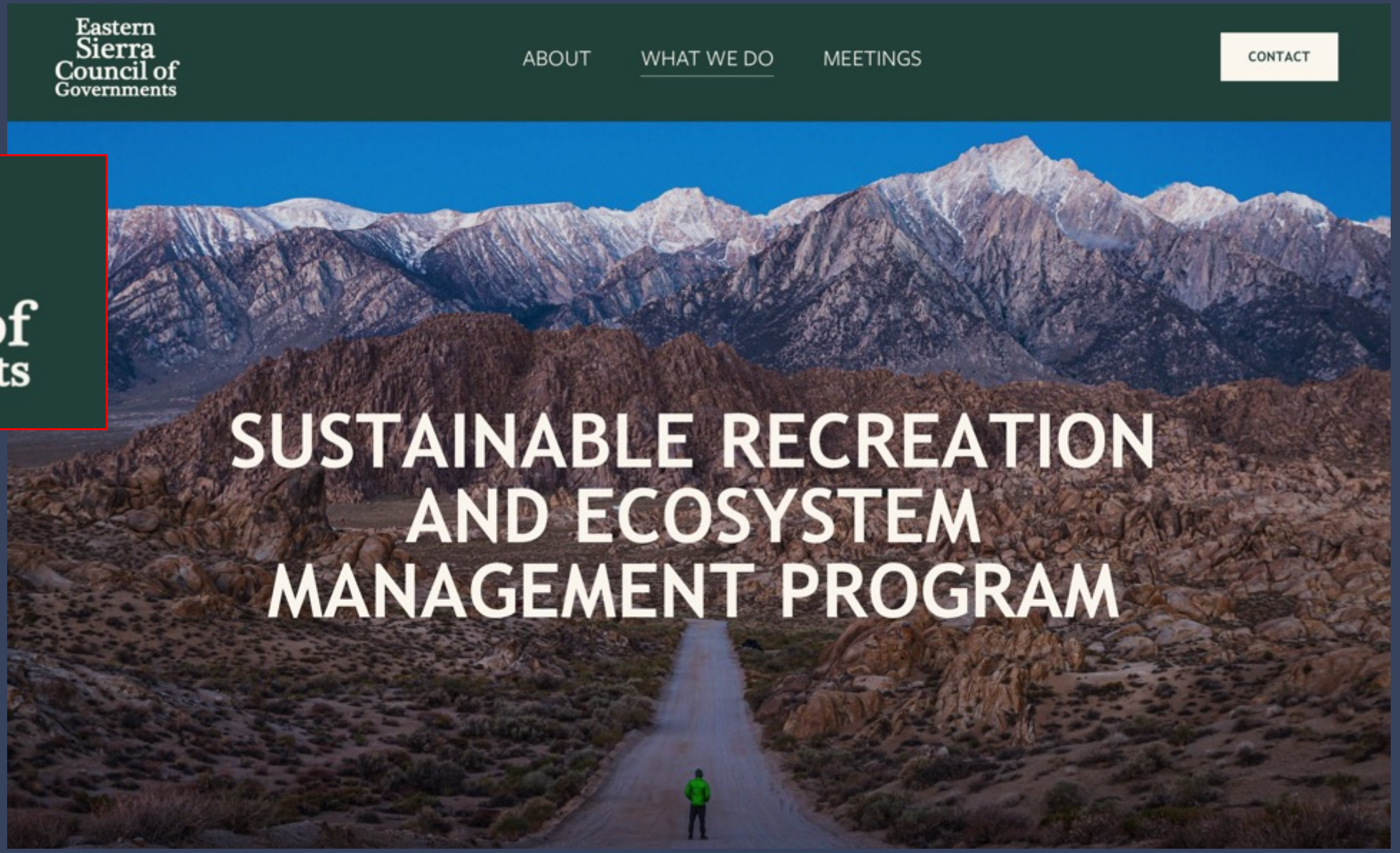






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- CA Transportation Commission in Bishop Sept 25
- Sept 25: ESCOG Strategic Planning Session
- Survey for Strategic Planning coming from ILG

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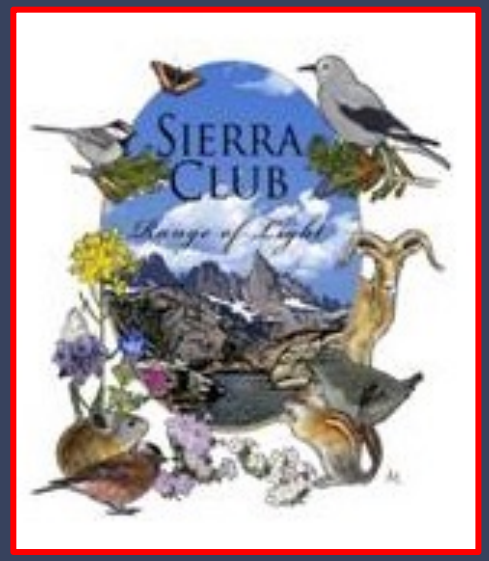
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- Groundtruthing: alignment refinement and verification
- Plan preparation
- Coordinate with other regional efforts
- Agency and stakeholder presentations



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Groundtruthing







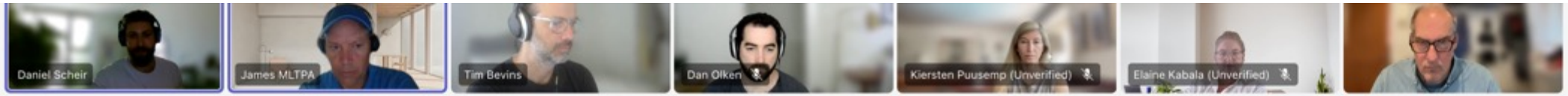












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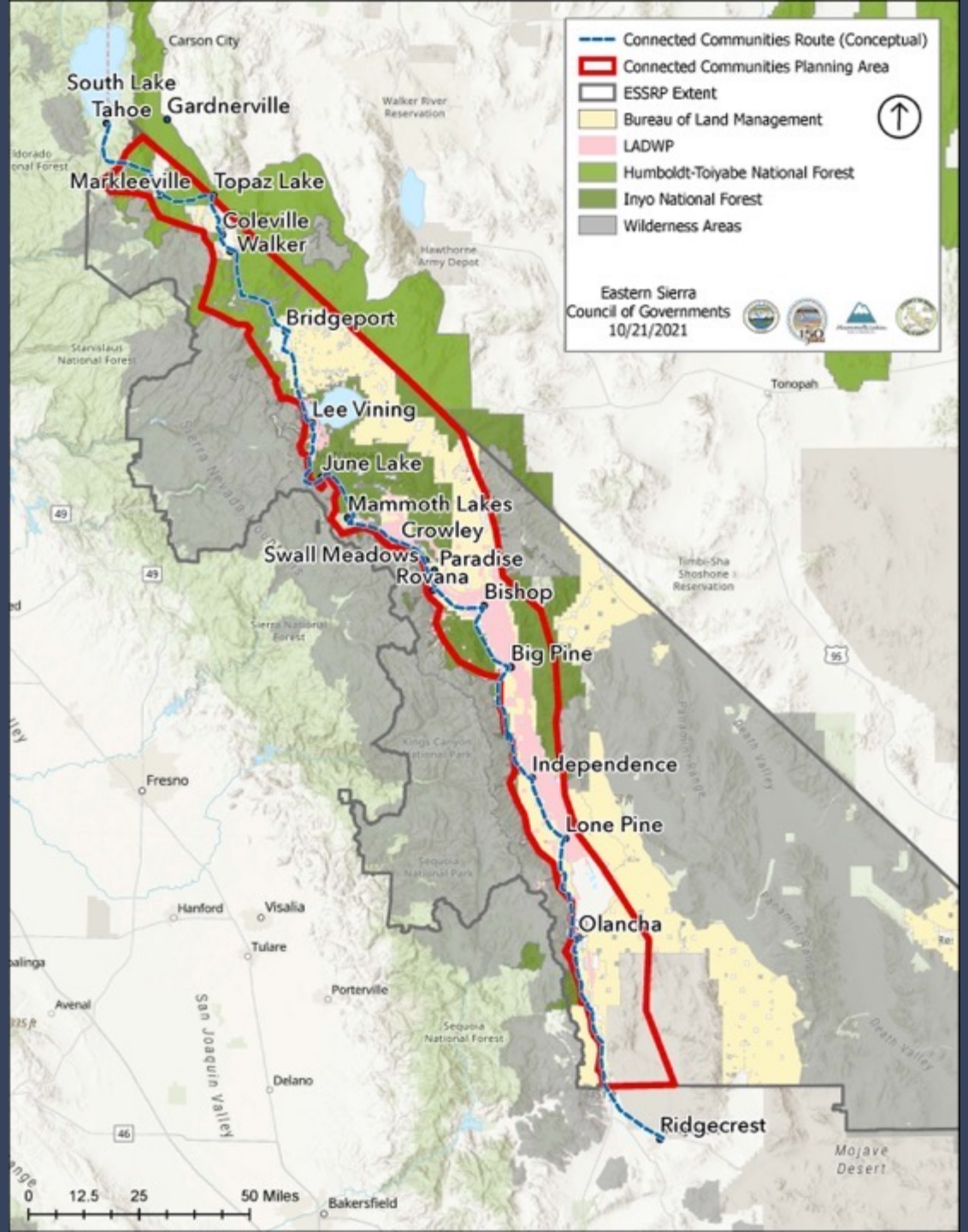
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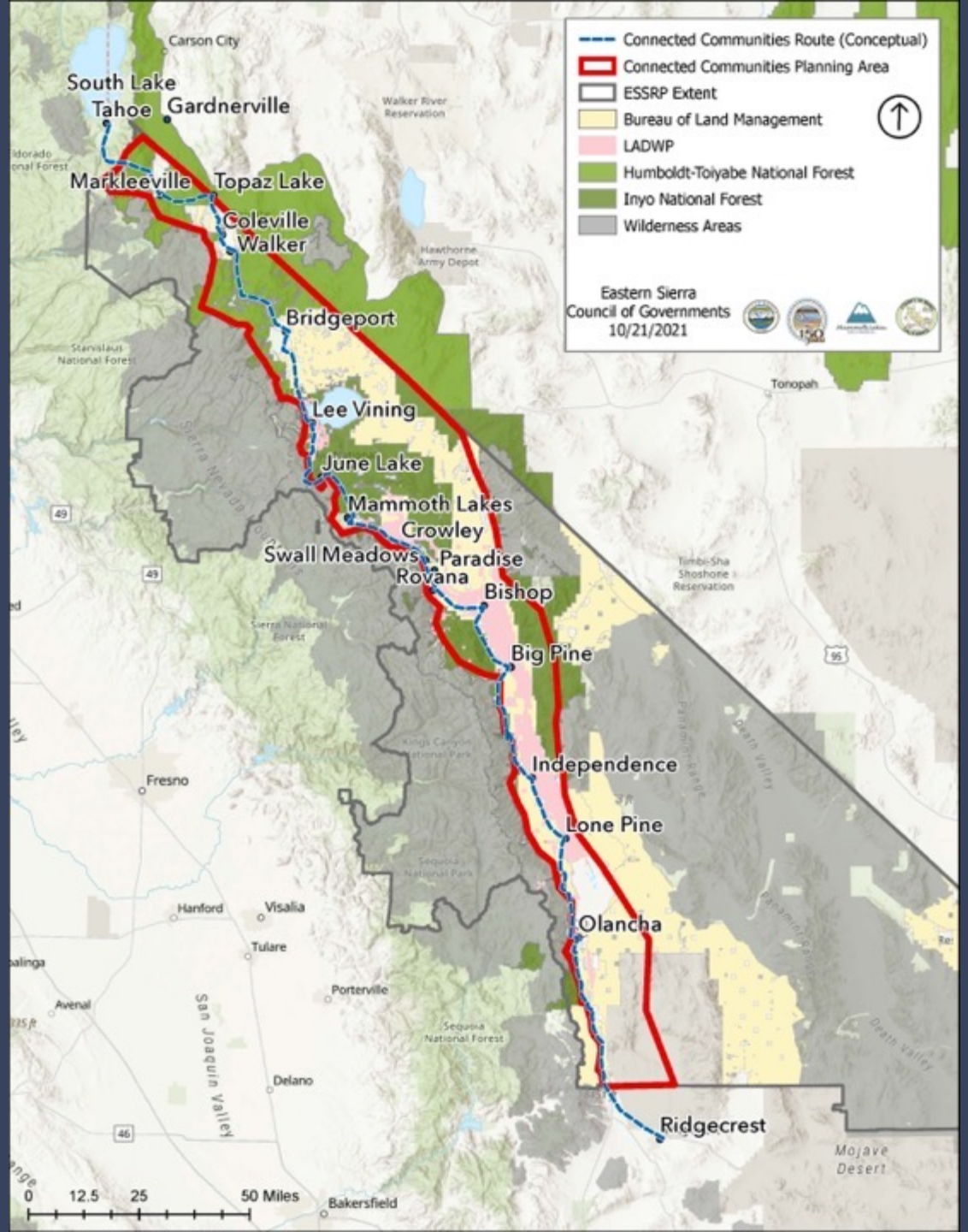
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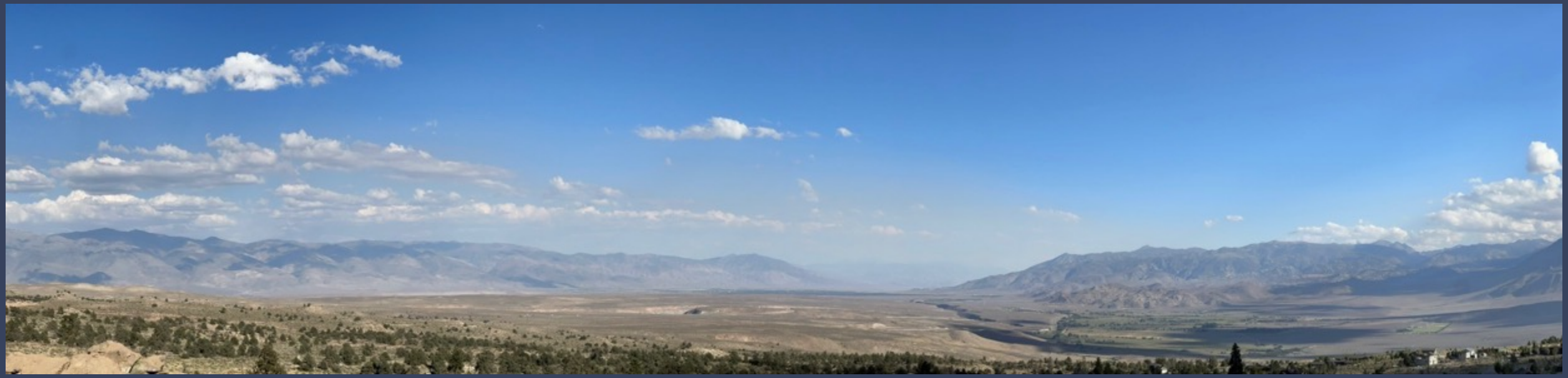

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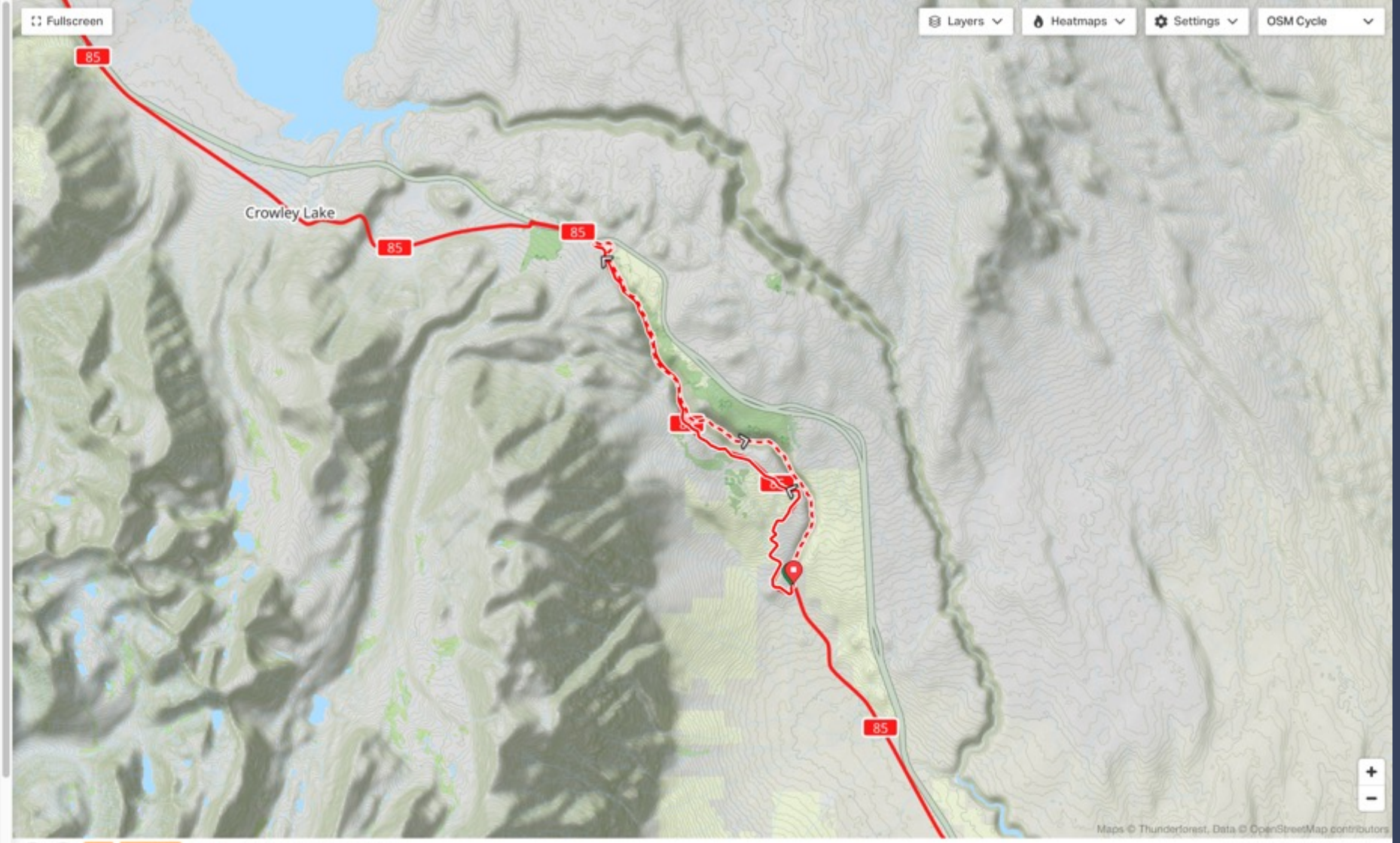
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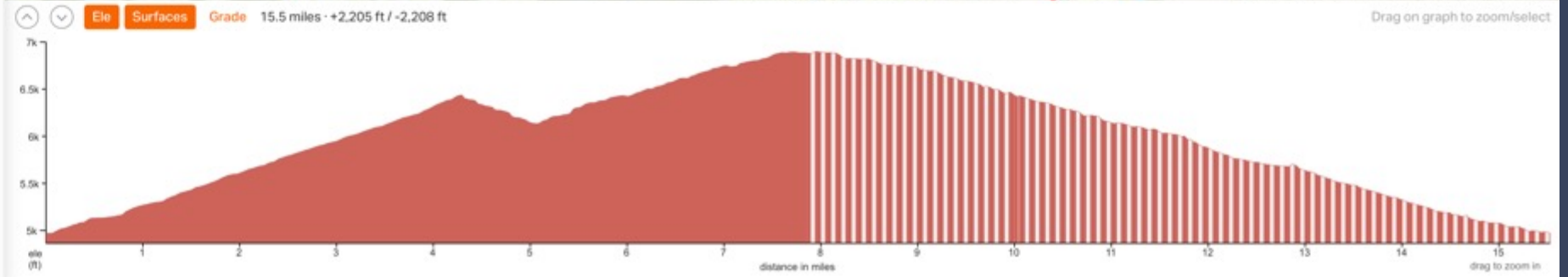
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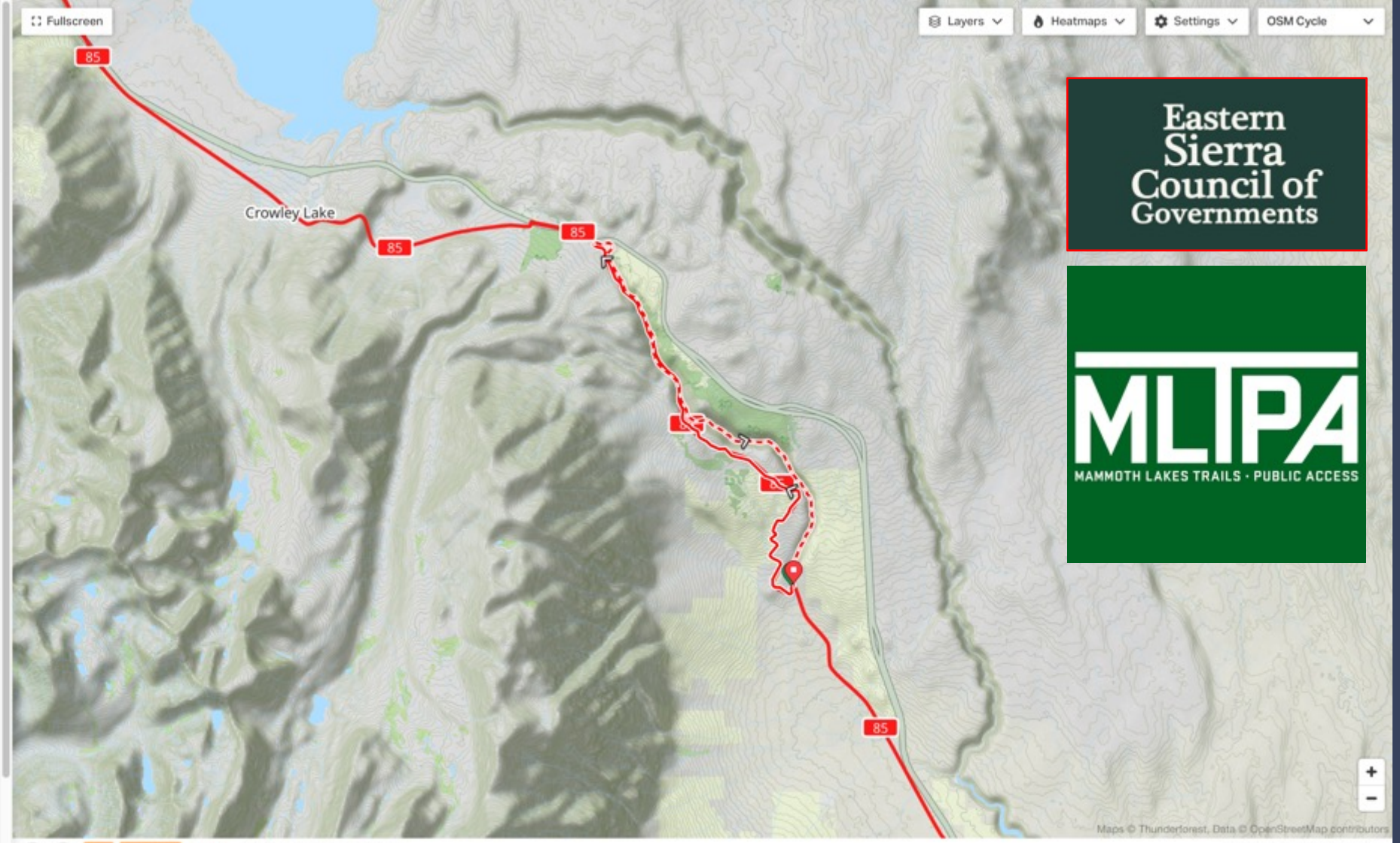
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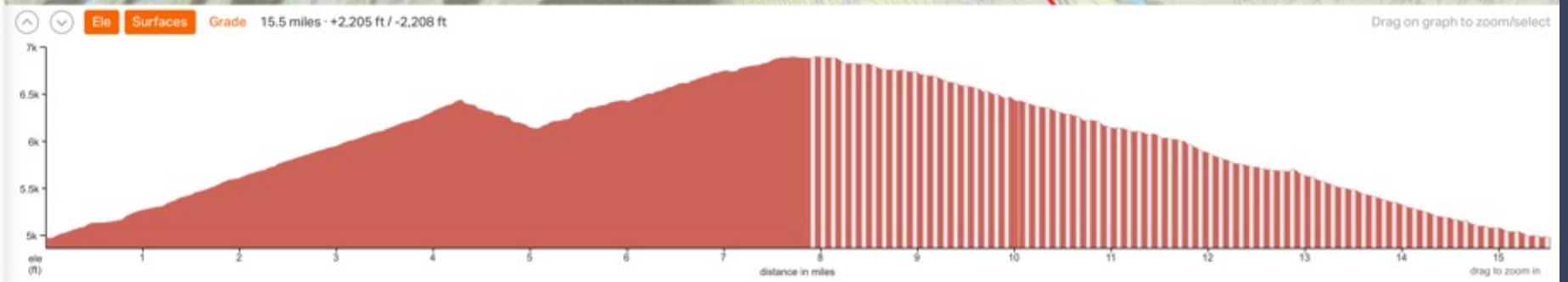
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Wildfire Resilience Action Finance Team (WRAFT) Monthly Meeting

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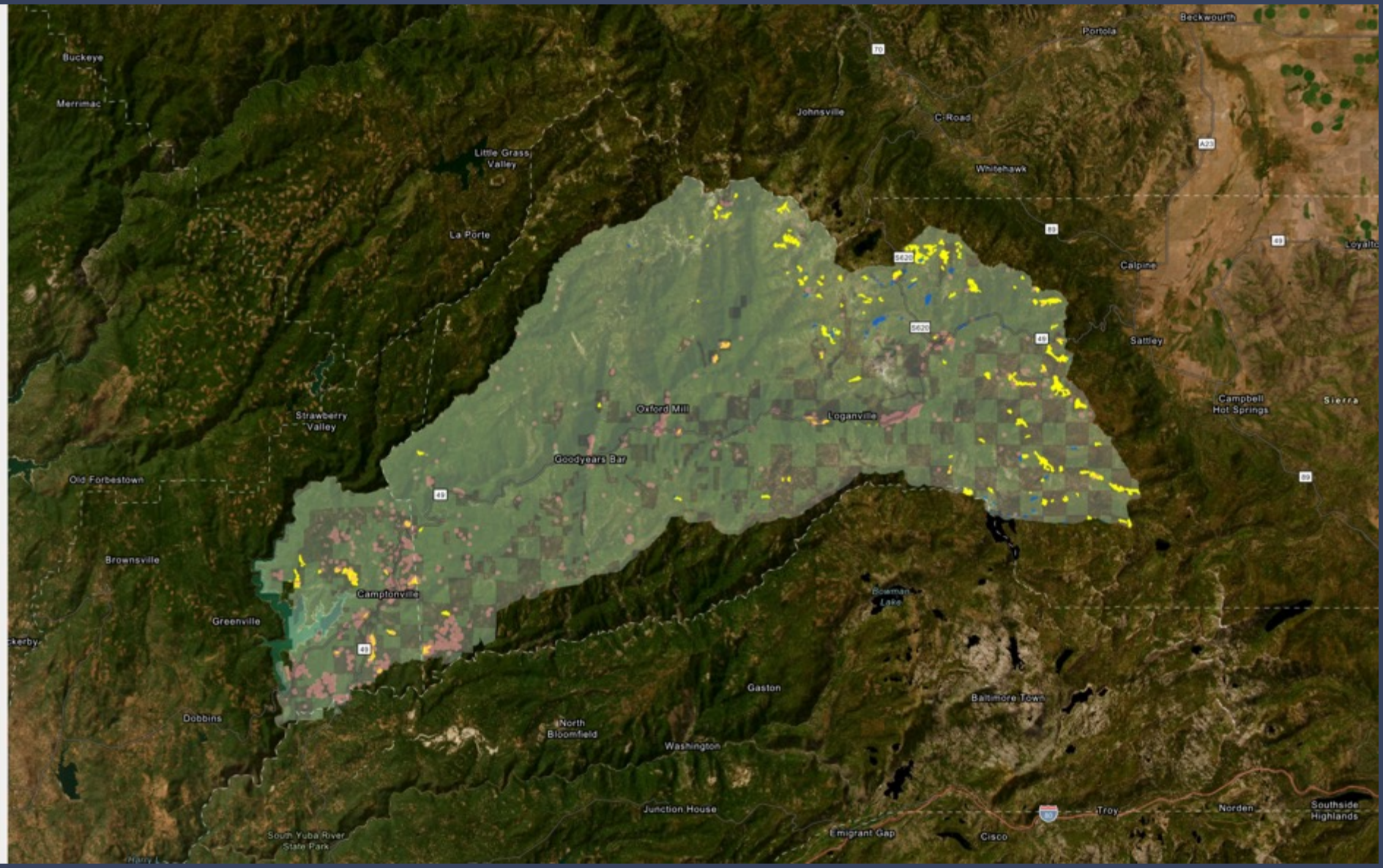
Land Tender is built on fine-scale data that starts at the tree or house level.

Communities work together to identify strategic areas, resources, and assets (SARAs) that are important to them. Once selected, the socio-ecologic value, risk, and avoided loss of SARAs is automatically generated. The system normalizes ecological value with built infrastructure in the avoided cost and ecological benefit quantification.

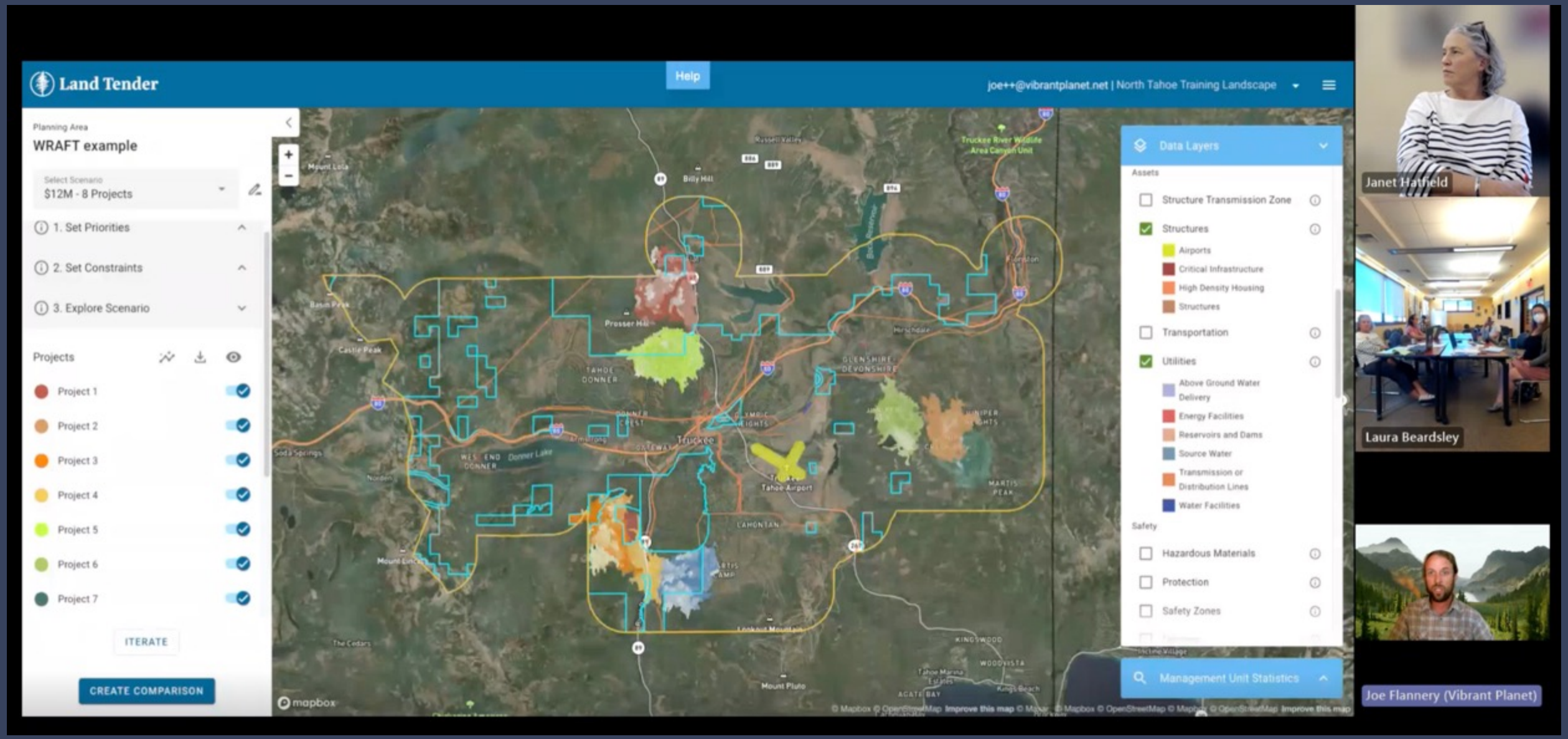
The underlying comprehensive, high-quality data underlying SARAs feeds into Land Tender's user-friendly interface for collaborative land management planning at the local, state, or national level. Partners can build an unlimited number of comparable, scientifically driven, visually presented treatment scenarios in near real-time compared to a manual, paper based process that, today, can take years.

Multiple partners and collaborators, including federal and state agency leadership, tribal governments, non-governmental organizations, local fire districts, resource conservation districts, and individual landowners, can work together to create and share possible management scenarios regardless of technical backgrounds.

Map displays ownership and two strategic area, resource and asset layers (structures and nest/dens) for the North Yuba Watershed.



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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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EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ESCOG)
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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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- U.S. Forest Service

ABOUT NFWF

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Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities II (CA)

Grantee: Whitebark Institute

Grant Amount:..... $7,000,000

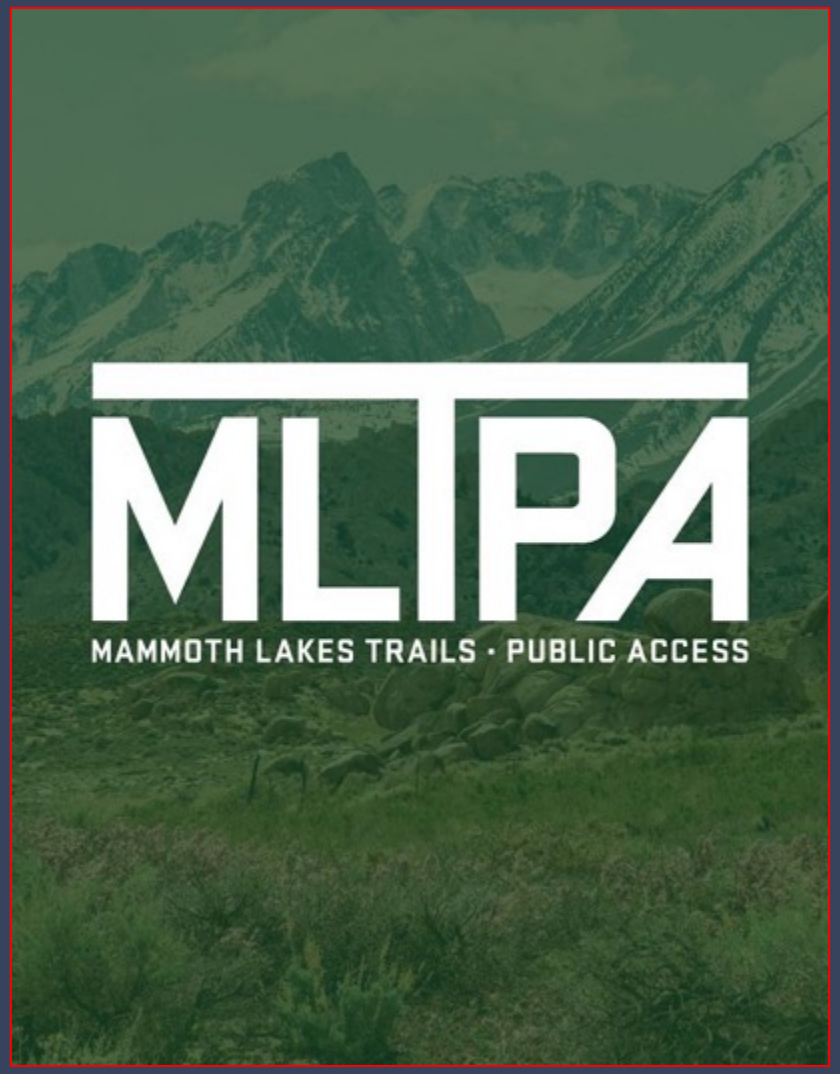
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Total Project Amount:..... $10,360,000

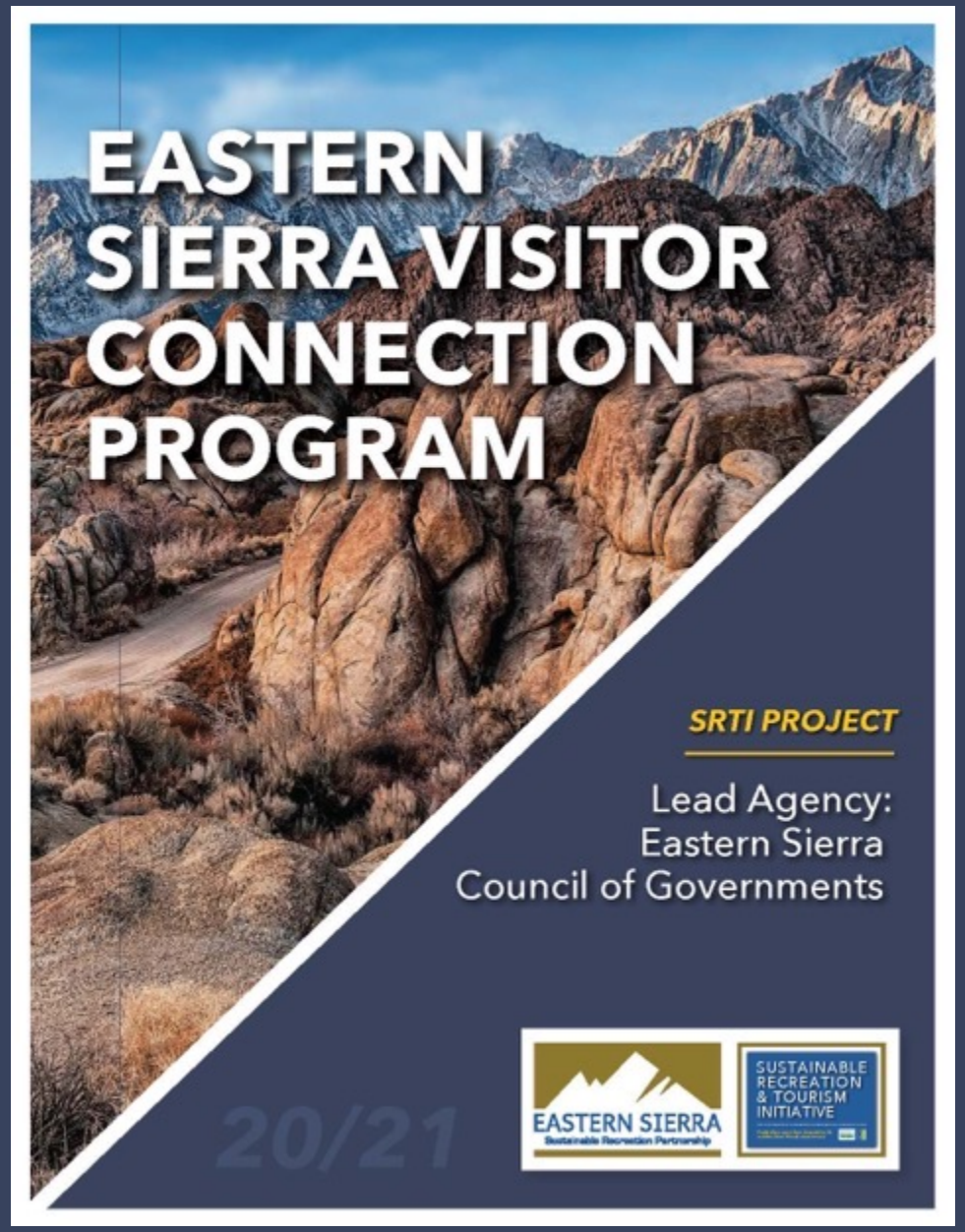
Advance both forest and community resilience within the Eastern Sierra through implementation of components of the ESCCRP-Part I and project expansion northward to the Mono Basin. Project will implement 1,865 acres within the already developed ESCCRP Part I, and conduct project development and environmental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



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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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CALIFORNIA 2024 FIRE SEASON

As of August 20th, 825,604 acres have burned at state level compared to 308,247 acres in the same period in 2023!

429,401 of the 2024 acres burned have been from the Park Fire alone which is currently the 4th largest fire in California history.



Source: www.fire.ca.gov; www.calmatters.org

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SECURE PROPERLY

Securely fasten trailer chains before driving, especially in fire-prone areas.



Follow manufacturer guidelines for installation.



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EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE PREVENTION

There's not much we can do to change the weather, but we can do our part to be fire wise while recreating, traveling, or enjoying our homes.

HELP PREVENT WILDFIRES:

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Every action counts. Let's work together to protect our forests and communities!

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EASTERN SIERRA FIRE TIP

did you know...

Dragging trailer chains are one of the top causes of road-side fires



FOLLOW TIPS TO PREVENT THIS

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EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE PREVENTION



Extinguish grills & campfires. Don't leave them unattended!



Check vehicle for dragging chains, exhaust system & avoid parking on dry grass.



Use **off-highway vehicles** (OHV) with spark arrestors, stay on designated trails & allow OHV to cool down on a non-combustible surface before parking or refueling.

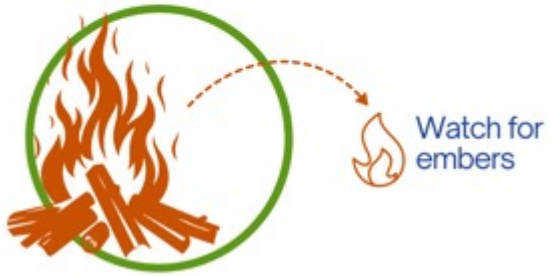
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KEEP IT SMALL



ALWAYS keep your campfire small & manageable.



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PUT IT OUT

Drown with water

1



Stir the ashes

2



Check it is cold

3



Before leaving your campfire, make sure your it is completely out.

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STAY PREPARED

Have water **nearby**, such as a garden hose, and be ready to extinguish the fire at any moment.



Keep a **shovel** or **rake on hand** to control the debris.



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EASTERN SIERRA FIRE TIP

did you know...

84%

of **wildfires** in California are caused by humans, with **campfires** being a significant contributor to ignitions.



CAMPFIRE TIPS →

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CLEAR THE AREA



Keep area around your campfire clear of dry leaves, branches, & other flammable materials.

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BURN SAFELY

Always **burn** debris **cautiously.**



Dont' burn when it's windy.

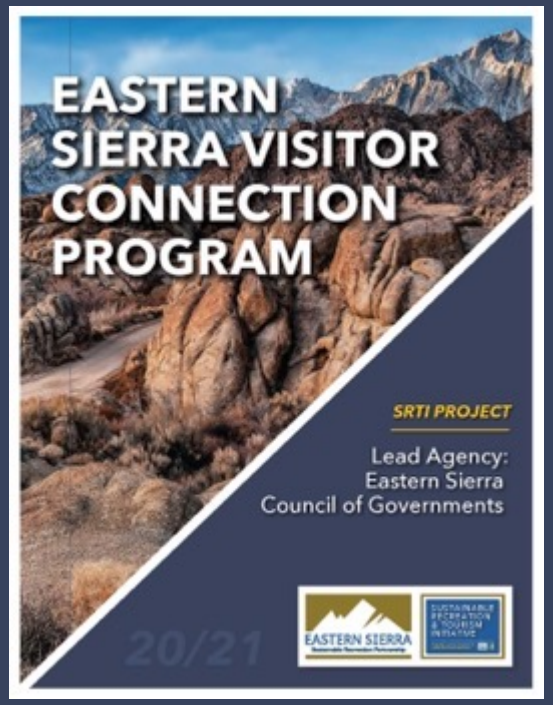


Check for any **burning restrictions** & contact your local fire authority for **fire permits.**



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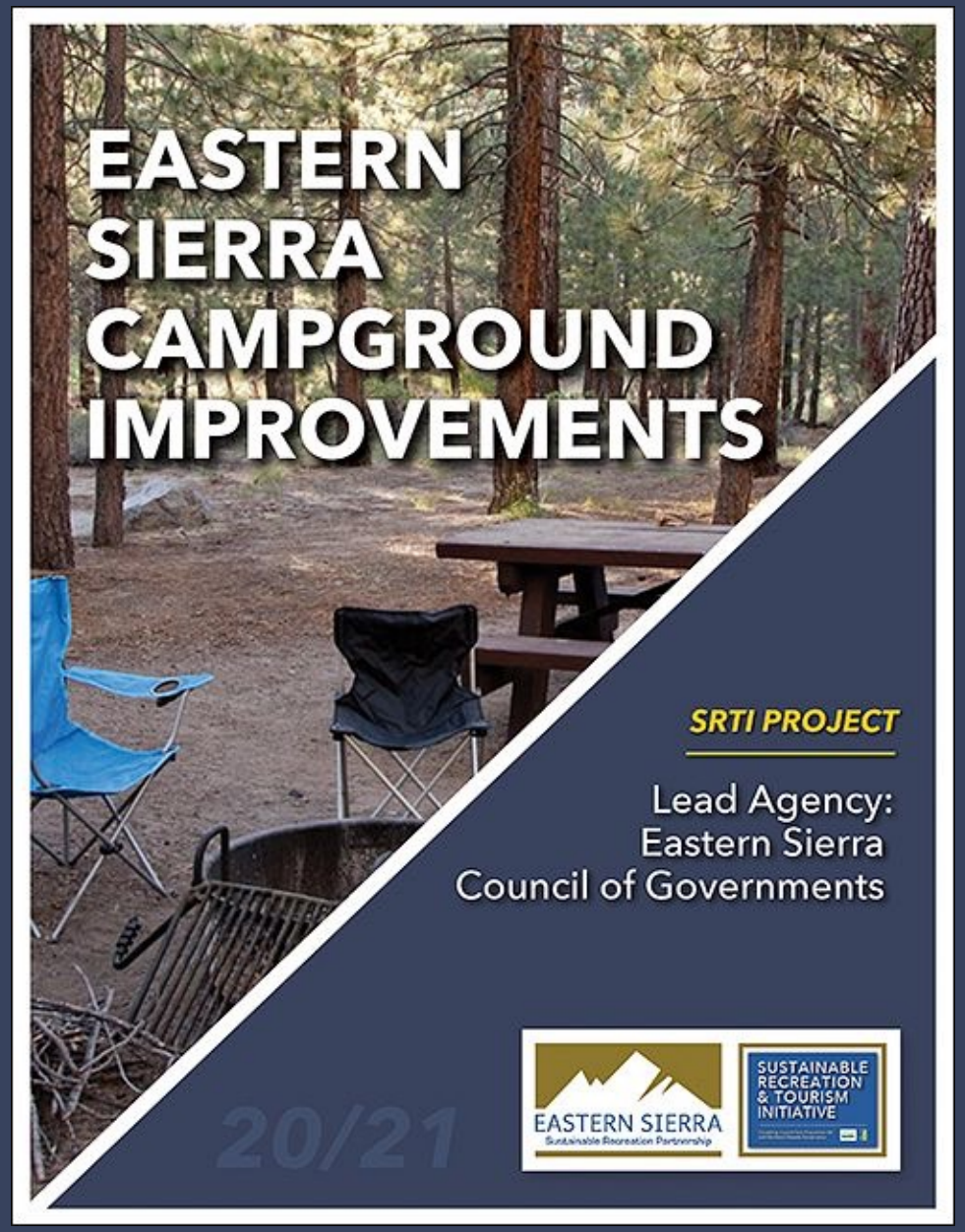


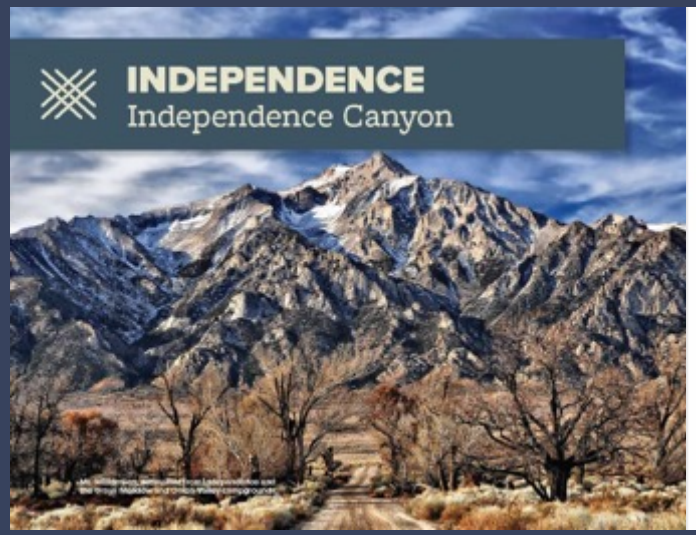
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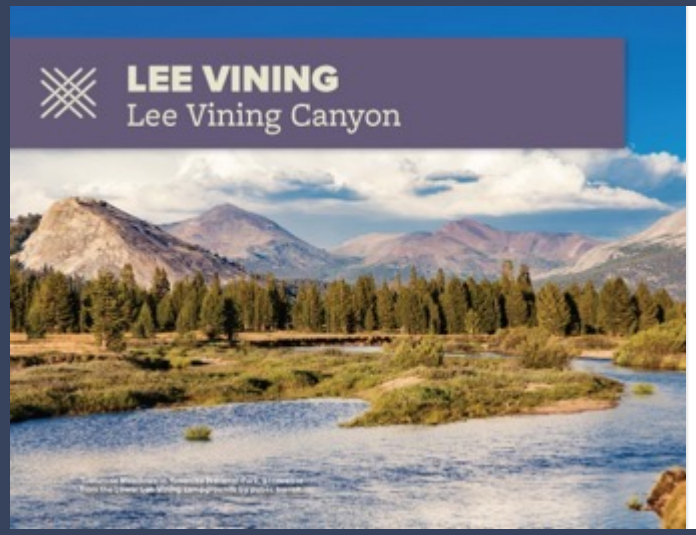
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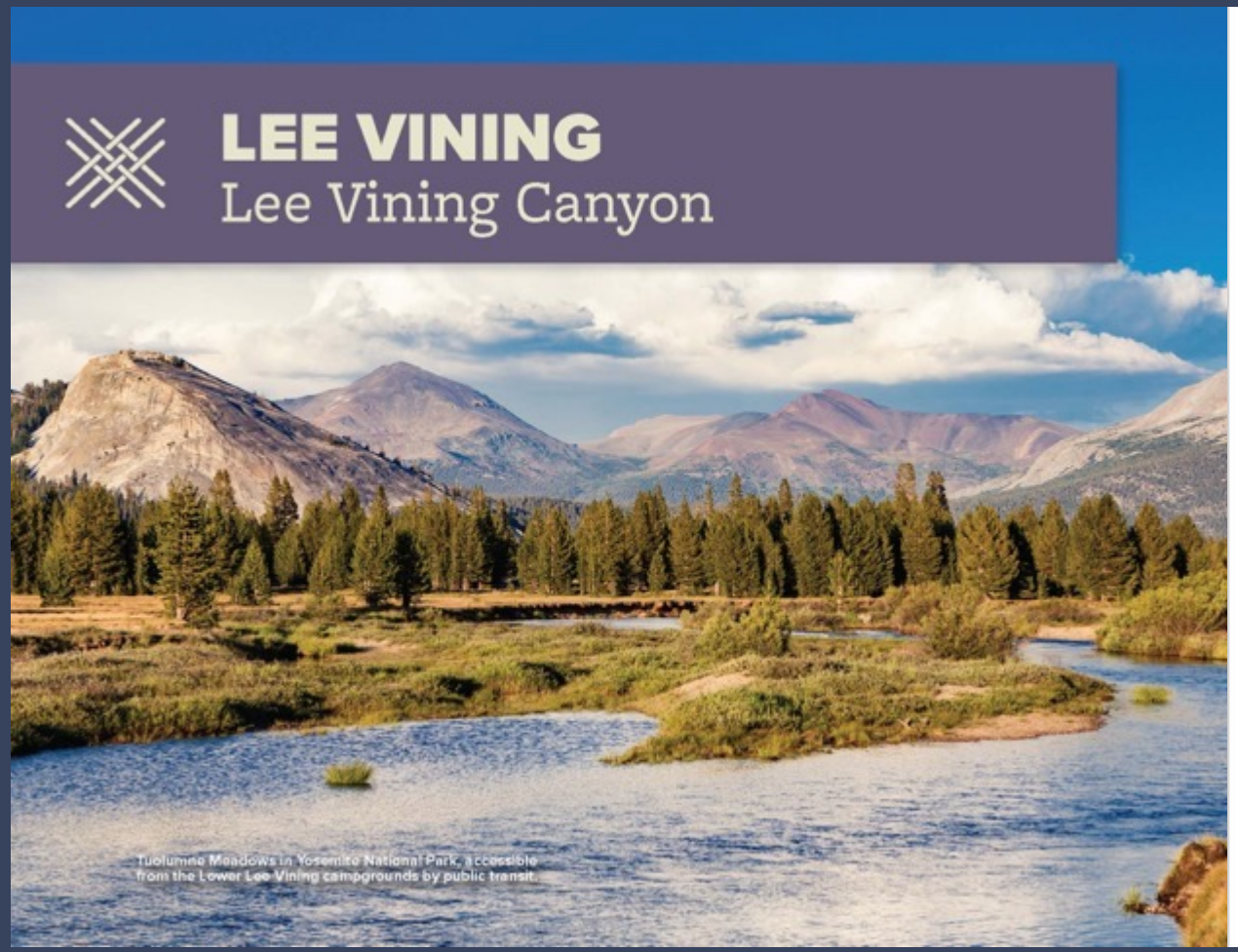






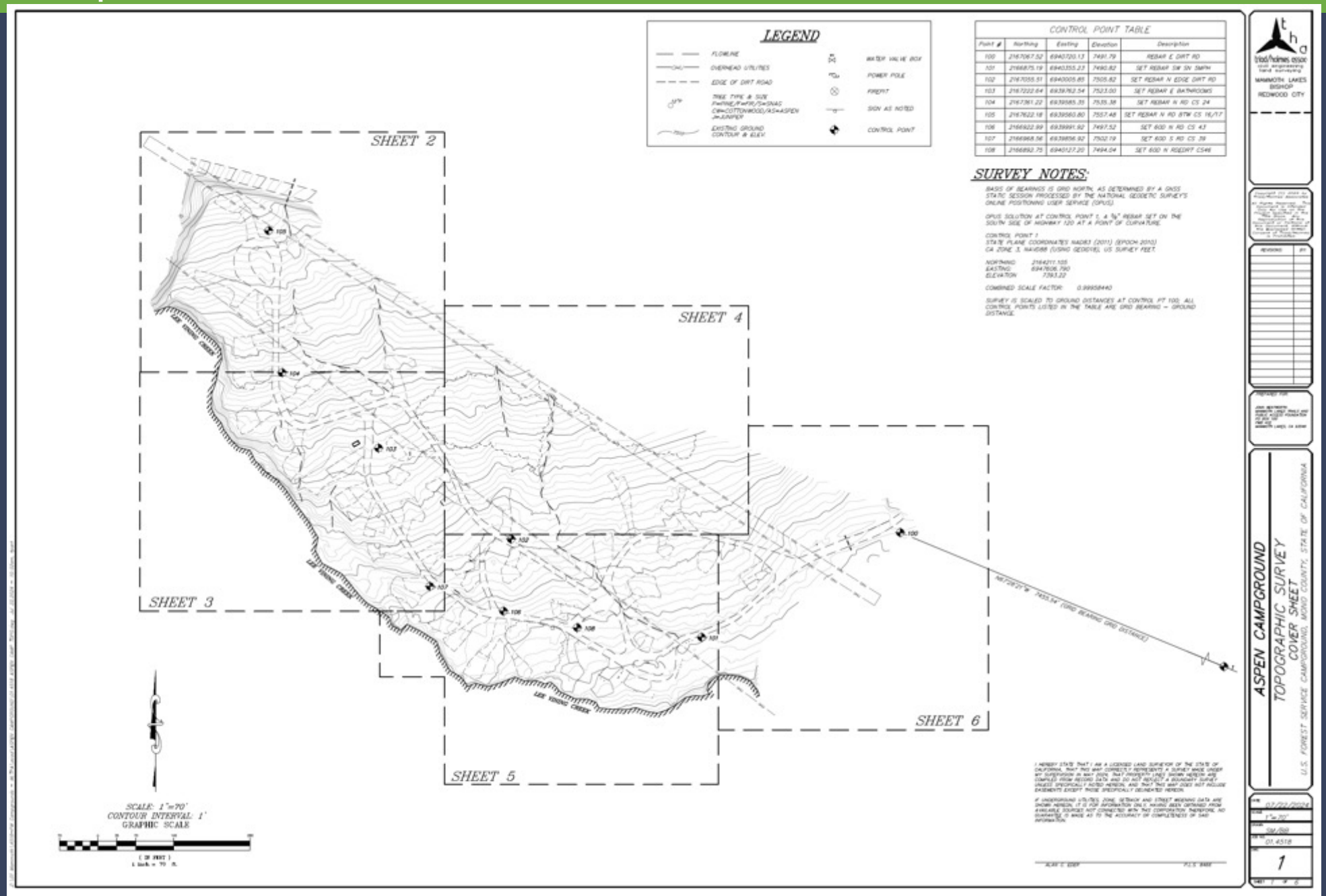


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JR **John Roberts** July 30, 2024 at 7:13 PM

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.

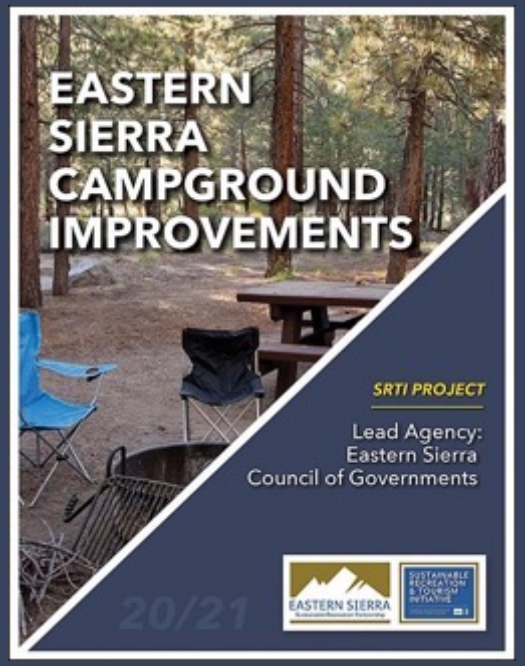
If that makes sense to you, we'll begin to make our arrangements.

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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

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Recreate Responsibly California



Project Description: Recreate Responsibly California was established in 2020 as a state coalition of the national Recreate Responsibly Coalition. The California Coalition brought together land managers, recreation advocates, and industry leaders to develop and promote Recreate Responsibly messaging that encouraged safe outdoor recreation during the pandemic.

Recreate Responsibly California continues to serve as a central hub for outdoor recreation stakeholders across the state. It provides a platform for sharing information, best practices, and emerging opportunities and issues related to outdoor recreation in California. Recreate Responsibly California promotes the Recreate Responsibly messaging toolkits, as well as messaging, resources, and events from statewide members.



SIGN UP FOR RECREATE RESPONSIBLY CALIFORNIA

Since 2021, MLTPA has served as the convener for Recreate Responsibly California, coordinating monthly meetings via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. To receive the newsletter and participate, click above and sign up for the email list - you're invited to join us!



RECREATE RESPONSIBLY NATIONAL COALITION WEBSITE

In May of 2020, just a few months into the COVID-19 pandemic, people were headed outside in unprecendented numbers. The REI Co-op, the Outdoor Alliance, and the Washington Trails Association convened outdoor industry, conservation, and federal land managers and Recreate Responsibly was born.



RECREATE RESPONSIBLY MESSAGING TOOLKITS

The Recreate Responsibly National Coalition publishes several topic-specific communication toolkits about how to #recreateresponsibly in different settings. These toolkits are freely available for download and distribution.

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Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

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

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday October 7, 2024 @ 3:30 PM