



# REGULAR PARTNER MEETING



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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



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

# Welcome and Housekeeping



## Inyo National Forest

- Wilfred Nabahe
- Mt. Whitney Acting District Ranger

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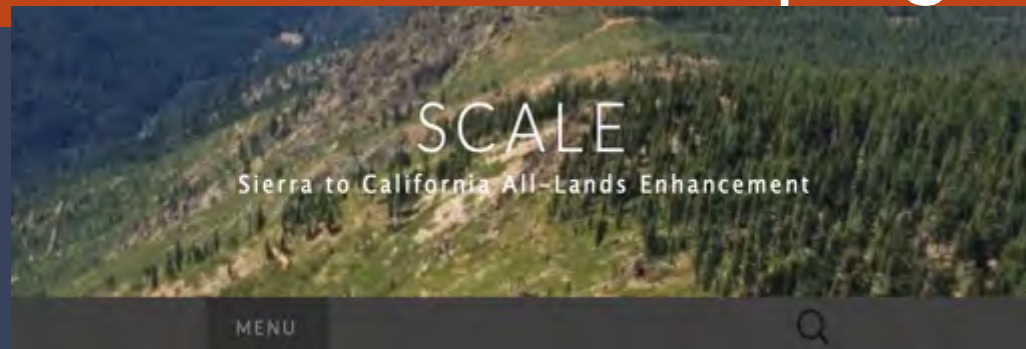
- Anne Visser
- Dustin Blakey



## Sierra Business Council

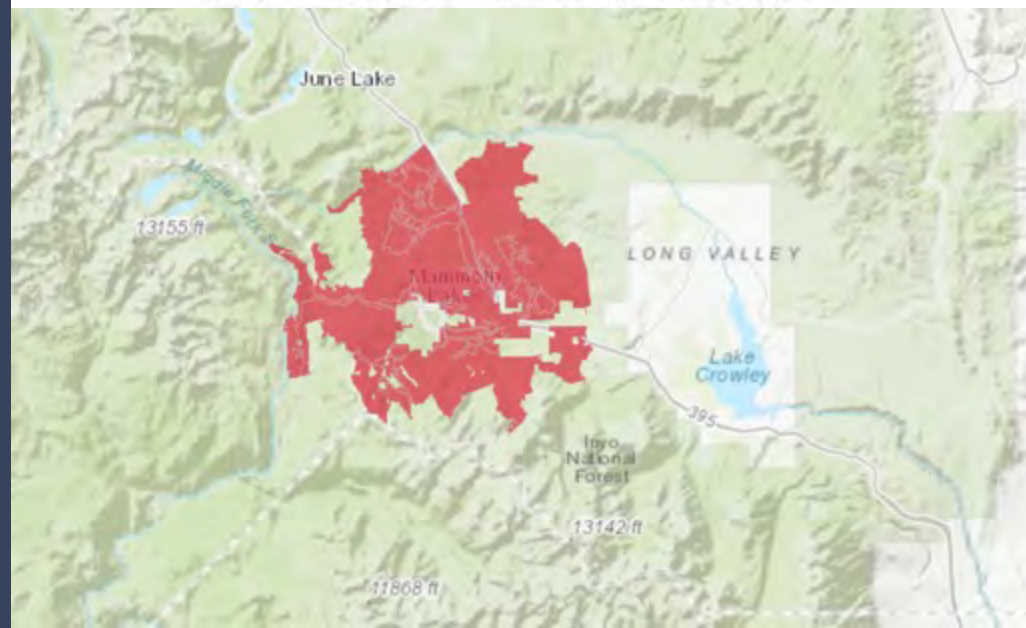
- Heather Hawkins, Sierra Jobs First

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## WELCOME

The Sierra Institute's *Sierra to California All-Lands Enhancement* (SCALE) project is the mechanism for collaboration between collaborative groups working on landscape-scale forest restoration and community improvement across California. This project developed out of Sierra Institute's broader work at the intersection of forest management and rural community well-being. By pro-



### SCALE Collaborative Capacity - Notice of Funding Opportunity

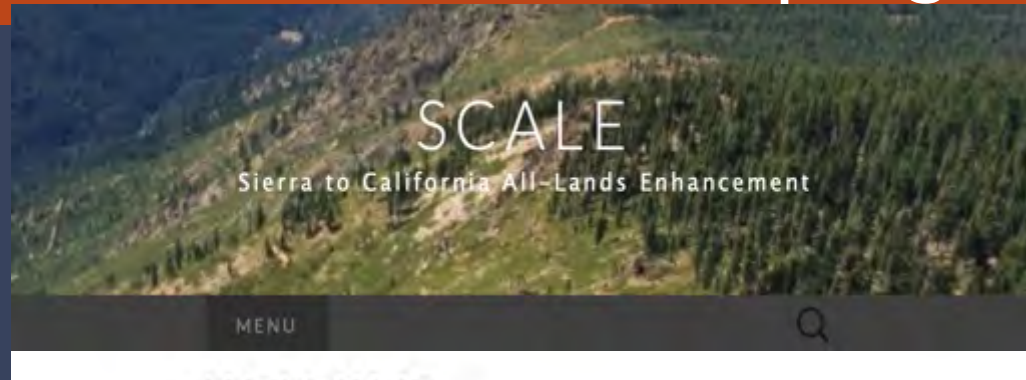
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As the state and the federal government attempt to tackle climate change, forest health issues, mega-fires, and general community capacity gaps, agencies are increasingly interested in integrating the priorities of community-based collaboratives and underserved communities with those of the agencies. SCALE provides the needed avenue for agencies, funders, policymakers, and place-based collaboratives to interface with each other. This leads to fruitful discussion on land stewardship and serves as a joint communication and problem-solving channel.

**Micro-Grant Opportunity:** To support the capacity building of collaboratives within the SCALE network, the Sierra Institute, with funding from and in partnership with the USFS, has established a fund for micro-grants up to \$10,000. These grants are intended to assist collaborative groups in strengthening their capacity to move forward work on the national forests and across boundaries by addressing specific collaborative group needs. Eligible applicants include non-profits, collaborative groups, and partner entities that participate in the collaborative (e.g., Resource Conservation Districts). Eligible capacity-building activities include, but are not limited to:

- Developing and finalizing a charter or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or enhancing an existing charter/MOU.
- Organizing a collaborative retreat to review and improve partnership processes.
- Hosting outreach events or training sessions, such as public meetings, Tribal outreach meetings, field tours, workforce development training, or training on the use of existing decision support tools such as the regional resource kits.
- Creating strategic plans to guide collaborative processes, including post-fire recovery plans, development of strategic fire management plans and focal areas of interest to address the wildfire crisis, expansion of wood utilization including business plans for wood utilization facilities or project monitoring plans.

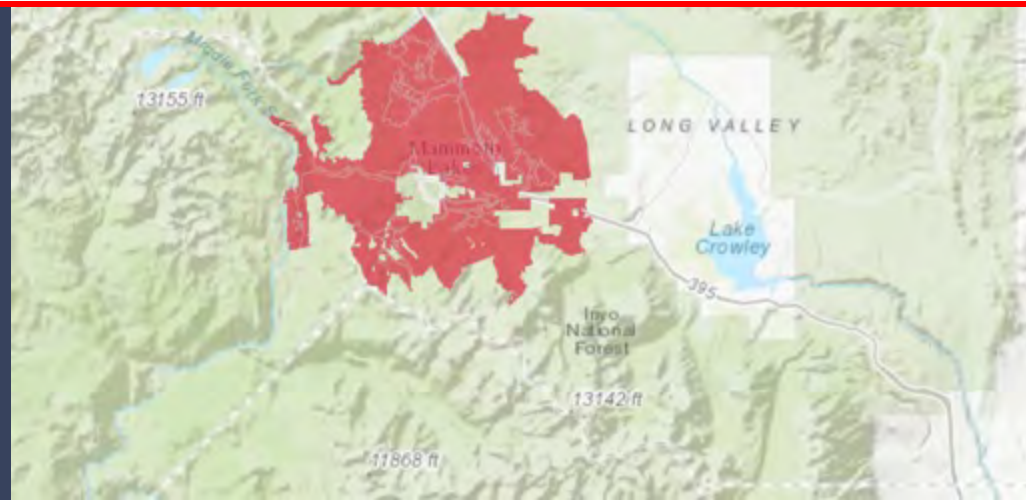
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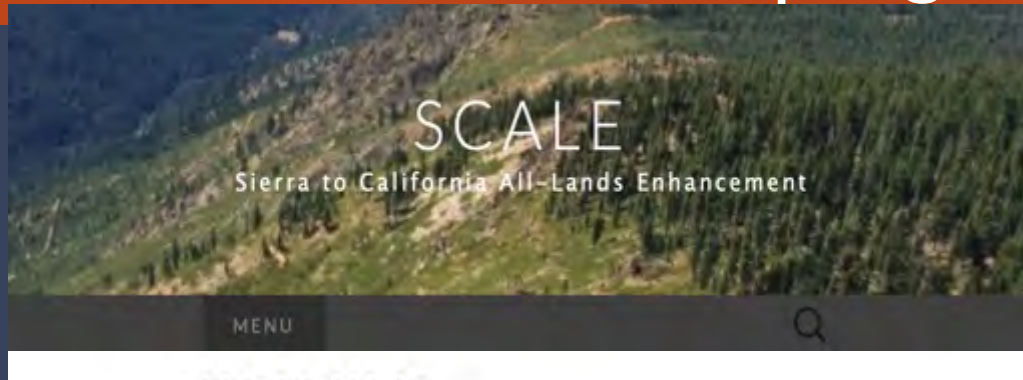
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# ESSRP Letter of Support

# Headlines of Interest

## 'It's Disneyland': Fall foliage destinations overrun by leaf-peepers

*The Washington Post*  
*Democracy Dies in Darkness*

Fueled by Instagram, crowds of seasonal tourists pack roads and trails in New Hampshire, Vermont and Virginia.



# Headlines of Interest

## Alpine Watershed Group

Working to protect, conserve, and restore the watersheds of Alpine County by promoting sustainable community and science-based collaborative solutions

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### Harmful Algal Blooms

Red Lake

Due to visual observations, a **Caution Advisory** has been extended as of 8-14-2024.

Indian Creek Reservoir

**Caution Advisory** at east shore dam near the shack 8-19-2024.

Heenan Reservoir

**Caution Advisory** for the loading zone 8-20-2024.

**CA HAB Portal**

### Upcoming Events

Check out AWG's [Events Calendar](#)

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## Alpine Watershed Group



# Help plant trees!

Saturday, October 26  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

RSVP BELOW FOR LOCATION

Come help reforest the Tamarack Fire  
burn scar

Bring a water bottle and sun  
protection, and wear long sleeves,  
long pants, and closed-toe shoes.  
Gloves and tools will be provided.



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## This ambitious project hopes to save struggling California mountain towns

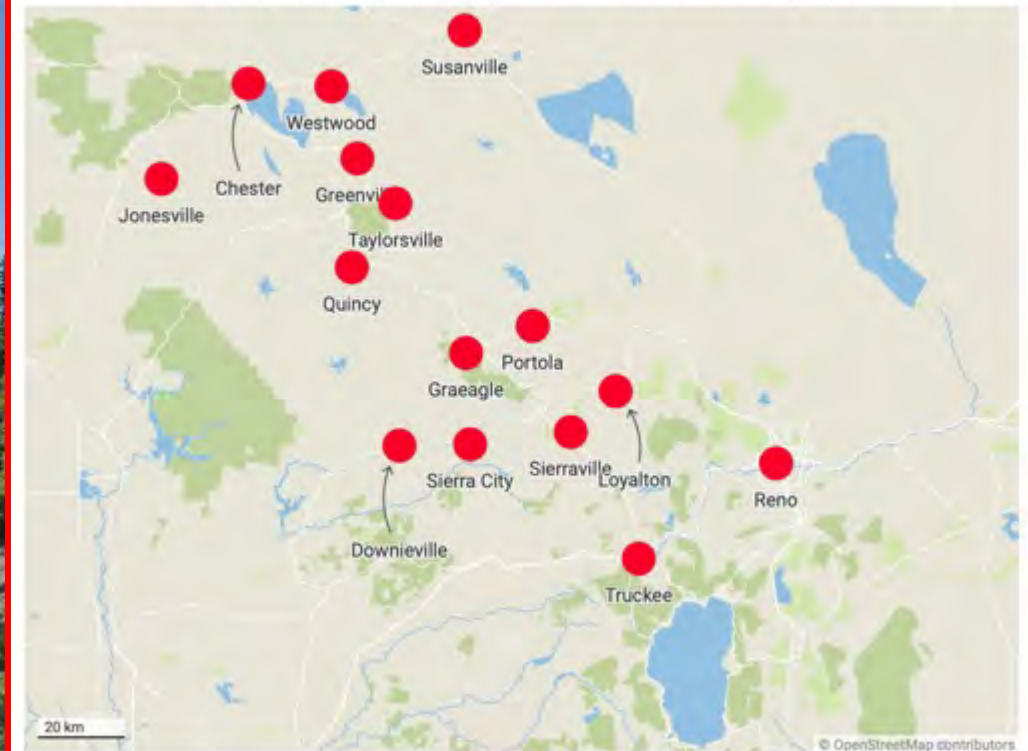
A trail connecting two Lost Sierra towns is just the beginning



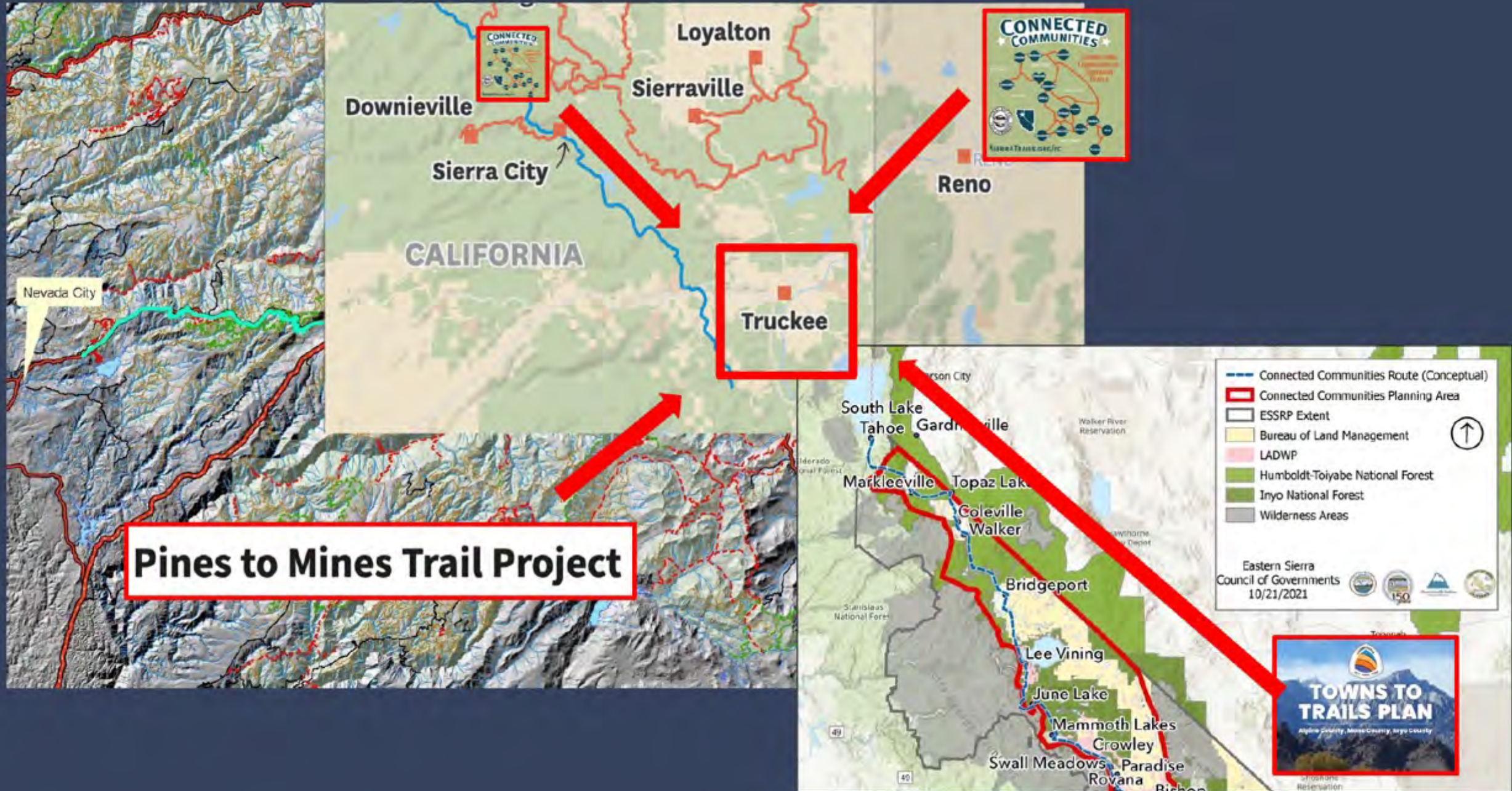
The proposed Connected Communities plan would build trails to link 13 towns in the Lost Sierra, as well as Truckee and Reno. Courtesy of Matt McCourtney/Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

### Sierra Buttes - Connected Communities Plan

The proposed Connected Communities plan would build dirt trails to connect 13 towns in the Lost Sierra, as well as Truckee and Reno. The trails would allow people to travel between the rural communities by bicycle, without a car.



# Headlines of Interest



## The Sierra Club's California members are torn over its mission. Can a new leader forge consensus? **Los Angeles Times**



- As acting director of Sierra Club California, Bobbi Jo Chavarria oversees a membership divided over the environmental organization's mission and priorities.
- California membership in the Sierra Club has dropped by roughly 32,000 members, or 19%, since 2019.

Some want the environmental organization to lean harder into environmental justice, while others fear the club is abandoning its roots in wilderness preservation. The state club's new acting director, tasked with managing the fractured membership, believes in a big tent approach.

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## **The Forest Service is Losing 2,400 Jobs— Including Most of its Trail Workers**

In response to a shrinking budget, the land management agency is suspending seasonal hiring next year. Public lands will bear the cost.

Published Oct 21, 2024



PHOTO: USDA FOREST SERVICE

Vox



## Leaked recordings detail a major environmental agency quietly gutting its workforce

Seasonal workers help keep our forests healthy. What happens when you fire them?

by Nick Bowlin

Oct 8, 2024 at 4:00 AM PDT



Temporary workers for the US Forest Service work in areas like timber, wildlife, watershed, botany, recreation, and visitor services. Facing budget woes, the agency has confirmed it has put a hiring freeze on all seasonal positions until further notice. Dave Gardner Creative/National Forest Foundation.

*Nick Bowlin is a freelance journalist whose work has appeared in Harper's, ProPublica, and the Guardian, among others. He lives in Gunnison, Colorado, and is a contributing editor at High Country News magazine.*

*This story was published in collaboration with High Country News.*

Americans visit hiking and camping areas managed by the US Forest Service more than 150 million times each year.

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## The Forest Service is cutting its seasonal workforce and public lands will suffer

*Employees warn that important work will go undone all over the country.*

Nick Bowlin

October 8, 2024

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## Outdoor Recreation Knowledge Exchange

### Free Webinar series

#### Colorado And Wyoming Roundup

Designed to connect and support educators, business leaders, policymakers, nonprofits, advocacy groups, land managers, recreation professionals, outdoor enthusiasts, and more!

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## Governor Newsom Signs SB 960, the Complete Streets Bill

September 27, 2024 / by Brian Smith

For Immediate Release: 9/27/24

Contact: Jared Sanchez, policy director, CalBike (714) 262-0921, [jared@calbike.org](mailto:jared@calbike.org)

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom has signed the Complete Streets Bill, [SB 960](#), authored by Senator Scott Wiener (pictured above) and sponsored by CalBike, SPUR, AARP California, and others.



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## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

### **SECTION 1.** The Legislature finds and declares the following:

- (a) California's laws and policies underscore the importance of reducing car dependence and instead increasing walking, bicycling, and transit use in order to create more sustainable, healthy, and affordable communities. However, this mode shift is not yet consistently expressed across and aligned across state policies, programs, and agencies.
- (b) Increasing vehicle miles traveled and infrastructure throughput improvements exclusively for cars and freight continue to impede California's efforts to curb vehicle emissions and pollution and to achieve state climate and environmental goals.
- (c) People who are walking or bicycling are killed or seriously injured in California at much higher rates than car drivers or passengers based on their percentage of trips and relative miles traveled, and these disproportionate rates are increasing each year.

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## **Reinvesting in rural America**

Reversing the legacy of rural disinvestment—and deliberately designing solutions for rural America—is a down payment on our shared future. [\*\*More.\*\*](#)



## **The cost of retrofitting a home for wildfire resistance**

In a new report Headwaters Economics examines the costs of retrofitting existing homes to increase their wildfire resistance. The results show that some of the most effective strategies to reduce the vulnerability of homes and neighborhoods to wildfire can be done affordably. [\*\*More.\*\*](#)

## **Neighborhoods at Risk tool now features wildfire data**

Wildfire risk data is now available on Headwaters Economics' free Neighborhoods at Risk website that provides interactive maps to help communities identify neighborhoods that may be especially vulnerable to climate threats. Find out how your community ranks in wildfire risk, flooding vulnerability, heat, and other variables. [\*\*More.\*\*](#)



## **Updates to the Economic Impact of National Parks**

Headwaters Economics has updated its webpage that tracks the latest available data on visitation, jobs and spending related to America's National Parks. Overall, visitation is on the rise, generating 415,400 jobs and resulting in more than \$26.4 billion in spending in nearby communities. [\*\*More.\*\*](#)

## POLITICO

### The climate bond is taking educators to school

By ALEX NIEVES | 10/31/2024 09:00 PM EDT

*With help from Wes Venteicher and Camille von Kaenel*

#### TOP OF THE DAY



Fighting climate change has proven to be an effective campaign message for Californians. | Noah Berger/AP



**Act now on wildfire.  
Breathe easier.**

**YES  
on 4**

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## Ecostrat and New Energy Risk Announce Partnership to Develop Feedstock Supply Insurance

News for the BSCR Standards, Press Release



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## U.S. Forest Service Poised to Start Fall Prescribed Burning

Release Date: Oct 16, 2024

Media Contact: Adrienne Freeman

[adrienne.freeman@usda.gov](mailto:adrienne.freeman@usda.gov) | 209-742-3391

### Focus on critical fuels treatments continues across all 18 national forests

**VALLEJO, Calif.** — The USDA Forest Service is poised to continue prescribed fire and other critical fuels treatments as cooler weather sets in. Many projects are already getting underway in forests across the state.

"We set a record for number of prescribed acres burned last year, and we will continue to lead the way in accomplishing this important work," said Pacific Southwest Region Fire Director Jaime Gamboa.

Prescribed fire helps protect communities by reducing unnaturally high vegetation and restoring natural fire regimes, which in the long term, helps us all live more safely with fire. Use of prescribed fire can also minimize the spread of pest insects and disease and help provide wildlife forage by promoting the growth of trees, wildflowers and other plants.

While fall and winter typically bring ideal conditions for prescribed fires, conditions are always evaluated shortly before a burn is implemented. Factors such as temperature, humidity, wind, vegetation moisture, and availability of primary and contingency resources are all considered.

Plus, unlike in wildfires, managers can consider potential smoke impacts in decision-making and burn on better days for smoke dispersal. Smoke from prescribed fire can be less impactful than a wildfire, depending on severity of the burn and fuel loading in the area, and is generally present for a shorter time than from a wildfire.

### Key Contacts

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**Adrienne Freeman (Fire  
Public Information Officer):**

209-742-3391

# Headlines of Interest

## U.S. Forest Service halts prescribed burns in California, a letdown to crews ready to go

Julie Johnson



Cal Fire Capt. Clinton Farzell lights a prescribed burn along Old Lawley Toll Road in Calistoga to fight the nearby Glass Fire in October 2020. The U.S. Forest Service has halted all prescribed burning on federal lands across California "for the foreseeable future" while the risk of a big wildfire remains high in the southern portion of the state.

Nic Coury/Special to the Chronicle 2020

The U.S. Forest Service has halted all prescribed burning on federal lands across California "for the foreseeable future" while critically dry weather heightens the risk of a big wildfire, especially in the southern portion of the state.

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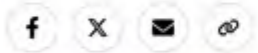


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## Forest Service Halts Prescribed Burns in California. Is It Worth the Risk?

By Danielle Venton Oct 24 Save Article



A U.S. Forest Service forestry technician removes vegetation during a controlled burn along Highway 89 in the Christmas Valley area near South Lake Tahoe in September 2021. (Jane Tyska/Digital First Media/East Bay Times via Getty Images)

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## The \$10,000 cruise that recently became possible — and might not last for long

*The Washington Post*  
*Democracy Dies in Darkness*

Svalbard is a key origin point for Arctic cruises, where trips have doubled since 2016. Climate change is melting ice more rapidly, fueling a tourism boom for now.



A hike to the ice caves of Longyearbreen, a glacier in Svalbard, Norway. Tourism in Svalbard has grown steadily over the last decades, providing an alternative industry as coal mining diminishes. (Paolo Verzone/Agence VU/Redux)

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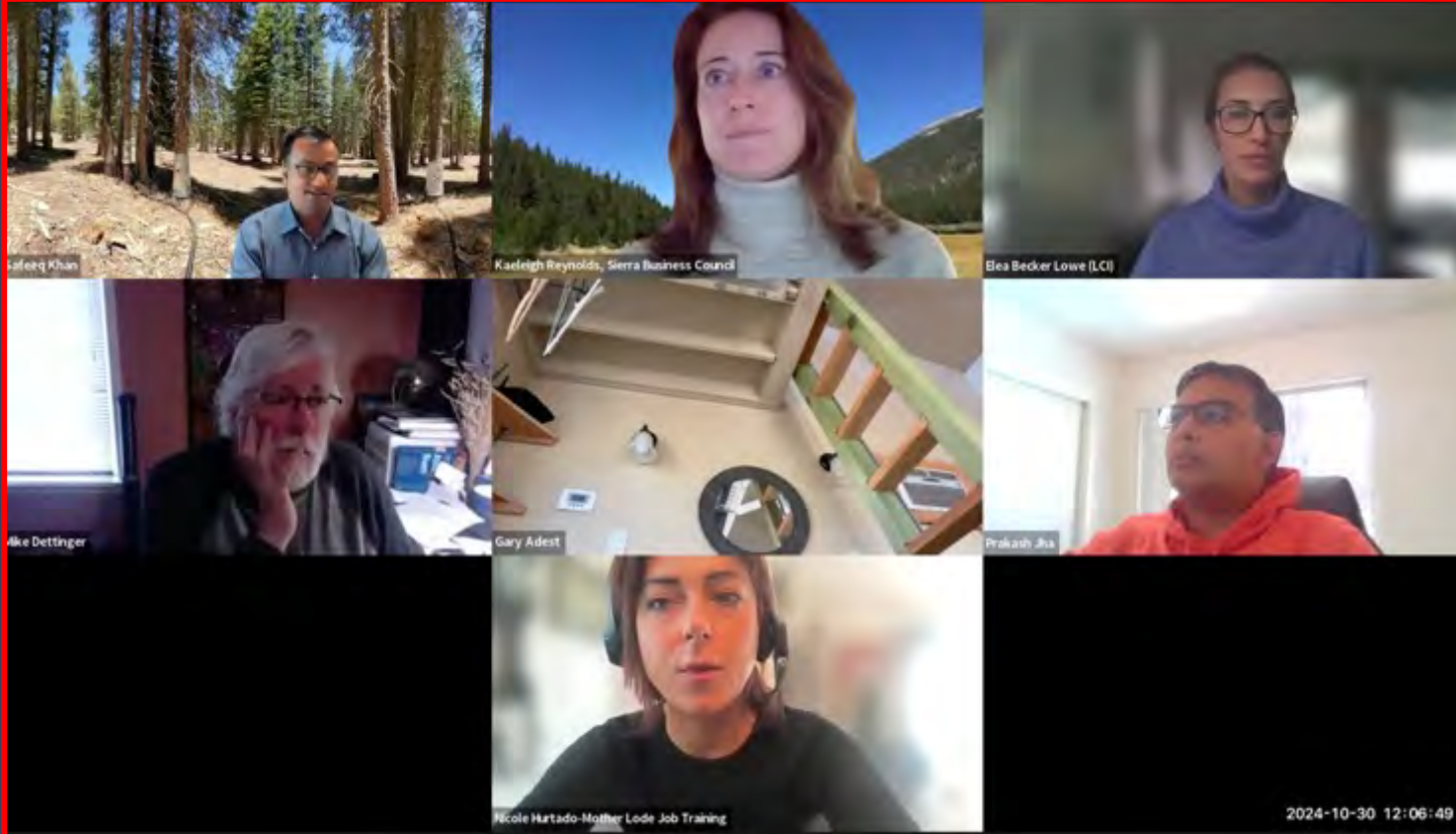
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## CA 5th Climate Change Assessment Sierra Nevada Regional Report

Kick Off Workshop  
October 30, 2024



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  - Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP)
  - Review the critical documents of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership
- Origin Story
  - Inyo National Forest Land Management Plan
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  - Outdoor Recreation Knowledge Exchange: Colorado and Wyoming

# Regional Sustainable Recreation Project Updates

## ESCOG: Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program

- Towns to Trails
- Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP)

## MLTPA Foundation

- Inyo National Forest Campground Pilot Projects
- SRTI Visitor Connection Program
- Recreate Responsibly California

## Whitebark Institute

- \$7 million grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Partner Convening - November 15

# ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

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## SUSTAINABLE RECREATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM





# TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

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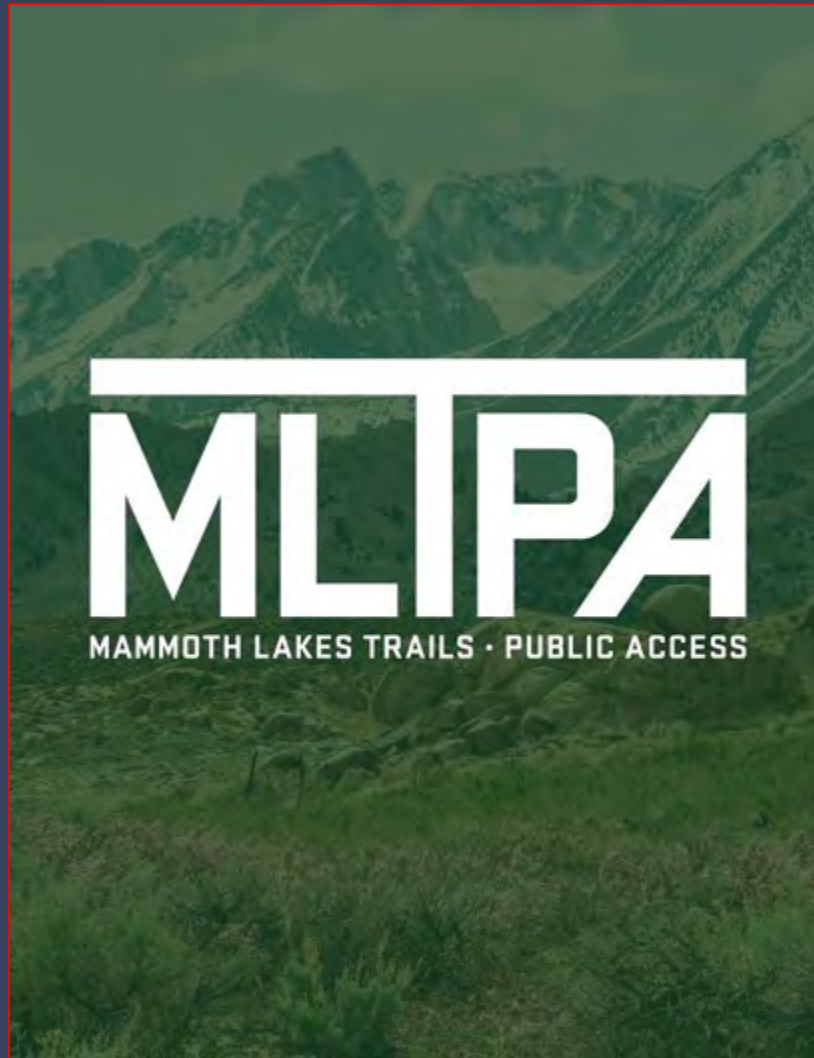
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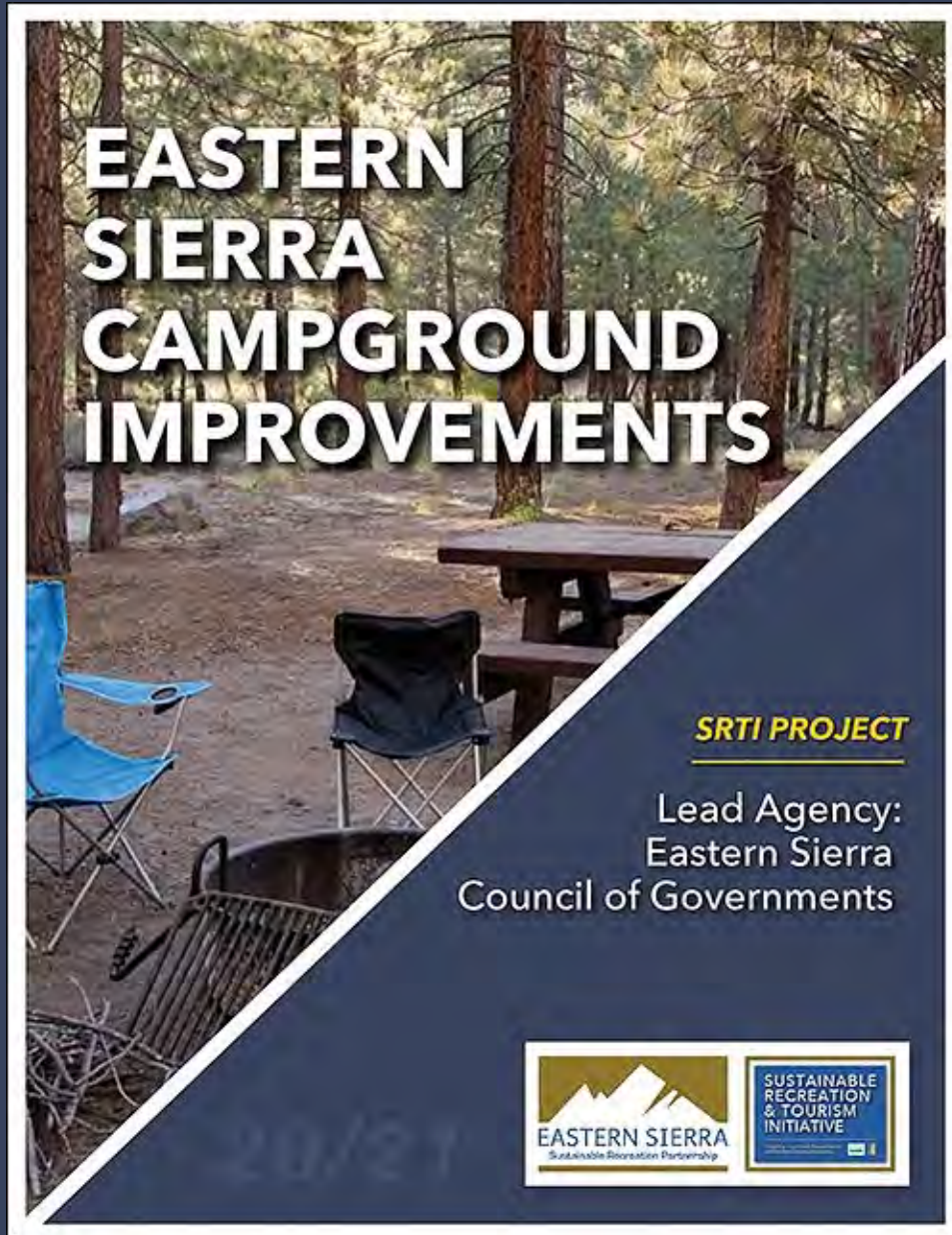


# EASTERN SIERRA PACE AND SCALE ACCELERATOR

# MLTPA - Sustainable Recreation Projects



# Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



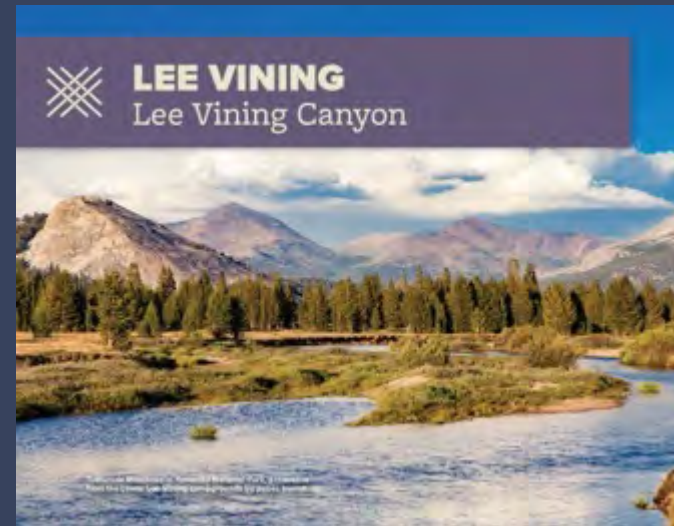
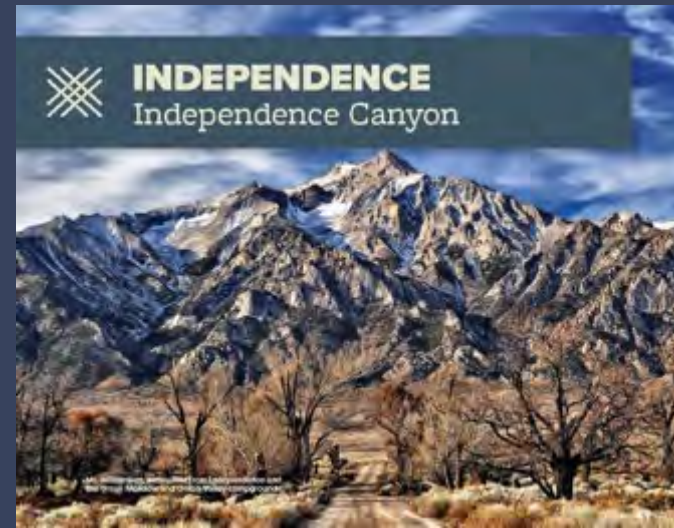
**EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

**SRTI PROJECT**

Lead Agency:  
Eastern Sierra  
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**EASTERN SIERRA**  
Sustainable Recreation Partnership

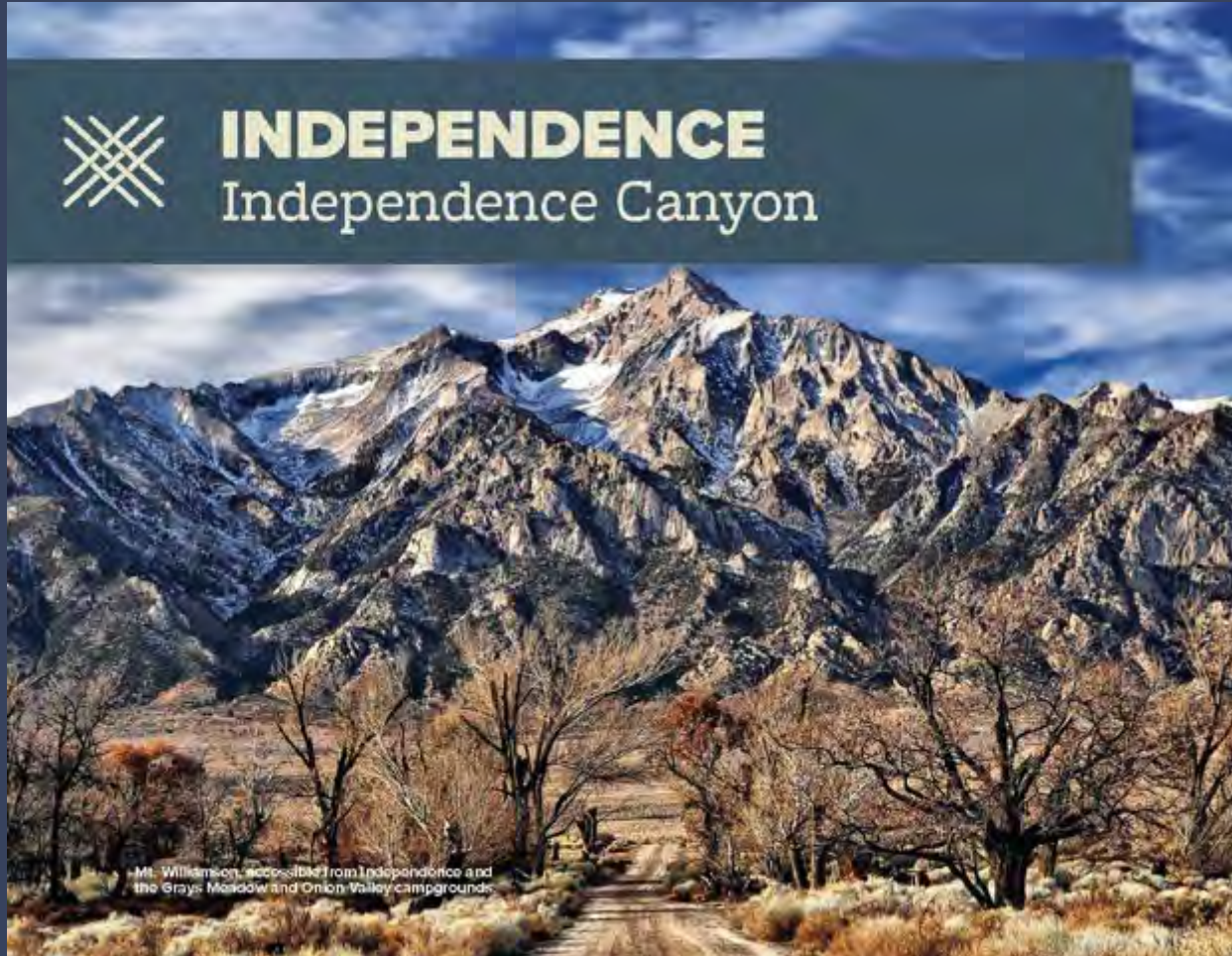
**SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE**



# First Draft of Surveys Delivered

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

# Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects



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**Adam Barnett**

Inbox - GO...orth@mltpa.org October 29, 2024 at 9:28 AM

Inyo campgrounds archeology survey results

To: John Wentworth, John Roberts, Kristy Williams, Maki Boyle

Hi all, attached are the archeology survey results and NHPA Section 106 compliance documentation for the six project campgrounds. I've included the shapefiles because there are a couple of small avoidance areas to take into consideration at Moraine and Upper Grays where campsites may overlap cultural sites.

Other updates:

1. Inyo specialists did a site visit last week at the Lee Vining canyon campgrounds to orient staff to the project. Botany and wildlife staff plan to do their surveys next spring. The team did ask for an estimate of when to expect the initial conceptual design for their review.
2. The campground concessionaire had a good year under the new Inyo forest wide campground permit. As a result, we will be able to pre-purchase five double vault toilets for the three Lee Vining campgrounds this winter and store them until installation sites are finalized. This does mean that we could potentially start phase 1 of construction next summer and install the toilets if design work is completed and the NEPA decision is signed.

Please let me know if you have questions and if we should schedule our next project call.

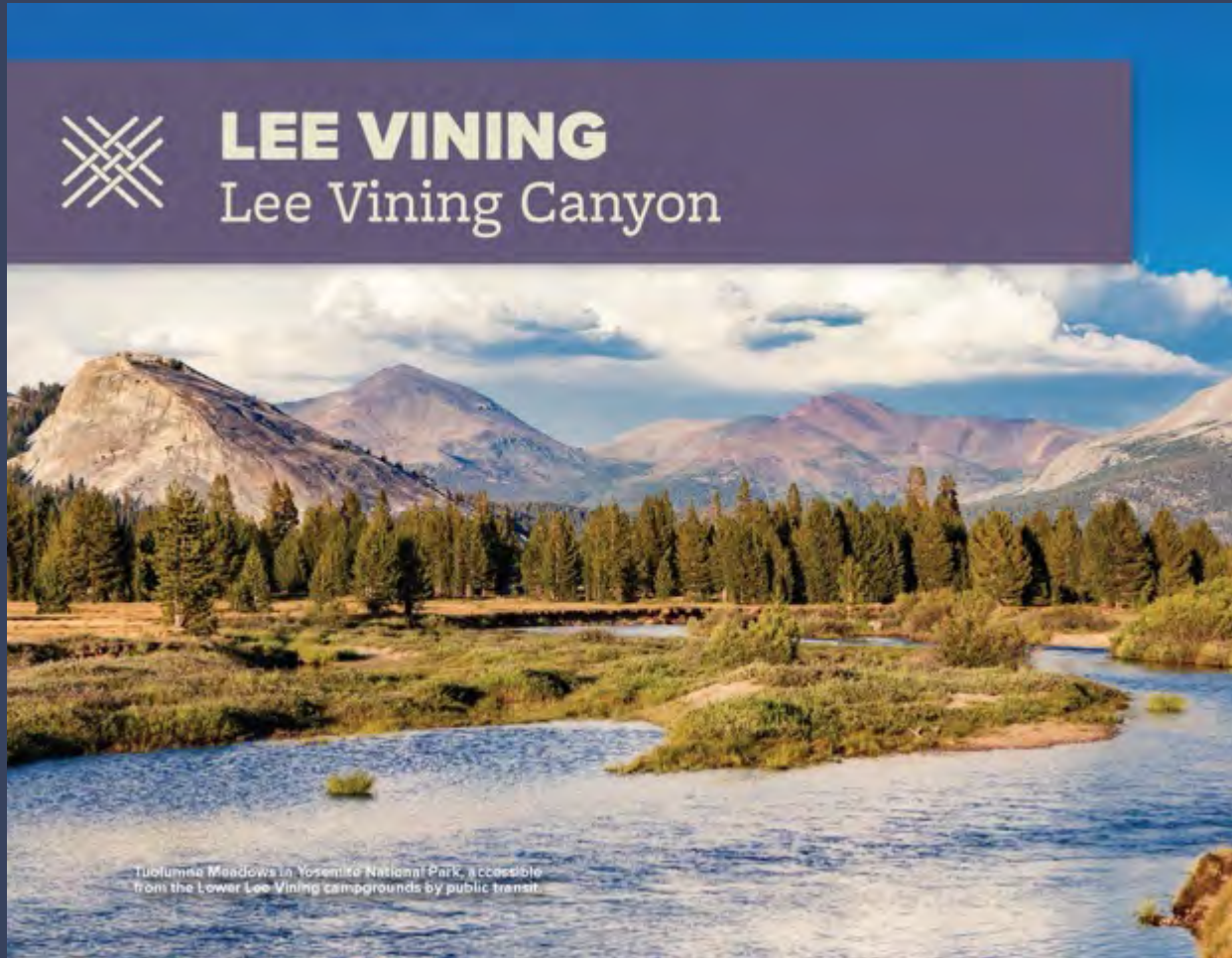
Thanks,

Adam



**Adam Barnett**  
**Public Services Staff Officer**  
**Forest Service**  
**Inyo National Forest**

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**LEE VINING CANYON CAMPGROUNDS**

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Hi John and Kristy,

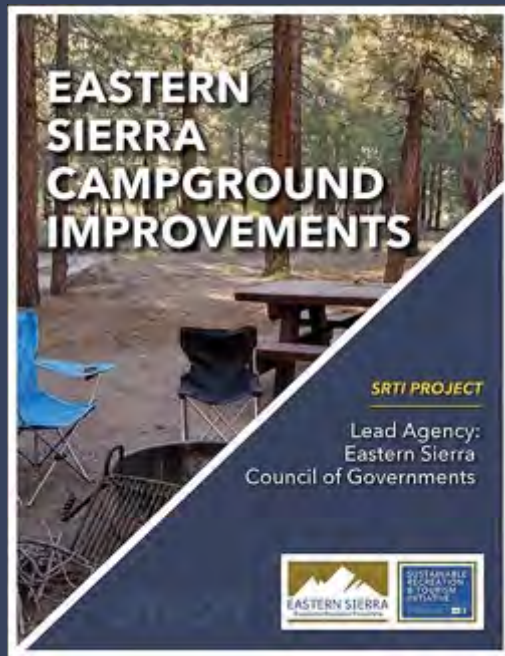
Lower Lee Vining, Moraine, and Aspen campgrounds all need additional toilets. We expect the breakdown would be two doubles for LLV and Aspen, and one double for Moraine, but that can change based on the design. We will be ordering these in the next month to meet mandated deadlines. If the desired type and number of toilets for the three campgrounds turns out to be different, we will use the pre-purchased vaults at other campgrounds where we need to replace old flush toilets with new vaults.

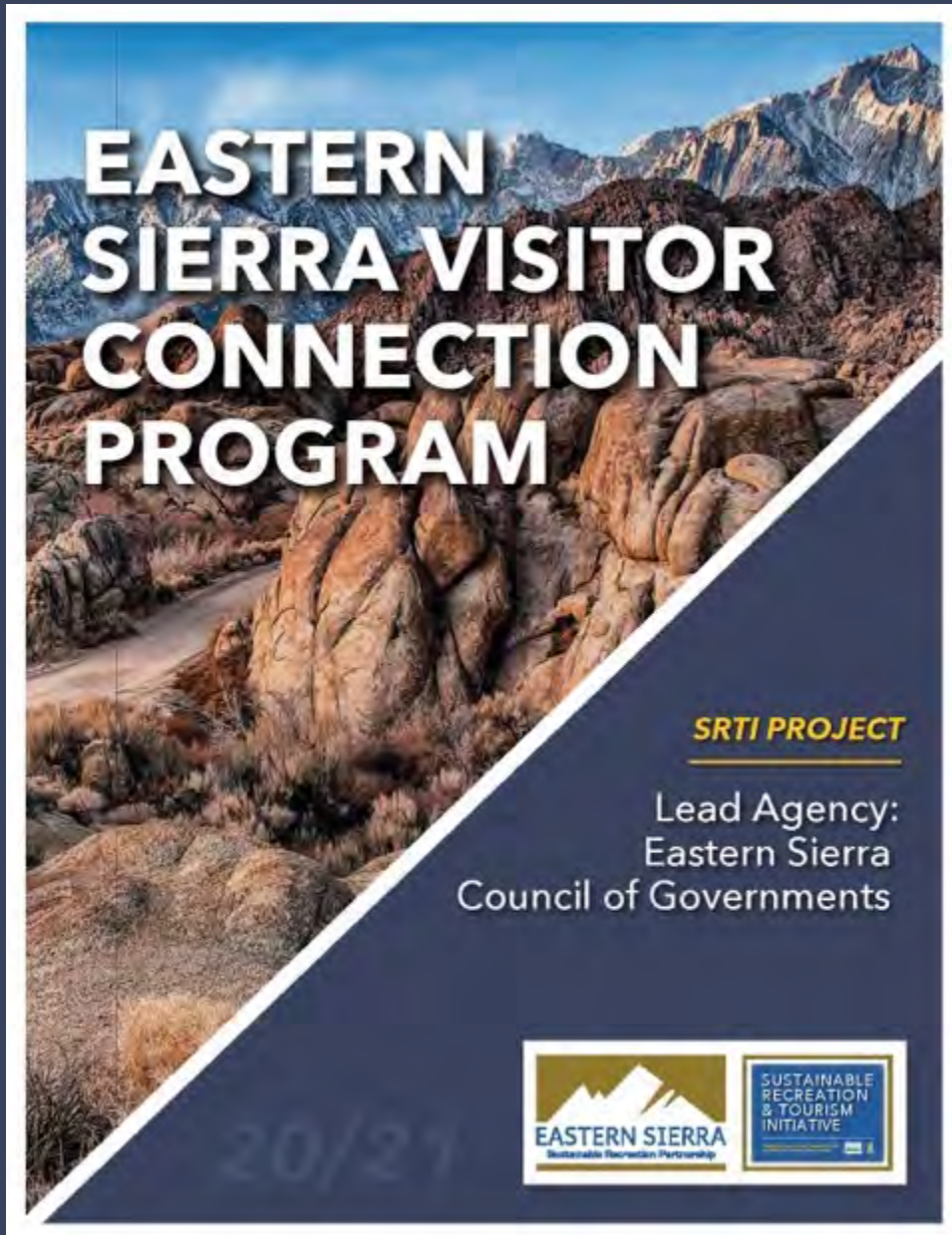
Please let me know if you need more info or want to discuss briefly.

Thanks

**Adam Barnett**  
Public Services Staff Officer  
Forest Service  
Inyo National Forest

# Regional Updates: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Projects





## Visitor Audience Connection

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

30,000  
Residents  
7,000,000  
Visitors





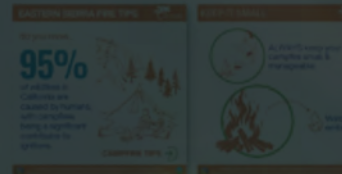
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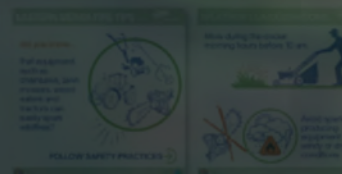
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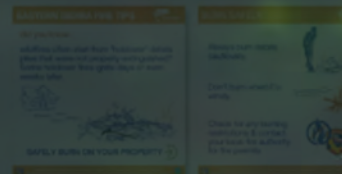
## CAMPFIRE TIPS:



## EQUIPMENT PRACTICES:

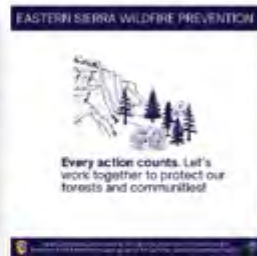


## BURN ON PROPERTY:



ALL EASTERN SIERRA FIRE TIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT  
ACCESS ASSETS HERE

## WILDFIRE OVERVIEW:



## CAMPFIRE TIPS:



# 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 budget cuts, creative collaborations, new parks, and how it all works together. For those new to our coalition, "Recreate Responsibly" emphasizes safe and sustainable outdoor practices for all.

Before diving in, please note that our November and December meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of the month—**November 19** and **December 17**—to accommodate holiday schedules.

## Education Campaigns

### Stay Prepared with BeFirewise.org

Madera County has partnered with Visit Yosemite to provide essential tips and guidelines for minimizing wildfire risks—whether you're a resident, visitor, or vacation rental owner. Knowing how to stay firewise can make a difference! Check out their resource [here](#).

### New Leave-No-Trace Articles



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The California Recreate Responsibly Coalition includes more than 40 agencies, nonprofits, and outdoor businesses, brought together by a love of the outdoors and a desire to help everyone safely enjoy the benefits of nature.

# Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects



## **Big News! \$7M Grant Awarded for Eastern Sierra Forest and Community Resilience!**

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# Regional Updates: ESCCRP Projects

With this support, Whitebark Institute, the Inyo National Forest, and regional partners are working on three core areas:

- **Forest Health & Wildfire Risk Reduction:** As part of the Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP), we'll restore forests around Mammoth Lakes to reduce the risk of extreme wildfires.
- **Planning & Environmental Engagement:** Together with the Forest Service, we'll bring communities and partners together to develop landscape-level restoration and wildfire risk reduction plans.
- **Community Engagement:** Through this grant, we're reaching out to local communities, regional Tribes, businesses, and visitors to advance wildfire preparedness and promote the health of Eastern Sierra landscapes.

“We are incredibly grateful for this investment in the future of our forests and communities,” said Executive Director Laura Beardsley. “This funding will enable meaningful change in wildfire resilience efforts across our region.”

# Regional Updates: ESCCRP Projects

## November 15 Convening

9am-12pm, Mammoth Lakes (Mono County Civic Center) & Zoom

### Who:

- Hosted by Whitebark Institute, with support from the Inyo and Mono County Wildfire Coordinators
- Wildfire Alliance partners, past participants, fire management agencies, and regional wildfire resilience stakeholders

### What:

- **Learn** from state and regional leaders about programs & funding
- **Celebrate** recent successes
- **Contribute** knowledge & expertise on wildfire needs and opportunities
- **Determine** the next steps for building a regional wildfire collaborative

## EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE ALLIANCE



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## EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE ALLIANCE

### About ESWA

- Mission is to prevent catastrophic wildfires by improving ecosystem health and community resiliency through collaboration and capacity-increasing programs
- Formed in Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties in response to increased regional wildfire activity
- Goals include increasing the pace and scale of projects, enhancing communication, building capacity, and acting as a repository for resources and information
- Funded through a grant to Whitebark Institute from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the state's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP)

### About RFFCP

- Part of the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, codified in law as a Department of Conservation Program and administered by Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Builds local and regional capacity and develops, prioritizes, and implements strategies and projects that create fire adapted communities and landscapes by improving ecosystem health, community wildfire preparedness, and fire resilience

## More Information

[eswildfirealliance.org](http://eswildfirealliance.org)

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# Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects



## News and Updates from Sierra Jobs First



### Catalyst RFP/Applications Open through December 15

There are fewer than eight weeks to go until the close of the Catalyst RFP application period on December 15!

Upcoming Catalyst RFP Technical Support: We are hosting another virtual technical support session on November 13, 12-1 pm. [Join the session here](#) and bring your questions for Sierra Jobs First Program Director, Erika Harvey.

To learn more about the project RFP process and complete an application, visit <https://sierrajobsfirst.org/project-process/>.

If you have other questions while completing your application, the Sierra Jobs First team is happy to help - email us at [jobsfirst@sbccouncil.org](mailto:jobsfirst@sbccouncil.org).

### Join the Sierra Jobs First Team: Now Hiring Program Assistant

Sierra Business Council is seeking an organized, reliable, and motivated Program Assistant to support the Director of Economic Empowerment and Sierra Jobs First team. This remote-friendly, entry-level position is open to individuals across the Sierra region and is a great opportunity to work alongside a mission-driven team and expand your project management skills while playing a pivotal role in building an equitable, climate-neutral, and resilient economic future for the Sierra region. To learn more about this role and other opportunities with Sierra Business Council,

### SBC Hires Meryl Picard as Eastern Sierra Business Resource Center Director

Please join us in welcoming [Meryl Picard](#) to the SBC team. Meryl, a member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, will continue her career-long commitment to empowering individuals to achieve their goals by leading the Eastern Sierra regional effort to kick-start a Business Resource Center in Bishop that will be focused on innovative, equitable, and inclusive economic development.

The Eastern Sierra Business Resource Center (BRC) will be a welcome center for the region's businesses and entrepreneurs and directly support businesses through access to knowledge and resources, networking, collaboration space, and enhancing the region's entrepreneurship ecosystems to create economic prosperity.

The center will be located at 269 N. Main Street in Bishop. SBC and our partners at Inyo County look forward to sharing the care that has been taken to repurpose this historic building for the community's benefit. Stay tuned for details about the Grand Opening reception! Learn more about the BRC [here](#).

### Join the CA 5th Climate Change Assessment Sierra Nevada Regional Report Kick-Off Workshop

On behalf of California's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (formerly OPR), UC Merced and the Sierra Nevada regional author team are developing a report spanning part or all of 18 counties across the Sierra Nevada region detailing how climate change impacts the region, including future climate scenarios, and summarizing the needs of the region and potential paths to resilience.

There are many opportunities to inform the content of the report, and the author team encourages community and tribal members who have experienced climate impacts or been involved in climate planning or action in the Sierra Nevada region to get involved.

Learn more about California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment's [Regional Synthesis Reports](#). Follow along with the Sierra Nevada Author Team by signing up for the [regional mailing list here](#).

# Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects

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## 2024 Strategic Plan

Regional Plan: Part II



Governing Council Approved August 23, 2024

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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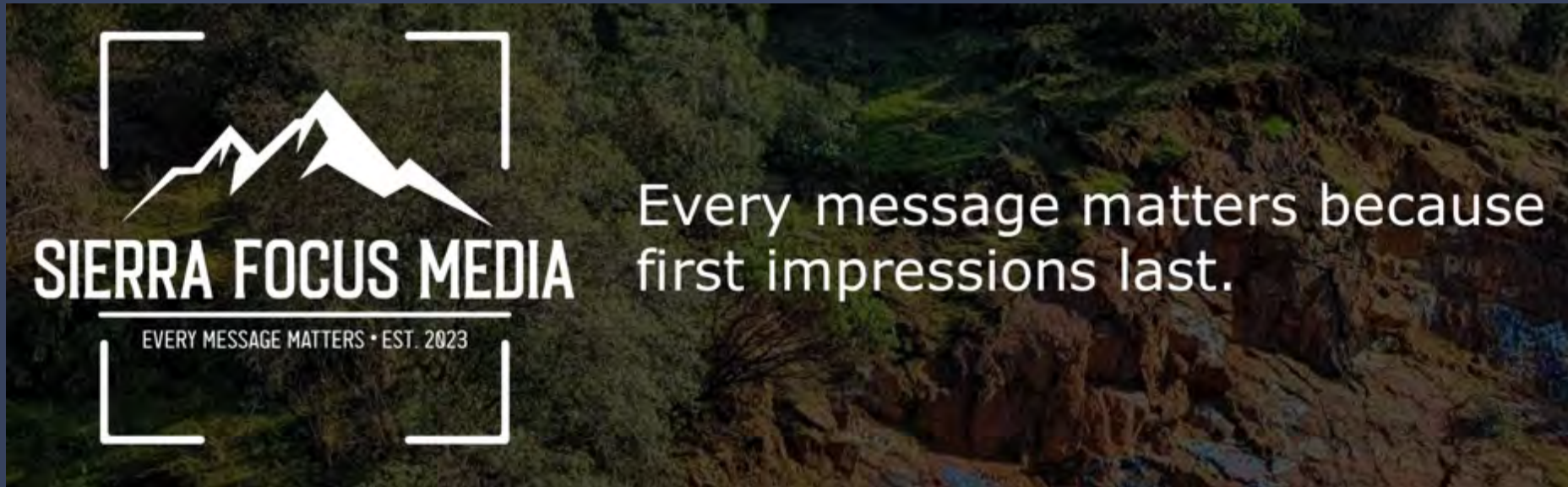
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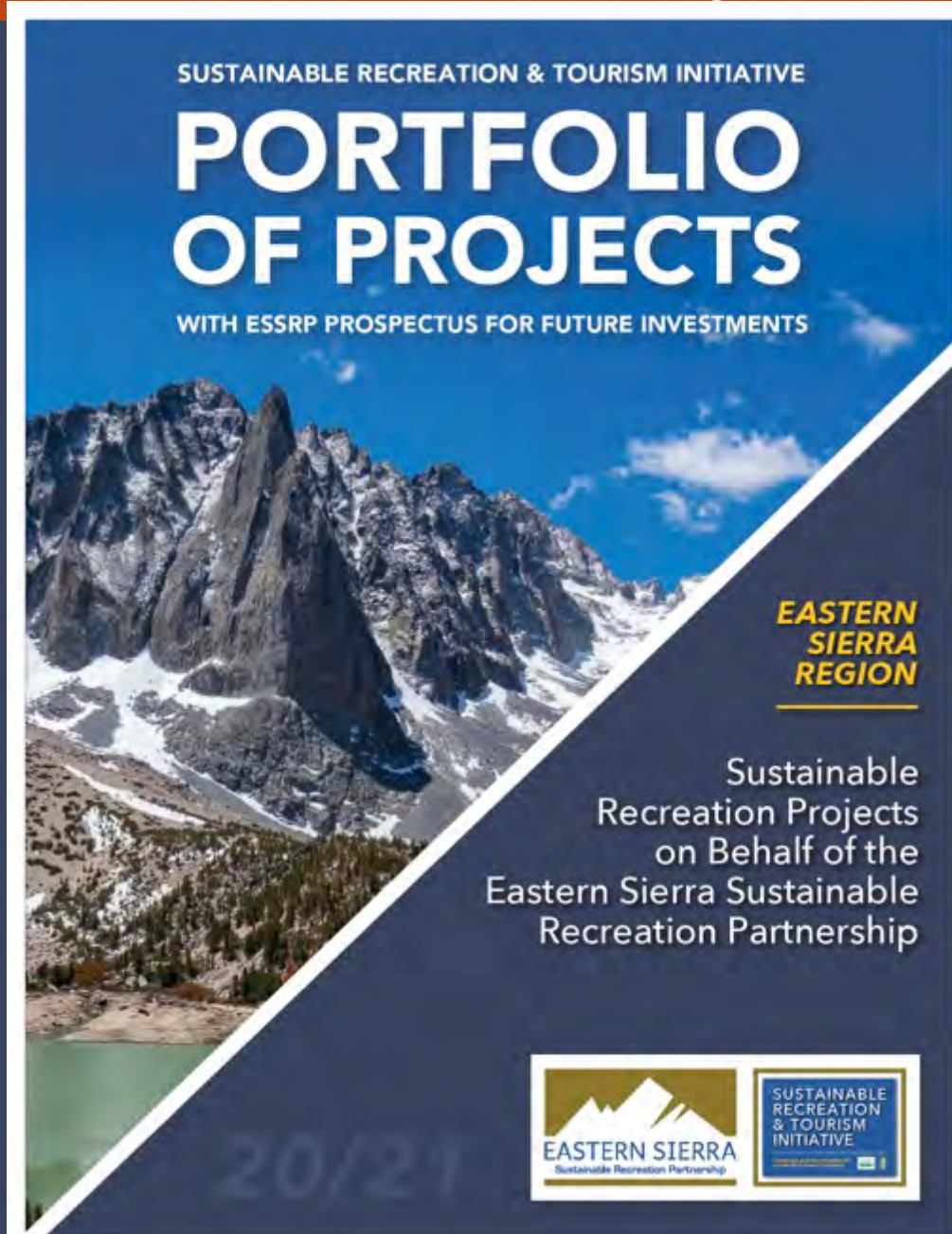
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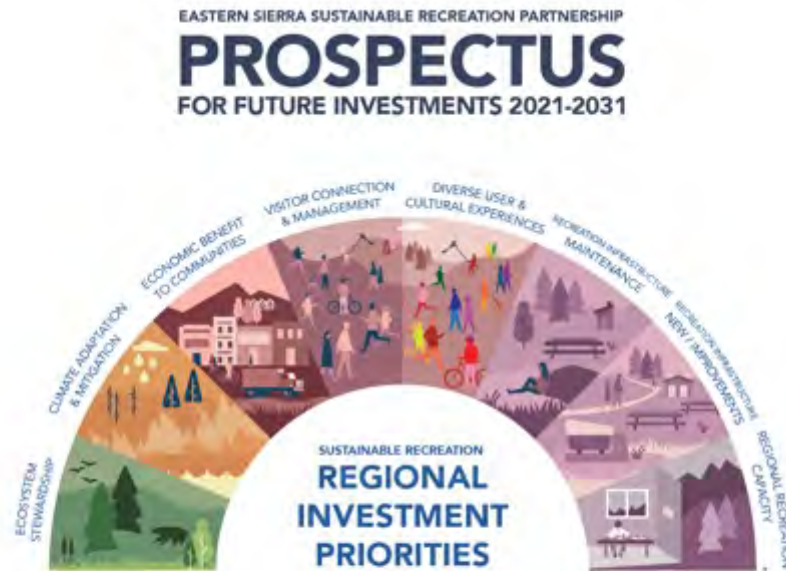
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## PROJECT SELECTION & IMPLEMENTATION GUIDES

| FEASIBILITY<br>FUNDING REQUIREMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | REGIONAL LEADERSHIP<br>GUIDING PRINCIPLES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | PILLARS<br>"THAT WHICH WE SHALL ALWAYS DO"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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Eastside Partner Meeting - Tuesday Oct. 22, 2024  
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**Task Meeting Information** ([https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting\\_YmVhZ2NmZGUyMTM0YjUwLWVlNDUwNWFRMDQ1MzBNTkM4?thread=z5707context=5765.ZTJld%22%3f%2284116884-a552-4166-8720-f520a0c06a05%22%26%220d%22%3e%22a50da705-ac29-4c76-9982-20d187126b2f%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_YmVhZ2NmZGUyMTM0YjUwLWVlNDUwNWFRMDQ1MzBNTkM4?thread=z5707context=5765.ZTJld%22%3f%2284116884-a552-4166-8720-f520a0c06a05%22%26%220d%22%3e%22a50da705-ac29-4c76-9982-20d187126b2f%22%7d))  
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## 1. Introductions

## 2. SJF - Industry Coordinators

- a. Mathew Galvan / [Sierra Focus Media](#)
  - i. Serving Tuolumne, Mariposa, and Calaveras Counties
- b. MLTPA
  - i. Serving the Eastern Sierra
- c. Contracting Update
  - i. From Erika Harvey, SBC:
    - 1. "EDD is changing how we contract with partners in the next phase of funding (new contract with the state), and it'll move from a "subcontract" to what is known as a "subrecipient." This will require much more documentation and backup from our partners, and our fiscal sponsor is having to put together an entirely new contract with our attorney to meet these demands."

### 3. SJF - Catalyst Documents - High Level Review

- a. [Regional Strategy](#)
- b. [Catalyst webpage](#)
  - i. [Sierra Jobs First Region Request For Proposals Catalyst Program](#)
  - ii. [Download Excel Budget & Narrative Template\\*](#)
  - iii. [Catalyst Project Application](#)

#### 4. Candidate Recreation Project Suggestions - Initial Discussion

- a. See Attachment
  - i. Eastern Sierra Region (Esr): Campgrounds
  - ii. Eastern Sierra Region (Esr): Regional Trail System
  - iii. Eastern Sierra Region (Esr): Recreation Climate
  - iv. Eastern Sierra Region (Esr): Recreation Audience

## 5. Partner Roles and Responsibilities

- ## a. Discussion

## 6. Next Steps



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Sierra  
Council of  
Governments**



# Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects



## REGIONAL RECREATION CAPACITY

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority (ESCOG) approved the ESCOG Sustainable Recreation and Ecosystem Management Program (SREMP) in January of 2021. Through the SREMP and related regional agreements, the ESCOG intends to support the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP), submit funding applications on behalf of the region, and "...leverage its position as a regional entity to pursue funding opportunities that may not be accessible to other parties whose jurisdiction is limited to one specific national park, national forest, county, city, town, etc."\* With recent announcements of unprecedented funding opportunities from the federal and state governments, this project will provide organizational capacity and institutional support to the ESCOG to seek and administer awarded funding opportunities for the Eastern Sierra while delivering tangible benefits to local communities.

\*ESSRP Memorandum of Understanding

### FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



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TO COMMUNITIES

INFRASTRUCTURE  
NEW/IMPROVEMENTS

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## Recreation Capacity

- Potential Leads
- *ESCOG / Inyo County*
- Potential Collaborators
- *TBD*
- Speakers
- *Nate Greenberg*
- *Elaine Kabala*

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## EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Inyo National Forest was awarded Great American Outdoors Act funding to complete the technical drawings necessary for improvements to 22 campgrounds throughout the forest. To finance the improvements, Inyo NF and its partners developed a nationally directed, multi-jurisdictional, and multi-partnered business plan, with the support of an Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) program grant and a second round of IFNF funding awarded in September of 2021 to create financing solutions. The business plan identified a range of costs for improvements between \$19 million and \$36 million, which could be filled by non-federal capital resources. As a regional authority, the ESCOG may be a key partner in the effort to finance campground improvements. However, the ESCOG will require the necessary resources to engage and represent regional interests in the financing effort, including the ability to provide independent financial analysis, the production of graphic renderings for engagement with infrastructure beneficiaries, and coordination of partnered efforts among beneficiaries.

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## Campground Improvements

- Potential Leads
- *MLTPA / Inyo NF*
- Potential Collaborators
- *TBD*
- Speakers
- *Adam Barnett*
- *John Wentworth*

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## TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

The Eastern Sierra Towns To Trails Plan will identify opportunities to connect Eastern Sierra communities to each other and to federal public lands throughout the region, from northern Alpine County to southern Inyo County. The planning process will engage the recreation capacities of Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties, as well as land management partners in the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, residents, and recreation stakeholders.

Modeled on the successful "Trails Master Plan for the Lost Sierra Region," developed by Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, the Towns To Trails Plan will inventory existing trail and trail support infrastructure, identify connectivity challenges, and produce a trails plan with recommended projects for environmental analysis and implementation along with plans for sustainability and maintenance. Eastern Sierra communities will benefit from additional recreation and alternative transportation opportunities.

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ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO COMMUNITIES

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

INFRASTRUCTURE NEW/IMPROVEMENTS



## Regional Trail System

- Potential Leads
- *MLTPA / Westside Partners*
- Potential Collaborators
- *TBD*
- Speakers
- *John Wentworth*

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## VULNERABILITY IN CALIFORNIA'S EASTERN SIERRA: ASSET INVENTORY & GAP ANALYSIS

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments seeks to implement two recommended actions from the region's recently completed climate adaptation and resilience assessment, "A Changing Climate: Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra." Through a GIS-based asset inventory, the region will identify infrastructure in all jurisdictions that supports the region's recreation economy, such as visitor centers, campgrounds, water systems, and bathrooms. While all regional jurisdictions maintain GIS databases, data quality varies wildly, making it difficult to look at the region's recreation amenities systemically. With the infrastructure inventory complete, a gap analysis will identify on-the-ground infrastructure needs to meet the future demands of sustainable recreation given the anticipated effects of climate change and visitor audience growth.

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CLIMATE ADAPTATION & MITIGATION

INFRASTRUCTURE NEW/IMPROVEMENTS

REGIONAL RECREATION CAPACITY



## Climate and Recreation

- Potential Leads
- *MLTPA / Cerro Coso C.C.*
- Potential Collaborators
- *TBD*
- Speakers
- *Peter Fulks*
- *John Wentworth*



## Wildfire and Recreation

- Potential Leads
  - *MLTPA / Whitebark*
- Potential Collaborators
  - *TBD*
- Speakers
  - *John Wentworth*



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“By mid-November, technical assistance will be available from the industry sector coordinators, providing contracts are finalized by all parties.” – *SJF Website*

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# California Updates



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

# Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects





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## SIERRA NEVADA REGIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 9-11, 2024

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## Nevada County Sustainability Summit

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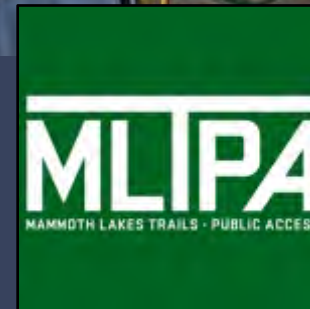
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“Aligning Outdoor Recreation and California’s Future”

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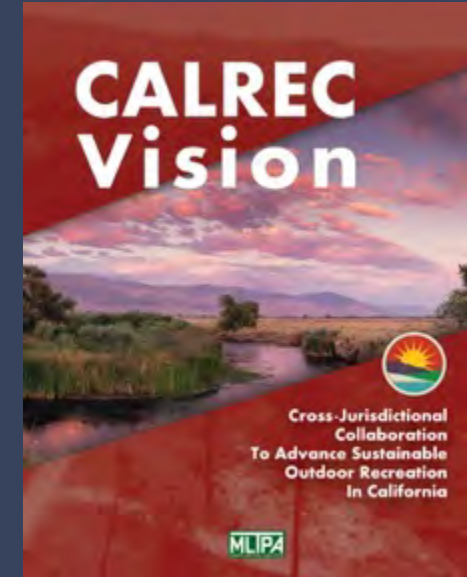
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“I’m hoping (CNRA Team) can figure into 1) lifting up recreation in the respective regional Jobs First strategies where it is prioritized and talking through how CNRA can help on this priority; and 2) enabling our Oct Wildfire Taskforce meeting to “hit it out of the park” highlighting how recreation figures in centrally to the regional/local wildfire resilience efforts.”

# California Updates

## CNRA Team

- Amanda Hansen, Deputy Secretary for Climate Change
- Lisa Lien-Mager, Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildfire Resilience
- Gloria Sandoval, Deputy Secretary for Access
- Rebecca Burgess, Nature Based Solutions



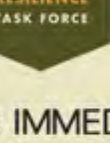




WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE



## The screenshot shows the homepage of the "California Wildfire &amp; Forest Resilience Task Force". The header features a dark green background with a white tree icon and the task force's name. Navigation links include "RESOURCES", "THE PLAN", "ABOUT", "UPDATES", and a search icon. The main content area has a dark background with a map of California on the right showing wildfire activity. On the left, there's a table listing various interagency agreements and their acreage, followed by a pie chart illustrating land ownership percentages: State (15%), Private (60%), and Other (25%). A large orange location pin icon with a target symbol is centered over the map. The title "CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE + LANDSCAPE RESILIENCE INTERAGENCY TREATMENT DASHBOARD" is prominently displayed in white text at the bottom.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 10, 2024

## California Unveils First-of-Their-Kind Dashboards Mapping Out Fire-Prevention Work to Protect Communities

*New tools created by CAL FIRE and Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force simplify data, boost transparency, and help inform wildfire planning and response – adding to the suite of tools the state has created*

### Interagency Treatment Dashboard

View Summary | View Data | View Map

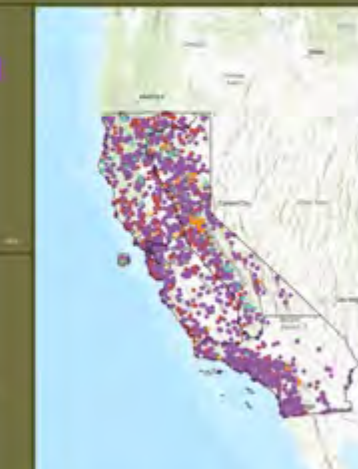
| Agency/Department                                   | Activity Acres |
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| CAL FIRE                                            | 1,234,567      |
| California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection | 987,654        |
| San Bernardino County Fire                          | 543,210        |
| San Diego County Fire                               | 432,109        |
| San Francisco County Fire                           | 321,098        |
| San Jose County Fire                                | 210,987        |
| San Luis Obispo County Fire                         | 109,876        |
| San Mateo County Fire                               | 98,765         |
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| San Ramon County Fire                               | 76,543         |
| San Ysidro County Fire                              | 65,432         |
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### Activity Category

Bar chart showing activity categories and their corresponding acreage.

### Activity Acres by Ownership

Pie chart showing the distribution of activity acres by ownership type.



# California Updates



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



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

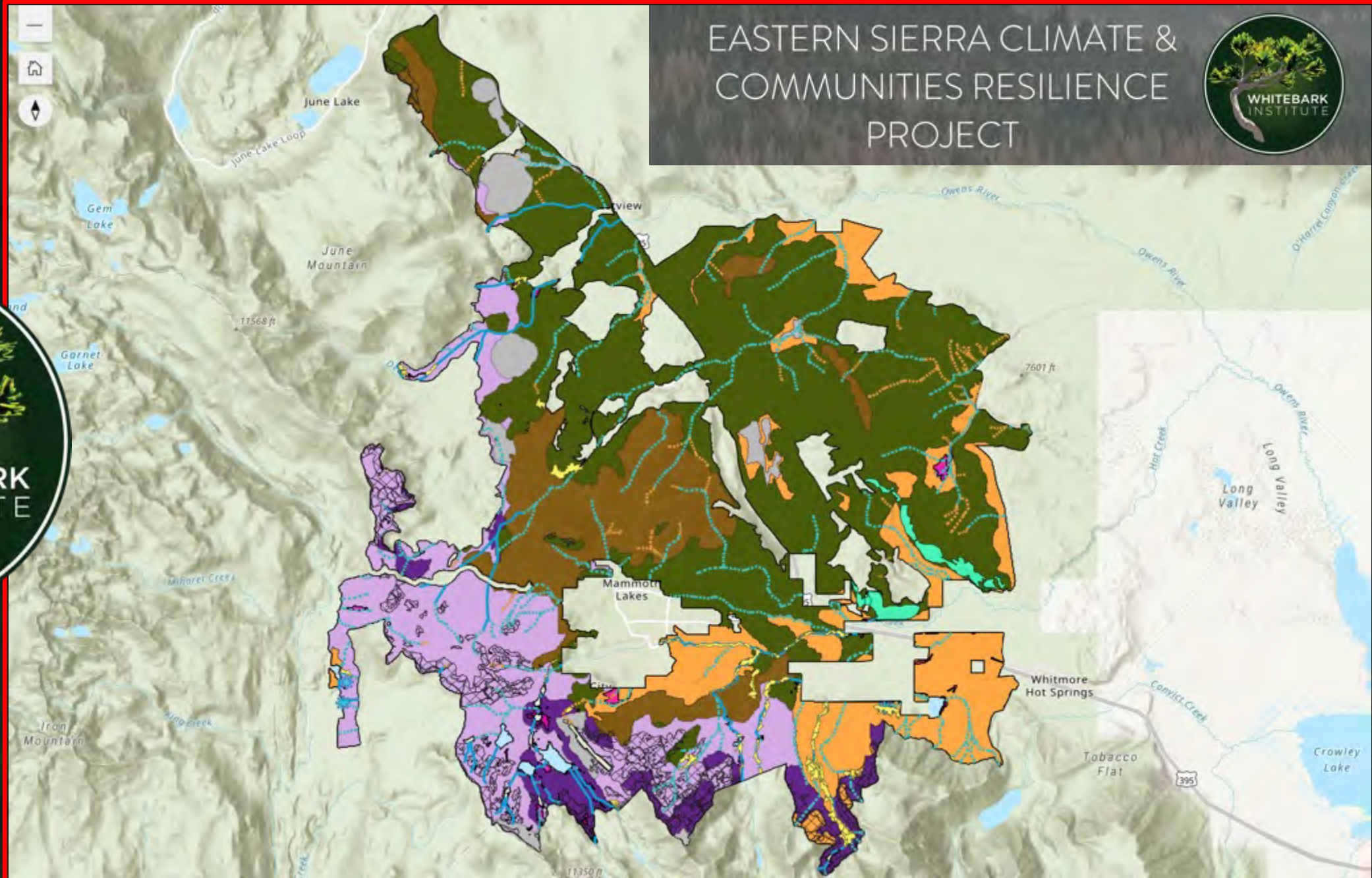


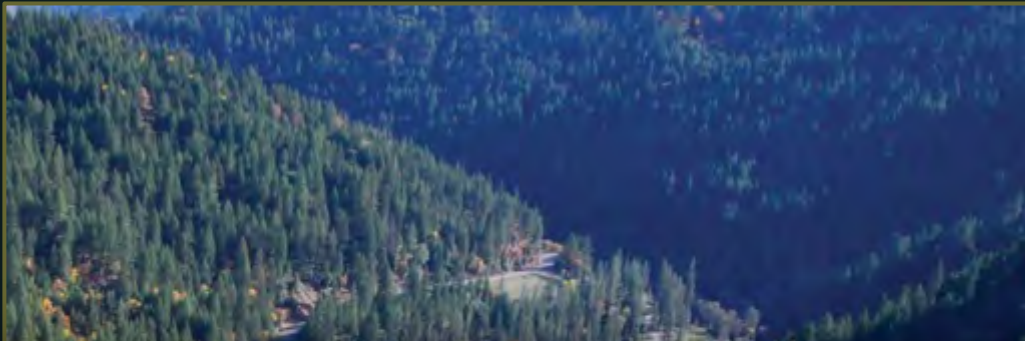
PREPARED FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE  
AND FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE  
DECEMBER 12, 2022



# Regional Wildfire Threat

# EASTERN SIERRA CLIMATE & COMMUNITIES RESILIENCE PROJECT





## INTEGRATE FOREST HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION

Our aim is to promote forest health and resiliency alongside sustainable outdoor recreation for all throughout California. We recognize that forest health and outdoor recreation mutually depend on one another and that our management of them needs to be integrated. This goal promotes public access and enjoyment of our forests and public lands and all the benefits that come with that while at the same time addressing the impacts and mitigating factors of outdoor recreation from catastrophic wildfires and climate



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## Goal #1

# Integrate



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## GOAL 1: Integrate Forest Health and Sustainable Outdoor Recreation

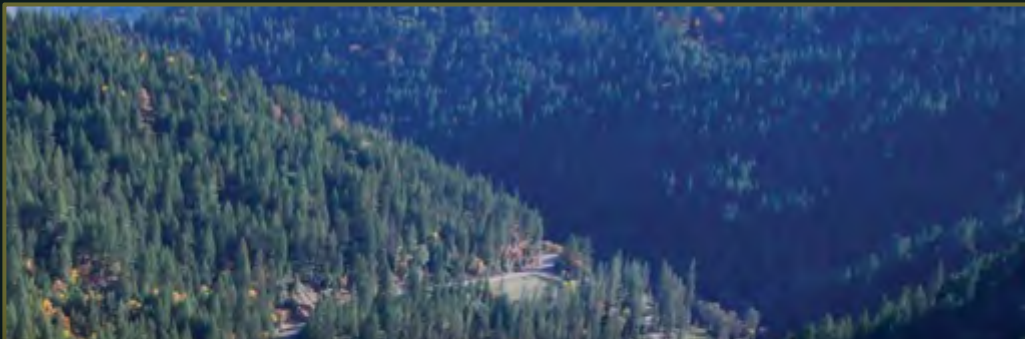


A hiker looks at smoke from the 2021 Caldor Fire in the distance. Credit: James Townsend



# ESRI / GIS: Recreation





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# Goal #1 Data



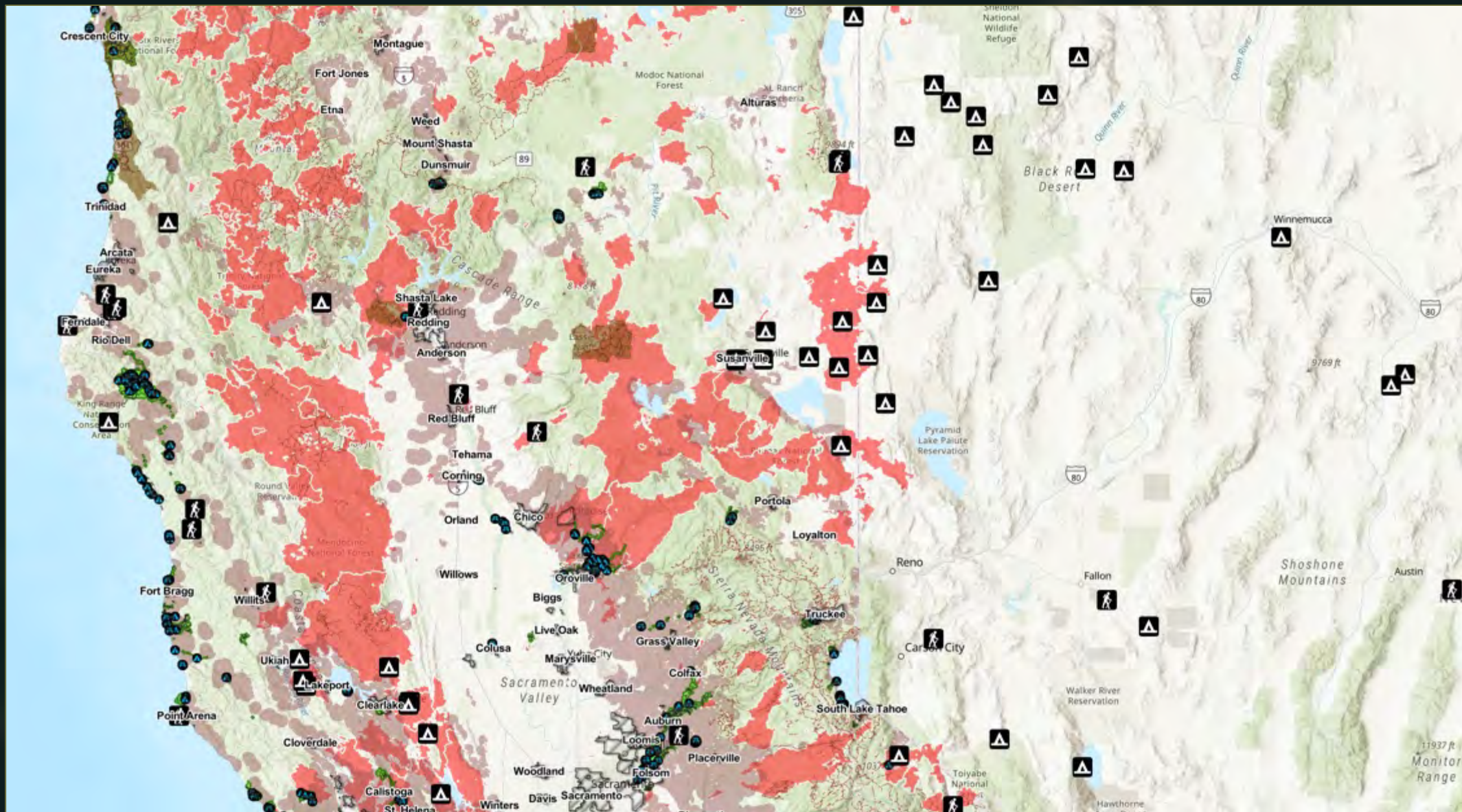
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## ADVANCE INCLUSION AND ACCESS FOR ALL THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

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



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## Goal #2

# Educate

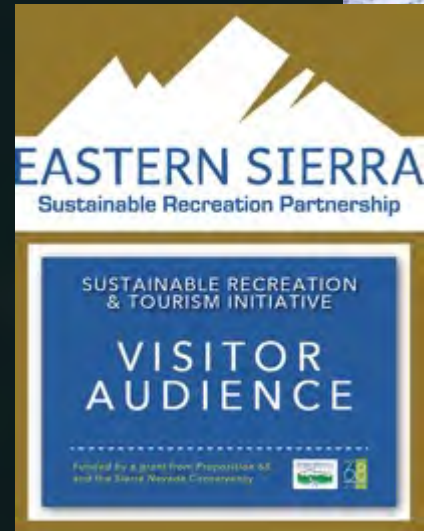


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Posing on a bridge along the Trillium Falls Trail in Redwood National and State Parks, CA. Credit: John Chao, Redwood National and State Parks





# EASTERN SIERRA FIRE TIPS AT A GLANCE

ACCESS  
ASSETS  
HERE

## WILDFIRE OVERVIEW:

**WILDFIRE TRAJECTORY**

did you know...

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429,603 of the 2024 acres burned are from the Park Fire alone, which was a human-caused fire & currently the 4th largest fire in California history.

## CAMPFIRE TIPS:

**CAMPFIRE TIPS**

did you know...

95% of wildfires in California are caused by humans, with campfires being a significant contributor to ignitions.

ALWAYS keep your campfire small & manageable. Watch for embers.

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

Down with water. Stir the ashes.

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

## EQUIPMENT PRACTICES:

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## BURN ON PROPERTY:

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**EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE PREVENTION**

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

**HELP PREVENT WILDFIRES**

**EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE PREVENTION**

Extinguish grills & campfires. Never leave them unattended.

Check vehicles for dragging chains & exhaust system. Avoid parking on dry grass.

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

**EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE PREVENTION**

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

## CAMPFIRE TIPS:

**EASTERN SIERRA FIRE TIPS**

did you know...

95% of wildfires in California are caused by humans, with campfires being a significant contributor to ignitions.

**CAMPFIRE TIPS**

**KEEP IT SMALL**

ALWAYS keep your campfire small & manageable. Watch for embers.

**CLEAR THE AREA**

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

**PUT IT OUT**

Down with water. Stir the ashes.

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





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Communities and their sustainable outdoor recreation economies enhance the physical, social, and economic vitality of California and, by nature of their dependence on public lands and waters, often play a critical role in ensuring that public lands and waters are maintained and resilient to climate change and wildfires. These communities are well positioned to provide safe, equitable, and inclusive access to outdoor recreation opportunities. Direct recreation spending, jobs, and tourism revenue contribute

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# Rural Economies

  
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# Recreation Drives Rural Tourism Economies



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Regional Plan: Part II



Governing Council Approved August 23, 2024



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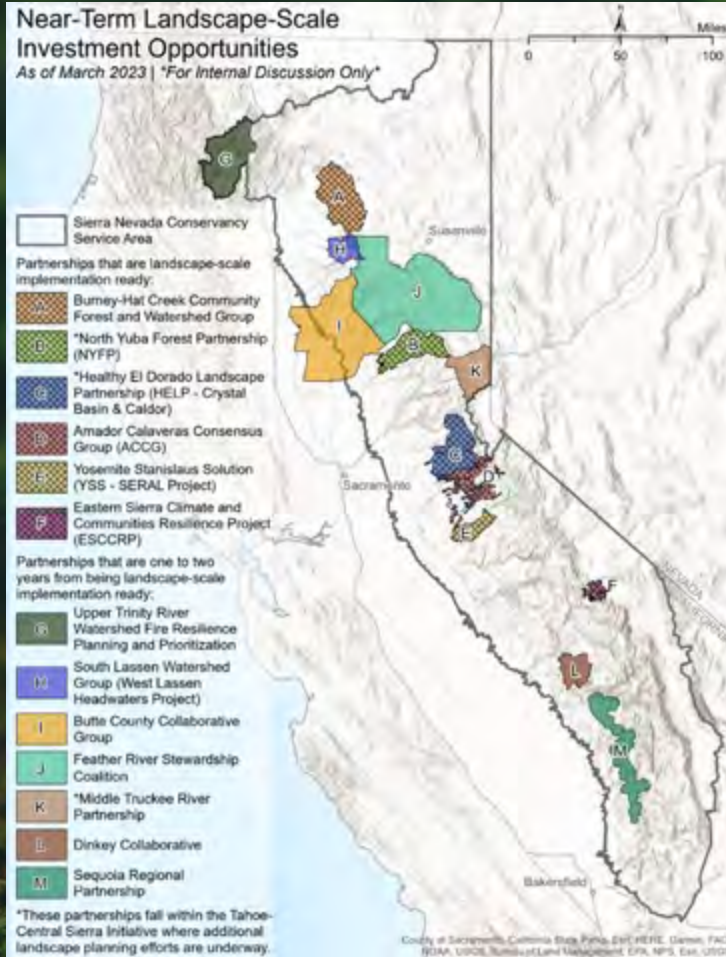
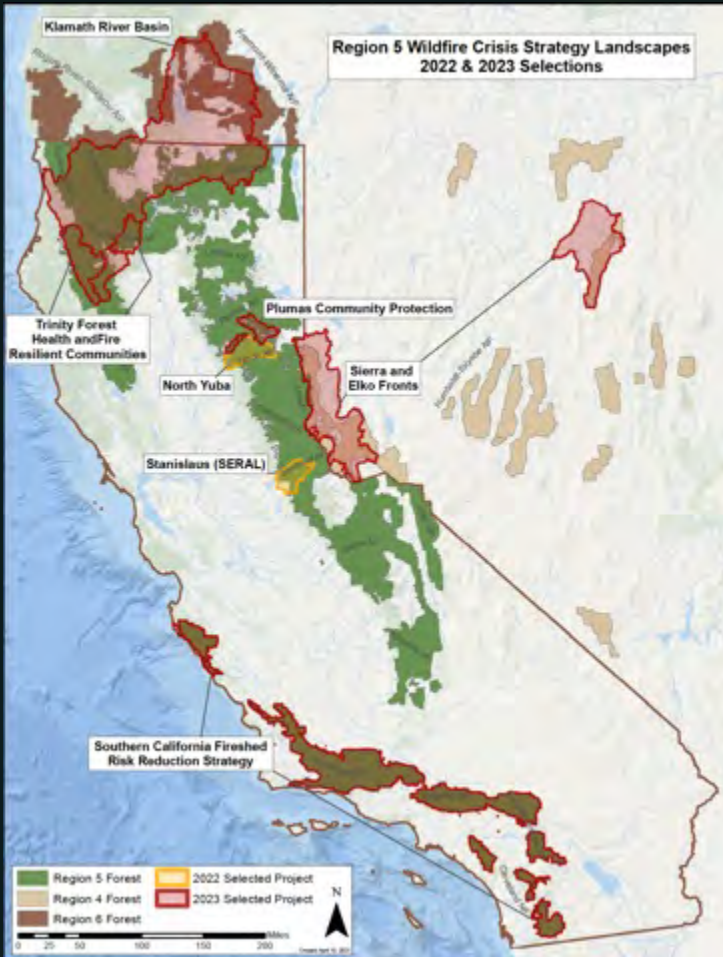
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**Date:** October 12, 2024 at 10:48 AM

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Hi John,

Great to read that there's a proposal coming out of the Wildfire Task Force regional meeting, really excited to read it.

I defer to the group on Friday... I can move other scheduled meetings around to make it work. I'd imagine it's a tight turn around for Wade's schedule; if there is an opportunity to look farther afield in the calendar, I'm supportive of what will work for the group.

Thank you,  
Rebecca



## Lisa Lien-Mager, Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildfire Resilience



**Lisa Lien-Mager** serves as Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildfire Resilience, leading the Agency's initiatives to improve the health of California's forests and landscapes while building resilience to wildfire. She also serves as the Agency's lead in implementing California's

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan and aligning policies, programs and investments to help achieve the Action Plan's goals. Prior to being appointed to the role in

## Implementation of Joint Strategy

- Recreation data integration with Planscape & new Task Force data tools
- Identify CA Jobs First Regions where recreation and tourism are identified economic sectors
- Coordinate community representatives from identified CA Jobs First Regions
- Convene Recreation / Wildfire summit in Spring 2025



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## California Unveils First-of-Their-Kind Dashboards Mapping Out Fire-Prevention Work to Protect Communities

*New tools created by CAL FIRE and Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force simplify data, boost transparency, and help inform wildfire planning and response – adding to the suite of tools the state has created*



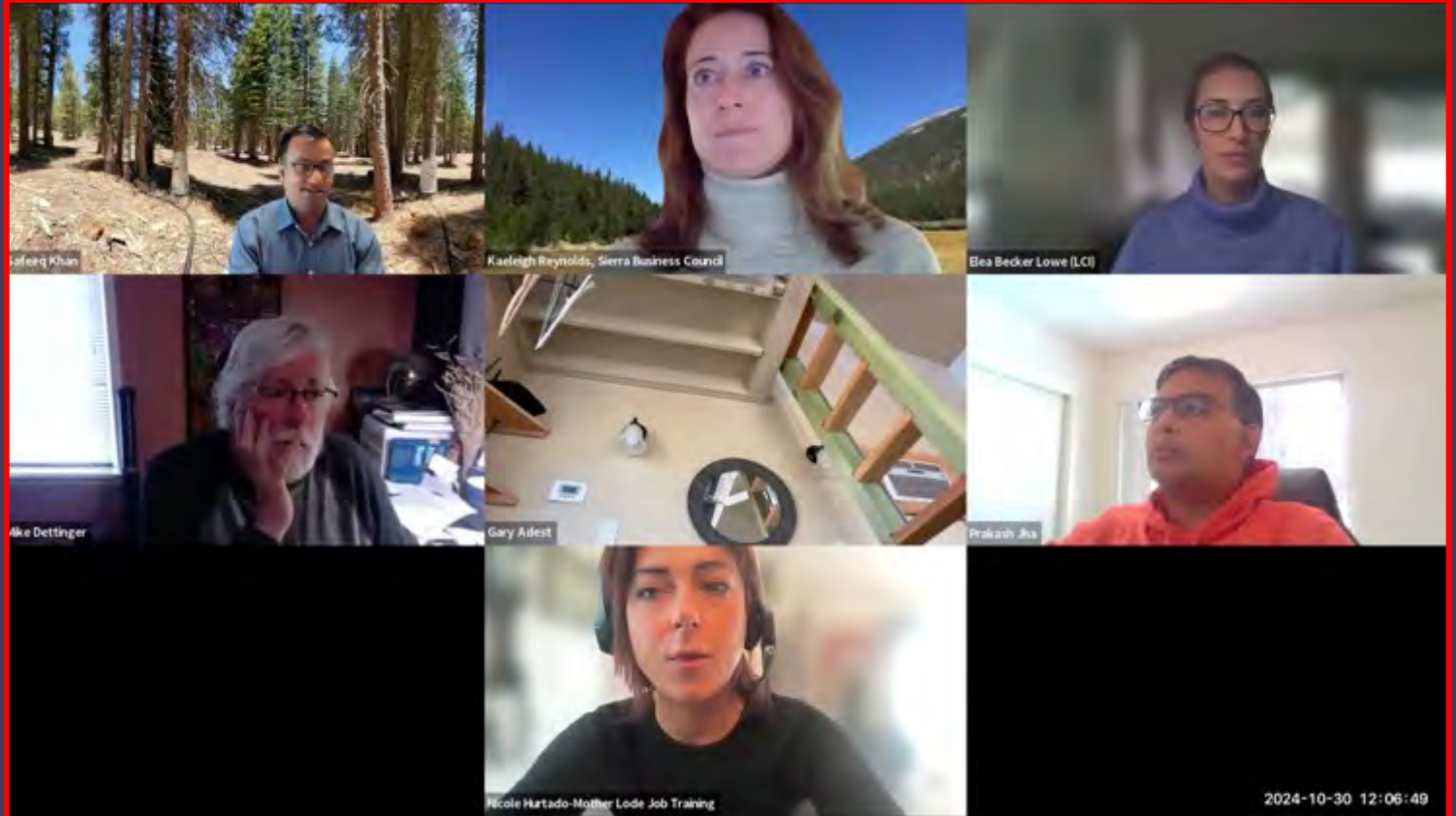
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## Updated Fifth Assessment Regions



## CA 5th Climate Change Assessment Sierra Nevada Regional Report

Kick Off Workshop  
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California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment, research priorities, and tools.

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## Sierra Nevada Regional Report Chapter Outline Feedback

Please fill out these chapter outline feedback questions during or after the October 30th 5th Assessment Sierra Nevada Regional Report Kick Off Event.

Feedback should share how the 5th Assessment Sierra Nevada Regional Report should differ from the [4th Assessment Sierra Nevada Regional Report](#).

For questions, please reach out to Safeeq Khan at [msafeeq@ucmerced.edu](mailto:msafeeq@ucmerced.edu).

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### Chapter 1: Introduction

Please share feedback on how the chapter outline should be revised.

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### Chapter 2: Climate Projections

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Safeeq Khan

California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment - Sierra Region

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All,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your participation in the recent stakeholder workshop for the California's 5<sup>th</sup> Climate Assessment - Sierra Regional Report. Your insights, expertise, and candid feedback are invaluable in shaping the direction of our climate assessment efforts for the region and the state as whole.

Your contributions will help us:

- Identify key climate risks and opportunities to local communities
- Identify gaps
- Develop a comprehensive climate assessment report
- Strengthen the regional and state's resilience to climate change

We will continue to hold these virtual sessions in the next few months to ensure full participation, look out for announcements. The author team will work on synthesizing and incorporating your feedback into the report. We will keep you updated on our progress and invite your continued input as needed. As we mentioned during the workshop, we are looking for local partners to host in-person sessions as well. Reach out to me or Kaeleigh with possible venue suggestions.

If you were unable to attend the live session, you can still watch the recording ([https://youtu.be/nxHp\\_AOF3E](https://youtu.be/nxHp_AOF3E)) and submit your feedback: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeU4ZGR7HFQ6xRR-PPr61-aTm6em3jK1ad-ApDT0Zx469kVFQ/viewform>

You can also join our mailing list for future events and updates: <https://forms.gle/CMg4JpKH7MH4UuFX8>

Thank you again for your time and dedication. Learn more about the California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment's [Regional Synthesis Reports](#). Regional report from the California's Furth Climate Change Assessment can be found here: <https://www.climateassessment.ca.gov/>

Best Regards,

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## California is banning sales of single-use propane canisters used by campers. Here's what to use instead

By Gregory Thomas, Travel & Outdoors Editor

Oct 27, 2024

Gift Article



Fuel container recycling bins like this one are dispersed throughout Yosemite National Park.

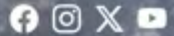
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The logo for Proposition 4, featuring the text "YES on 4" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The word "YES" is on the top line, "on" is on the bottom line, and the number "4" is to the right of "on". The logo is centered on a dark green square background.

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[Why Vote Yes](#)[Endorsements](#)[Take Action](#)[News](#)[Join Us](#)[Donate](#)A photograph of three hikers with backpacks walking away from the camera on a dirt trail through a forest. The hiker in the center is wearing a yellow jacket and a large black backpack. The hiker on the right is wearing a blue jacket and a yellow backpack. The hiker on the left is wearing a red cap and a blue backpack. The text 'Prevent Wildfires. Provide Clean, Safe Drinking Water. Protect California.' is overlaid in large white font on the lower half of the image.

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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."



TIM EDWARDS  
President,  
CALFIRE  
Firefighters

### Essential \$10 Billion Investment

**\$3.8B** to ensure safe drinking water and increase our water supplies

**\$1.5B** to prevent wildfires

**\$1.2B** to protect natural lands

**\$1.2B** to protect coastal health & prepare for rising sea levels

**\$850M** to build clean energy infrastructure

**\$700M** to create parks & green space

**\$450M** to protect communities from extreme heat

**\$300M** to help small and medium farms conserve water and improve soil health

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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
- **Furtheres 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.

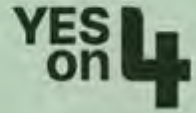
- **Establishes annual independent audits** of bond funding
- **Full transparency** on all future spending
- **Proven, cost-effective prevention** strategies that reduce disaster response costs
- **Water supply improvements** to prevent future disruptions and expenses
- **Saving local governments millions**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



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Proposition 4 receives support from voters in new Public Policy Institute of California survey. The survey found that 65 percent of likely voters would vote yes on Prop 4.

# 65%

Oct. 24, 2024

## Four are way ahead:

- [Prop. 36](#): Opposed by Democratic leaders, the proposal to increase penalties for certain drug and theft crimes remains popular, with 73% in favor, including 67% of Democrats and 86% of Republicans.
- [Prop. 3](#): With 67% support, voters are primed to scrub the California constitution of language that bans same-sex marriage, especially since it has been legal in the state since 2013.
- [Prop. 4](#): 60% approve the bond issue, which would allow the state to borrow \$10 billion for environmental and climate projects.
- [Prop. 35](#): 62% back the measure to ensure that a tax on health care plans is spent on low-income patients.

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### Newsom's new Trump-proofing plan

By CHRISTOPHER CADELAGO | 10/21/2024 09:00 PM EDT

*With help from Wes Venteicher, Camille von Kaenel, Alex Nieves and Ry Rivard*

#### TOP OF THE DAY



Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to tap state funds to fend off a Trump administration. | Eric Thayer/AP

**A MAN, A PLAN:** Gov. **Gavin Newsom** is hatching a cold, hard plan to insulate the state from a second Trump administration.

Spurred by former President **Donald Trump**'s recent threats to withhold disaster relief funding over disagreements on water policy, Newsom said he's making plans to free up state funding in case of retaliation.

"You could have multiple disasters stacking up just like they did with these two storms, and you're going to have serious cash flow issues, even a state as large as California, even with budget reserves that are significant," Newsom told Chris last week in an exclusive interview.

Newsom's administration has been preparing to defend California's climate-mitigating policies against Trump: It's been *stress-testing its climate laws*, looking to make deals with industry to circumvent lawsuits and calling on the Environmental Protection Agency to grant California permission to implement clean air regulations ahead of the election.

But this is the first indication that Newsom's also defending the state's attempts to stem the *effects* of climate change.

"This is serious," Newsom said of Trump's threats. "He's serious about this."

Newsom didn't say how much money he'd lay aside, but said he'd propose establishing an account the state can immediately draw on for emergencies if Trump refuses to provide federal dollars.

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The Bureau of Land Management's Central California Resource Advisory Council (RAC) is composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues. These citizens help the Bureau carry out its stewardship of public lands in central California.

The Central California RAC is comprised of 12 members representing a balance of public land resources and users in the following categories: conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials, tribal officials and academics. The diverse membership of each RAC helps ensure that BLM land managers get the varying perspectives they need to achieve their mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

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## Utility-scale Solar Energy Development

The BLM's Final Utility-scale Solar Energy Development Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement examines the Proposed Plan, No Action Alternative, and five Action Alternatives, each of which would involve the identification of BLM-administered lands available for or excluded from utility-scale solar application in the 11-state planning area. Viewers can zoom in to specific areas and check on or off layers in the Layer List on the right side of the screen to view possible land use allocations under each alternative. More details, and opportunity to submit comment, are available on the project [webpage](#).

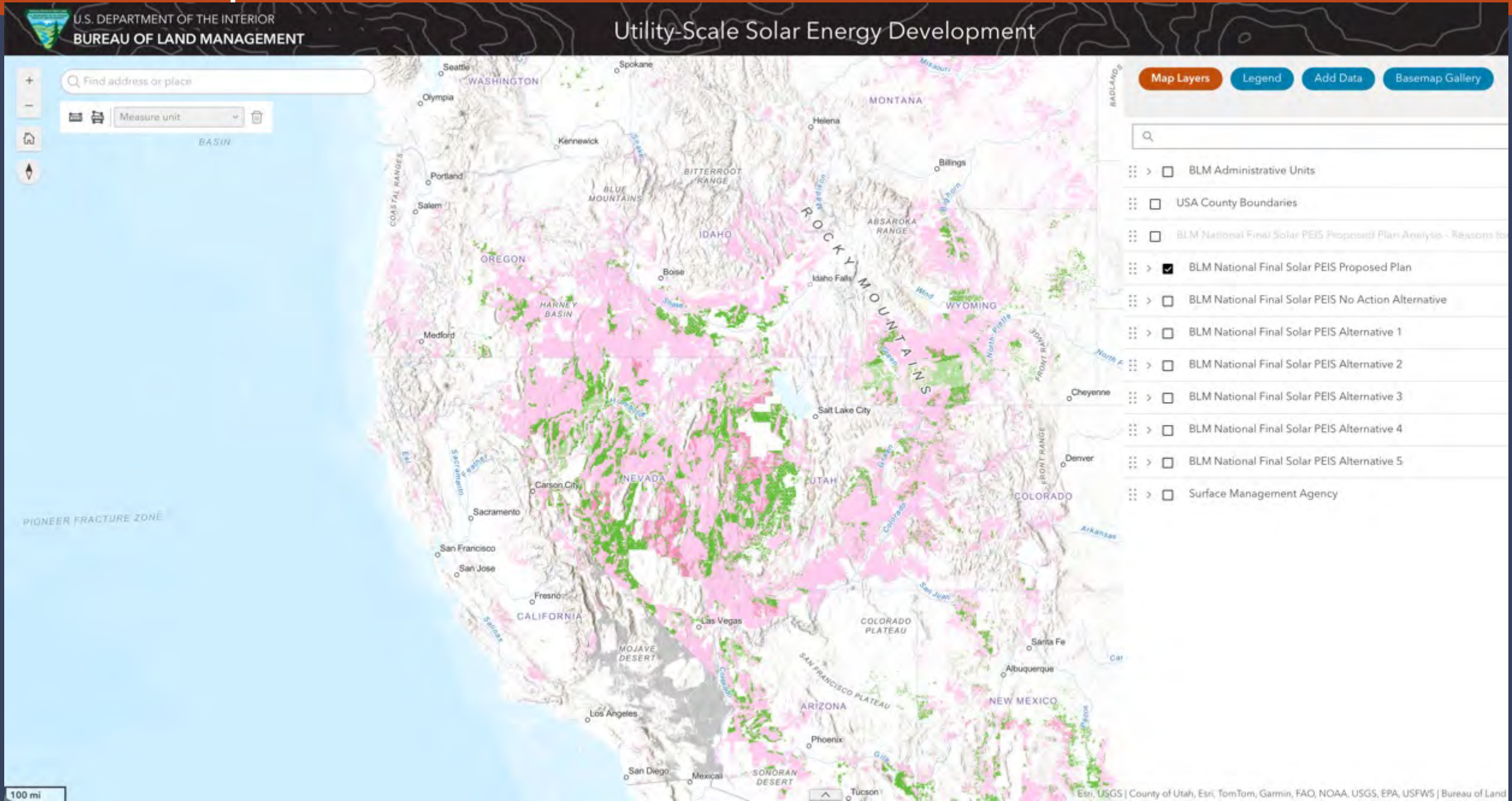
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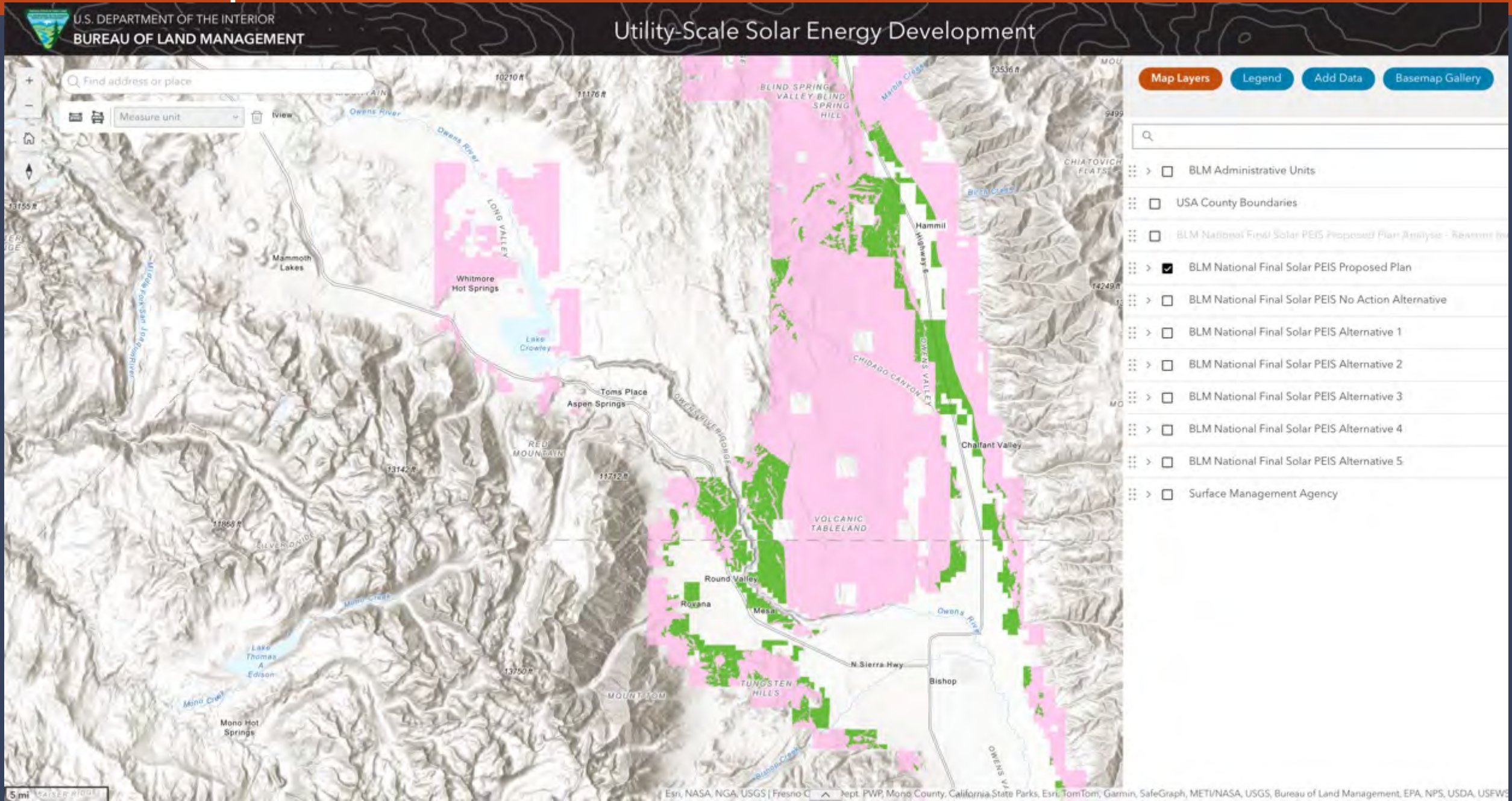
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## Burned-out firefighters are fleeing the US Forest Service amid labor disputes: 'We are decimated'



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

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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.

We are navigating the challenges we face by anchoring to our core values as the guide in our decision making while prioritizing the collective financial health of the agency. As such, in Region 5 the following direction is now in place:

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## Leaked recordings detail a major environmental agency quietly gutting its workforce

Seasonal workers help keep our forests healthy. What happens when you fire them?

by **Nick Bowlin**  
Oct 8, 2024 at 4:00 AM PDT



Temporary workers for the US Forest Service work in areas like timber, wildlife, watershed, botany, recreation, and visitor services. Facing budget woes, the agency has confirmed it has put a hiring freeze on all seasonal positions until further notice. Dave Gardner Creative/National Forest Foundation.

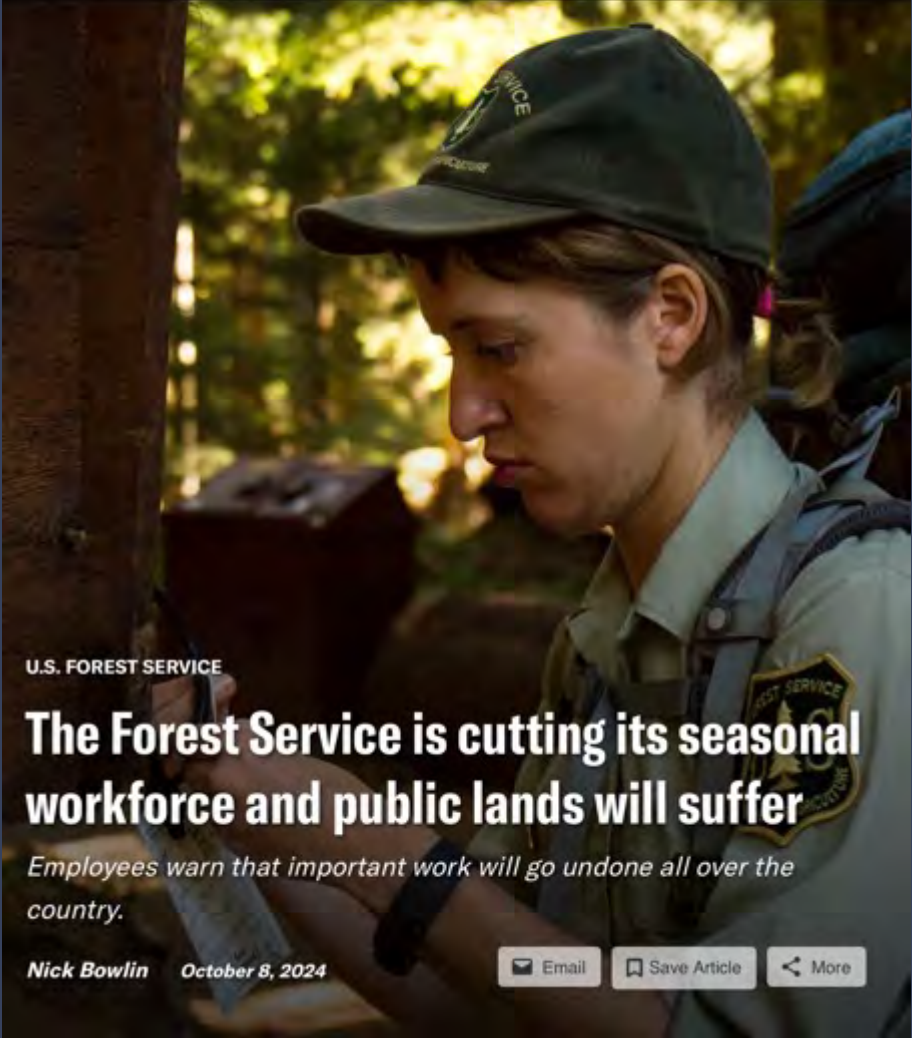
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Americans visit hiking and camping areas managed by the US Forest Service more than 150 million times each year.

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## The Forest Service is cutting its seasonal workforce and public lands will suffer

Employees warn that important work will go undone all over the country.

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## Concerns grow in Colorado's mountain towns as U.S. Forest Service freezes hiring for swath of seasonal employees

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A White River National Forest sign is pictured on March 27, 2022. Local officials are growing concerned about a plan to freeze hiring of non-fire employees at the U.S. Forest Service, which support many initiatives in Summit County, a hotspot for outdoor recreation in the nation.

*Liz Copan/Summit Daily News archive*

The U.S. Forest Service has issued a nationwide hiring freeze on all non-fire seasonal employees, a decision that could have ripple effects across Colorado mountain communities, where vast swathes of land are national forests.

One-fifth of Colorado is comprised of U.S. Forest Service-owned lands. In

**SUMMIT DAILY**

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## 'Unacceptable': Colorado's federal lawmakers respond to U.S. Forest Service seasonal hiring freeze

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U.S. Senator Michael Bennet listens to U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Michael Woodbridge on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2023. Bennet and other members of Colorado's United States congressional delegation are criticizing the Forest Service's hiring freeze and calling for changes.

*John F. Russell/Steamboat Pilot & Today*

The Colorado congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., is calling on the U.S. Forest Service to continue partnerships with Rocky Mountain communities amid the [agency's hiring freeze on seasonal employees](#).

Colorado Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper as well as Colorado Representatives Joe Neguse and Brittany Pettersen penned a letter Monday, Oct. 28, to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas

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

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# SENATE LETTER

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

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

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

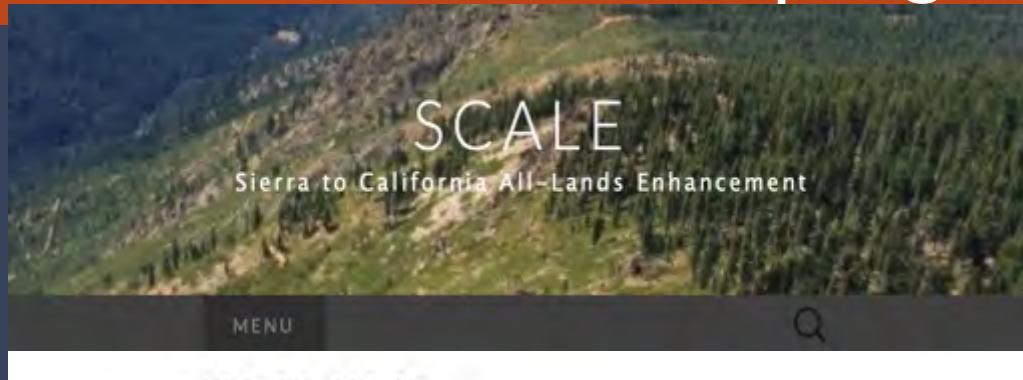
## WHAT DOES IT DO?

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

# Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

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

# Welcome and Housekeeping



## SCALE Collaborative Capacity - Notice of Funding Opportunity

**Background:** The Sierra Institute's Sierra to California All-Lands Enhancement (SCALE) Project brings together roughly 20 forest collaboratives along with multiple state and federal agencies working to address landscape-scale restoration, as well as community enhancement and resiliency across rural forested areas of California. SCALE utilizes annual and virtual meetings as a peer-learning forum to bring collaborative groups together to identify and address collective and unique social and political challenges to advance landscape restoration. SCALE's vision is to create

**Micro-Grant Opportunity:** To support the capacity building of collaboratives within the SCALE network, the Sierra Institute, with funding from and in partnership with the USFS, has established a fund for micro-grants up to \$10,000. These grants are intended to assist collaborative groups in strengthening their capacity to move forward work on the national forests and across boundaries by addressing specific collaborative group needs. Eligible applicants include non-profits, collaborative groups, and partner entities that participate in the collaborative (e.g., Resource Conservation Districts). Eligible capacity-building activities include, but are not limited to:

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# ESSRP Letter of Support

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting  
Monday December 2, 2024 @ 3:30 PM