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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

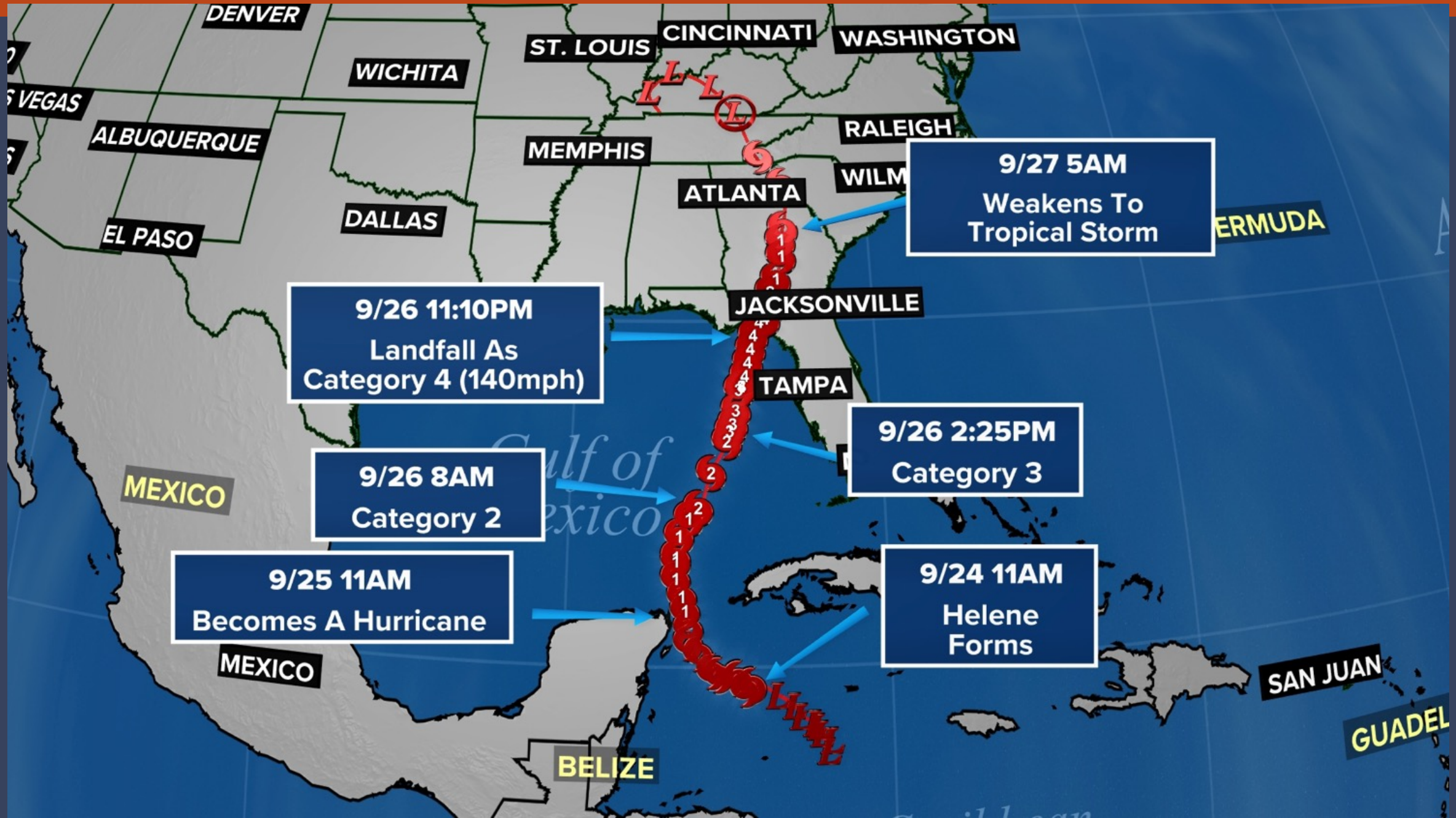
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"A public/public partnership between tribal, local, state, and federal government agencies and a regional voice for sustainable outdoor recreation in California."

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U.S. NEWS

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It is with deep sadness that I'm writing to give you an important update on the **6th Annual Outdoor Economy Conference**. Due to the catastrophic devastation Hurricane Helene has wrought in Western North Carolina and the surrounding region, our team has made the difficult decision to **postpone the Conference until September 15-18, 2025**.

The health, safety, and comfort of our attendees, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, and staff (and all of their families and loved ones) is our chief priority; we feel very lucky to say that all of our team members and their families have checked in as safe, and while some have lost homes or vehicles, we were all fortunate enough to avoid the worst possible outcomes. Some of our friends were not so lucky.

Given the acute survival needs that so many people - including our team members - are facing as individuals and families, as well as our collective need to restore our communities, **we will be dedicating the coming months to helping Western North Carolina build back stronger and more resilient**. This includes significant work within our partner organizations - Mountain BizWorks, the MADE X MTNS Partnership, the NC Outdoor Recreation Economy Office, and the Outdoor Business Alliance of WNC - and with our outdoor recreation communities.

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Eric Marks • September 9, 2024



A helicopter drops water on the Davis Fire south of Reno, Nev., on Sept. 8, 2024. Photo: E Marks/ThisIsReno

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"Fire started in a campground... 😟"

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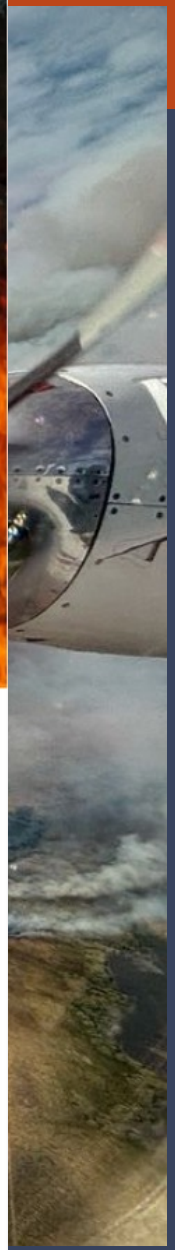
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Rare Wildfire Warning Issued Near Nevada Ski Areas

Originally posted on Powder | By Ian Greenwood | Last updated 9/10/24

The Davis Fire is burning near the boundaries of Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe and Sky Tavern, two ski areas outside Reno, Nevada, as a rare National Weather Service warning looms.

The fire, reported in the afternoon on Saturday, September 7th, has burned over 5,000 acres. A red flag warning—indicating increased fire risk due to warm temperatures, low humidity, and stronger winds—is in place for the Western Nevada Sierra Front until 8 p.m. Wednesday. "It's going to be an active day," Celeste Prescott, the lead public information officer on the Davis Fire, told the *Reno Gazette Journal* Tuesday morning.



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POLITICO

Housing is having a moment. It's not enough to fix wildfire insurance.

By CAMILLE VON KAENEL • 10/02/2024 09:00 PM EDT

Presented by Center for Biological Diversity

With help from Wes Venteicher and Blanca Begert



Even housing developers can't get their policies passed to fix the state's wildfire insurance crisis. | Eric Thayer/Getty Images

SHELTER FROM THE STORM: What happens when you add a national pro-housing push to a worsening wildfire insurance crisis? Not a lot, so far.

National Democrats are following Vice President **Kamala Harris**' lead after she pledged to build 3 million homes across the country if voters elect her president; down-ballot candidates are increasingly talking about it too. Gov. **Gavin Newsom** has made housing a key priority for years, slamming cities that don't meet their housing production goals and signing laws to ease environmental permitting roadblocks.

Long Road to Recovery for Low-Income Wildfire Survivors

Experts say insurance for renters and low-income homeowners could help ease the path to recovery.



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At Climate Forward Event, an Architect of Project 2025 Dismisses Global Warming

At a New York Times Climate Forward event, Kevin D. Roberts said climate change amounted to a "hot year."

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Kevin D. Roberts, right, president of the Heritage Foundation, at the Climate Forward Event on Wednesday. Benjamin Norman for The New York Times

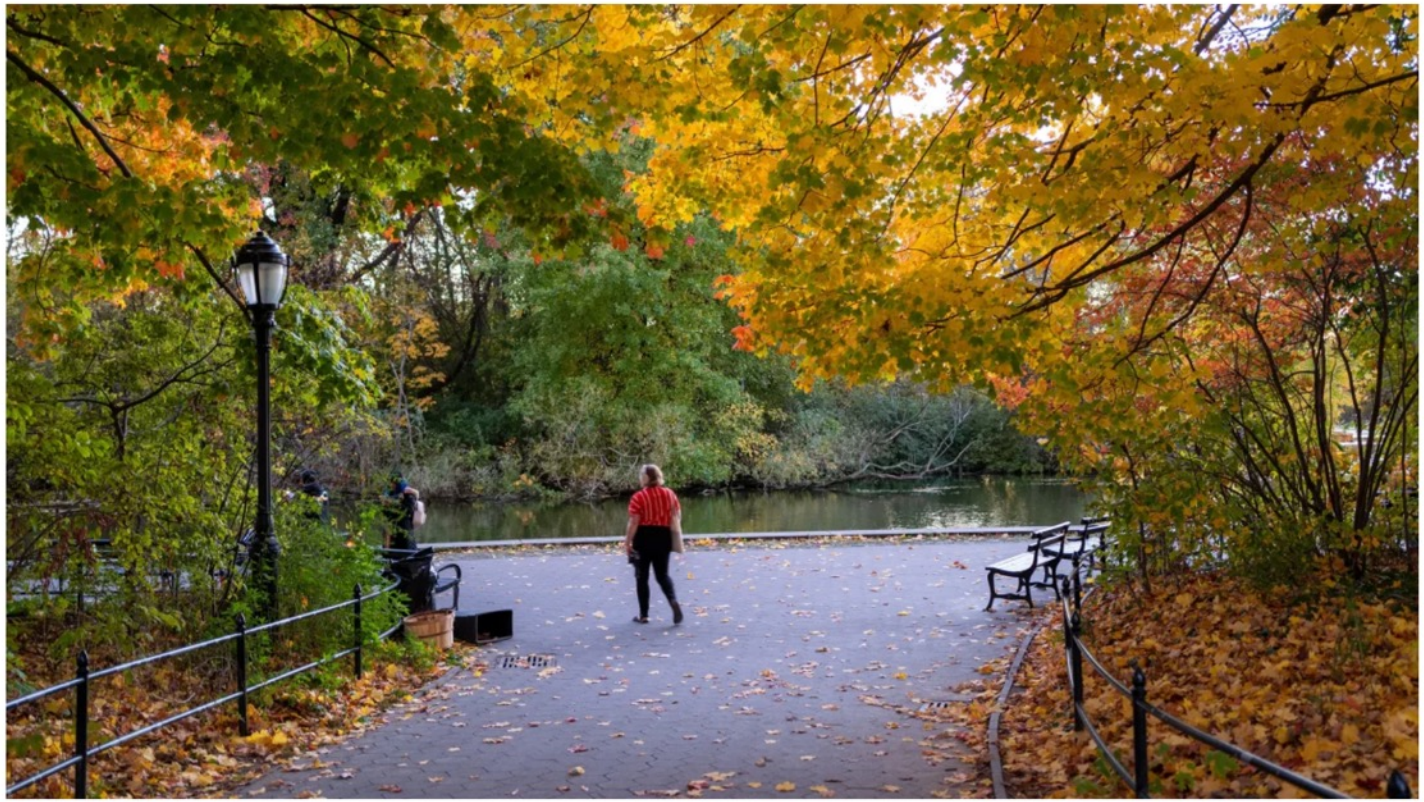
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People enjoy Brooklyn's Prospect Park as trees near their peak autumn foliage in October 2022 in New York City. Spencer Platt/Getty Images/File

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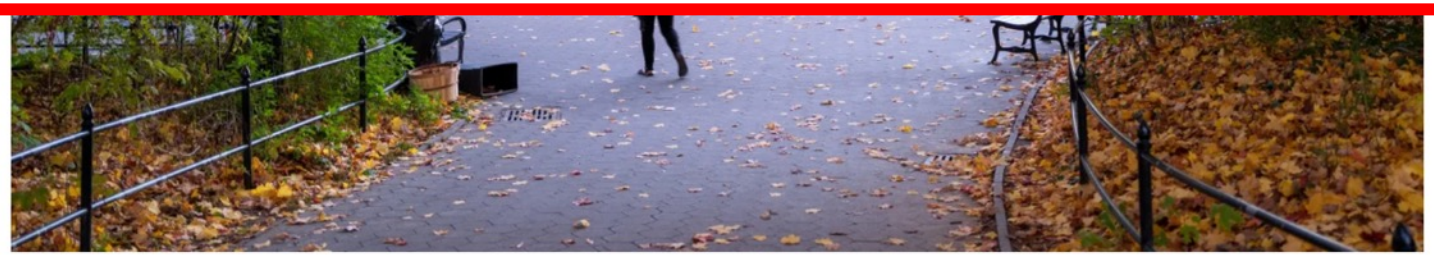
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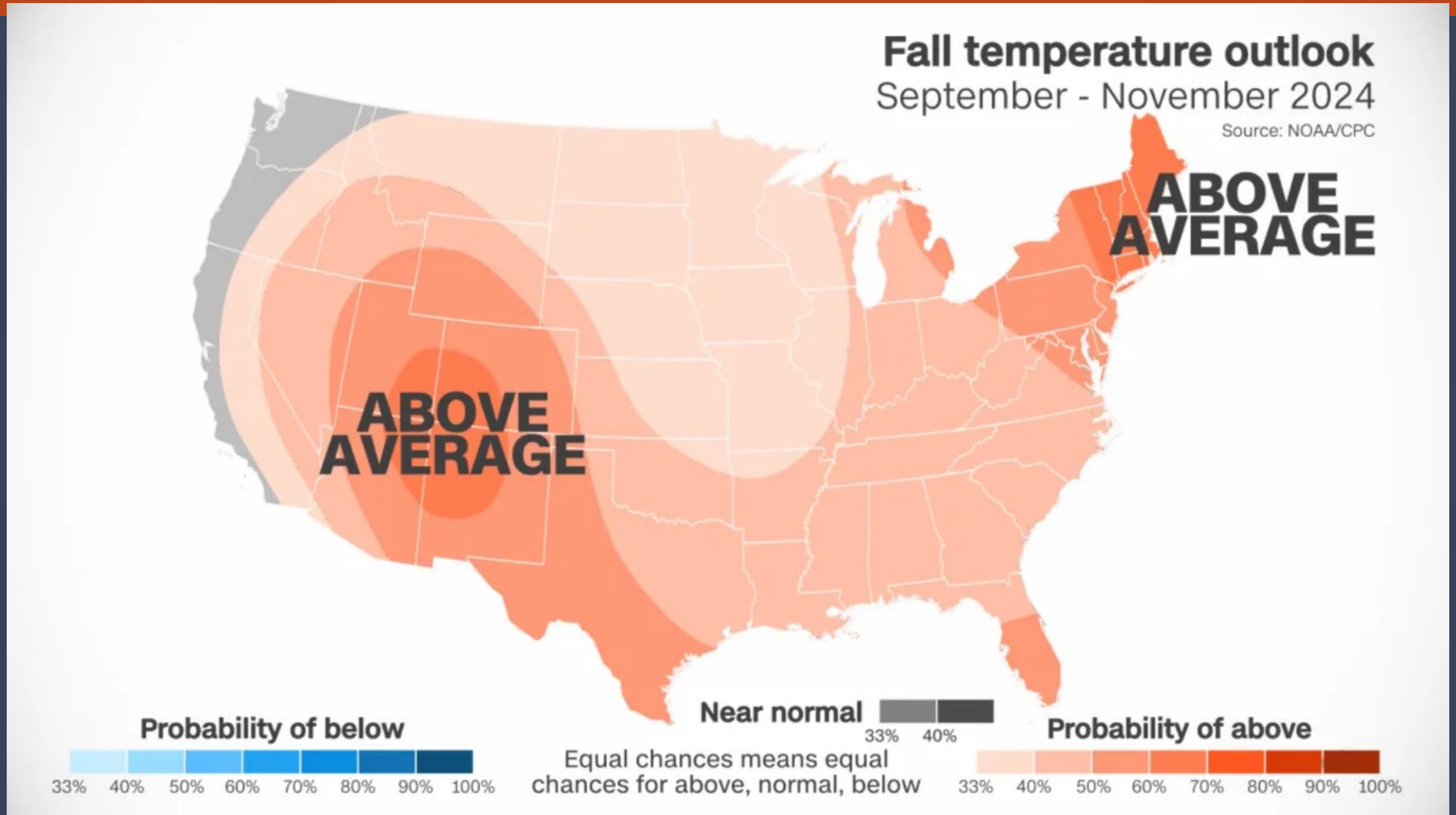
But while pumpkin spice is already overtaking the country, the familiar fall feel may take much longer to materialize as the warmth of an intensely hot summer in the United States shows signs it could bleed into the new season – a trend as the world warms from fossil fuel pollution.

"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."



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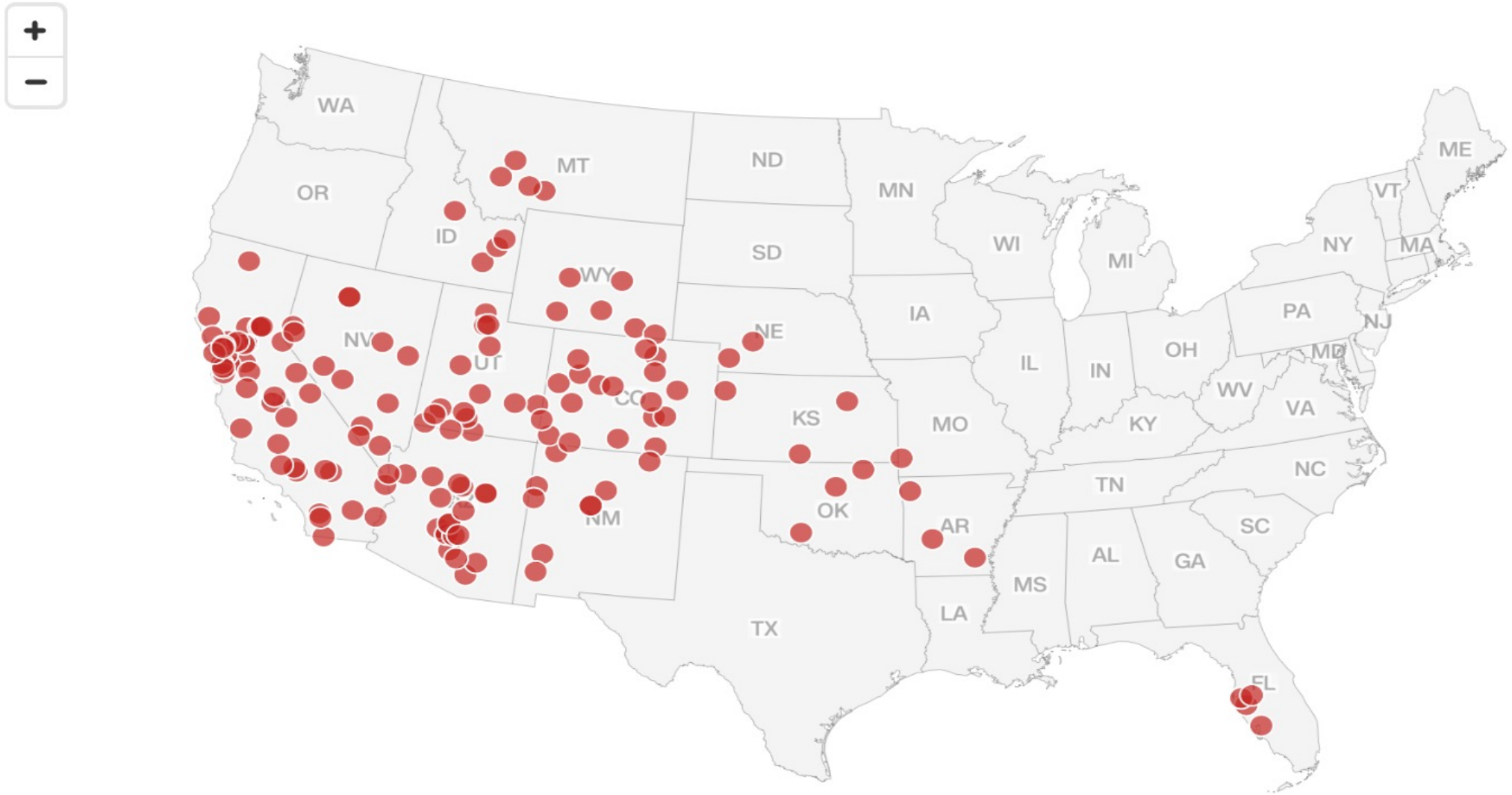
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Places with recent record heat

There were at least **147** daily high temperature records in the last three days. **Phoenix, AZ**, topped the list at **108°F**, 14 degrees hotter than normal for the calendar date.



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

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First sighting of salmon in 100 years marks key milestone for California dam removal

By **Kurtis Alexander**, Reporter
Oct 4, 2024

Gift Article



For the first time in more than a century, a salmon was observed swimming through Klamath River waters formerly blocked by Iron Gate Dam. Iron Gate and three other dams were demolished in a massive dam-removal project that recently wrapped up.

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Heatmap Illustration/Charm Industrial

Deep in Inyo National Forest in the Eastern Sierra Nevada are a couple of bright white domed tents protecting an assemblage of technical equipment and machinery that, admittedly, looks a bit out of place amidst the natural splendor. Surrounding shipping containers boast a large "Charm Industrial" logo, an indication that, yes, the U.S. Forest Service is now working with the well-funded carbon removal startup in a two-for-one endeavor to reduce wildfire risk and permanently remove carbon from the atmosphere.

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Special Newsletter, Electric Vehicles

SIERRA CLUB

Revolutionizing Our Transportation

We all want to breathe clean air and protect our families from toxic pollution and unprecedented climate change. To build a livable future, we must shift our transportation from being a massive source of both climate and air pollution to serving as a climate solution.

The fall edition of *Sierra* magazine features stories about how we're revolutionizing clean transportation, from cars to trucks to buses to bikes. Below is a section of articles, videos, and actions about how we can all participate in building an affordable and accessible clean transportation future.

Click to drop down to any of the following sections, or keep scrolling.

- Driving (or Riding) Electric
- Choose Your E-Bike
- Best Electric Car for Your Budget
- Beyond Electric Vehicles

While these articles focus on transitioning away from oil and gas-powered vehicles, we're also working to reduce our car dependence by advocating for reliable public transit, safe infrastructure for walking and biking, and more housing choices near where people work, learn, and play. Together, we can re-envision how we move around in a way that works for people and the planet.

Thank you
Katherine Garcia
Director, Sierra Club Clean Transportation for All Campaign

Choose Your Adventure: E-Bike Edition



Clean Transportation for All Campaign Director Katherine Garcia rides an electric bike with her son.

While many of us need to drive to get to work, run errands, and visit family, one of the best things we can do for our climate is drive less (when possible). Depending on where you live, a traditional bicycle might be all you need to get around. For many, an e-bike can provide the extra boost needed to get from A to B on two wheels.

What kind of rider are you? Sierra magazine has organized everything you need to know about finding the perfect electric bike for your lifestyle and budget.

Check out the complete guide now!

Best Electric Car for Your Budget



Illustrations by Heather Jones

Need to find a car instead? Thanks to President Biden's climate legislation, eligible drivers can get a point-of-purchase rebate of up to $7,500 on a qualifying new EV or $4,000 for a used EV.

Relatively recent Nissan Leafs are selling for around $13,000. The Chevy Bolt will return next year and is expected to be an affordable option--some used models sell for much less than $20,000 after rebate. And many other new options are coming in around $30,000.

But what about charging? According to the Department of Energy, there were more than 68,000 public charging stations across the US last spring, and an additional 900 chargers are opening every week! We're catching up to the nearly 145,000 retail gasoline outlets.

Check out the complete guide now!

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POLITICO

Democrats' favorite mineral keeps going up in flames

By **ALEX NIEVES** | 10/03/2024 09:00 PM EDT



Lithium battery explosions are fanning the flames of Republican attacks on clean-truck policies. | David McNew/Getty Images

BIPARTISAN BATTERING: A rash of high-profile lithium-battery fires is causing heartburn from the halls of Congress to the Los Angeles City Council.

The latest incident — a big rig that exploded last week on its way from the Port of LA after it overturned and the batteries it was hauling caught fire — shut down a major bridge and

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Inyo National Forest, Pacific Southwest Region

Forest Service News Release

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Fall prescribed burning on Inyo National Forest



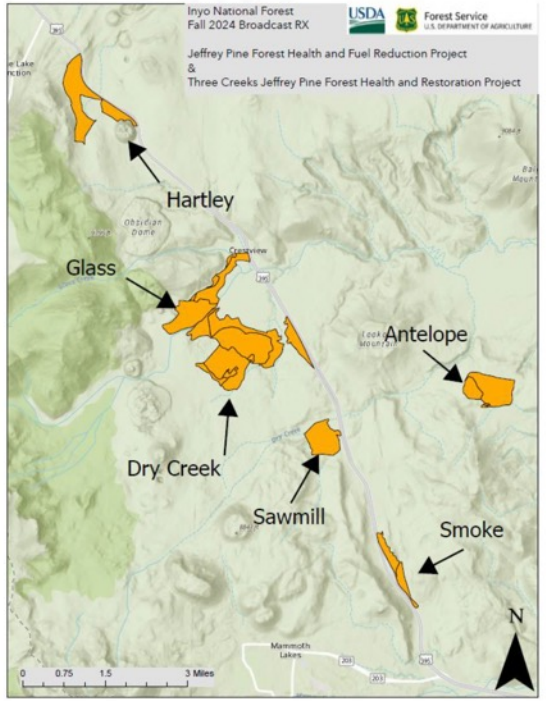
USDA Forest Service firefighters apply low intensity fire on the Mammoth Ranger District, Spring 2023.
(USDA Forest Service photo)

BISHOP, Calif., September 30, 2024 — This fall season, Inyo National Forest fire personnel will be looking for windows of opportunity to conduct up to 2,193 acres of broadcast prescribed burning on the Mono Lake and Mammoth Ranger Districts to restore forest health and reduce hazardous fuels.

Smoke will drift and settle into the valley areas, especially at night. This includes areas such as Highway 395, Mammoth Scenic Loop, Owens River Road, Crowley Lake, and Owens River Gorge. If necessary, smoke-sensitive individuals may need to take precautions to minimize smoke impacts. Visit fire.airnow.gov to check particulate levels before you visit the Owens Valley area in general.

Location: On Inyo NF lands, south of June Lake Junction, north of the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

- Smoke and flame may be visible from many miles away, including along the Highway 395 corridor north of Tom's Place and south of Conway Summit, from Deadman Creek Road, Owens River Road, Bald Mountain Road, Glass Creek Road and Mammoth Scenic Loop.



Units: Up to 2,193 acres of broadcast prescribed burning (see map above)

Purpose: Implementation of the 2007 Jeffrey Pine Forest Health & Fuel Reduction Project Environmental Assessment and the 2018 Three Creeks Jeffrey Pine Forest Health and Restoration Project Environmental Assessment

"Our fire and fuels specialists continually track specific conditions and seasonal trends," said Jeff Karl, a Fuels Battalion for Inyo National Forest. We aim to perform these burns once we see desirable weather, fuel moisture, and have appropriate staffing this fall and winter."

"Our fire behavior models prescribe that a fuel moisture range be low enough to consume forest fuels, but also high enough to moderate fire behavior and provide desired effects," he continued. "We may not burn all targeted acreage, due to any number of variables that must be considered to obtain the desired fire effects on the landscape for the forest ecosystems which depend on it."

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DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

Nevada Starry Skies Certification Program

2024 PROGRAM MANUAL

DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

Nevada Starry Skies Application

Applicant Information

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____
Name *Title*

Address: _____
Street Address *Unit #*

_____
City *State* *ZIP Code*

Phone:_____ Email:_____

Select which certification type your organization is pursuing?

- ☐ School
- ☐ Homeowner's Association
- ☐ Parks/Open Space
- ☐ Unincorporated Municipality
- ☐ Municipality
- ☐ Downtown Business Association

Application Packet

To be eligible for the Nevada Starry Skies Certification, eligible organizations will need to provide the following documentation:

1. Proof of consent from the landowner, governmental entity, tribal government, board/committee.
2. Approved management plan/ordinance/policy
3. Education Materials or plan outlining what all will be discussed.
4. Lighting specifications and light fixture diagrams.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES NEWSLETTER
October and November 2024

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Upcoming Grants

- The CalRecycle Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Program (due October 8) funds the cleanup of illegally dumped material on farm and/or ranch properties, including on public forestlands.

- The US Dept of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Scenic Byway Program (Letters of Intent to Caltrans Scenic Highway Program due October 10, applications due to DOT December 16) funds eligible projects on highways designated as National Scenic Byways, All-American Roads, state scenic byways, or Indian tribe scenic byways. Local governments must submit proposals through Caltrans; tribal governments may apply directly to DOT FHWA.

- The US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Small Grants Program (due October 10) supports small-scale, long-term, on-the-ground projects that protect, restore, and enhance wetlands and associated upland habitats for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds.

- The US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program (Notices of Interest due October 15) helps local communities and tribes undertake hazard-mitigation projects to reduce the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards.

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Strategic Plan Workshops 2025-2030

REDDING
Monday, October 28
3:30 – 6:30pm
Old City Hall Arts Center, Upstairs Ballroom
1313 Market St
Redding, CA 96001
Old City Hall — Shasta County Arts Council

INGLEWOOD
Wednesday, November 6
3:30 – 6:30pm
Inglewood Senior Citizens Center
111 N Locust St
Inglewood, CA 90301
Senior Services | Inglewood, CA

MONTEREY
Wednesday, October 30
3:30 – 6:30pm
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL Hall)
424 Adams St
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JACL Monterey Peninsula California

RIVERSIDE
Thursday, November 7
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The hidden Yosemite lake without the High Sierra crowds

'It's funny how just 1.2 miles will facilitate the lack of crowds'

By **Eric Brooks**, *Freelance writer*
Sep 28, 2024



The evening light high in the Sierra lights up the distant mountain peaks while the lake cools down under the shadow of Mount Hoffman.
Sathish Jothikumar/Getty Images

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Eastern Sierra CA Jobs First - Updates

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST

Sierra Region



What's new with Sierra Jobs First?



Project Application Period: Oct. 15 - Dec. 15

Plus, other Sierra Jobs First Updates

Greetings Sierra Jobs First Collaborative,

Happy fall season to everyone throughout the region. Since our last newsletter, our team has been using the transitional period between the Planning and Catalyst phases to prep for the coming months, focusing specifically on the upcoming Project Application Phase, which is officially opening in seven business days on Oct 15.

To prepare you all for the project application period, we'd like to send out a few reminders on where to find critical information as well as a few other project updates.

As always, our team is here to answer any questions and provide guidance through the sometimes complicated Sierra Jobs First process. Please feel free to send us a note by emailing jobsfirst@sierrabusiness.org.

Thank you,

Sierra Jobs First Team
jobsfirst@sierrabusiness.org

Project Application Period: Oct. 15 through Dec. 15

The Project Application period will open in just a little over a week on October 15. All materials will be sent out to this listserve and posted here.

Currently, our website's project landing page has the draft RFP/ Application, Narrative, and Budget documents. We strongly encourage project applicants to check those out and get started on prepping their application materials if they haven't already done so.

Here are the other important deadlines related to Catalyst Project Selection:

RFP/Application Period: **Oct 15 – Dec 15**
Application Review Period (includes review by the Project Identification Subcommittee): **January 1 – 31**
Virtual Pitch Session: **End of February/Early March**
Governing Council Votes on Project Selection (Virtual Meeting): **March**
Contract Period: **March – April**

Strategic Plan Feedback Received from State

We're excited to share with the Sierra Job's First Collaborative state feedback on the Strategic Plan that was submitted in late August. Our regional contact at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development provided the SBC team with the following comment:

"Eastern Sierra's Regional Plan Part 2 is well-organized with each foundational element and target sector having its own brief section that could easily be pulled out as a fact sheet. Our team thought this format, and including outcome statements, was very effective. Each target sector and foundational element's analysis includes a concise alignment with program goals and smartly includes challenges and risks. The strategy includes strong consideration and analysis for selecting the combination of tradeable and local-serving sectors to target. The report emphasizes the importance of partnership in small rural communities and some of the challenges with land use jurisdiction. One piece of critical feedback is that including timelines within the industry sectors would help establish a clear roadmap for implementation of each sector strategy. Overall, the plan is climate forward, community-led, shares a vision that is aligned with the state, and shows the critical need for regional collaboration and partnership."

Thank you to everyone who provided comments, your feedback made this Strategic Plan infinitely better, and we appreciate all contributions made to this State deliverable.

Eastern Sierra CA Jobs First - Updates

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST
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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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What's new with Sierra Jobs First?

Strategic Plan Feedback Received from State

We're excited to share with the Sierra Job's First Collaborative state feedback on the Strategic Plan that was submitted in late August. Our regional contact at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development provided the SBC team with the following comment:

"Eastern Sierra's Regional Plan Part 2 is well-organized with each foundational element and target sector having its own brief section that could easily be pulled out as a fact sheet. Our team thought this format, and including outcome statements, was very effective. Each target sector and foundational element's analysis includes a concise alignment with program goals and smartly includes challenges and risks. The strategy includes strong consideration and analysis for selecting the combination of tradeable and local-serving sectors to target. The report emphasizes the importance of partnership in small rural communities and some of the challenges with land use jurisdiction. One piece of critical feedback is that including timelines within the industry sectors would help establish a clear roadmap for implementation of each sector strategy. Overall, the plan is climate forward, community-led, shares a vision that is aligned with the state, and shows the critical need for regional collaboration and partnership."

Thank you to everyone who provided comments, your feedback made this Strategic Plan infinitely better, and we appreciate all contributions made to this State deliverable.

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2024 Strategic Plan

Regional Plan: Part II





Governing Council Approved August 23, 2024

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Chapter 4 | Target Industries | Strategy Area

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

Building a Sustainable Tourism Economy

SECTOR DEFINITION

The Sustainable Tourism Industry Sector includes natural and cultural attractions, arts, outdoor activities, events, and historic sites. Sustainable tourism is focused on current and future economic, social, and environmental impacts and addresses the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment, and host communities. Data and feedback indicate the region's robust recreation and tourism sector is a critical economic driver. Leveraging the region's natural assets, arts, historic sites, and community events has significant potential for developing quality jobs.

SECTOR SNAPSHOT

Sustainable recreation and tourism dominate the regional economy and represent nearly 25% of all employment.

This industry sector is broad in scope and includes everything from accommodations and lodging to outdoor recreation, arts and cultural attractions, food service, and some retail operations.

The location quotient is 1.64, indicating that 64% more tourism jobs exist in the region than the employment average in California for this sector. The highest number of jobs exist in food service and accommodations for this sector, as listed on the next page. Jobs in these two industries tend to be low-wage jobs. This industry sector represents one of the most significant areas for wage improvement to achieve region-wide income goals, as many jobs in this sector today pay under $50,000 annually.

Strategies in this sector will need to work to find creative ways to build opportunities for high-quality job growth in these specific industry areas.

OUTCOME STATEMENTS

- **Sierra employees, especially those in the food service and accommodations, can access high-quality jobs in the recreation and tourism sector.**
- **Local, state, tribal, federal, and private landowners work together to unlock regional opportunities.**
- **Significant regional public and private investments support new opportunities and ongoing maintenance needs in the arts, history, and recreational opportunities.**
- **A climate-resilient, environmentally responsible recreation and tourism economy exists in the region.**

BY THE NUMBERS

SECTOR LOCATION QUOTIENT

1.64

Sustainable recreation represents an area of economic specialization for the region, with an occupation rate 64% higher than statewide averages across this economic sector. With its high employment numbers, this is an important regional investment area.

TOTAL SECTOR EMPLOYMENT IN REGION 2023

17,642 jobs

28.1% of region employment

Regionally, about three of every 10 jobs fall within the sustainable recreation sector, indicating that these economies are heavily tied to the continuation and advancement of the local workforce.

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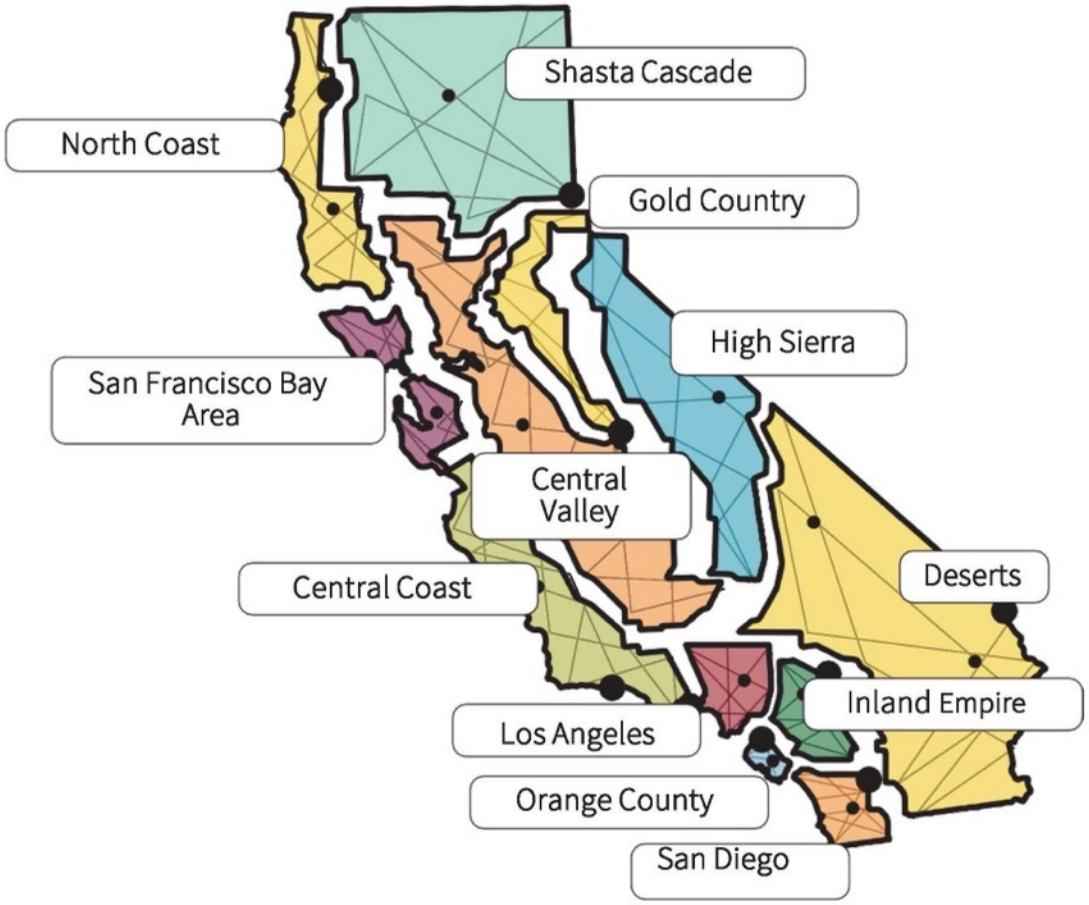




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Regional Tourism Strategic Plans Development

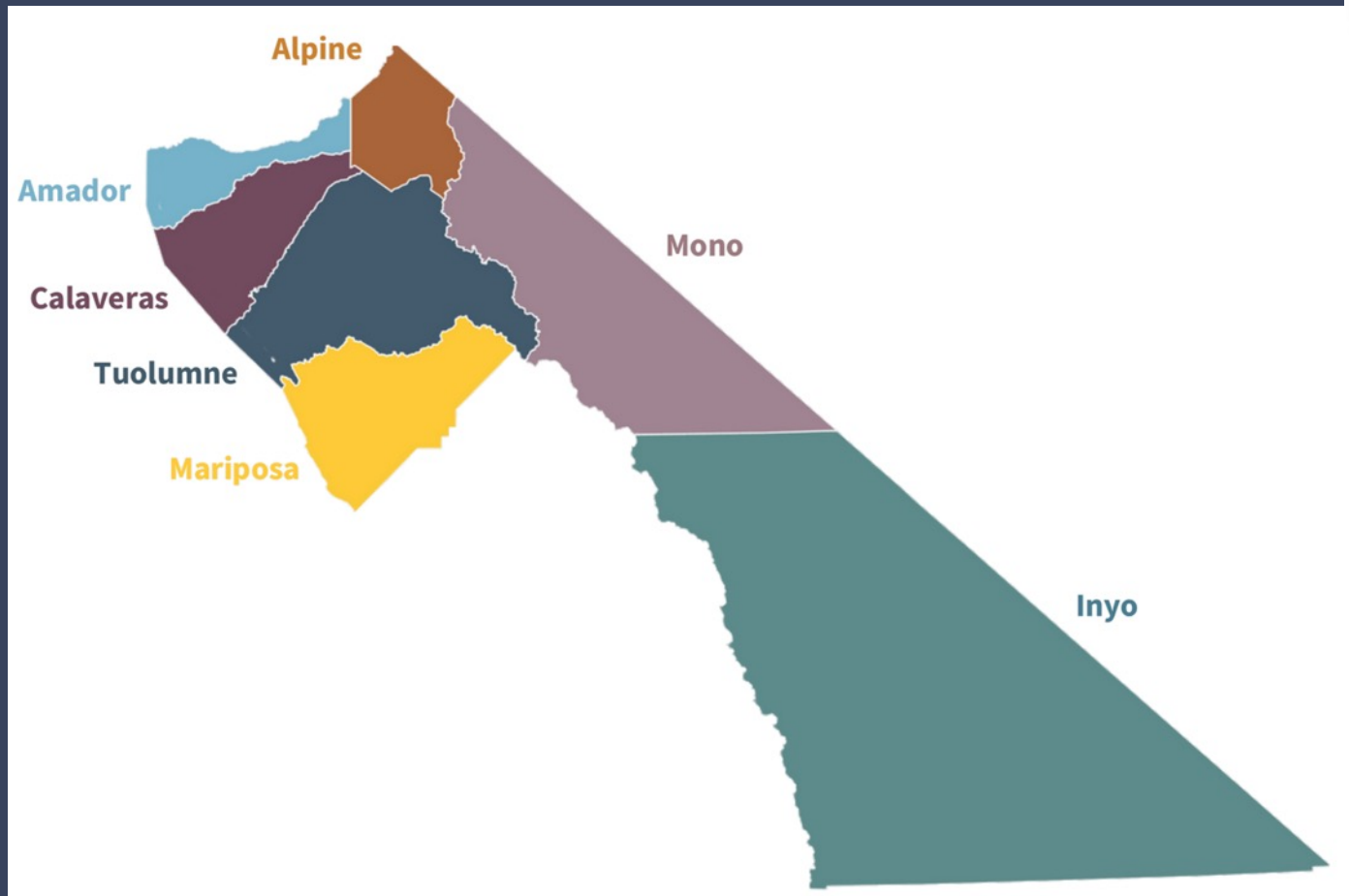
- Consistent methodology
- Approach enables flexibility
- More than marketing
- Extensive input effort

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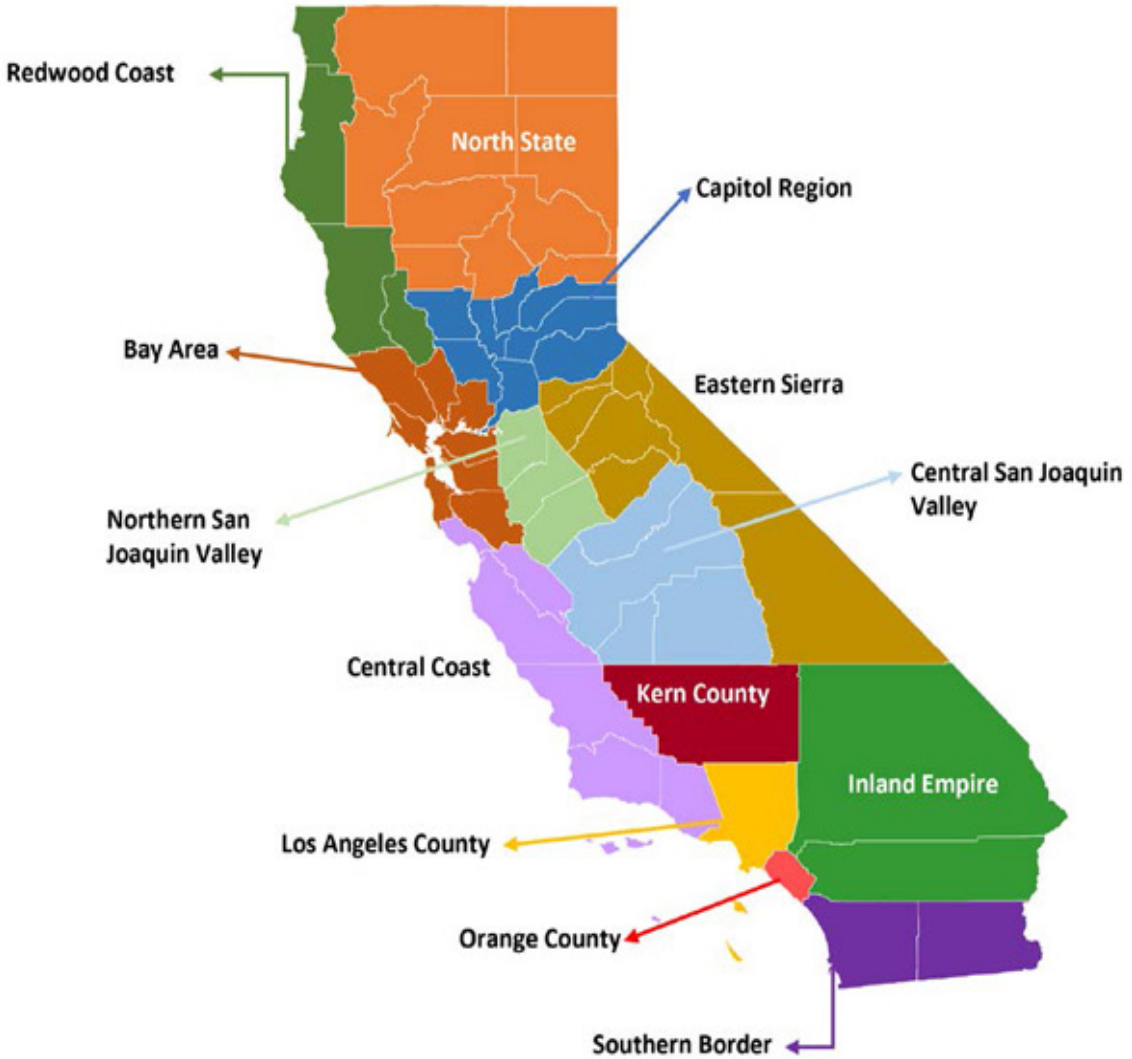


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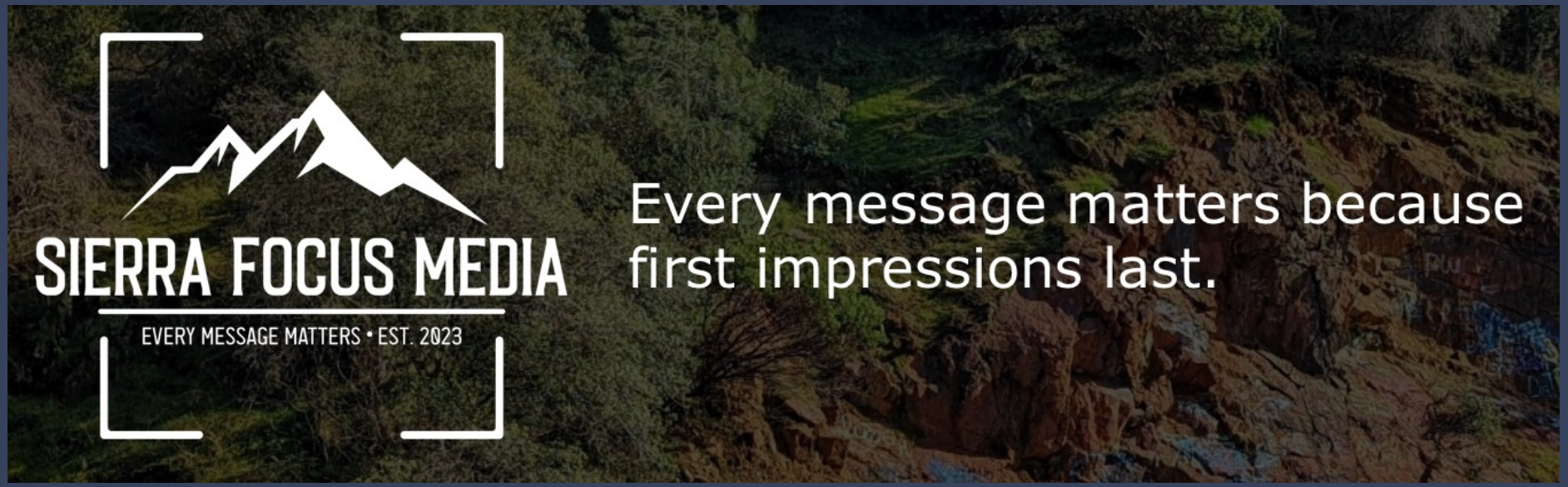
Industry Sector Coordinator(s)

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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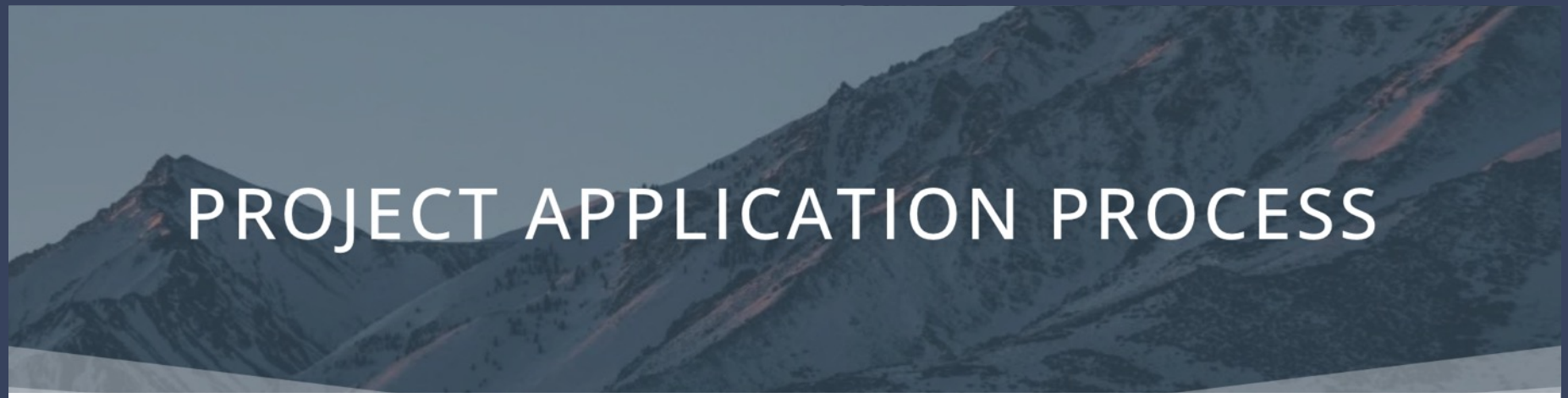
Industry Sector Coordinators Update

Thank you to all who applied for the industry sector coordinators. We're reviewing the applications, ironing out the remaining details, and we plan to announce selections in the coming months.

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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:

RFP/Application Period: **Oct 15 – Dec 15**
Application Review Period (includes review by the Project Identification Subcommittee): **January 1 – 31**
Virtual Pitch Session: **End of February/Early March**
Governing Council Votes on Project Selection (Virtual Meeting): **March**
Contract Period: **March – April**

Project Application Period: Oct. 15 through Dec. 15

The Project Application period will open in just a little over a week on October 15. All materials will be sent out to this listserve and posted here.

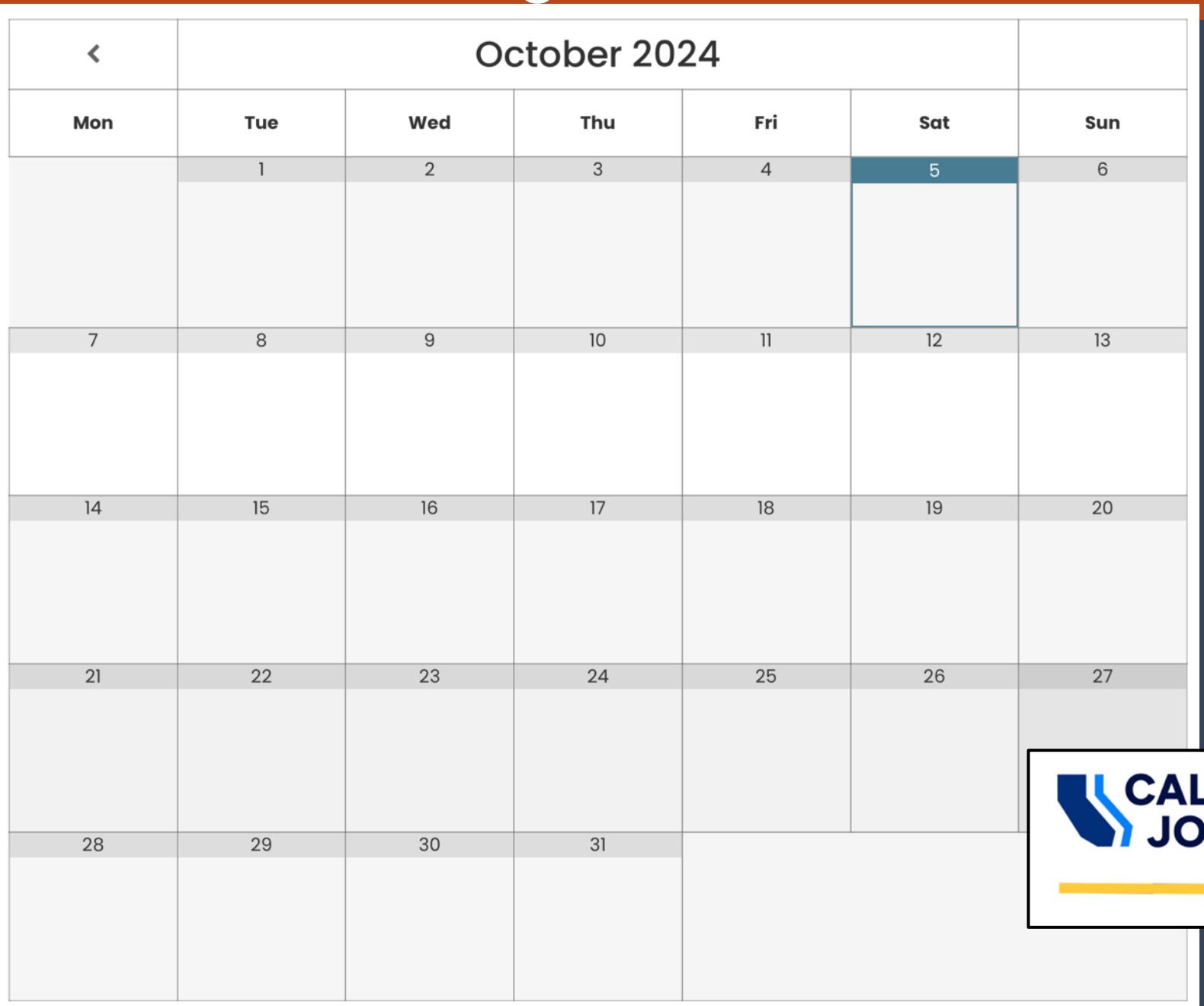
Currently, our website's project landing page has the draft RFP/ Application, Narrative, and Budget documents. We strongly encourage project applicants to check those out and get started on prepping their application materials if they haven't already done so.

Here are the other important deadlines related to Catalyst Project Selection:

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Introduction to NAICS

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy.

NAICS was developed under the auspices of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and adopted in 1997 to replace the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. It was developed jointly by the U.S. Economic Classification Policy Committee (ECPC), Statistics Canada, and Mexico's Instituto Nacional de Estadistica y Geografia, to allow for a high level of comparability in business statistics among the North American countries.

This official U.S. Government Web site provides the latest information on plans for NAICS revisions, as well as access to various NAICS reference files and tools. Additional information on the background and development of NAICS is available in the History section of this Web site.

Recreation Drives the Tourism Economy

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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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- AB 1567 – Climate Bond (Garcia) – Senate Version SB 867 Signed by Governor – Proposition 4 on November Ballot
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- AB 3147 – California Trails Conservancy Program (Garcia) – Died in Assembly
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CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

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The 2024 California Economic Summit will take place in Sacramento, CA on October 8-10. Along with the California Stewardship Network, we are excited to convene with partners from industry, community, and the private, public, and nonprofit sectors — all of whom are committed to building an inclusive and sustainable economy where all Californians can prosper.

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Rural Roundtable Discussion Hosted by the Rural Prosperity Center (Invite Only)

October 9, 2024 7:30 AM-8:30 AM

Associated Event

Rural Roundtable Discussion

This associated breakfast will bring together rural practitioners and champions over a breakfast discussion that will delve into topics specific to rural California. While identifying ongoing challenges confronting California's rural communities, this session will prioritize a peer exchange around the tools, strategies, and solutions that are being deployed to address existing challenges.



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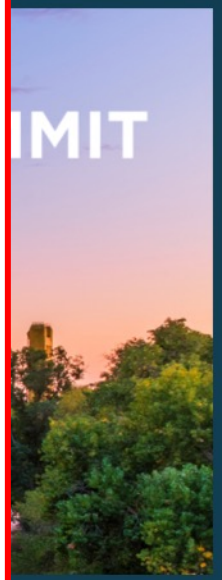


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Congress Approves Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act

SEP 24, 2024

The approval extends existing funding authorizations for approximately $300 million to 2034 and continues federal support for priority EIP projects to protect and restore Lake Tahoe. Since the EIP was formed in 1997, public and private sector partners have completed more than 830 projects including wetland restoration, bike trails, forest fuel reduction, and aquatic invasive species prevention and control. The federal commitment has helped leverage local, state, and private investments which together total more than $2.8 billion in environmental improvements.



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The Battle Over The Future of Palisades Tahoe

Zach Armstrong | September 24, 2024

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Olympic Valley is the site of a 12-year battle over what development should look like in the Lake Tahoe region. | Photo: tahoe.com Website

Olympic Valley, in addition to being home to Palisades Tahoe, a world-class ski resort, has been the site of a fierce development battle between residents of the region and Alterra. The Village at Palisades Tahoe Specific Plan is a sweeping 25-year vision for development in Olympic Valley. Its primary stated goal is to transform Palisades Tahoe into a year-round vacation destination with more lodging and amenities. The development would add nearly 1,500 bedrooms across 800 units of condos, timeshares, and hotel rooms. These lodging facilities would be largely concentrated in a 'Village Core' that would include extensive retail and dining and would prioritize pedestrian access.

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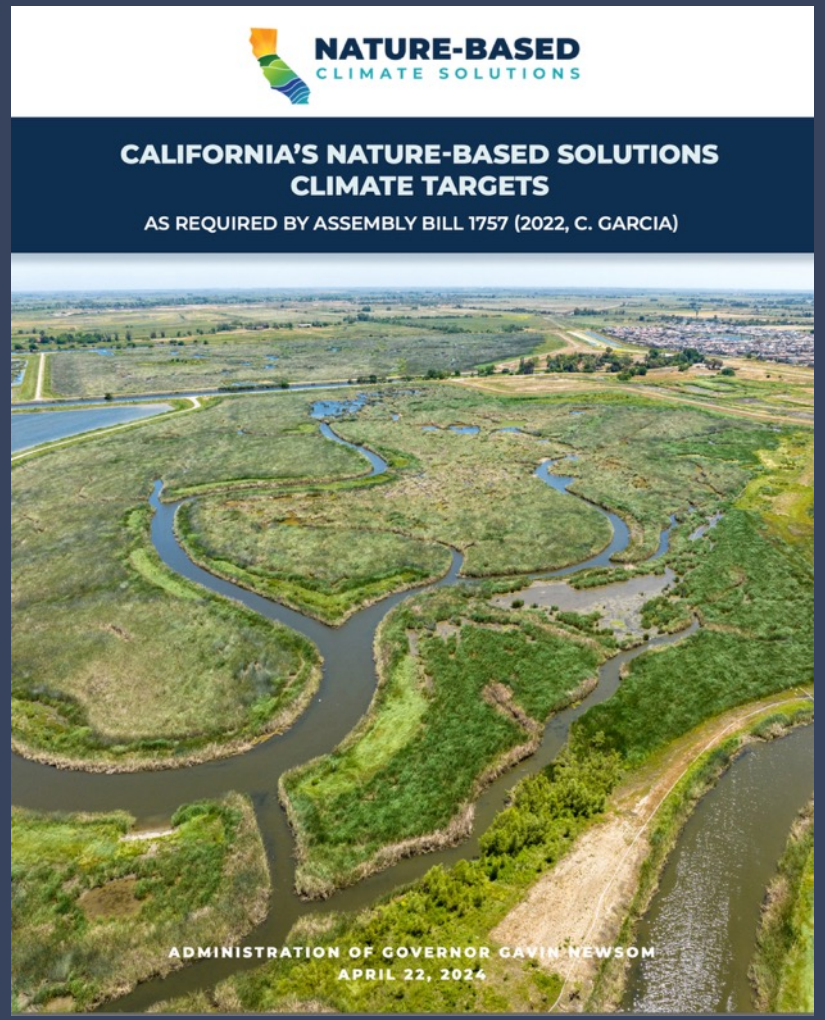
Year-round recreation opportunities in the plan are concentrated in a 90,000-square-foot Mountain Adventure Camp. The specific plan indicates the Mountain Adventure Camp could include a thirty-lane bowling alley, a movie theater, indoor rock climbing walls, and an arcade. The Mountain Adventure Camp has received some of the harshest criticism of the entire project, with many people questioning why the Lake Tahoe region needs a massive indoor recreation facility when many travel to the region for outdoor recreation.

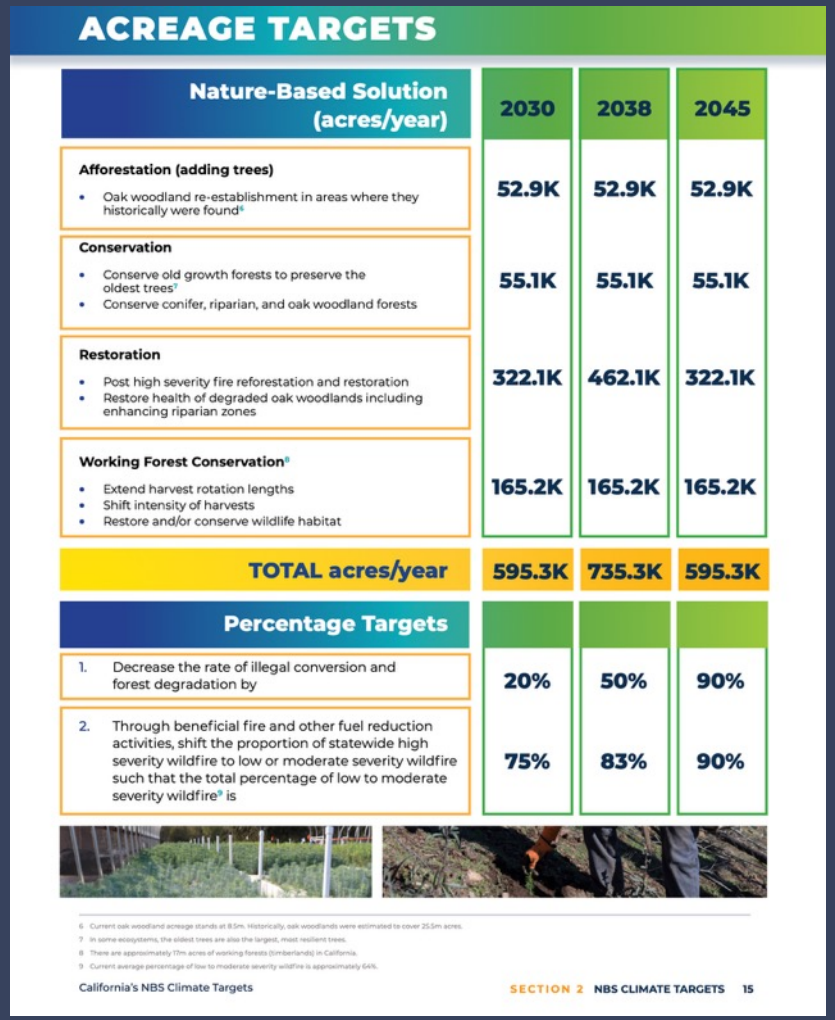
Development plans were first submitted to Placer County in 2012 by private equity firm KSL Capital Partners, who owned the resort at the time. The initial plan called for a larger village area with more condos and hotels, closer to the limits set out in the Olympic Valley General Plan from 1983. General plans for communities and areas like Olympic Valley are made and approved by local governments to lay out a vision for development including the overall size and character of what can be built in the future. In 1983, Palisades Tahoe was a much smaller resort, albeit still with a world-renowned reputation. The base area and housing available in Olympic Valley in 1983 were a tiny fraction of what they are today, and the county had big plans for development. By the time the Village at Palisades Specific Plan came along, attitudes had changed, and the revisions that came over the next three years focused on downsizing the village core and including more employee housing. In April 2015, Placer County began its environmental impact analysis.



The Village at Palisades Tahoe Specific Plan seeks to redevelop Palisades Tahoe's surface parking lots into a pedestrian-oriented mountain village. | Photo: Palisades Tahoe Website

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ACREAGE TARGETS

Nature-Based Solution (acres/year)	2030	2038	2045
Afforestation (adding trees) • Oak woodland re-establishment in areas where they historically were found[6]	52.9K	52.9K	52.9K
Conservation • Conserve old growth forests to preserve the oldest trees[7] • Conserve conifer, riparian, and oak woodland forests	55.1K	55.1K	55.1K
Restoration • Post high severity fire reforestation and restoration • Restore health of degraded oak woodlands including enhancing riparian zones	322.1K	462.1K	322.1K
Working Forest Conservation[8] • Extend harvest rotation lengths • Shift intensity of harvests • Restore and/or conserve wildlife habitat	165.2K	165.2K	165.2K
TOTAL acres/year	595.3K	735.3K	595.3K
Percentage Targets			
1. Decrease the rate of illegal conversion and forest degradation by	20%	50%	90%
2. Through beneficial fire and other fuel reduction activities, shift the proportion of statewide high severity wildfire to low or moderate severity wildfire such that the total percentage of low to moderate severity wildfire[9] is	75%	83%	90%

6 Current oak woodland acreage stands at 8.5m. Historically, oak woodlands were estimated to cover 25.5m acres.
7 In some ecosystems, the oldest trees are also the largest, most resilient trees.
8 There are approximately 17m acres of working forests (timberlands) in California.
9 Current average percentage of low to moderate severity wildfire is approximately 64%.



FOREST
NBS CLIMATE TARGETS

Forests make up 27% of California, or 28.7 million acres, from northern to southern California. Their trees, soils, and plants currently store the largest proportion of carbon across all of California's landscape types. Over the past century, forests have largely served as a carbon sink that removed carbon from our atmosphere. They are now a carbon source - emitting more carbon than they remove from the atmosphere. This shift is largely the result of:

- A century of fire exclusion practices
- Historic timber harvesting methods that removed large, fire-resilient trees
- Climate change impacts, such as drought and pest migration

Without levels of climate smart forest management consistent with the NBS climate targets below, we cannot count on California's forests being carbon sinks in the future.

In addition to California's historic investments to reduce wildfire risk in our forests, the State is building forest health through planning and investments for post-fire reforestation and conservation. The California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force is developing a report and action plan for filling critical gaps in the state's reforestation pipeline, as well as strengthening collaboration with non-profits and the federal government. Furthermore, recent budget years have seen significant investment in CAL FIRE's forest legacy, nursery, and post-fire reforestation and regeneration programs, the Wildlife Conservation Board's oak woodland conservation and riparian habitat conservation programs, and Conservancy-supported efforts to build forest health and resilience.

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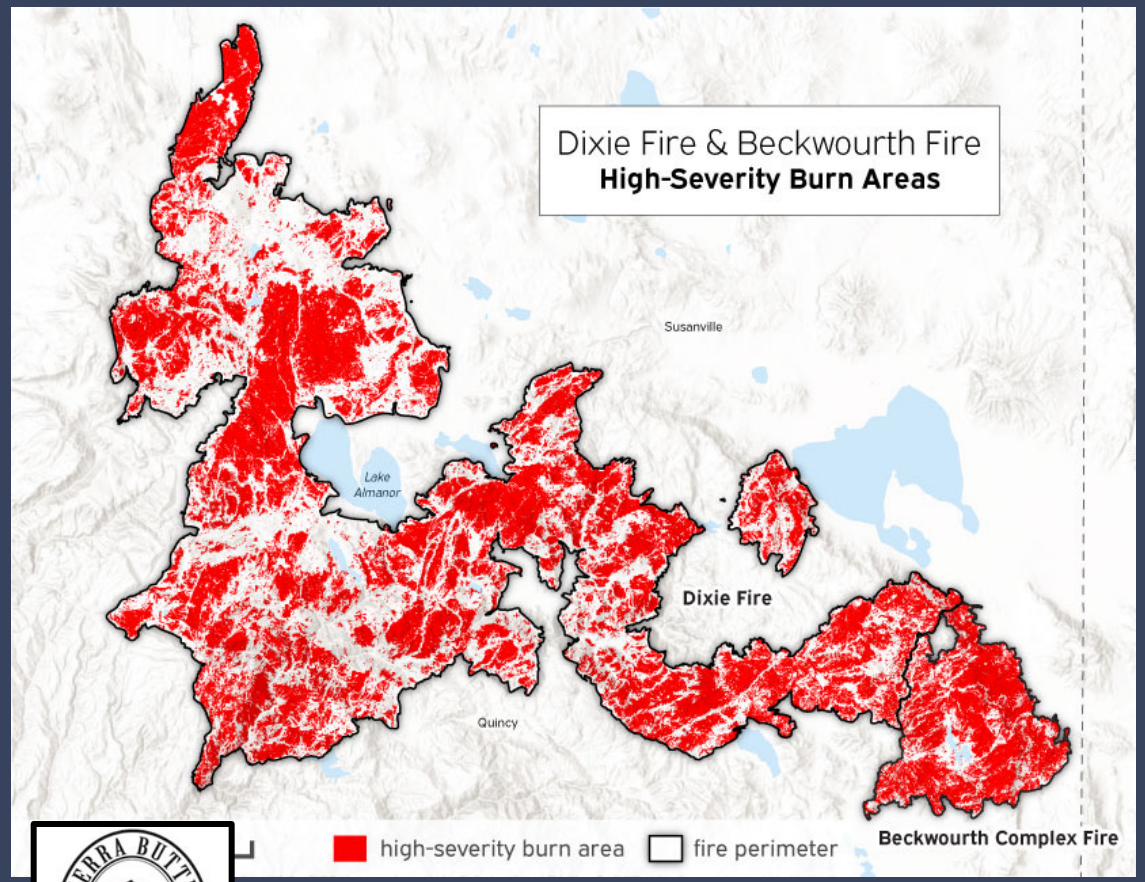
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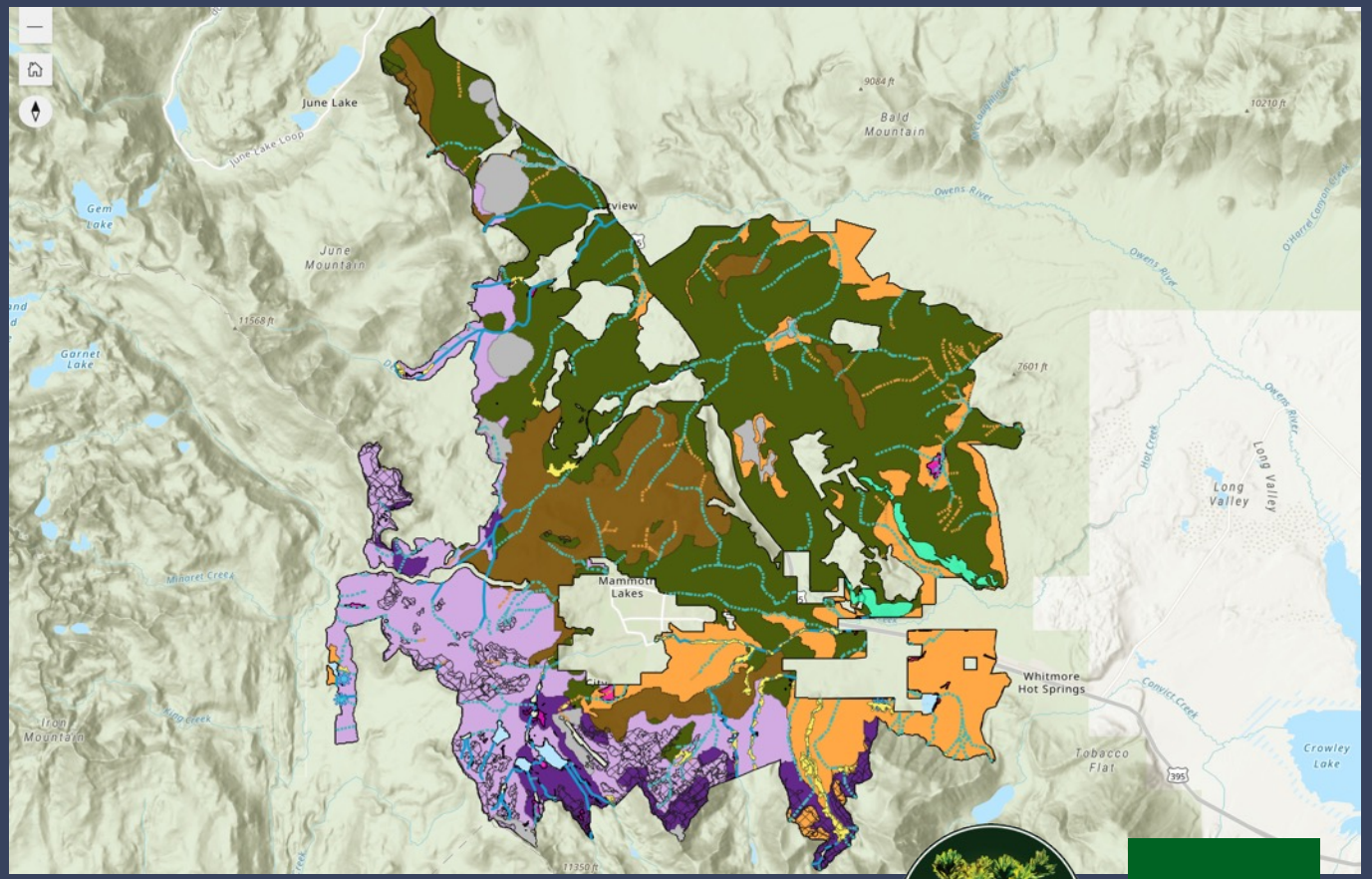
CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

2:45 PM	**Focus on Recreation – A Vision for Thriving Communities** A panel of regional leaders will discuss how Sierra partners are broadening planning and implementation to promote recreation and rural economies.	Moderator: Danna Stroud, GoBiz Amy Berry, Tahoe Fund Stew McMorrow, CAL FIRE Luke Hunt, Sierra Nevada Conservancy Michelle Abramson, Sierra Buttes Trails John Wentworth, MLTPA
8:30 AM	**Resource Fair & Check-in**	Local Partners & Displays
10:00 AM	**Welcome & Opening Remarks**	
10:45 AM	**Director's Report** Update on the 2025 Action Plan.	
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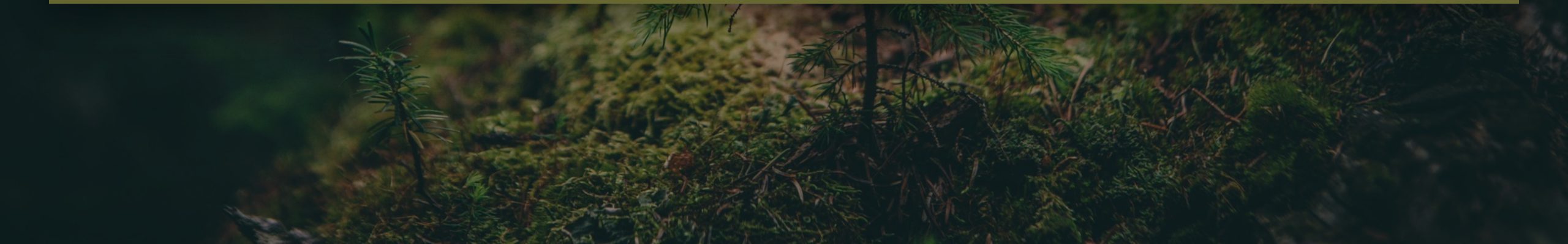
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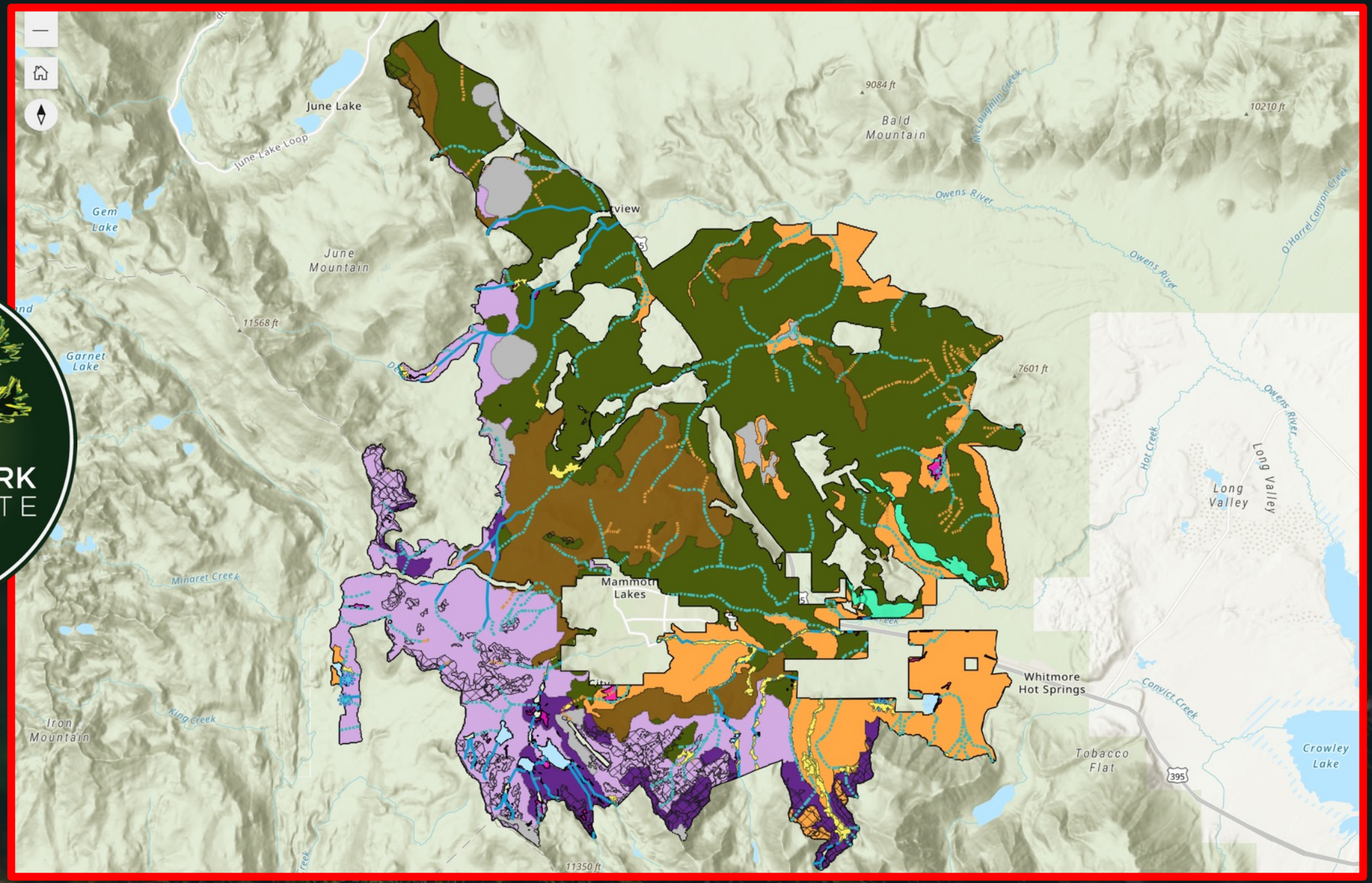




"Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation"

Wildfire Threat





WHITEBARK INSTITUTE

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

KEY ACTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



John Rice, general manager of California's Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort, looks out from a burnt lift shack at ski runs burned by the Caldor Fire in 2021. Credit: Katie Hunter, Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort



Leadership from the U.S. Forest Service, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and CAL FIRE discuss the effect of vegetation treatment on burn severity during the Caldor Fire in 2021. Credit: John Wentworth

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

KEY ACTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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KEY ACTIONS

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



Smoke from the Woolsey Fire in 2018, seen from Topanga, CA. Credit: Peter Buschmann, U.S. Forest Service

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

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

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

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



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

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

KEY ACTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

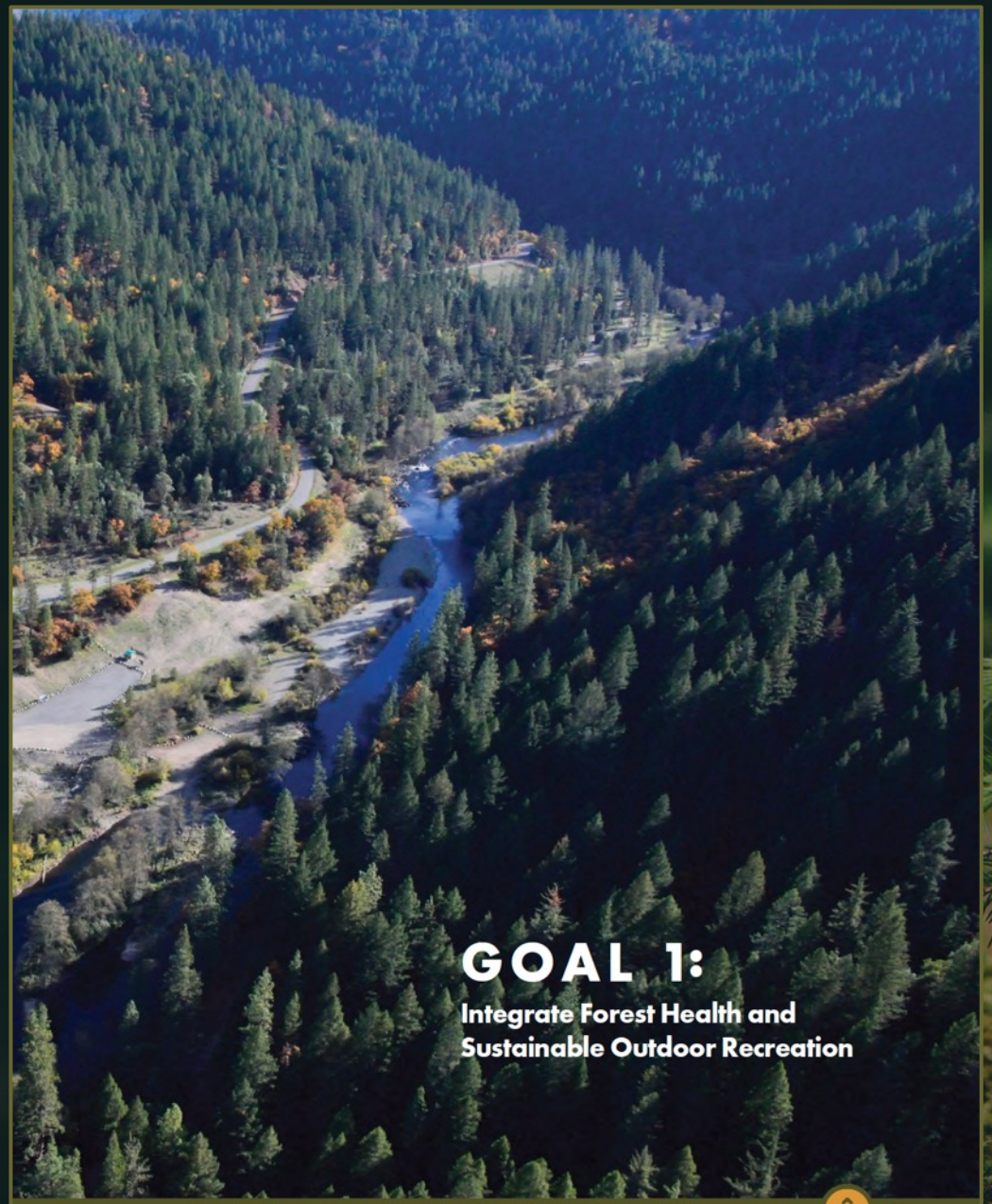
6. **Conduct Post-Fire Economic Studies:** Conduct economic studies in communities that have experienced wildfire, including analyses of lost revenue and tourism-related income based on data gathered before, during, and after wildfire events.

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

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



UTVs compete at the King of Hammers event in California's Johnson Valley OHV Area. ATVing and recreational motorcycling generated $8 billion in GDP nationally in 2021, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Credit: Bureau of Land Management



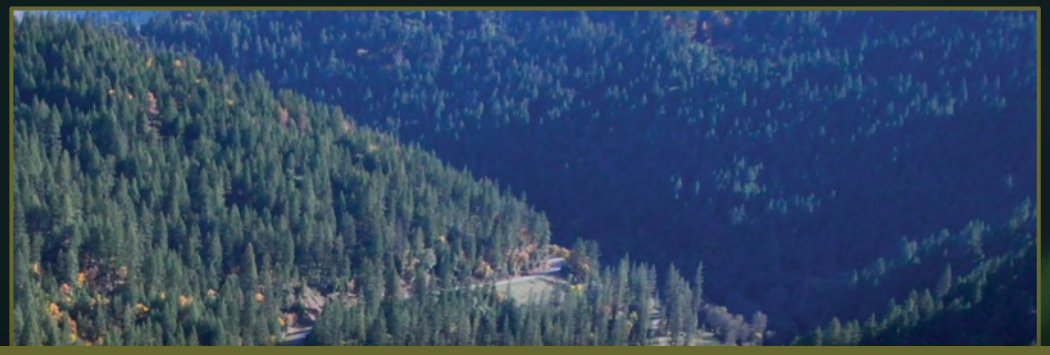
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A hiker looks at smoke from the 2021 Caldor Fire in the distance. Credit: James Townsend



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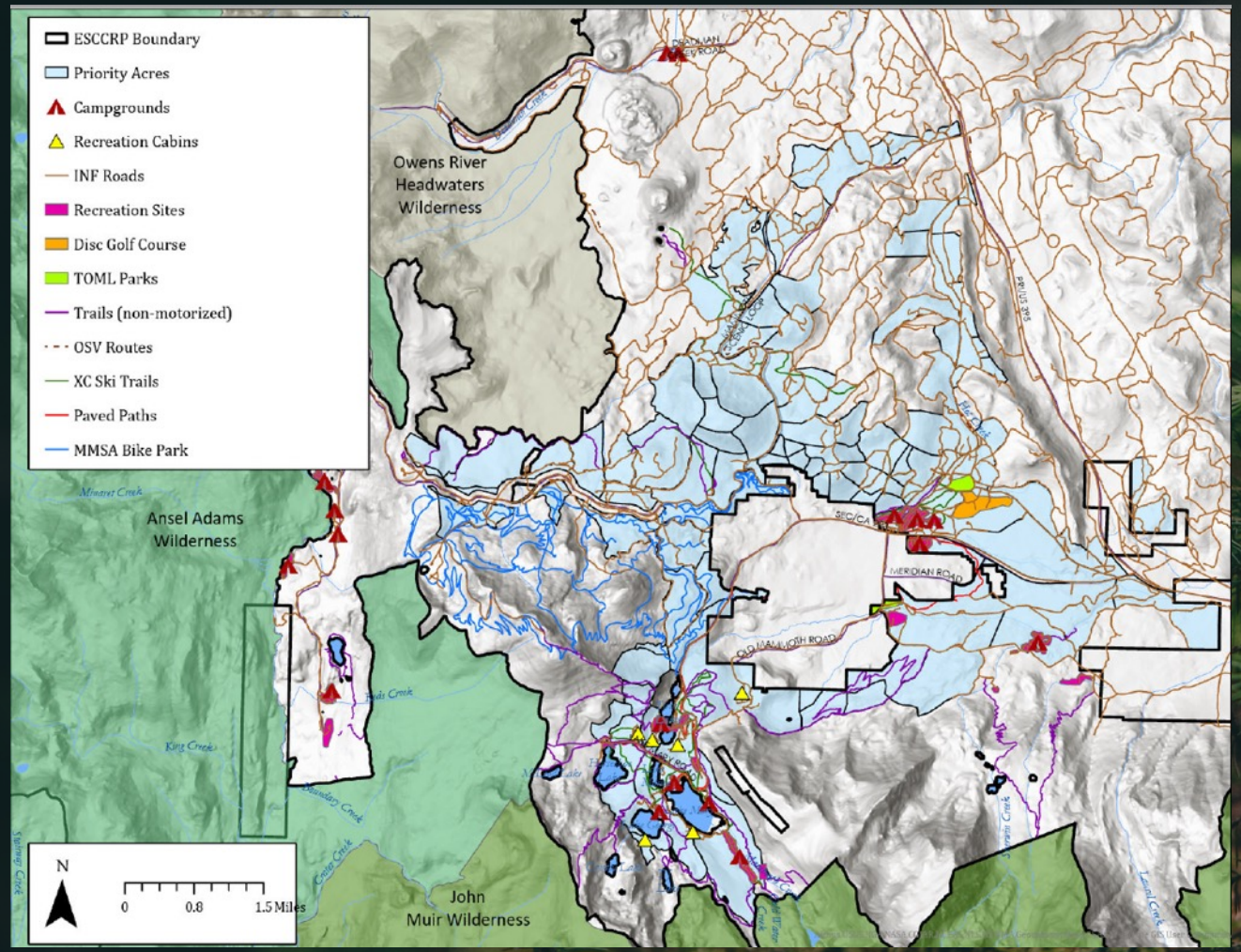




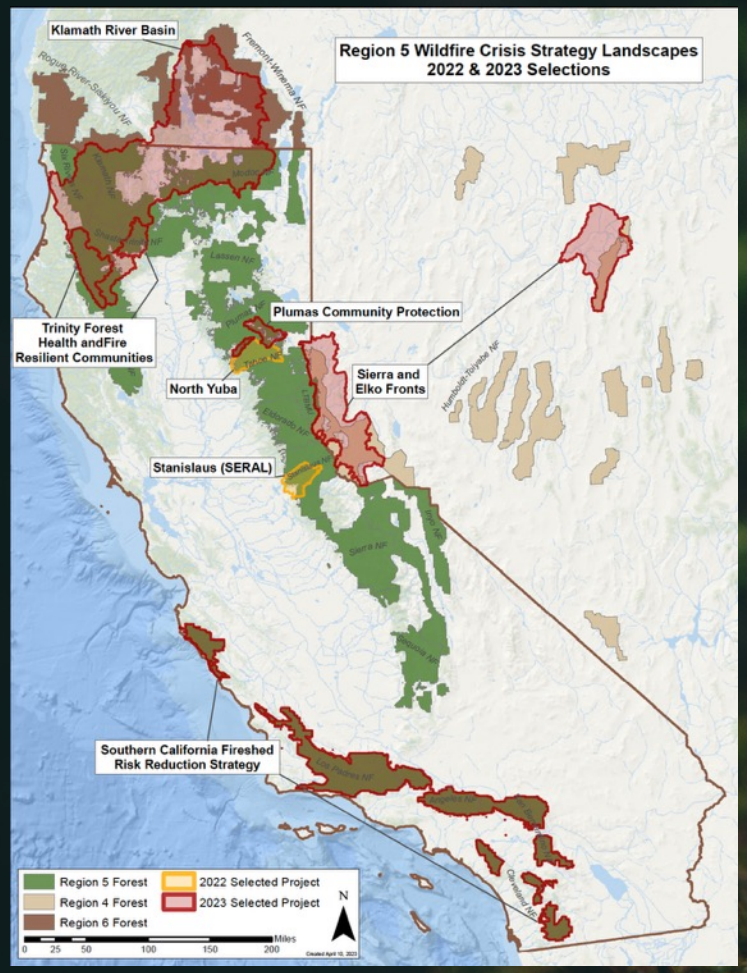


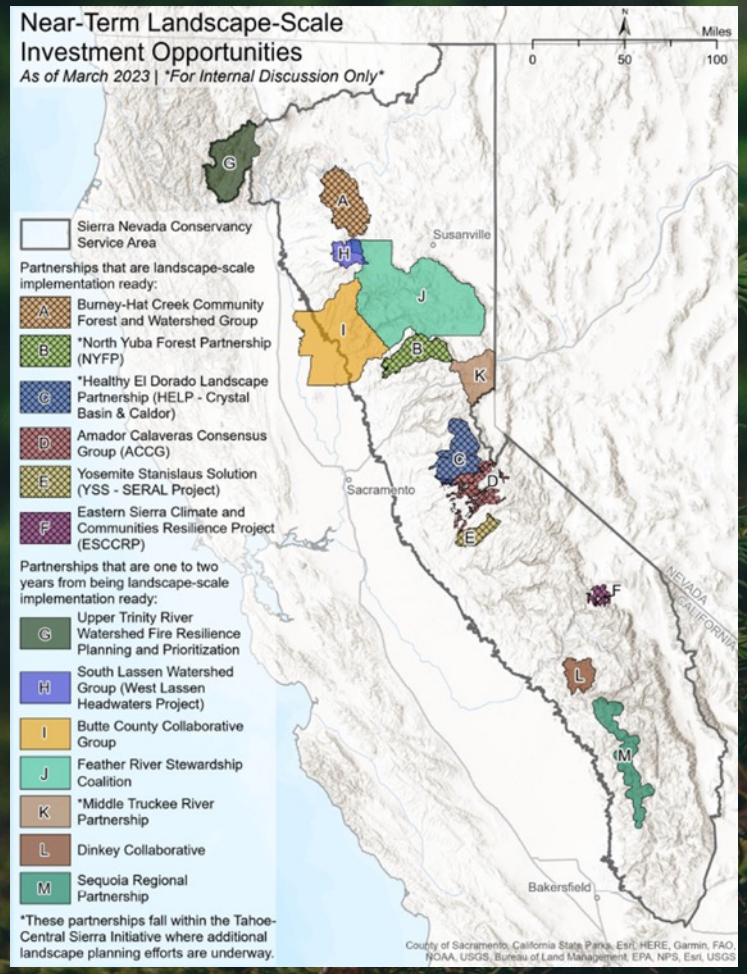
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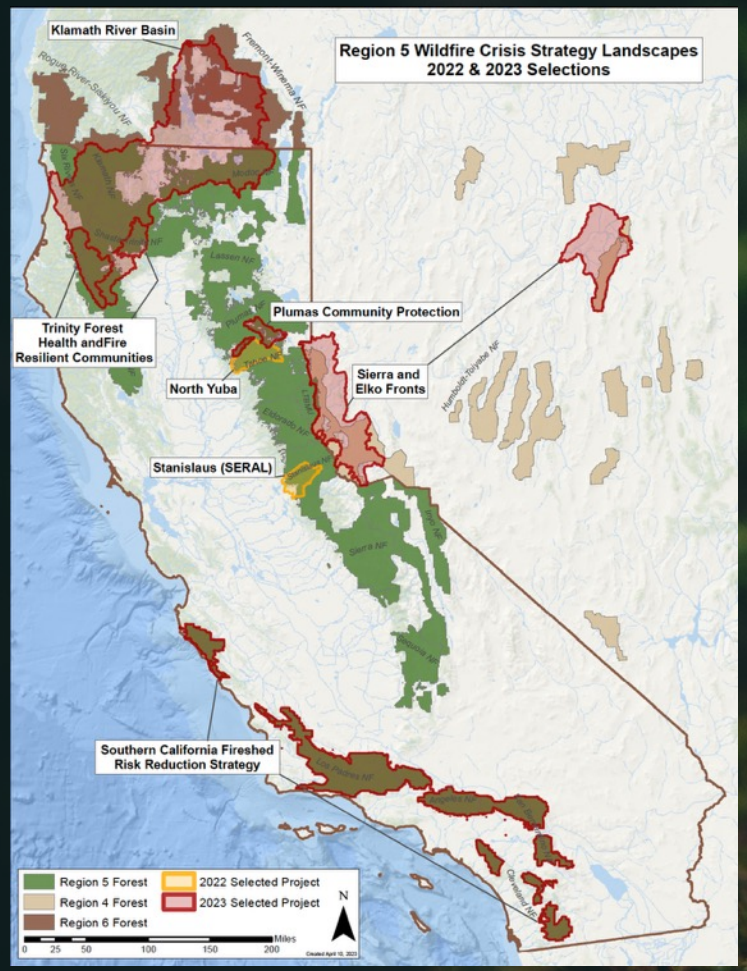
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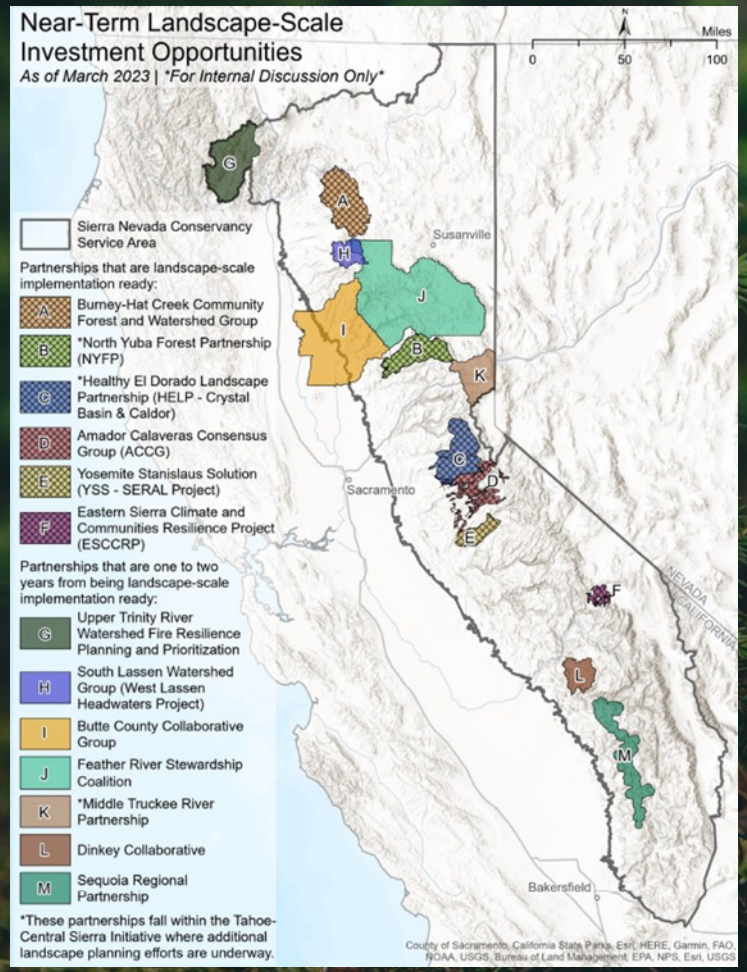


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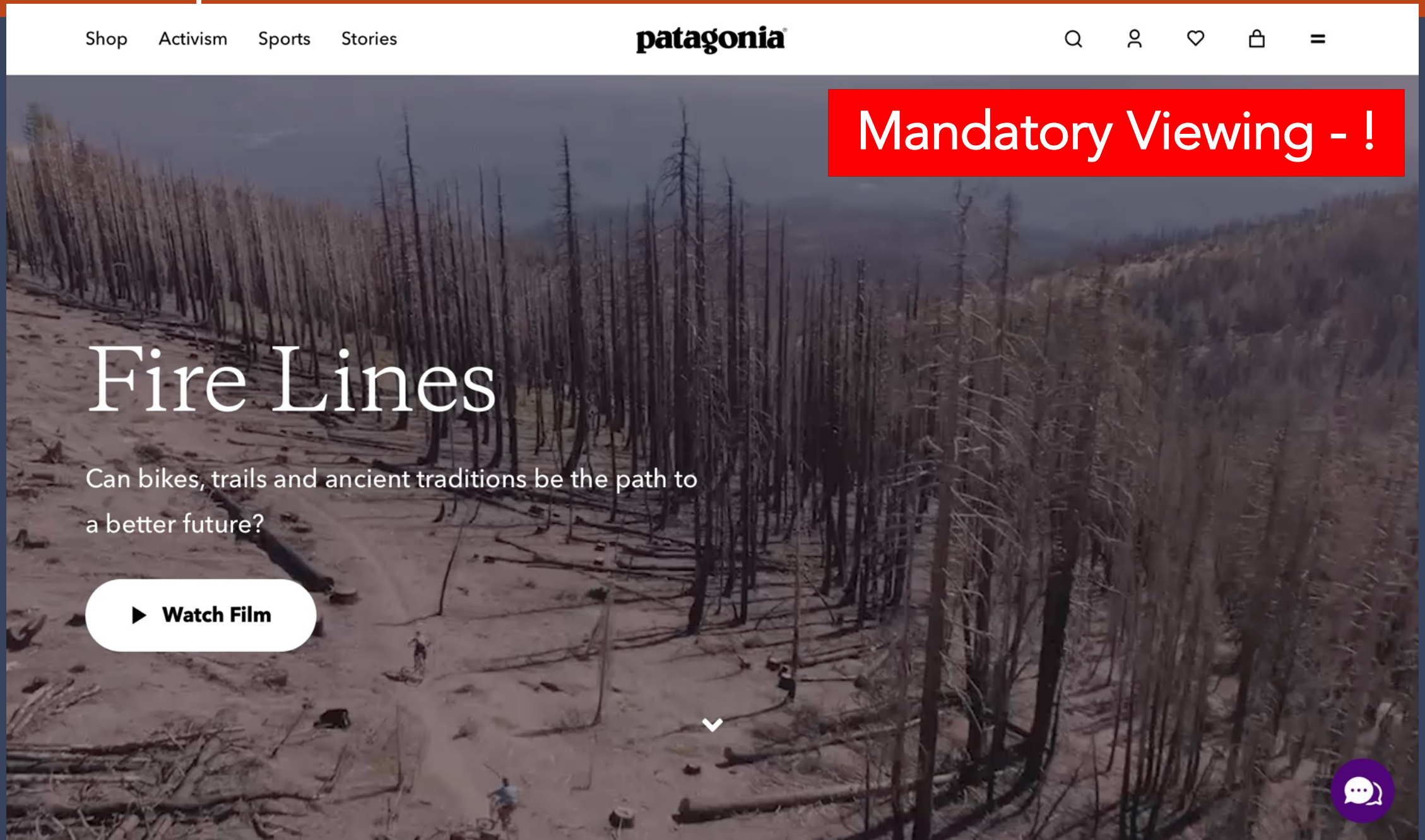

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YES on 4

Prevent wildfires.
Provide safe drinking water.
Protect California.





California is facing devastating wildfires, vulnerable drinking water supplies, extreme summer heat, and other major threats from a changing climate.

Proposition 4 makes urgent investments in proven solutions to protect our communities, health, and economy. It addresses threats to our iconic landscapes, coast, and wildlife before the damage becomes too costly and unmanageable.

Prop 4 tackles our most urgent needs today, helping us protect California and what makes our state so special.

Prevent Devastating Wildfires and Smoke

Recent California wildfires have burned over 2 million acres, affecting our quality of life and health. A UCLA study found that 10 years of wildfire smoke have caused 50,000 premature deaths and $400 billion in economic losses.

YES on 4 is a major step forward, investing in proven strategies to detect, prevent, and reduce the intensity and spread of fires in every region. In 2024, we've seen the return of huge, damaging fires that strain our state's capacity to respond.

- **Protects communities** by creating natural breaks and removing burnable brush around populated areas
- **Increases forest health** to reduce wildfire intensity



- **Improves early detection** and disaster response, deploying detection and early warning systems
- **Enhances safety** by upgrading available firefighting equipment, emergency communications, evacuation routes, and shelter availability

Provide Safe, Reliable Drinking Water & Boosting Supplies





We can't take our water supplies for granted. A changing climate, more frequent droughts, crumbling infrastructure, and water pollution are putting our supplies under pressure. A recent state study found that a changing climate could reduce key water sources more than 20% in the years ahead.

YES on 4 addresses these water supply challenges and takes important steps to clean our water and safeguard it from pollution.

- **Upgrades vital water** infrastructure
- **Fixes crumbling dams** and levees
- **Restores groundwater** supplies
- **Increases local water** recycling programs
- **Increases stormwater** capture
- **Provides water treatment** to filter harmful contaminants like lead, PFAS chemicals, and perchlorate

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> **"Prop 4 makes the right investments to save lives and billions in response and recovery costs."**



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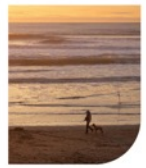
Essential $10 Billion Investment

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- **$850M** to build clean energy infrastructure
- **$700M** to create parks & green space
- **$450M** to protect communities from extreme heat
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Protect California's Iconic Forests, Mountains, Rivers, and Coast



Safeguarding our natural areas is more urgent than ever, as we lose farmland and habitat for wildlife found nowhere else, and as beaches wash away.

YES on 4 protects what makes California special and maintains the natural sources of our clean water and air.

- **Preserves open spaces,** forests, and our coastline for this and future generations
- **Restores coastal areas** and wetlands, and protects them from the effects of rising sea levels
- **Improves and restores natural areas** to improve habitats and protect wildlife
- **Protects and improves our rivers**, streams, and lakes

Ensure All Californians Have Access to Clean Water and Healthy, Resilient Communities

Nearly one million Californians live in communities that lack access to clean drinking water, where families cannot turn on the tap and safely drink or shower. Meanwhile, smoke and extreme heat are creating new health threats, straining communities that already face heavy pollution burdens.

By directly addressing these issues, **YES on 4** will improve the health of California's families in the communities that need help most.



- **Cleans up polluted drinking water** in communities, filtering out contaminants like arsenic, lead, nitrates, uranium, PFAS chemicals, and perchlorate to ensure safe drinking water
- **Reduces dangerous air pollution** by preventing catastrophic wildfires and advancing cleaner energy systems
- **Furthers our transition to clean**, pollution-free energy, including wind energy, and battery storage capacity
- **Prepares communities for extreme heat**, with investments to plant more trees for shade, creating more green space, and building community cooling centers

Smart Investments and Strict Accountability to Keep Our Cost of Living In Check



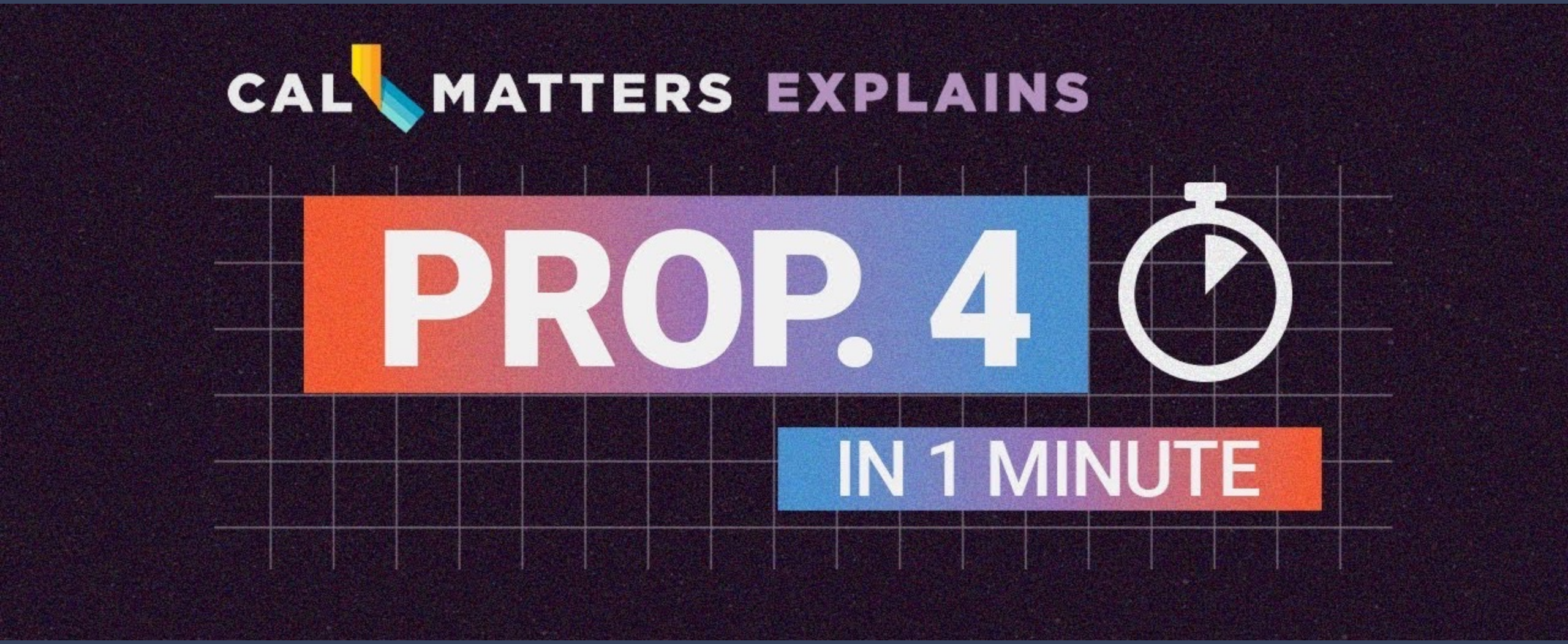
YES on 4 helps our state shift from disaster response to prevention, saving billions of dollars in future costs from devastating fires and water shortages. Wildfire risks are already driving up insurance and utility bills. Droughts, floods, rising sea levels, and extreme heat are poised to inflict billions more in damages.

- **Establishes annual independent audits** of bond funding
- **Full transparency** on all future spending
- **Proven, cost-effective prevention** strategies that reduce disaster response costs
- **Water supply improvements** to prevent future disruptions and expenses
- **Saving local governments millions** each year in avoided costs

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The public can have its say about e-bike usage in the Tahoe region. Credit: Palisades Tahoe/Facebook Page

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- Designating 112.6 miles of existing non-motorized trails for e-bike use.
- Constructing 27.5 miles of new e-bike trails and 14.7 miles of non-motorized trails.
- Three new trailheads will be built with paved parking and visitor information signage.
- Upgrading existing trails and stream crossings to meet best management practices.

The decision aims to balance conservation efforts with public access to recreational opportunities, addressing the increasing demand for e-bike access while protecting sensitive environmental resources. The LTBMU engaged in extensive public involvement, receiving 496 unique comments during the scoping period, which helped shape the final proposal.

Alternative 1 Explained

Alternative 1 focuses on creating a sustainable trail system that accommodates various user types while minimizing conflicts. It includes:

- Changing existing motorcycle trails to allow e-bikes.
- Decommissioning some trails to enhance overall trail quality.
- Opening previously closed roads to e-bikes.
- Designating existing unmanaged trails for non-motorized use.

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> – Deputy Forest Supervisor Rosalie Herrera

In the Lake Tahoe Basin, e-bike use is permitted on National Forest roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use per the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule and Motor Vehicle Use Maps.

The planning process for this large-scale trail connectivity project included analyzing the current road and trail system map, studying potential environmental impacts, and providing direction on how to meet the need for e-bike access better while ensuring public safety and protecting forest resources.

Project work will include constructing three new trailheads, paved parking and restrooms at Pine Drop, Brockway Summit and Elks Point; constructing new e-bike trails, new motorcycle trails, and new non-motorized trails; designating new routes open to e-bikes and new routes open to motorcycles; upgrading road and trail crossings for aquatic organism passage; installing wayfinding and interpretive signs; developing and upgrading existing trailheads, parking areas, and access points; and updating the Motor Vehicle Use Maps.

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Forest Service News Release

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Burned-out firefighters are fleeing the US Forest Service amid labor disputes: 'We are decimated'



A firefighter at the Line fire in the foothills of the San Bernardino national forest, in Mentone, California, on 9 September 2024. Photograph: Apu Gomes/EPA

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File Code: 6130 **Date:** September 11, 2024
Route To:

Subject: FY 2025 Temporary and Seasonal Hiring

To: Regional Leadership Team

As we move into FY 2025, it's important that there is clarity and consistency in our Region for hiring **non-fire** temporary employees (1039s) and tours for **fire and non-fire** Permanent Seasonal Employees (PSEs or 18/8s, 13/13s, etc.).

As you know, the Forest Service has worked over the last two years to stabilize and strategically grow our workforce. One important action we took was to convert approximately 1,300 non-fire temporary (1039) employees to permanent status across the Agency. That change helped provide these employees certainty, better benefits, and helped ensure the agency as a whole has a more permanent staff to accomplish work on behalf of the American people.

We are confronting a very likely budget-limited environment in FY 2025. As leaders, it is our responsibility to plan for the most conservative funding picture. We need to make the best decisions we can now with the information we have. As such, we are planning to use the House Interior Subcommittee funding levels proposed for FY 2025. In addition to focusing on that proposed funding level, we are also navigating the exhaustion of the supplemental funding we received through both the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Additionally, over the last two years, we have absorbed two cost of living increases totaling close to 10%. All of these factors mean we are planning for less funding overall in FY 2025 and we need to make adjustments and accommodations.

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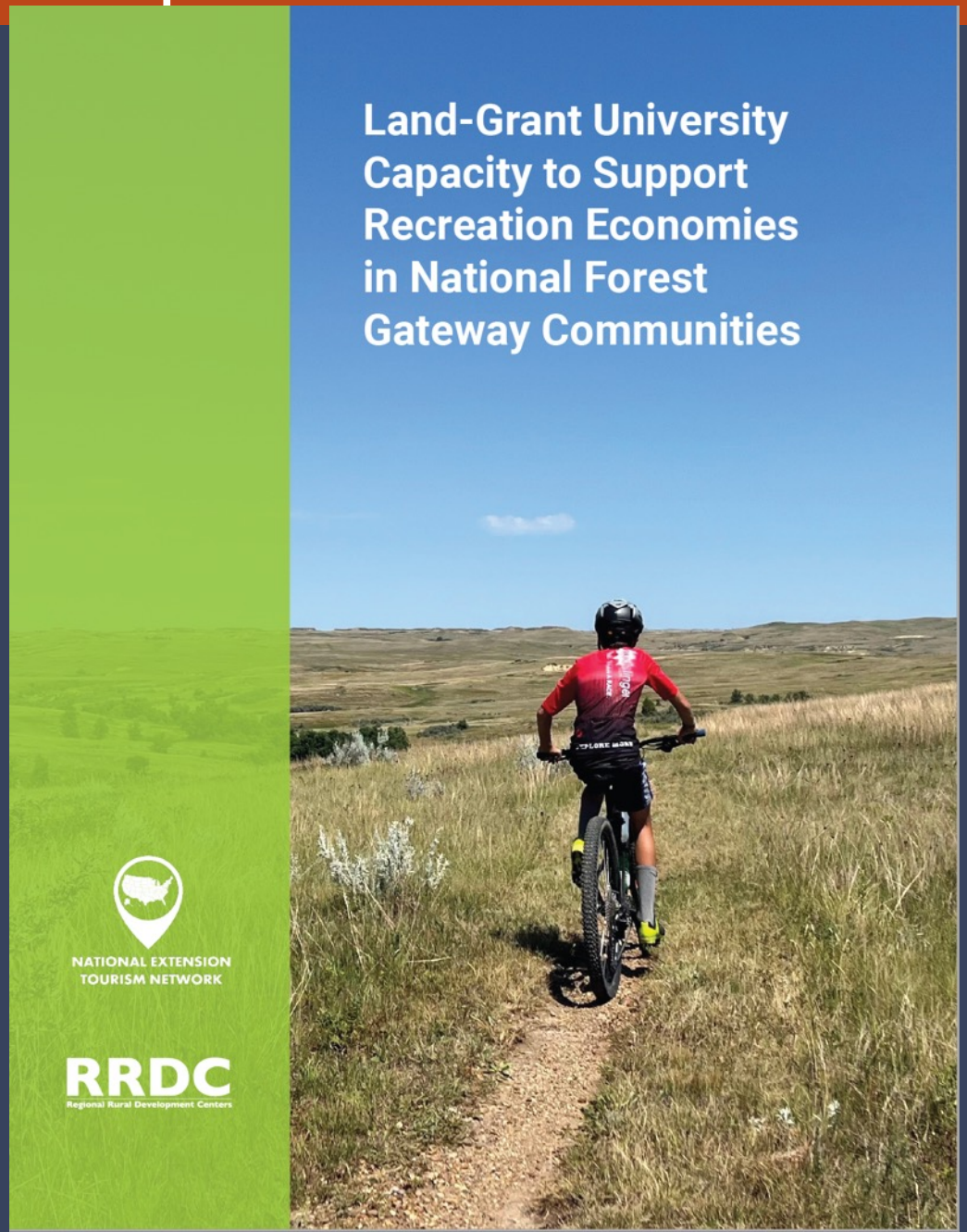
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Land-Grant University Capacity to Support Recreation Economies in National Forest Gateway Communities

September 23, 2024 Kristen Devlin

This report was developed by Doug Arbogast, Rural Tourism Specialist, West Virginia University Extension Service, with support from the Extension Foundation, Regional Rural Development Centers (RRDCs), and the members of the National Extension Outdoor Recreation Working Group (NEORWG). It describes findings from an assessment conducted in 2024 of the capacity of Land Grant Universities to provide both Extension and research support for the development of recreation economies, and to determine the places in each RRDC region best positioned to deploy resources for program implementation.

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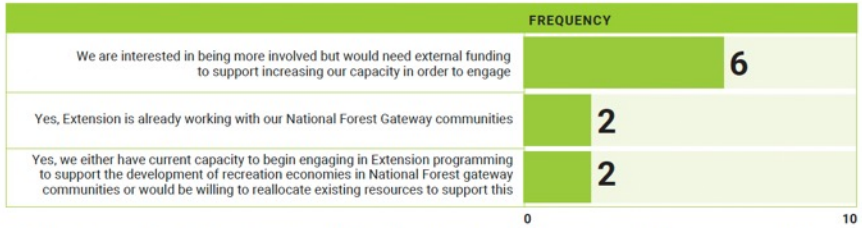


Western Region

In the West region, ten LGUs responded to the survey. Within Extension, four LGUs are either already working with their National Forest Gateway communities, have current expertise and capacity to engage in Extension's role directly, or would be willing to reallocate existing resources to support this work. An additional six LGUs are interested but would need external funding to support increasing capacity to engage (see figure 7). Regarding recreation economy research in the Western region, three LGUs are already conducting research in National Forest Gateway communities. Four LGUs have either Extension or academic faculty with research expertise that could be applied to forest gateway communities; however, external funding would be needed to support this work. Three LGUs need more expertise or capacity to research on developing recreation economies in forest gateway communities. Still, they would be willing to increase their capacity and knowledge if external funding was available to support this work (see figure 8).

Extension

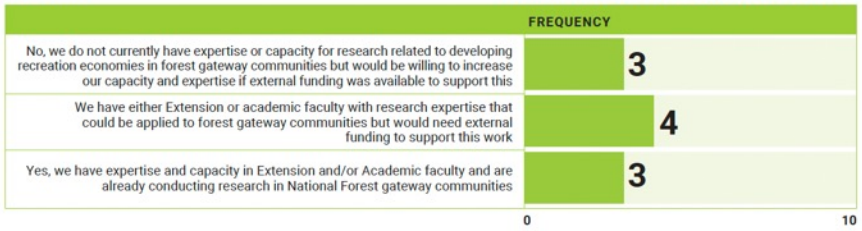
FIGURE 7: Extension and Recreation Economies in the West



The West region has the highest concentration of National Forests and as such, there are some Extension programs that have existing resources being directed to support the development of recreation economies. For example, in one state there is a Tourism Extension Educator as well as Ag & Natural Resources Educators working with communities. Another state has an Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism that does lots of programming in addition to a Landscape architecture Extension Specialist that does work in gateway communities along with many county faculty. Another state is standing up an Outdoor Recreation Institute and committing resources (specialist, advisor/agent, and administrative support) to work with its existing cohort of economic development advisor/agents that will directly partner with National Forest gateway communities. Another state has Extension Specialists with expertise in wildlife, range, rural economic development, and tourism that currently work with communities near and in the National Forest in the state. Another state has legislative funding to study affordable housing issues in gateway communities and would be interested in expanding its work to ensure gateway communities consider the affordable housing for residents and hospitality workers as economies are developed.

Research

FIGURE 8: Research and Recreation Economies in the West



With additional funding these states would add tourism positions which would provide them with the capacity to expand beyond the current footprint and to enrich programming and research capabilities in addition to supporting Tourism Agents/Specialists to build capacity to better address needs. Several states expressed interest in having funding to hire Extension Specialists to lead and provide programming for these communities that could support increased research, community engagement, and program development/implementation in addition to expansion of their Extension Internship program to include partnerships with agencies and communities focused on outdoor recreation needs in gateway communities.

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New Economic Development Report Offers Roadmap for Strengthening Community-Led Opportunities in Sustainable Forest Products and Outdoor Recreation in Forest Communities

Biden-Harris administration advances all-of-government approach to building thriving forest communities

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27, 2024 — Today, the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce released a report outlining recommendations to enhance community-led economic development by creating jobs in the sustainable forest product sector and outdoor recreation while supporting healthy, resilient forests. This report was developed in response to climate change impacts, workforce and housing shortages, and barriers to intergovernmental coordination in rural forest-dependent communities and builds on President Biden's Executive Order on Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies (E.O. 14072), which he signed on Earth Day 2022.

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Recommendations for Regional Economic Development Through Sustainable Forest Products and Outdoor Recreation

Interdepartmental Report for Executive Order 14072 Section 2(d)(iii)



Departments of Agriculture, the Interior, and Commerce

Executive Summary – Overall Findings

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> "develop, in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce, with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, and with the private sector, nonprofit organizations, labor unions, and the scientific community, recommendations for community-led local and regional economic development opportunities to create and sustain jobs in the sustainable forest product sector, including innovative materials, and in outdoor recreation, while supporting healthy, sustainably managed forests in timber communities."

This report reflects discussions within and among the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, the Interior, and Commerce regarding economic challenges faced by forest-dependent communities and potential economic development opportunities. This interdepartmental report contains recommendations to support community-led economic development, including through the sustainable forest products sector and outdoor recreation. The wide-ranging scope of these recommendations reflects the Departments' varied missions, authorities, and direction. However, there are several overarching themes across Departments:

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Legislation

H.R.8790 - To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes.

Press Releases

Bipartisan Coalition Introduces Historic Forestry Legislation
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Over 117 million acres of our nation's forests are overgrown, fire-prone and need active management. **The Fix Our Forests Act will:**

SIMPLIFY

- **Simplify and expedite environmental reviews** to reduce costs and planning times for critical forest management projects while maintaining rigorous environmental standards.
- **End frivolous litigation** that delays needed forest management projects.

FOSTER RELATIONSHIPS

- **Promote federal, state, tribal, and local collaboration** by creating a new Fireshed Center and codifying the Shared Stewardship initiative.
- Make **communities more resilient to wildfire** by coordinating existing grant programs and incentivizing new research.
- **Give agencies new tools** to restore watersheds, protect communities in the wildland-urban interface and prevent forest conversion.

PRIORITIZE

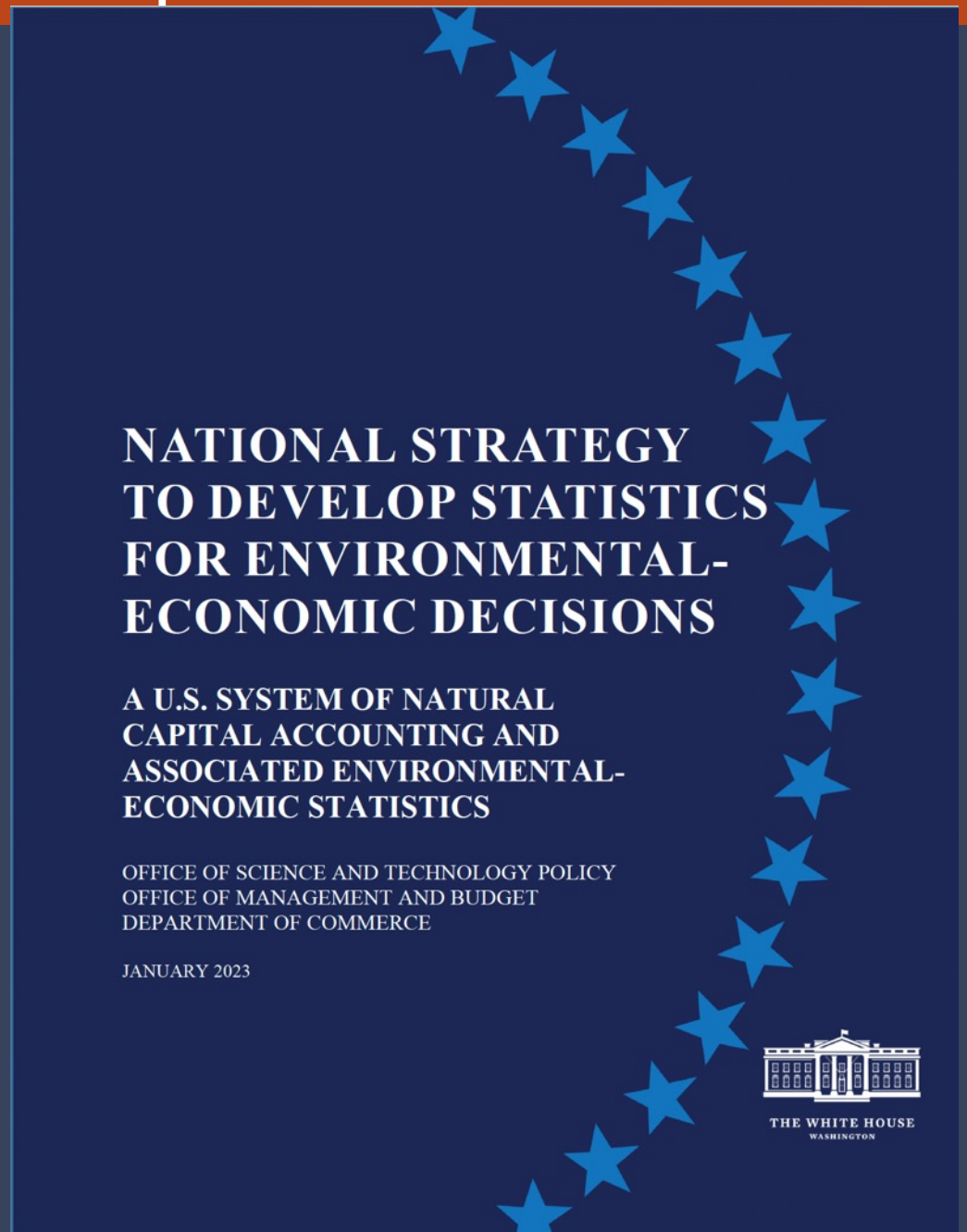
- Utilize state-of-the-art science to **prioritize the treatment of forests at the highest risk of wildfire.**
- **Incentivize forest management projects of up to 10,000 acres** to increase the pace and scale of active management.

RENEW

- **Revitalize rural economies** by strengthening tools such as Good Neighbor Authority and Stewardship Contracting.
- Adopt **new and innovative technologies** to address forest health threats like wildfires, drought, insects and disease.
- Harden utility rights-of-way against wildfire by **encouraging more active management** and removal of dangerous hazard trees.

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– DR. ARATI PRABHAKAR, PRESIDENT BIDEN'S SCIENCE ADVISOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, 10/21/2022 REMARKS TO AAAS

People depend on nature to supply important services and economic opportunities. For example, families escape their daily grinds to recreate in nature and travel to experience majestic mountains and tranquil beaches; soils, water, and bees work with America's farmers to grow food; and trees, grasses, and other plants are the original carbon capture and storage system and also filter other pollutants, complementing the efforts of nurses and doctors to make Americans healthier and more productive. With every passing year, scientists, innovators, and economists discover more evidence about how the economy relies on nature and how economic activities change nature's ability to provide services. The fact that nature provides people with services now and opportunities in the future is why economists refer to nature as a form of capital. This natural capital supports economic prosperity in similar ways to the financial capital that is traded on Wall Street or the buildings and machines that make up the physical capital on Main Street.

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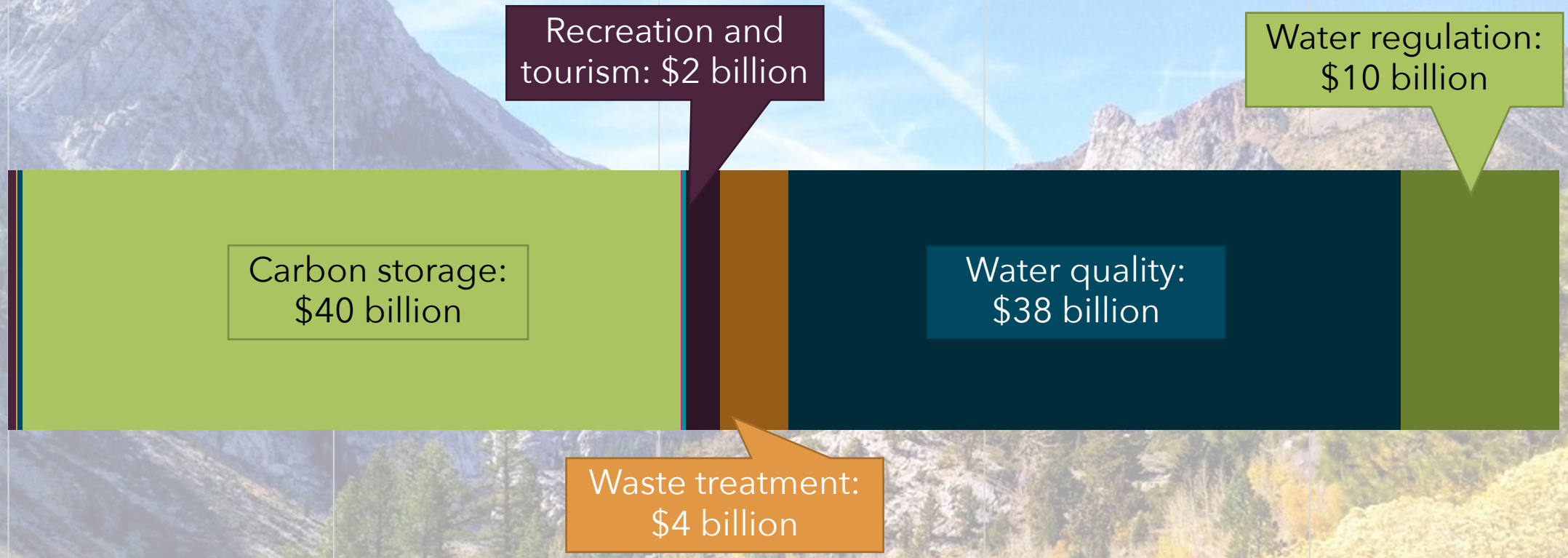
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Broad Coalition Calls on the Senate to Make History During Great Outdoors Month® and Pass the EXPLORE Act to Expand Access to Outdoor Recreation for All

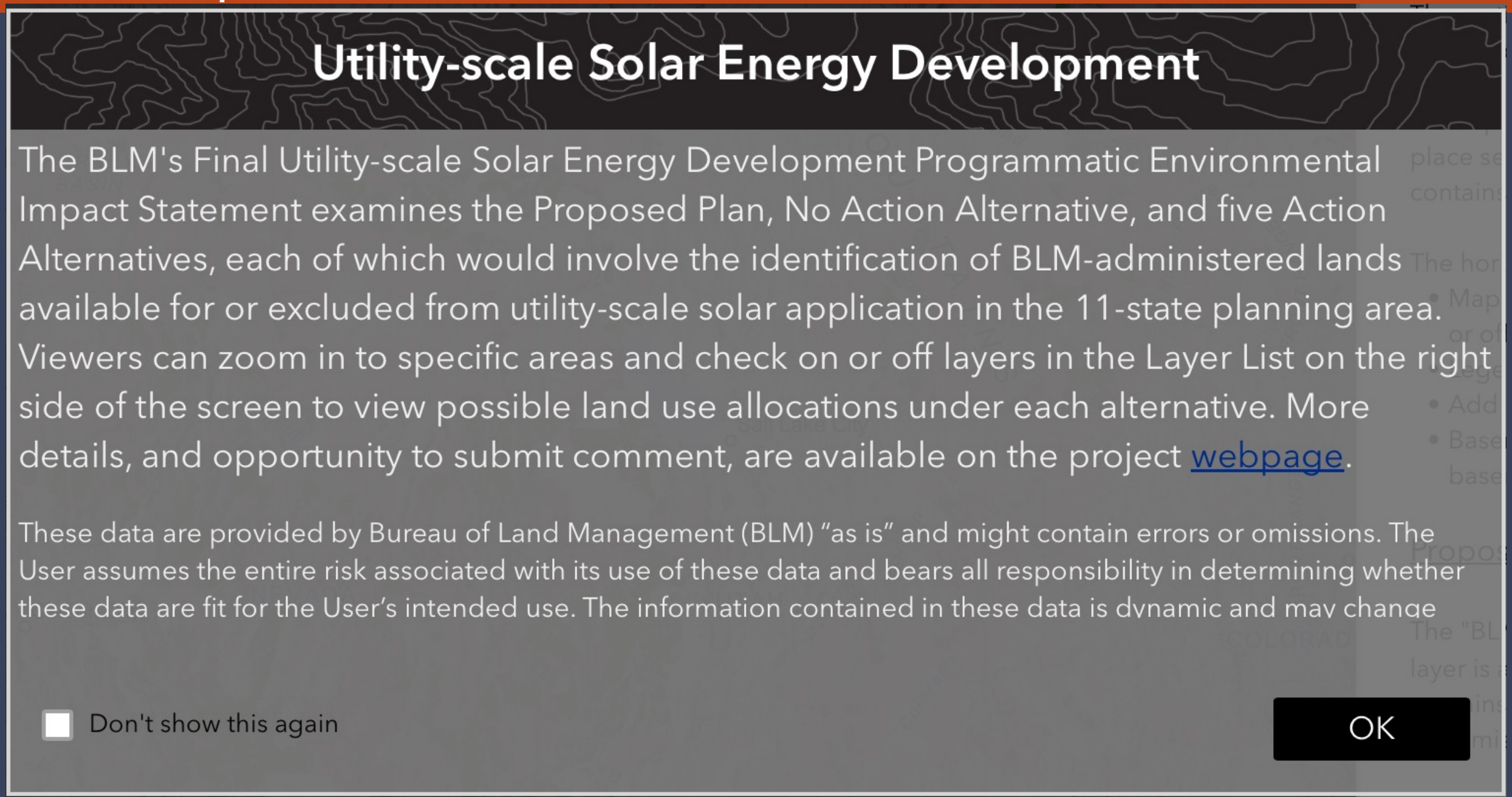
WASHINGTON – Hundreds of national and local businesses and organizations spanning the entire $1.1 trillion outdoor recreation economy are calling on the Senate to pass the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act, this bipartisan legislation would increase access and transform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

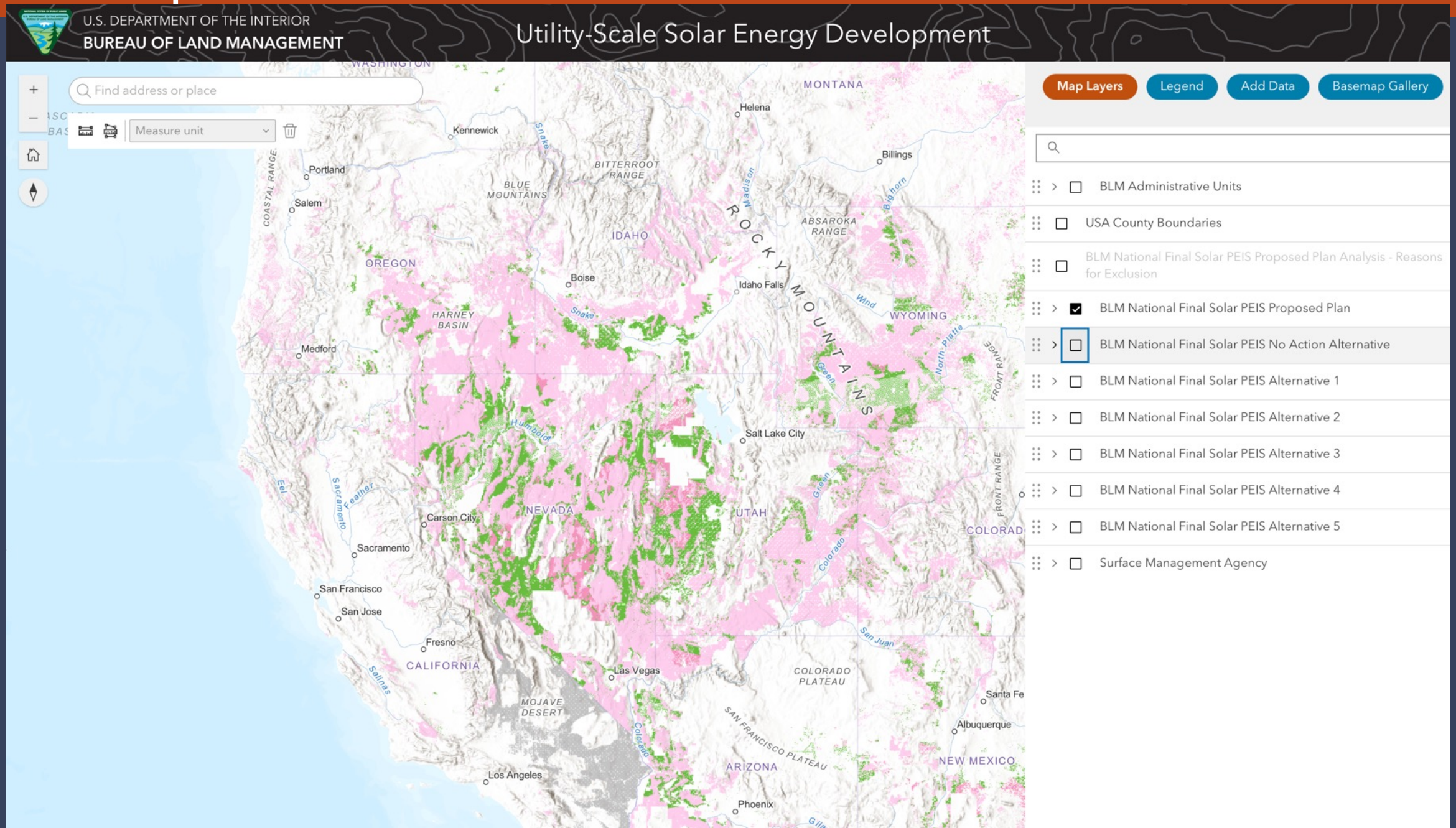
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1. **Breaks down** government silos to address pressing recreation challenges and opportunities
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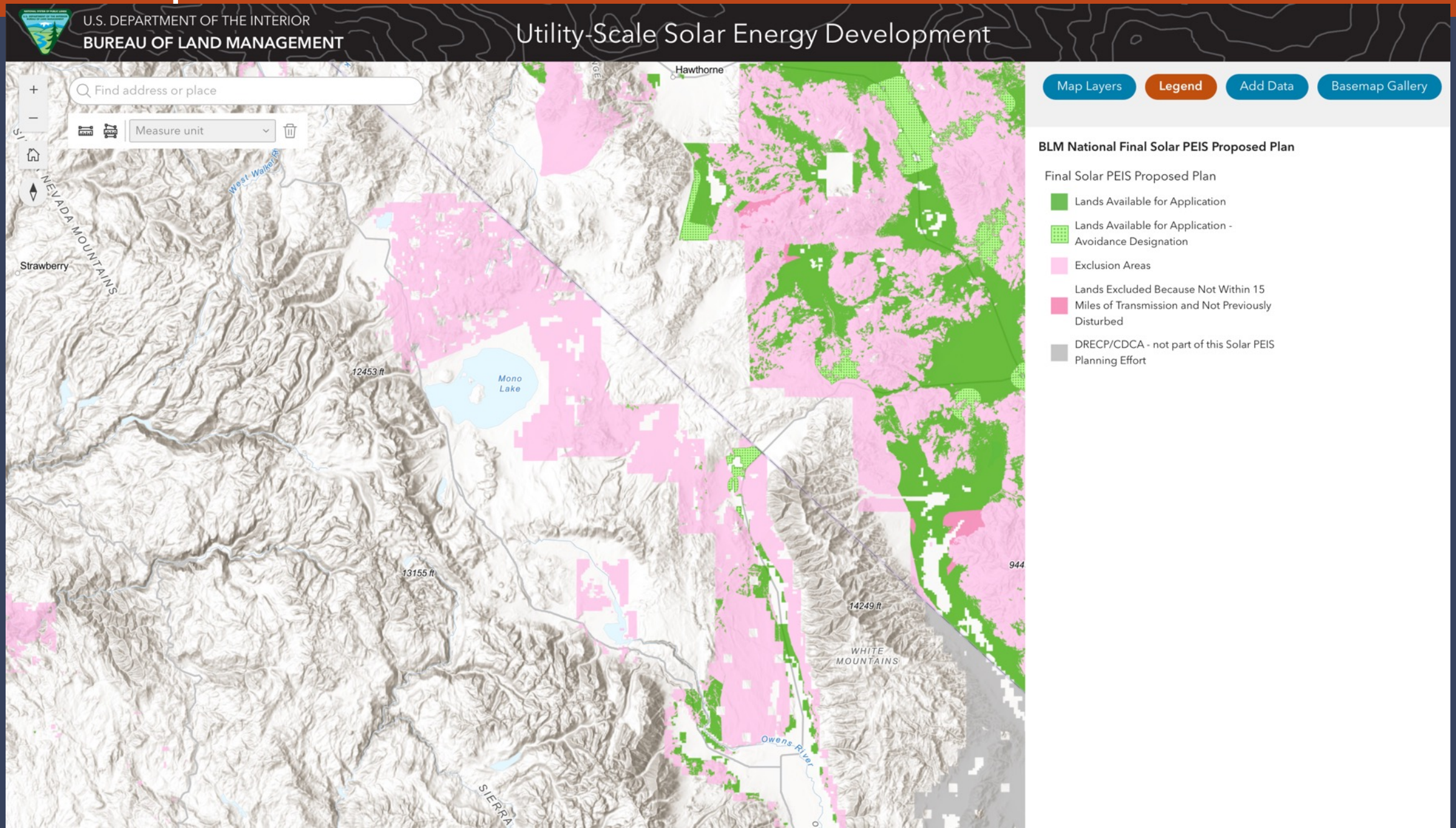
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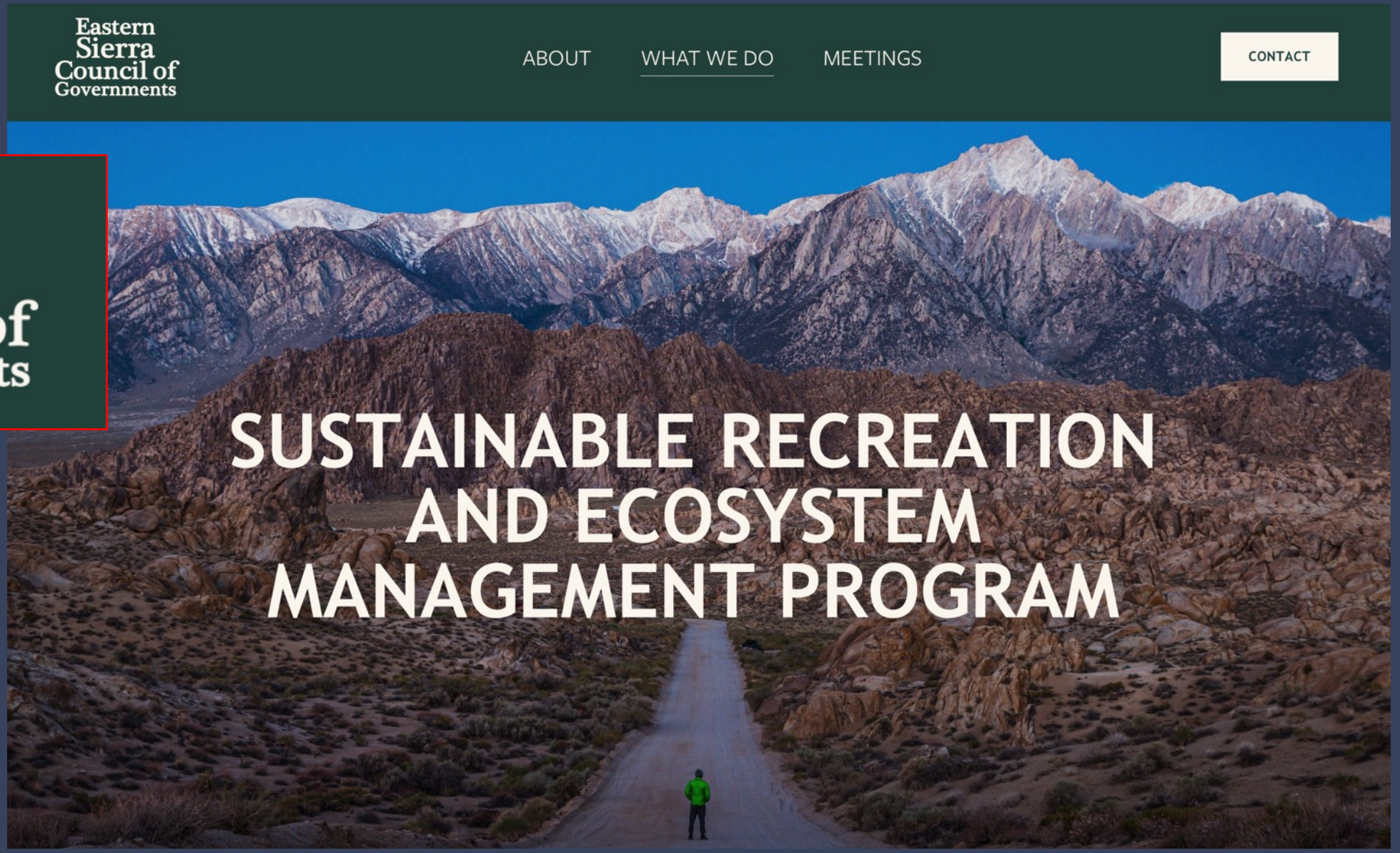


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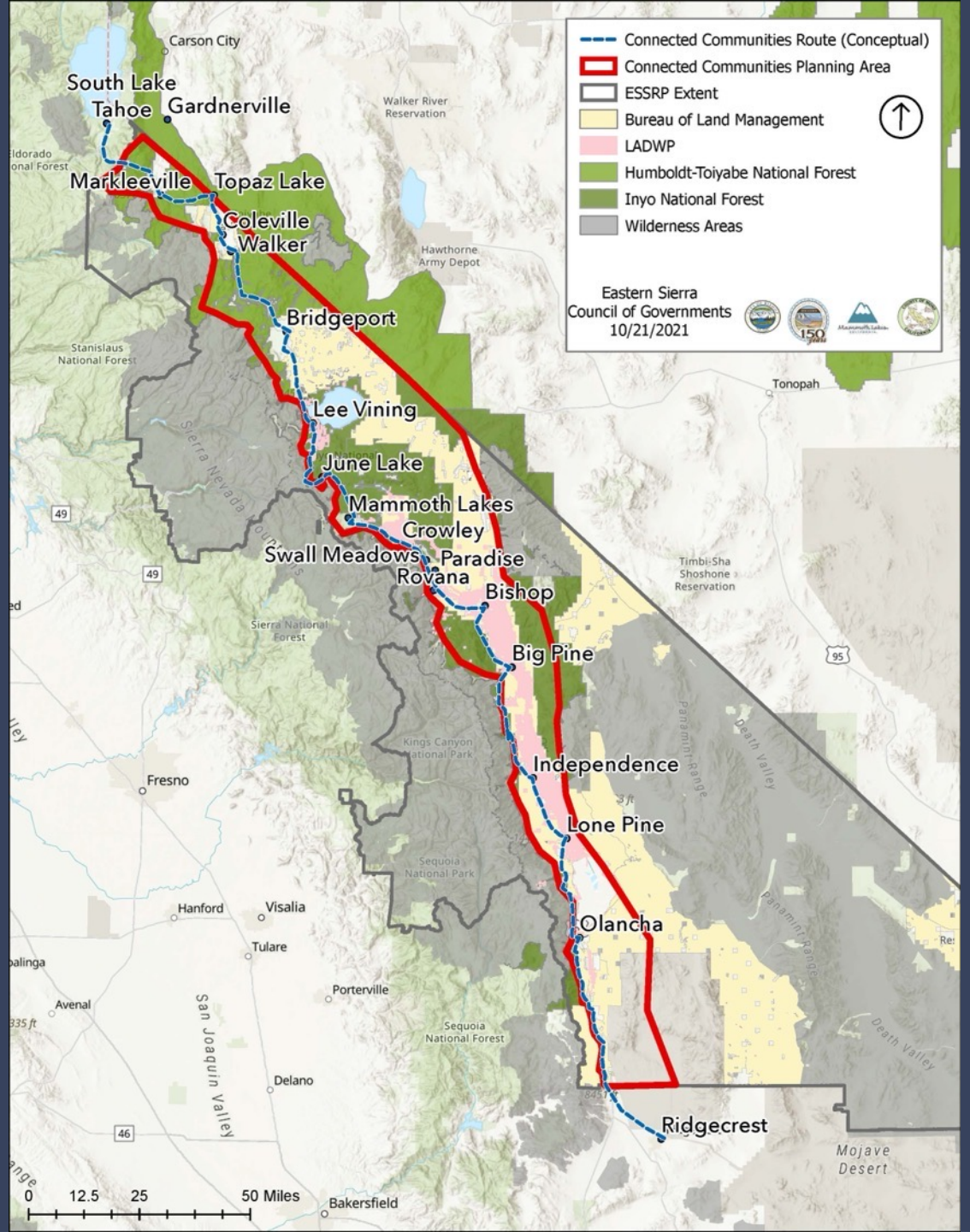
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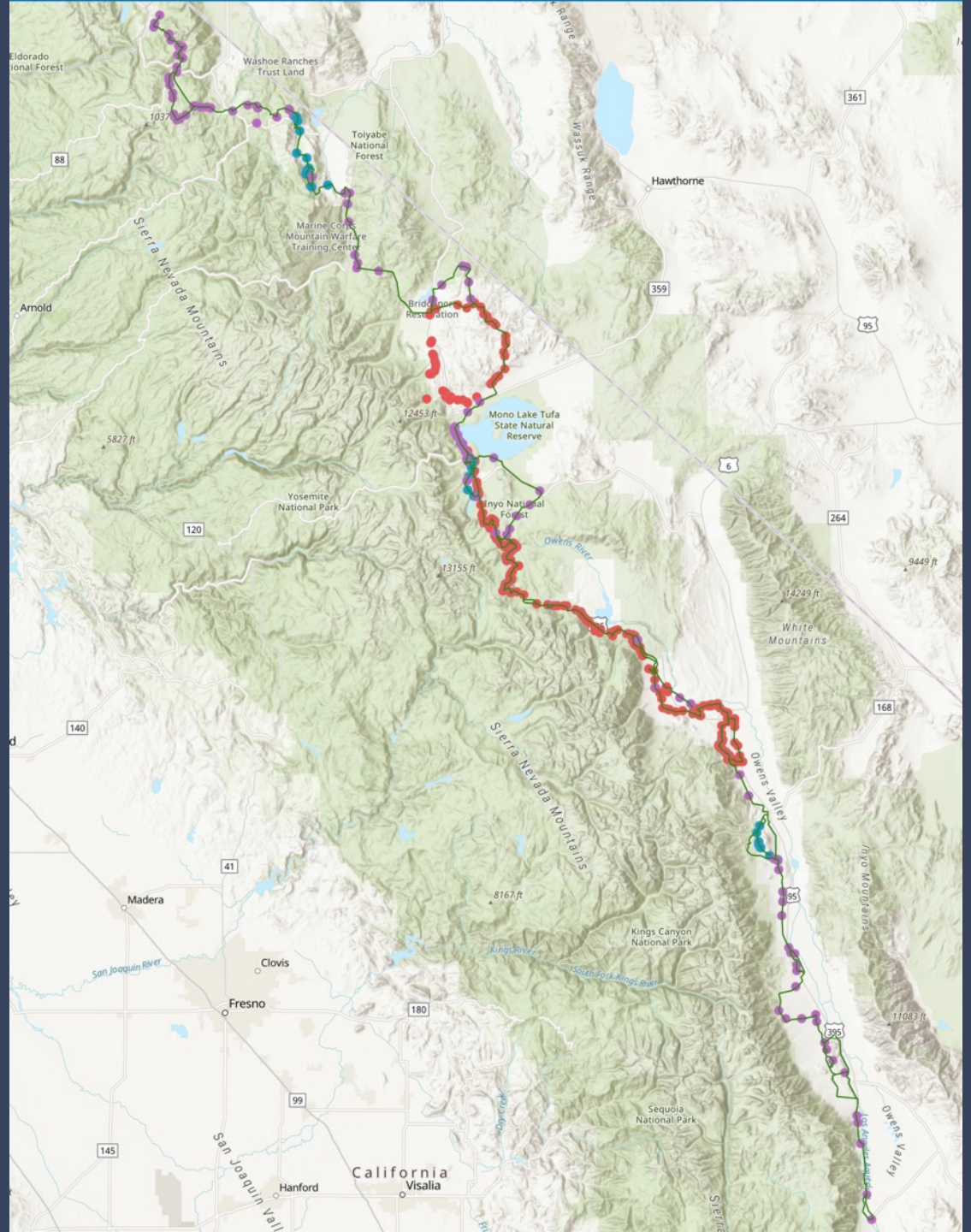
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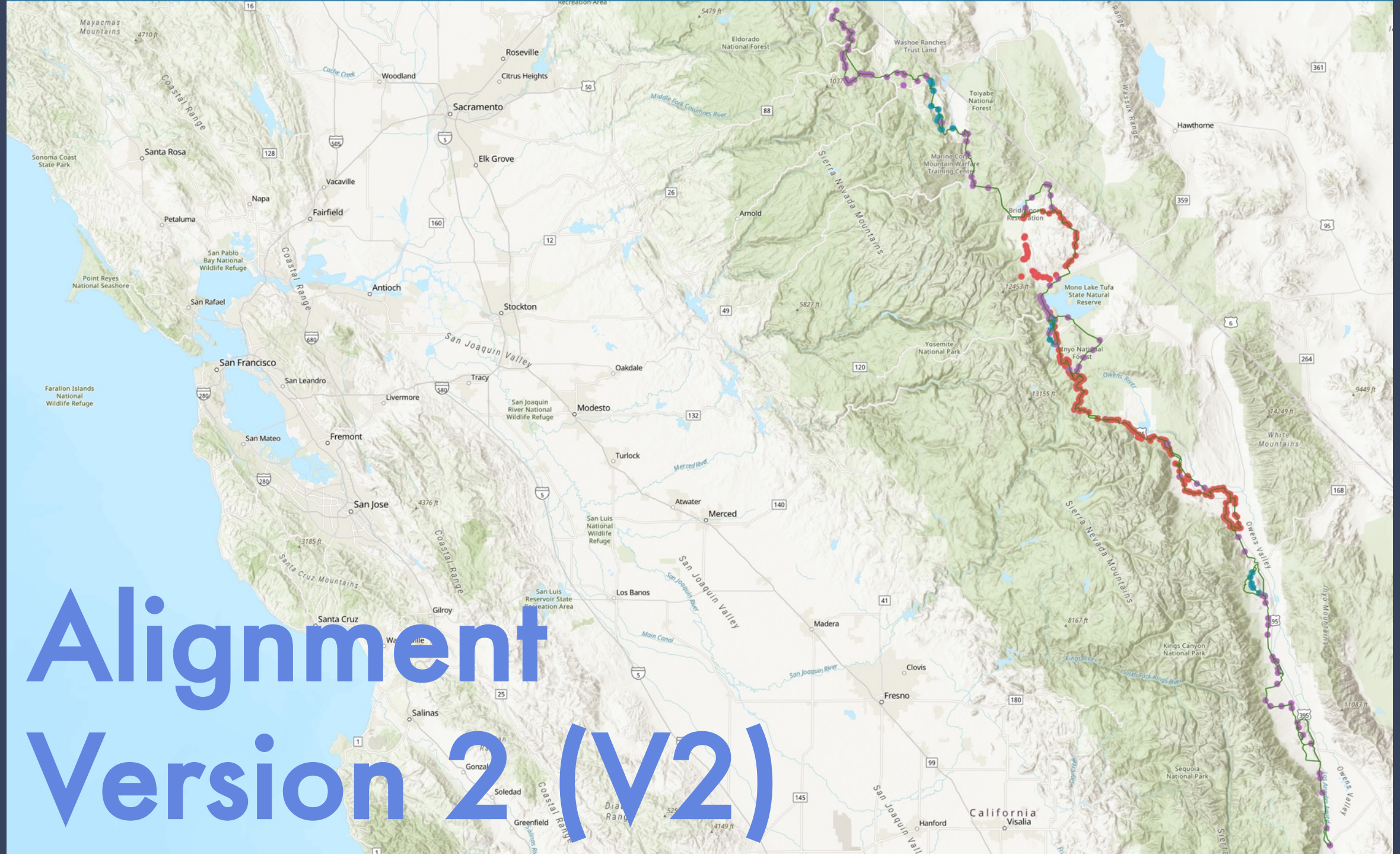
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- Plan preparation
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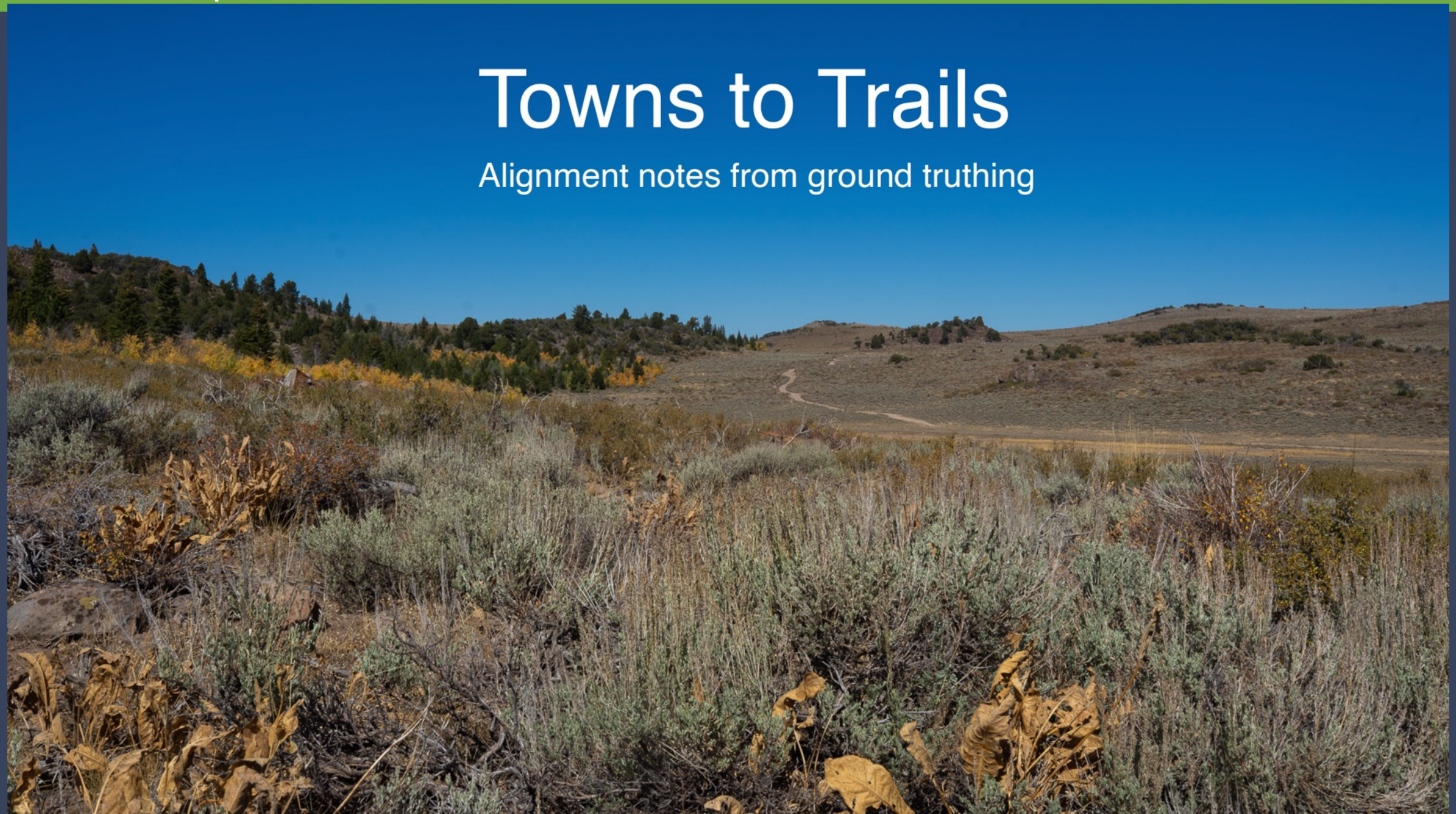
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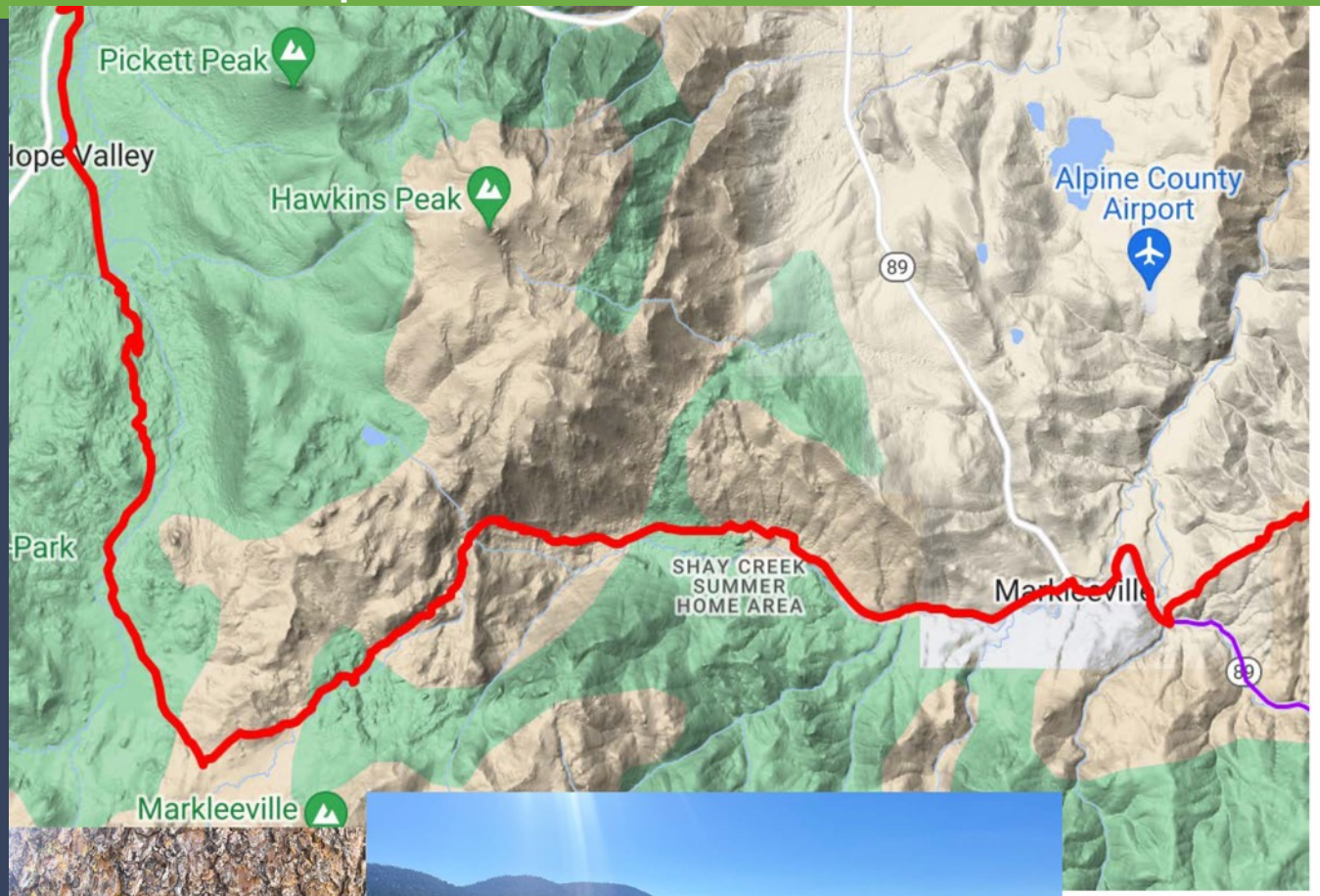
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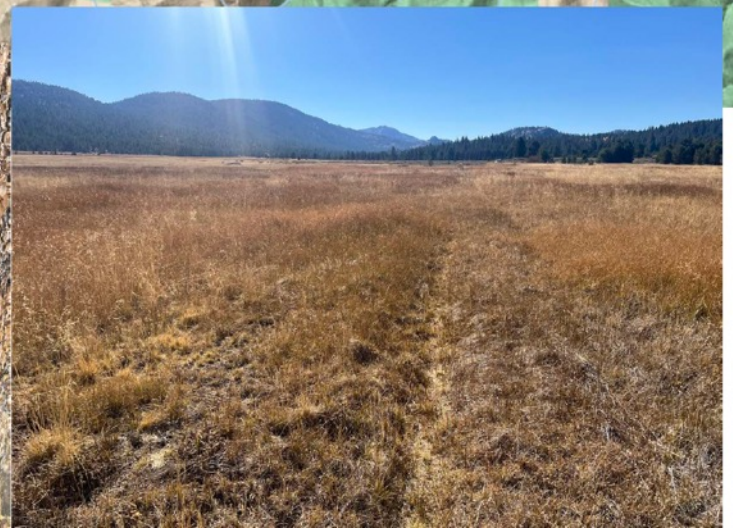
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Sorensens to Markleeville

The lower alternative route through Hope Valley is best

This route largely follows the California Historic Trail

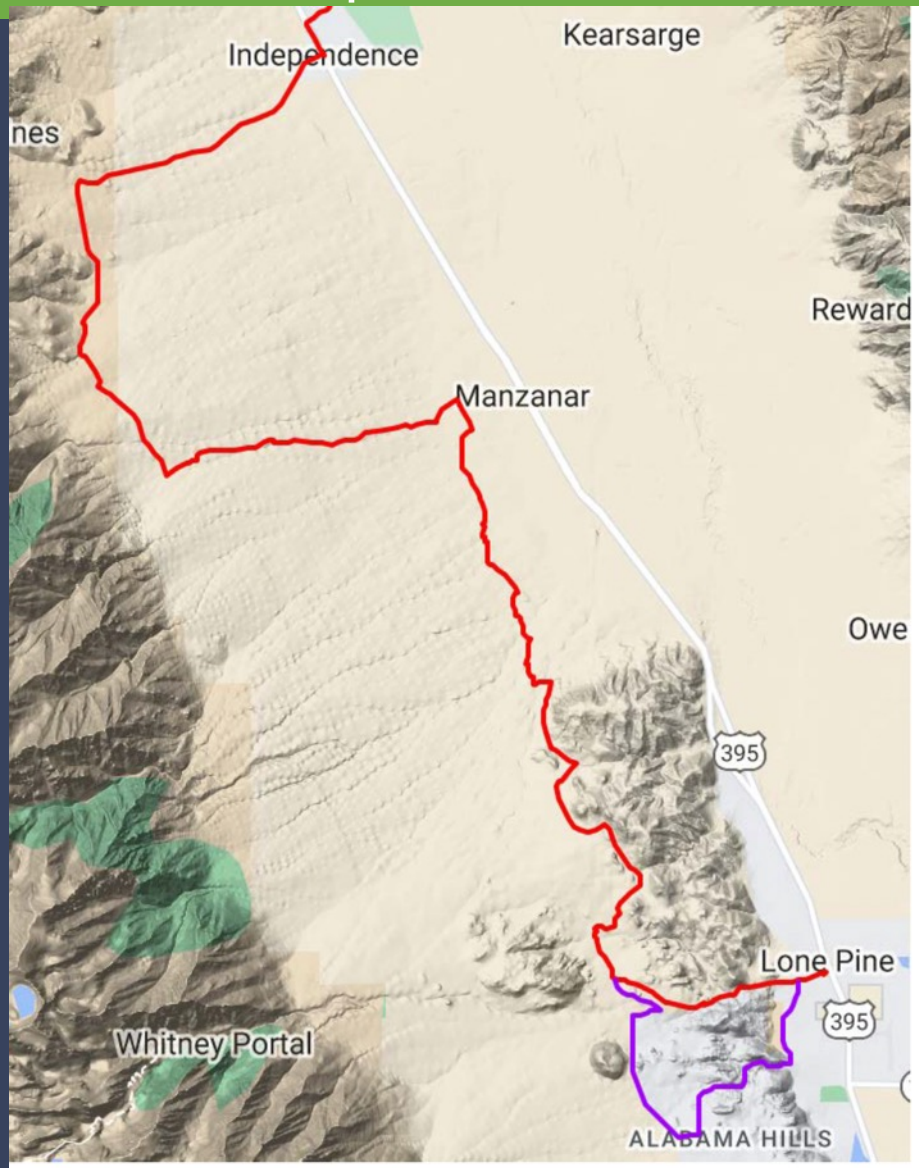
Wagon tracks / road are somewhat vague in the early valley, but fairly easy to navigate. Road gets progressively better to the south.

Single track is at least a blue in difficulty - a few sections where carrying the bike is necessary. Stunning though.

Comes out in Grover Hotspring CASP and then to Markleeville

Great section

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Section 13

Independence to Lone Pine

Looping wide of Independence was on smooth dirt road, crossing Symes creek was easy (dirt culvert bridge).

Coming back down to Manzanar seemed okay - the route takes you adjacent to the cemetery. I ran into a few staff / cars while riding through, and none paid me any mind aside from waving hello. It seemed okay? Perhaps worth checking permissions?

Ride from there to Alabama Hills was great! The route right against the cliffs was the ideal choice on account of geology as well as more compacted roads.

Whitney Portal Road currently undergoing construction - chose Tuttle Creek Road as the alternative route down into Lone Pine

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Route summary

"Overall the Towns to Trails route was a world class experience (that furthers) the users understanding of the region. This route is equally well poised for bike packing, family road trips using segments of the trail, and even educational tours. There is a guidebooks worth of opportunity and experience to be found on this route, and it stands as an incredible opportunity to draw people into the Eastern Sierra under the context of learning, appreciation, and conservation through recreation."


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Decision Notice
Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project
U.S. Forest Service
Inyo National Forest
Mono County, CA

Introduction

Inyo National Forest (Inyo NF) proposes to implement fuels reduction and forest health treatments in order to reduce the potential of uncharacteristic high-severity wildfire and to improve forest health, resistance, and resilience around the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML). The Project area comprises approximately 58,000 acres surrounding TOML considered to be a major economic and recreation hub of the Eastern Sierra. The Project includes ecological thinning, fuels reduction, and restoration using hand, mechanical, and aerial methods in order to restore landscape structure and composition and achieve desired conditions as defined in the 2019 Land Management Plan for the Inyo NF (LMP) (USDA 2019). The proposed treatments are designed to create ecosystems and communities that are able to adapt to future disturbances and climate change.

Background

Within much of the Project area, conditions are severely departed from their historical range of conditions, referred to as the *natural range of variation* (NRV). Under the NRV, forests in the Project area had relatively low tree densities, contained more heterogeneous and complex stand structures, and had a greater number of larger, older trees that provided important wildlife habitat structural complexity. Fire occurred more frequently and, in general, burned at a lower severity, sustaining forest health and vigor. Currently, many stands in the Project area have an overabundance of smaller, younger trees and a more simplified, uniform stand structure compared to NRV. As described in Section 1.1 of the Environmental Assessment, these conditions increase tree competition, reduce forest resilience and resistance to current and future expected disturbances, reduce structural complexity and promote high-severity wildfires. In addition, insects, disease, drought, and tree competition have resulted in substantial tree decline and mortality across the Project area, and the extent of dead and dying trees is expected to increase with ongoing climatic warming and drying. Conditions resulting from tree mortality can facilitate high-severity wildfires that exhibit extreme fire behavior and spread rapidly, especially when coupled with common weather patterns on the Sierra east slope (e.g., strong winds).

Without action, stand conditions will continue to deteriorate, tree mortality will continue to spread, and the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire will continue to rise. With current fuel conditions, a wildfire in the Project area could be large and virtually impossible to control (i.e. uncharacteristic of NRV fire regime). This would have severe impacts to lives, property, recreation assets, and critical infrastructure in and around TOML. Nationally, the Forest Service has recognized that current forest conditions represent a 'wildfire crisis' (USDA 2023). In response to this crisis, it is critical for the Forest Service to increase the pace and scale of fuels and forest health treatments to reduce

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Based upon my review of the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), public comments, and Project record, I have decided to authorize all activities included in the Proposed Action in the 'Initial Decision Area' (see included map), within approximately 43,700 acres of the Project Area. This portion of the Project area has adequate cultural surveys (see rationale below). This decision does not approve the Proposed Action for the entire Project area. All design criteria described in the EA Appendix B as well as the implementation process described in Appendix E are incorporated into this decision and will be implemented in the Project.

I agree with the finding that this Proposed Action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The decision notice and supporting documents, including the EA and FONSI, are available on the Project webpage at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61827.

Relationship of this Decision to Subsequent Decisions

This decision is the first in a staged decision-making approach for this Project. The Proposed Action is analyzed in one environmental analysis document (i.e., the EA); however, subsequent decisions would be required to approve activities outside the 'Initial Decision Area' in other portions of the Project area. I have chosen this approach because it allows for immediate treatment in the highest priority portions of the Project area (i.e. Tier 1), while meeting my commitment to tribes that cultural surveys and NHPA consultation will be completed before each decision. For each subsequent decision, the Forest Service will follow appropriate environmental analysis and decision-making procedures, including public involvement.

Decision Rationale

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Wildfire Resilience Action Finance Team (WRAFT) Monthly Meeting

2024-08-15 22:46 UTC

Recorded by
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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.

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2024 GRANT SLATE



California poppies in Los Padres National Forest

National Forest and orchestrate NEPA
future treatments in areas impacted by
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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

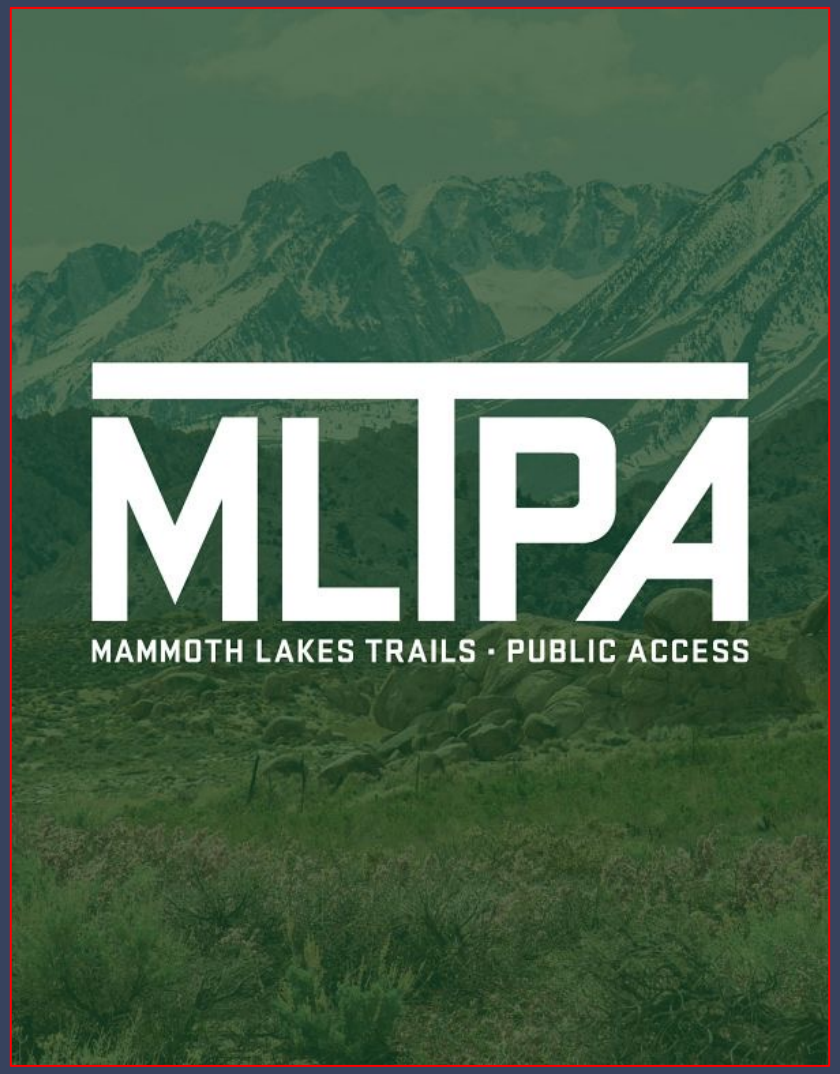
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Attachments: A) Appendix D - Town of Mammoth Lakes Project & Program Specific Action Plan

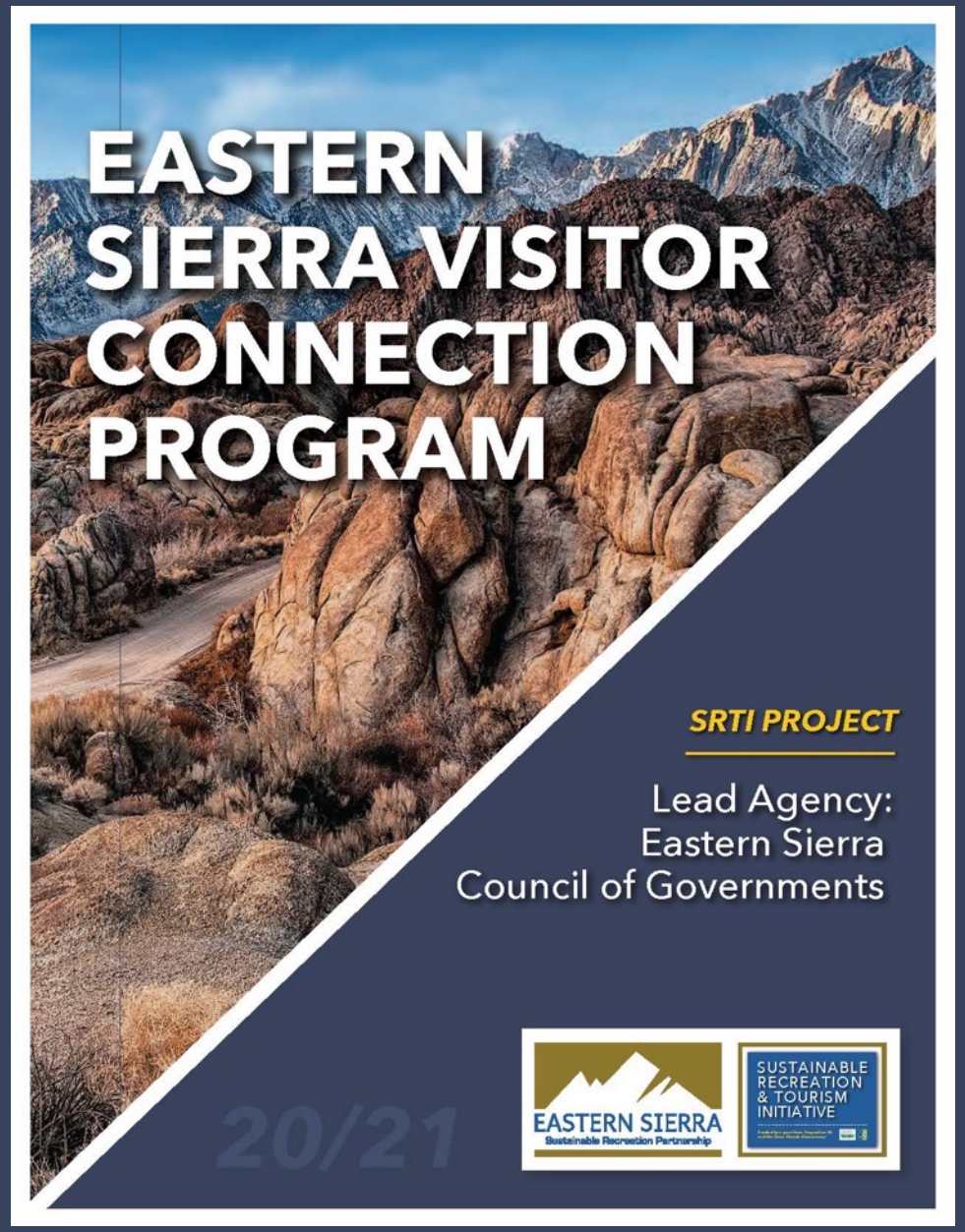
BACKGROUND/HISTORY:
The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) engaged with Alpine, Inyo and Mono Counties, The Town of Mammoth Lakes and the City of Bishop, completed a regional economic development strategy required to access federal and other funding opportunities known as a Comprehensive Economic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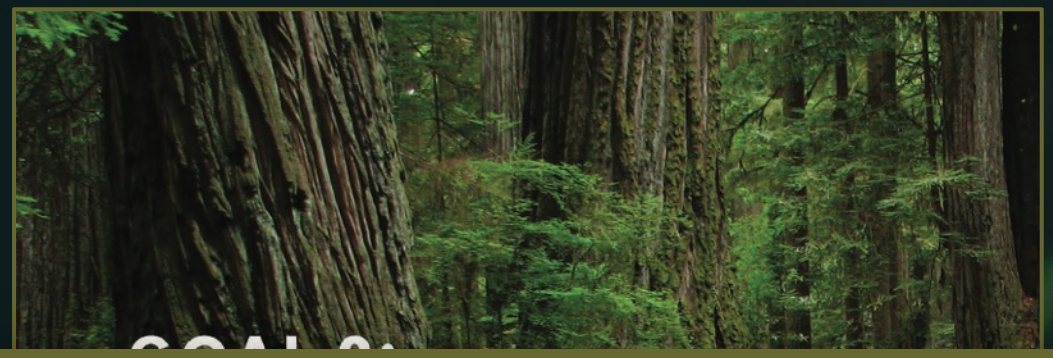


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Visitor Audience Connection

- CALFIRE "Visitor Education and Outreach Addendum"
- Opportunities with "Camp Like A Pro"
- Needs of "Visitor Connection Program"



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Key Action

Educate

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE



ADVANCE INCLUSION AND ACCESS FOR ALL THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

California and its partners must build upon and expand an inclusionary culture of sustainable outdoor recreation, promoting equitable access across California's public lands and waters that reflects the diversity of all peoples and the legacy of our Native American history, culture, and use. Inspired by the California Natural Resources Agency's Outdoors for All initiative, our work will strive to address long-standing environmental, social, and economic inequities in our society that have resulted in physical and societal



Posing on a bridge along the Trillium Falls Trail in Redwood National and State Parks, CA. Credit: John Chao, Redwood National and State Parks

EASTERN SIERRA FIRE TIPS AT A GLANCE

WILDFIRE OVERVIEW:











CAMPFIRE TIPS:









EQUIPMENT PRACTICES:











BURN ON PROPERTY:









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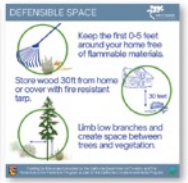




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WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS:









STOVES AND GRILLS:









TRAILER CHAINS:









FIREWORKS:











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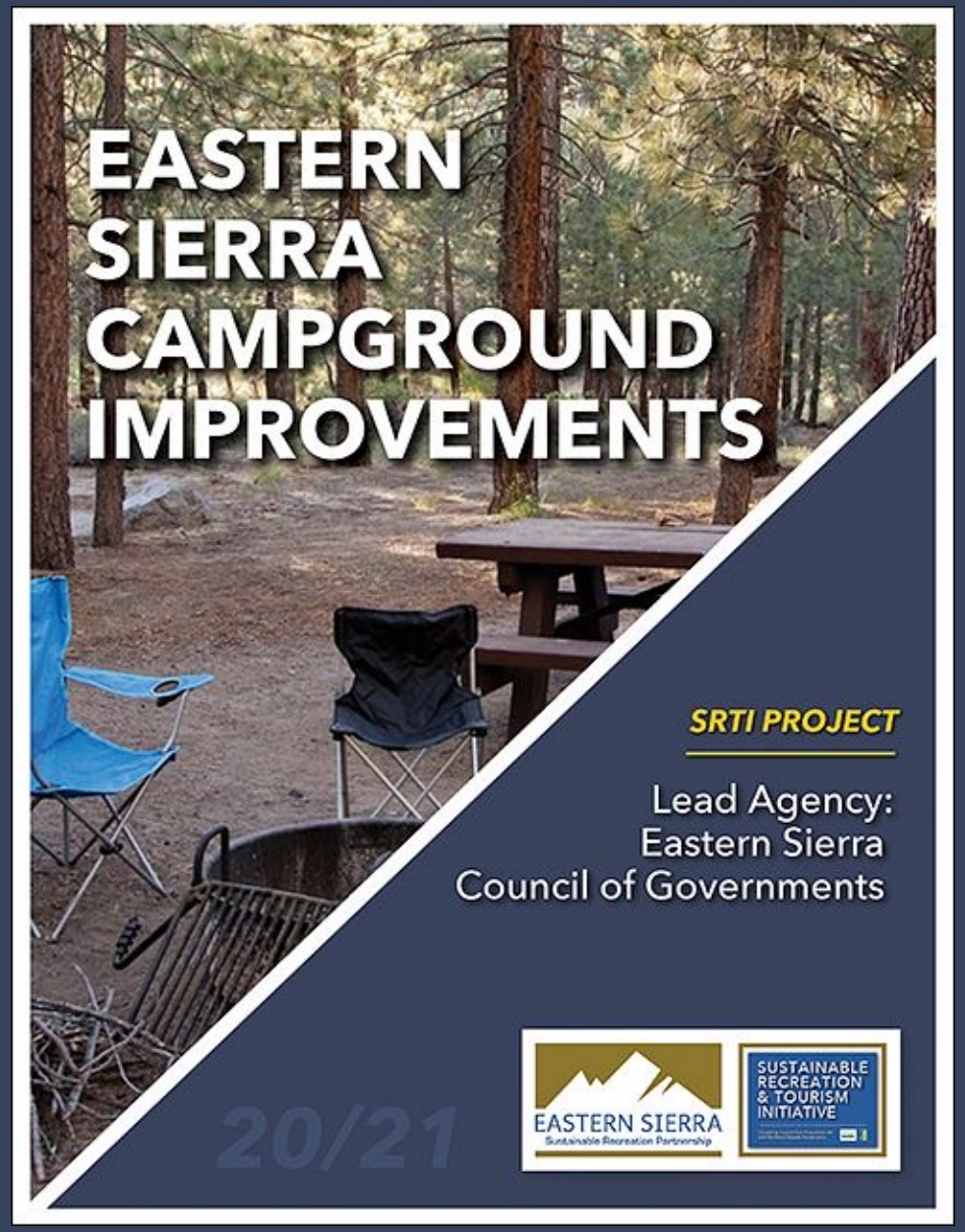
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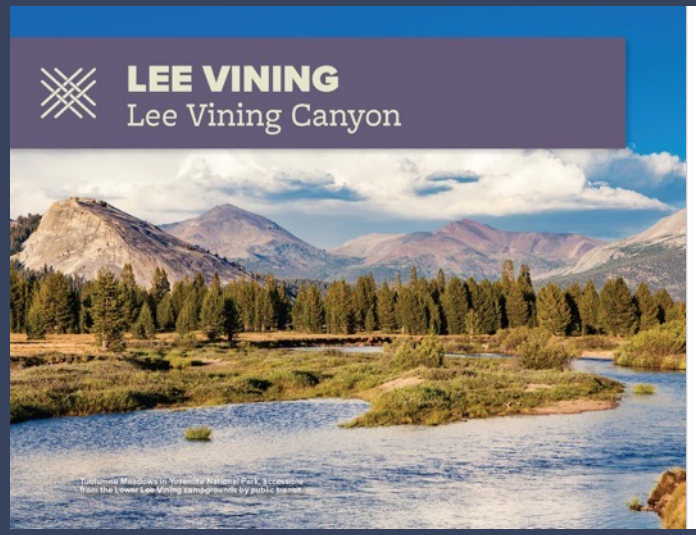
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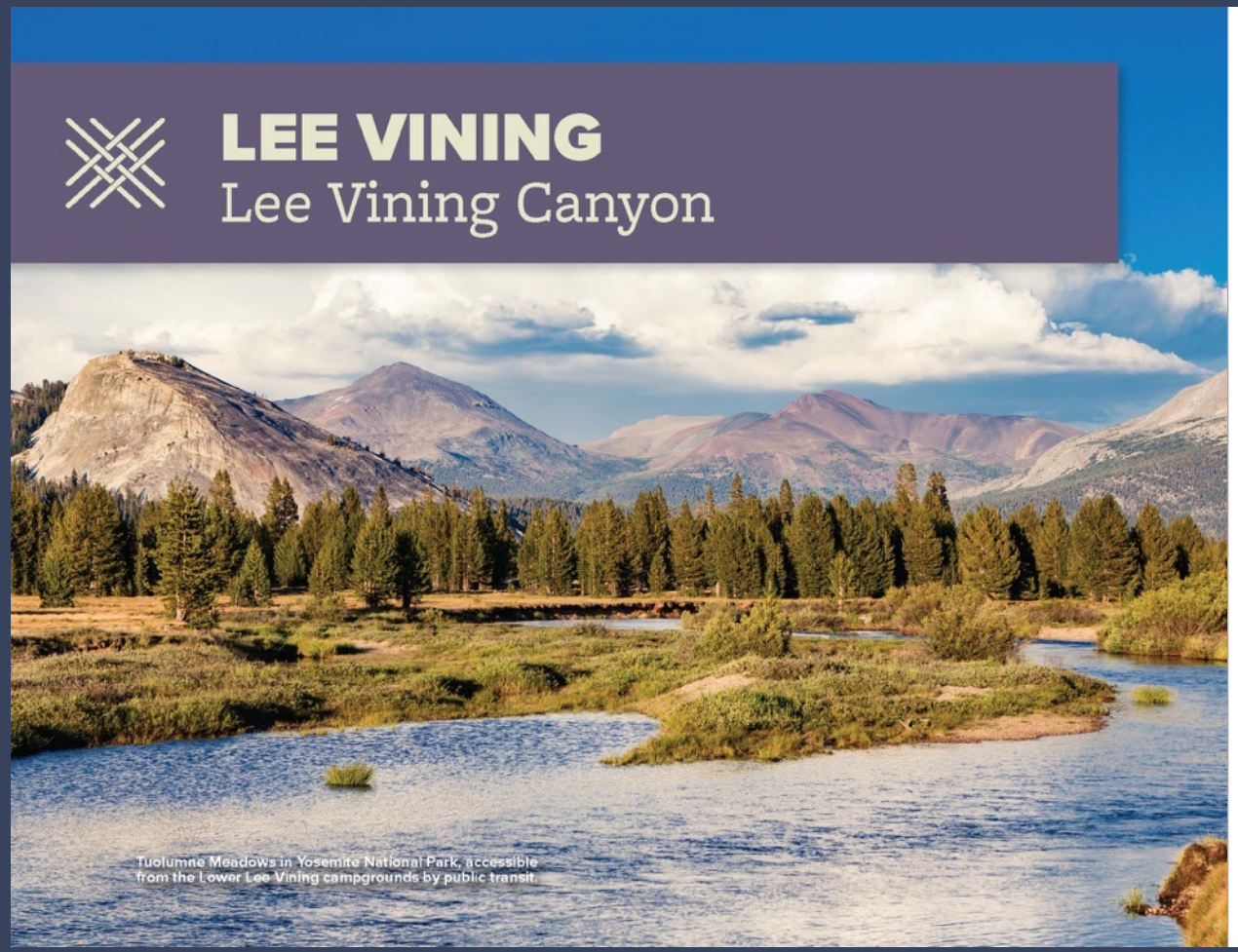




First Draft of Surveys Delivered

- Aspen Creek
- Grays Meadow
- Lower Lee Vining
- Moraine Campground
- Onion Valley

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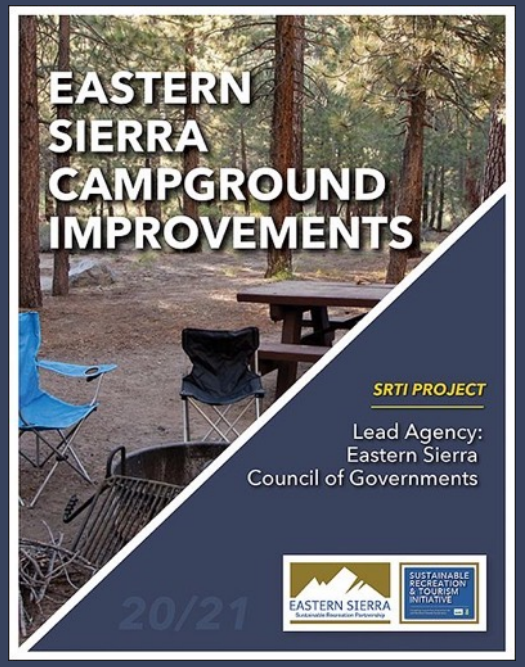




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Recreate Responsibly California



Hello Recreate Responsibly California Coalition Members,

We're excited to bring you a fresh roundup of updates and opportunities! This edition highlights the significant economic impact of national parks, innovative projects like the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan, and updates on important pieces of state and local policies. Join us as we explore how these initiatives support community connections and environmental resilience, along with upcoming events you don't want to miss discussed during our September Coalition call.

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National parks not only preserve cherished landscapes, but they also drive significant economic activity. In 2023, 325 million visitors to National Park Service lands contributed $26.4 billion to local gateway regions, supporting 415,000 jobs and generating $55.6 billion in economic output nationwide. In California alone, 36.2 million park visitors spent $3.2 billion, supporting 39,700 jobs and contributing $5.1 billion to the state's economy.

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- Read the report and access the interactive tools here.

***Project Highlight:* Creative Connections**

Connection is a vital human need, and members have highlighted two innovative projects that showcase how recreation can serve as a bridge to fulfilling both individual and community needs. The ***Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan*** aims to build upon existing trail infrastructure, creating a multi-use network that links Eastern Sierra communities to each other and to surrounding public lands. This plan works alongside the ***Connected Communities*** initiative, also in the Eastern Sierra, which seeks to diversify recreation opportunities, provide economic stability, and support fire recovery and prevention efforts. Learn more about these inspiring projects through the links below.

- Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails
- Connected Communities

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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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- National Park Service
- Town of Mammoth Lakes

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday November 4, 2024 @ 3:30 PM