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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."

# Welcomes, Giving Thanks, and Farewells



## Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition

- “Our mission is to expand and enrich a sustainable trail network in order to promote outdoor recreation opportunities, stewardship, livable communities and tourism within the Eastern Sierra Tahoe Region.”

# Welcomes, Giving Thanks, and Farewells



## MLTPA Foundation

- Erin Murphy
  - *MLTPA Operations Manager*
  - *Maternity Leave*

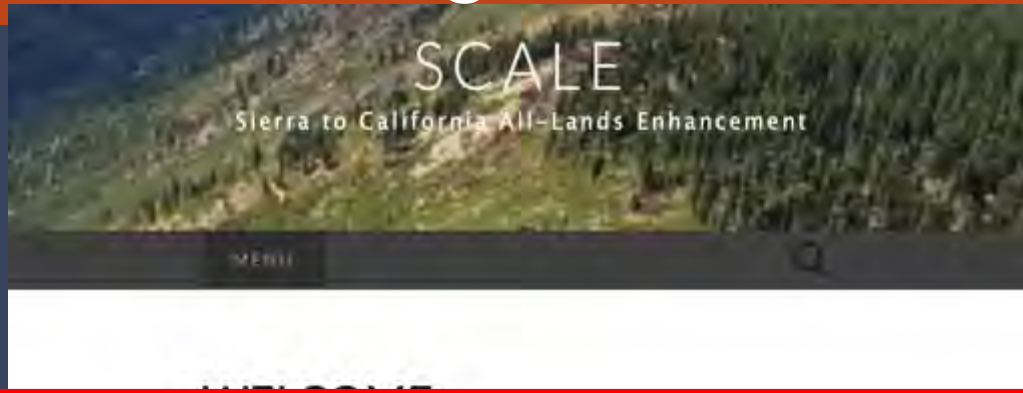
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## SCALE Collaborative Capacity - Notice of Funding Opportunity

**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

On behalf of Sierra Institute, we are pleased to inform you that your organization has been selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$9,993.00 for the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership's capacity-building activities. This grant reflects our commitment to fostering collaborative capacity and recognizes the outstanding work your organization does to advance these goals.

We will be in touch with you after the new year to discuss next steps, but wanted to inform you prior to the holidays.

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Through the SCALE project, the [Sierra Institute](#) facilitates a peer-learning network among forest collaboratives by convening bi-annual meetings designed to share key lessons learned by each of the collaboratives, building the capacity of collaboratives by promoting awareness of key state and federal policies, funding, and authorities, and collectively identifying strategies to achieve landscape-scale, cross-boundary restoration of healthy, resilient forests.

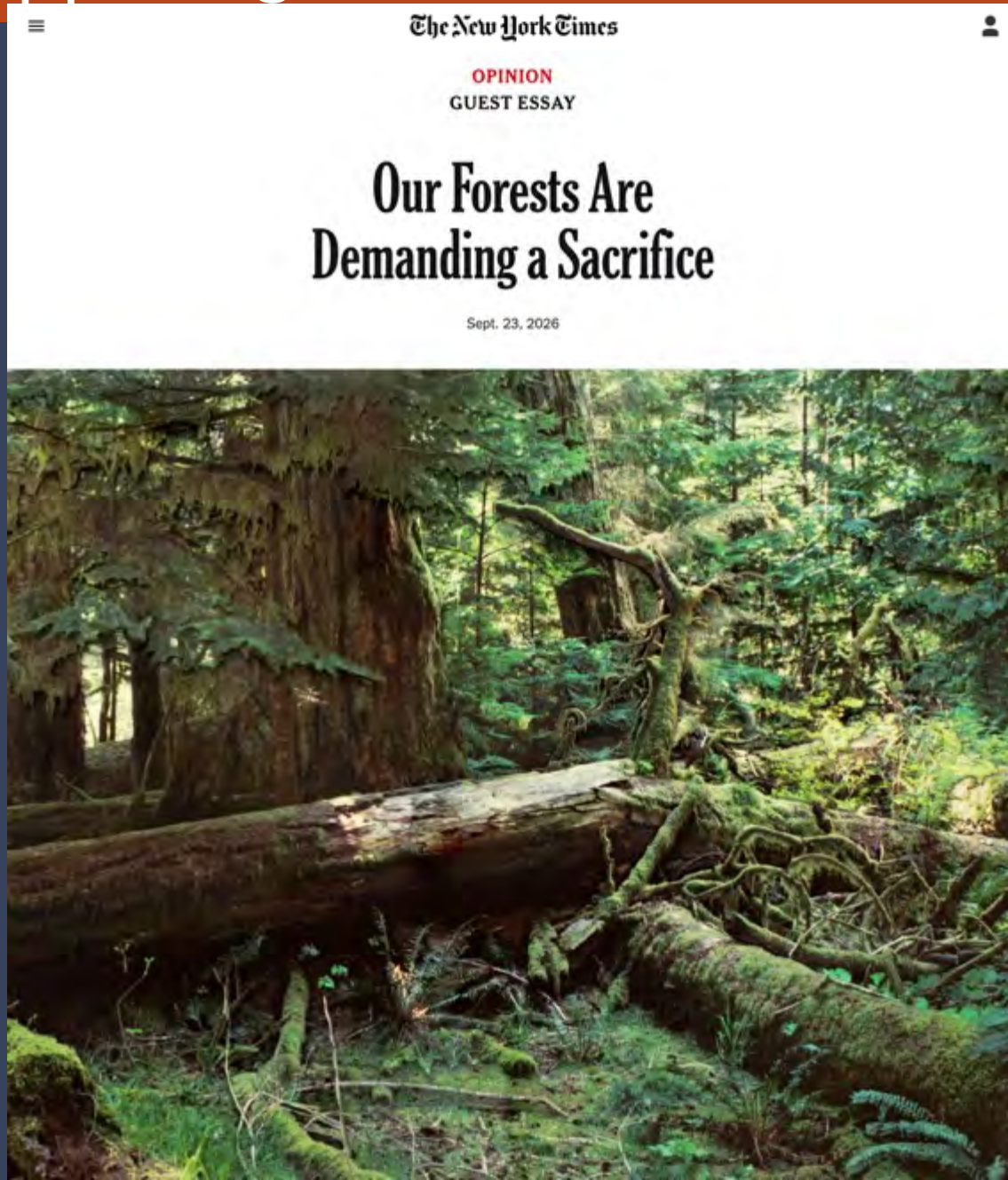
by addressing specific collaborative group needs. Eligible applicants include non-profits, collaborative groups, and partner entities that participate in the collaborative (e.g., Resource Conservation Districts). Eligible capacity-building activities include, but are not limited to:

- 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.

# Hot Links October 5, 2026

- Welcome
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# Happenings of Interest – Part 1



By Robert Moor

Mr. Moor is the author of "In Trees: An Exploration." He lives in Halfmoon Bay, British Columbia.

Thirteen years ago, I traded a shoe-box apartment on the East Side of Manhattan for a cabin in the woods on the west coast of Canada. Like so many would-be Thoreauvians before me, I moved here in part because I craved an escape from the city's pollution and noise. In that time, however, I have begun to feel the city — which is to say, the whole tangled system of advanced technology, industrial agriculture and hypercapitalism — crowding in on this little forest from afar.

Each wildfire season, the sky outside my cabin now turns a shade of nicotine yellow I associate with Los Angeles in the 1970s. On the smokiest days, news headlines declare that our air quality is "worse than New Delhi's," which is to say, worse than in one of the most polluted cities on earth.

The inverse is true, as well. One hot day this July, as clouds of smoke oozed south from Ontario, I drove through New York City and saw the buildings washed in the same sallow light I'm used to seeing during wildfire season back home.

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## Northern California is getting a massive inland surf resort with 5-acre wave lagoon

By Aidin Vaziri, Staff Writer  
Sep 25, 2026



The Alchemy Surf Resort has been approved for development within Placer One in western Placer County. The project includes a 5-acre artificial surf lagoon, a 100-room hotel, bungalows, a standing wave pool and an action-sports hub.  
*Alchemy Surf Resort / County of Placer*

A new inland surf resort planned for Northern California has received approval to move forward, with developers envisioning a 5-acre artificial lagoon surrounded by a hotel, bungalows, restaurants and a collection of action-sports attractions.

The Placer County Planning Commission approved plans for the Alchemy Surf Resort north of Roseville on Thursday.

U.S. & WORLD // CALIFORNIA

## Sea Ranch Lodge planning major Sonoma County expansion, more than doubling its guest rooms

By Aidin Vaziri, Staff Writer  
Sep 25, 2026



Sea Ranch Lodge is considering a major expansion that would more than double its guest rooms. The Sonoma Coast property is proposing 23 new coastal-view rooms, plus new dining, library and wellness spaces.  
*Hyung J. Chun/TNS*

The Sea Ranch Lodge is considering a major expansion that would more than double the number of guest rooms at the popular Sonoma Coast retreat.

The proposal would add 23 coastal-view rooms, along with new dining, library and wellness spaces. It was presented to Sea Ranch property owners Sept. 3 at the lodge, according to the Sea Ranch Association.

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## Russia probes bear attacks, as official says town under 'siege'

AFP

Wed, September 23, 2026 at 4:29 AM PDT

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Russia's brown bear population has more than doubled since 1990 (Irina YARINSKAYA)

At least six people have been killed in bear attacks in Russia's vast Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk in a month, prosecutors said Wednesday, as an official in a neighbouring region reported bears had put one town "under siege".

Prosecutors said they had opened a probe into criminal negligence, accusing local officials of failing to control bear numbers.

REUTERS

## Russia draws up measures to control bear population after spate of deadly attacks

By Andrew Osborn

Wed, 30 September 2026 at 8:29 am GMT-7

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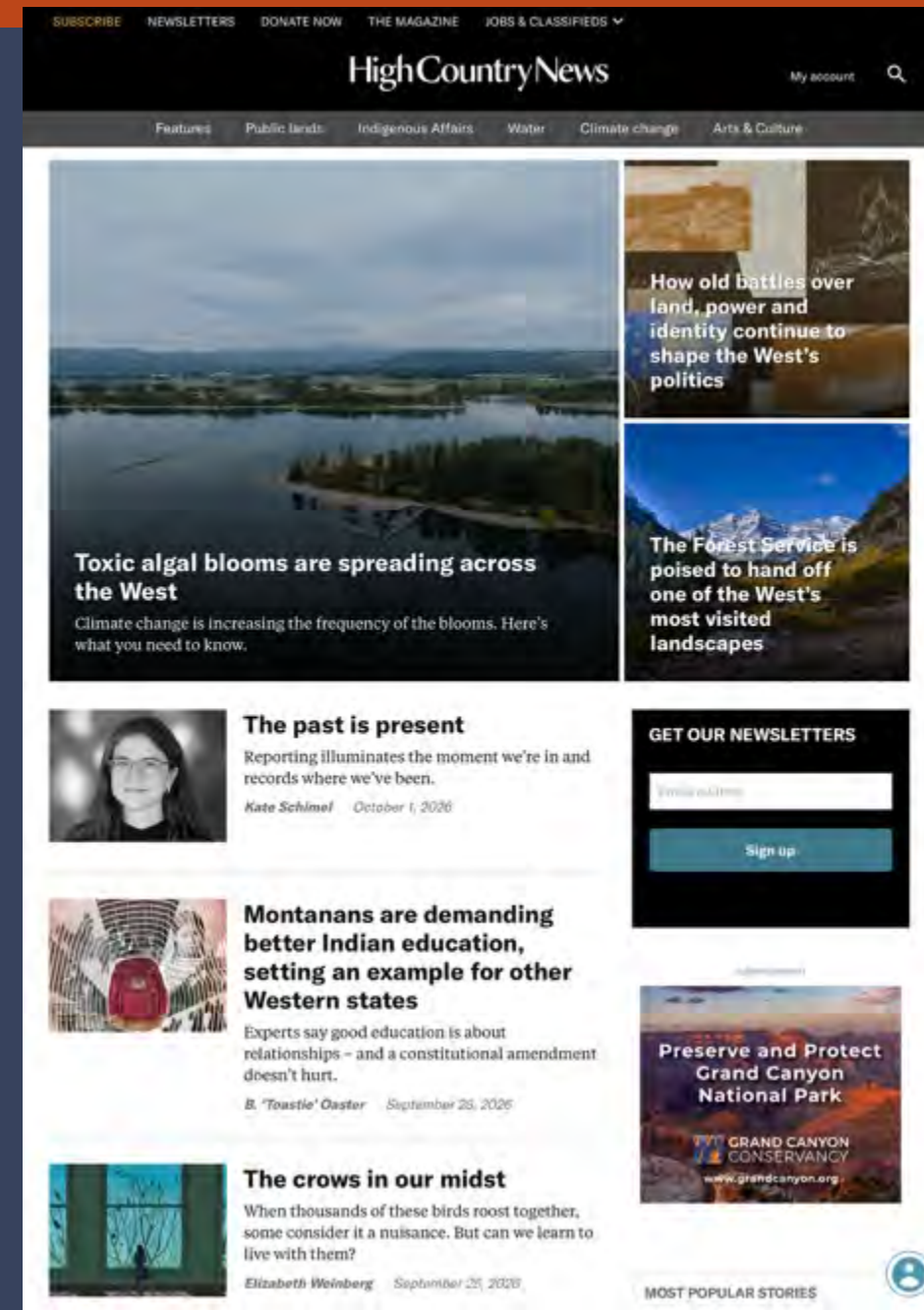
Buyan, a 15-year-old male Siberian brown bear, looks out from a pool inside an open-air cage at the Royev Ruchey Zoo in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk,.....[More](#)

By Andrew Osborn

Sept 30 (Reuters) - The Russian government said on Wednesday it was drawing up urgent measures to control the population of brown bears that has spiralled out of control in some regions, with at least 22 people killed in attacks.

In the latest attack, reported by state media, a 23-year-old man out gathering berries was killed by a bear this week in Kamchatka, in Russia's far east.

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A firefighter wrestled the Doom Fire and turned it into a home on August 26, 2021, near Juntura, California. The fire, the largest since the state's history, ultimately burned 653,801 acres. (Credit: Photo by Justin Szymanski/Getty Images via AP)

WILDFIRE

THE WILDFIRE DOOM LOOP

Why the federal government is losing its war on fire.

By Mary Delapointe • 10/10/2023

This story was co-published with [Grist](#), a nonprofit media organization covering climate.

**D**an Dallas had defended these communities before. The little towns on the Karuk tribal land are nestled in a gorge along the Klamath River, amidst a million-acre wilderness of Northern California conifer and hardwood that makes up the Six Rivers National Forest. This time, August 2023, a fusillade of lightning strikes had ignited the web of steep canyons south of the town of Orleans in two dozen places, and as the fires expanded, they merged.

As an incident commander for the U.S. Forest Service, Dallas wasn't called up until fires got big. On the drive from Colorado, he considered the recent experiences that had begun to trouble him.

"I'd been to multiple places, two, even three, sometimes four times," he remembered in a recent interview. On each fire, he'd followed the Forest Service playbook. Keep the fire small. Contain it quickly. Box it in by throwing hardware at it, bulldozing the ridgetops and dropping fire retardant slurry or water from planes and helicopters. Don't light the fuse on a megafire that could reach the nearest town. But he was starting to realize: even if you don't light the fuse, you still have the bomb.

"Finally, I figured out all I'm doing is deferring risk to this place," said Dallas, whose day job is director of renewable resources for the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain region. "I'm going to come back and protect it again."

When he got to the Six Rivers, he found the local forest supervisor and the Karuk Tribe had been percolating the same idea he had. It had rained in those mountains, and the conditions were mild. Fog was rolling in from the coast in the mornings, settling in the canyon bottoms. "It actually had gone from being fire weather to basically prescribed fire season," Dallas remembered.

What if, instead of tearing up the Six Rivers to attack this fire, they allowed it to creep along the forest floor as long as they could? There'd be less fuel to burn the next time a fire came through, and it wouldn't burn as hot even if the weather was bad. Fifty thousand acres of fire; fifty thousand acres less fuel to burn next summer.

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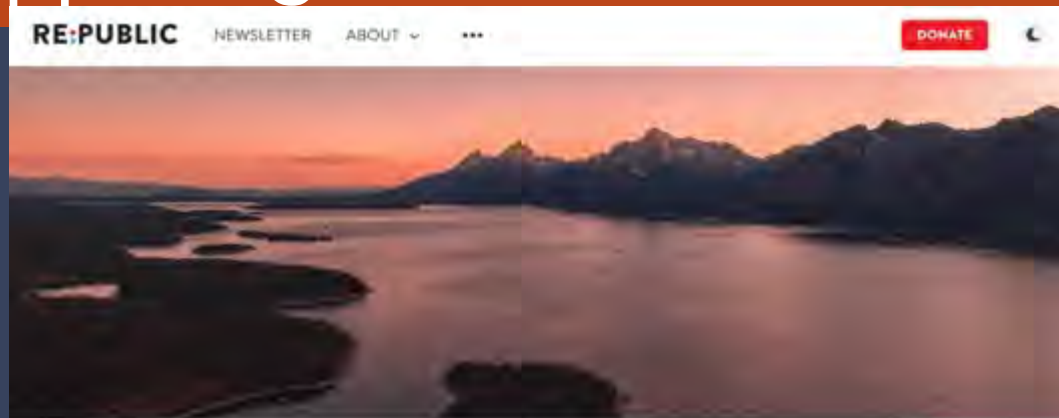
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OPINION

## IT'S TIME TO ENGAGE

*Two longtime defenders of the public estate argue that the only real safeguard left is the people who use and love these places.*

BY JENNIFER MILLER - SEP 10, 2018

There is no precedent in American history for the scale of the second Trump Administration's attacks on America's public lands. They fall into four broad categories. First, opening tens of millions of acres to industrial uses like drilling for fossil fuels, mining, and logging—often through corrupt deals with wealthy Administration donors and friends. Second, downsizing or gutting protected areas like national monuments, parks, wilderness areas, and wildlife refuges. Third, repealing or watering down the regulations that protect recreation and sensitive wildlife species. Fourth—and perhaps most consequential—hollowing out the very agencies that manage these lands: the National Park Service, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Fish & Wildlife Service. The cynical aim of this slashing of their budgets, their staff, and their expertise is to make management so bad as to undermine public support for keeping these lands in national ownership, held for the benefit of all.

The damage is not abstract. Consider just a few of the headlines since Trump's second term began: "Oil Tycoons Bet Big on Trump: It's Paying Off" (*The Wall Street Journal*); "Mining CEO brought 74,000 shares days before Trump shrunk Bears Ears" (*The Salt Lake Tribune*); "The Wealthy Profit from Public Lands and Taxpayers Pick up the Tab" (*High Country News*). For his part, Interior Secretary Doug Burgum has repeatedly referred to public lands as simply an asset on America's "balance sheet" and not hesitated to ignore or misrepresent fundamental facts that contradict the Administration's objectives.

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All of this makes clear that we are truly in another Gilded Age like the one in the decades after the Civil War. That one was so named by Mark Twain because it was a false rendering of a classic golden age: a thin bright cover over rot underneath, as vast disparities in wealth fed corruption and plunder at the expense of ordinary people. That earlier plunder was especially pronounced on the lands the U.S. government owned in the West. And it eventually provoked a powerful counter-movement by ordinary Americans that produced, beginning around 1890, the parks, monuments, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas we treasure today.



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# Outreach

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- Other Resources:
  - Business/Local one sheet
  - Visitor handouts: postcard, table tent
  - Poster
  - Email/Website banner
  - A-Frames and road signage
  - Social media and digital assets
- <https://monocounty.ca.gov/economic/page/mono-county-fish-wildlife-programs>
- <https://www.vcptoolkit.org/golden-mussels>



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Leaf Peeping Forecast

7-Day Weather Outlook

## Leaf Peeping Forecast

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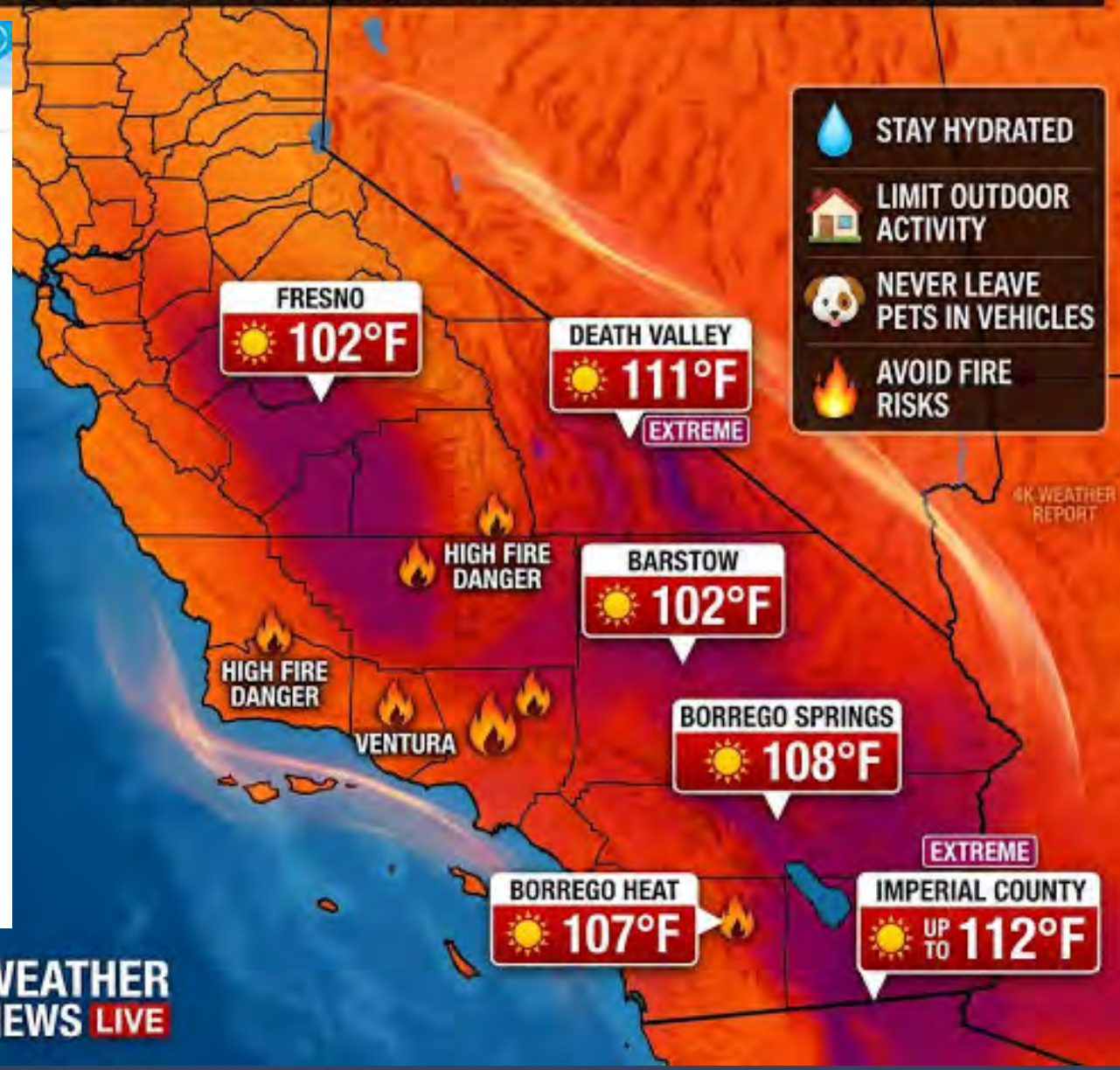
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## Sierra Nevada Conservancy to host quarterly Board meeting in Mono County

*State agency to consider new recreation & tourism grants; share update on grant to support community coexistence with gray wolves*

Aug 19, 2026 | SNC Updates



June Lake, Mono County. The SNC Board will host its September quarterly meeting in the June Lake area.





**SNC BOARD MEETING**  
September 2 & 3, 2026  
Mono County, CA

**BOARD MEETING**



### Board Meeting Agenda

September 2 & 3, 2026 – Southeast Subregion – June Lake, CA

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#### Board Tour

September 2, 2026  
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*June Mountain Ski Area*  
3819 CA-158  
June Lake, CA 93529

Members of the Board and staff will participate in a field trip to explore issues and activities related to sustainable recreation and wildfire and forest resilience in the Southeast Subregion. Members of the public are invited to participate in the field tour but are responsible for their own transportation and lunch.

#### Board Reception

September 2, 2026  
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

*June Lake Brewing*  
131 S Crawford Ave  
June Lake, CA 93529

Following the Board tour, Boardmembers and staff will attend a reception open to the public.

#### Board Meeting

September 3, 2026  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (End time is approximate)

*June Lake Community Center*  
90 W Granite Ave  
June Lake, CA 93529

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## **CALIFORNIA'S STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**  
10 AM MDT



COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR

## **California's Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience**

**September 9 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am**

**John Wentworth, CEO/President, Mammoth Lakes  
Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA  
Foundation)**



John Wentworth is president and CEO of the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA), where he leads initiatives connecting sustainable outdoor recreation, tourism, forest health, and regional economic development.

MLTPA serves as an industry sector coordinator for sustainable recreation and tourism in the Sierra Nevada region through the California Jobs First initiative. The foundation also convened and delivered "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience" to the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force. The initiative was recognized by Region 5 of the U.S. Forest Service as its Partnership of the Year. MLTPA also supports the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership and its Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative.

Wentworth is a member of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council and serves on several local agency boards, including the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, and Mammoth Lakes Tourism. Since 2018, he has served on the Technical Advisory Council for the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program within the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

Before beginning his work in outdoor recreation and public service, Wentworth worked in the motion picture industry. His credits include serving as co-producer of "Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me" and "Mulholland Drive," both directed by David Lynch.

**Dawnielle Tehama (Moderator), Education and  
Business Development Director, American Indigenous  
Tourism Association**



Dawnielle Tehama is a Modoc tourism professional and an enrolled citizen of the Klamath Tribes with deep experience in stewardship, destination development, and Indigenous tourism. She serves as Education and Business Development Director for the American Indigenous Tourism Association, following her work as a

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Foundation)



**Brian Wallace**

[inbox...@mltpa.org](mailto:inbox...@mltpa.org)

September 9, 2026 at 11:50 AM

Re: MLTPA - Following Up

To: John Wentworth, Travis Nabahe, Rebecca Alleri

Manahu John

Very much appreciated this AM's Webinar and introduction. Sent Travis message already. We are co sponsor of this years "Payahuunadu Nation Builders Summit" at Three Creeks in Big Pine this weekend and will possibly be in valley until Wednesday. As mentioned, we are exploring a culturally centered Guardianship Economic vision that recognizes the economy of the Sierra Nevada that existed before the word economy appeared here that is the underlying relational reality and source of the Biodiversity that we all are working to support.

We look forward to connecting possibly on our way back north on Tuesday or Wednesday. Take care.

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Brian Wallace

and indigenous tourism. She serves as Education and  
Business Development Director for the American  
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Northern Sierra Miwok

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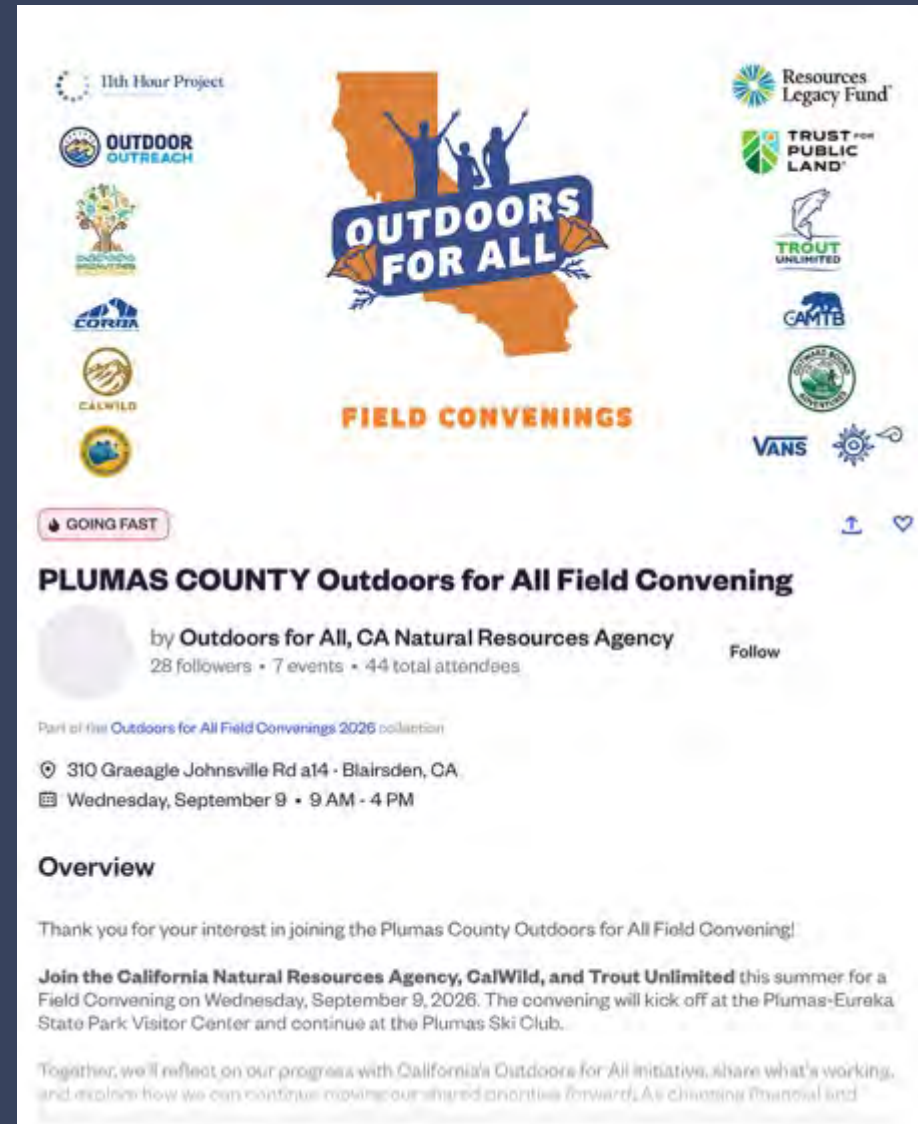
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Continue to shape a California where everyone belongs outdoors! Join one of seven Outdoors for All Field Convenings this summer and help strengthen a movement that connects more Californians to the outdoors and one another.

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| Event                                          | Date        | Time    | Location                                 | Cost |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|------------------------------------------|------|
| MONTEREY Outdoors for All Field Convening      | Wednesday   | 9:00 AM | Del Norte and Del Norte Community Center | Free |
| PLUMAS COUNTY Outdoors for All Field Convening | Wed, Sep 14 | 9:00 AM | 310 Graeagle Johnsonville Rd a14         | Free |
| YUBA Outdoors for All Field Convening          | Wed, Sep 14 | 9:00 AM | Woodward Park Regional Library           | Free |
| SACRAMENTO Outdoors for All Field Convening    | Thu, Sep 15 | 9:00 AM | Plumas State Park Visitor Center         | Free |
| LOS ANGELES Outdoors for All Field Convening   | Fri, Sep 16 | 9:00 AM | Watts Community Center                   | Free |
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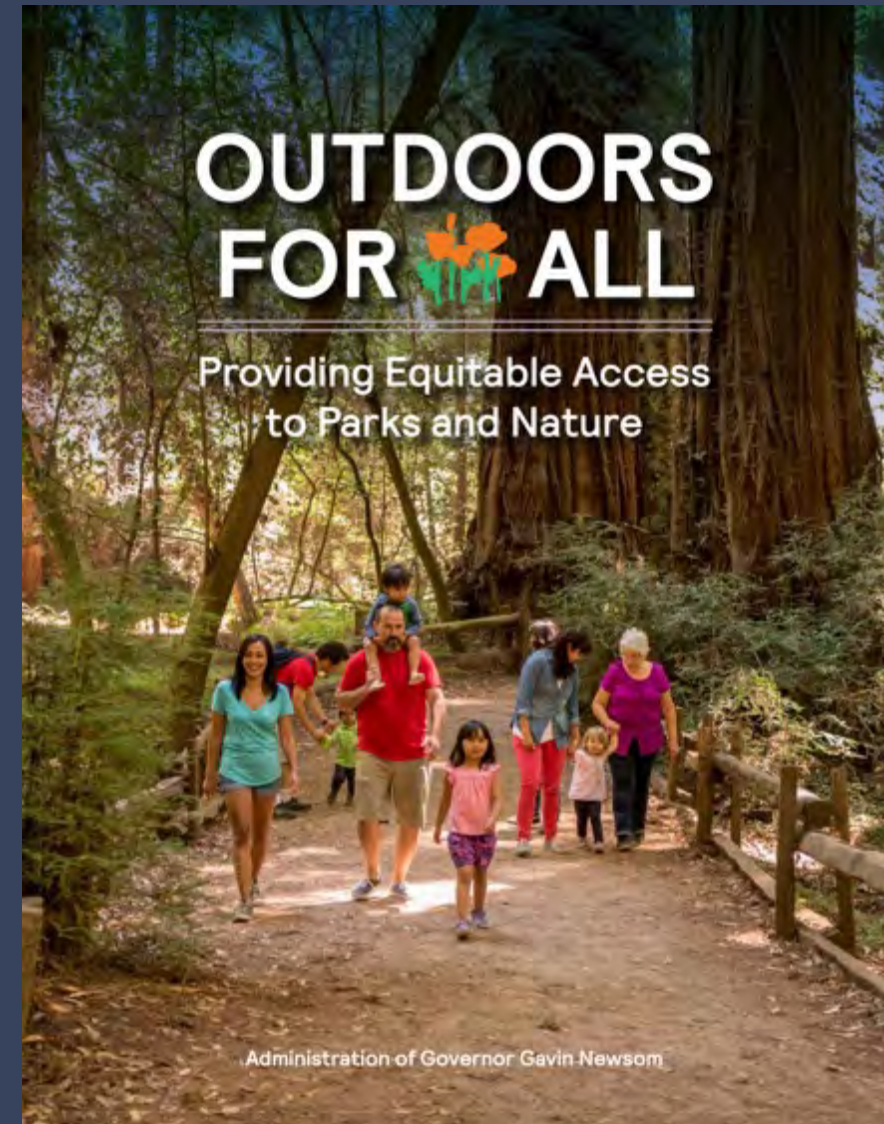
Wednesday, September 9 • 9 AM - 4 PM

**Overview**

Thank you for your interest in joining the Plumas County Outdoors for All Field Convening!

Join the California Natural Resources Agency, CalWild, and Trout Unlimited this summer for a Field Convening on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. The convening will kick off at the Plumas-Eureka State Park Visitor Center and continue at the Plumas Ski Club.

Together, we'll reflect on our progress with California's Outdoors for All initiative, share what's working, and explore how we can continue moving our shared priorities forward. As changing financial and





Hello Partners,

On behalf of CalWild and Trout Unlimited, thank you so much for attending the Outdoors for All Convening in Plumas County. It was an incredible day connecting with friends, colleagues, neighbors, and advocacy partners across the region. From getting outside and networking to learning about the fantastic work of the [Plumas Ski Club](#), [P-Crew](#), and the [Outdoors for All Initiative](#).

#### Key Follow-Ups & Resources:

- **Attendee Contact List:** Attached, you'll find contact details for everyone who attended to help keep the conversation going.
- **Travel Stipend:** If you need a travel stipend for the event, please fill out the [form here](#).
- **Event Photos:** Check out [Photos from the Day](#). Feel free to add your own photos, share them with your network, and tag [@plumaseurekastatepark](#) and [@CAStateParks](#) using [#CAOutdoorsForAll](#).

It was a true honor to bring together such a dedicated group of leaders to celebrate our shared work, strategize on the future initiatives, and strengthen relationships for upcoming partnership opportunities.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Best regards,  
 Katie & Andre

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## Forests & Mountain Meadows Nature-Based Solutions Summit

**Date:** Thursday, September 10, 2026

**Time:** 9am - 4:30pm

**Location:** Granlibakken Tahoe, [725 Granlibakken Road, Tahoe City, CA 96145](#)

**Co-hosts:** California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Tahoe Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)



## NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS



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July - November 2026

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## Building Momentum the Focus for Nature- Based Solutions Forests and Mountain Meadows Summit

*Collaborative discussion with real-time partner feedback  
will help state advance efforts that allow lands to be more  
resilient and absorb more carbon*

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California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot addresses the crowd at the Forests & Mountain Meadows Nature-Based Solutions Summit held in Tahoe City, Thursday, Sept. 10.

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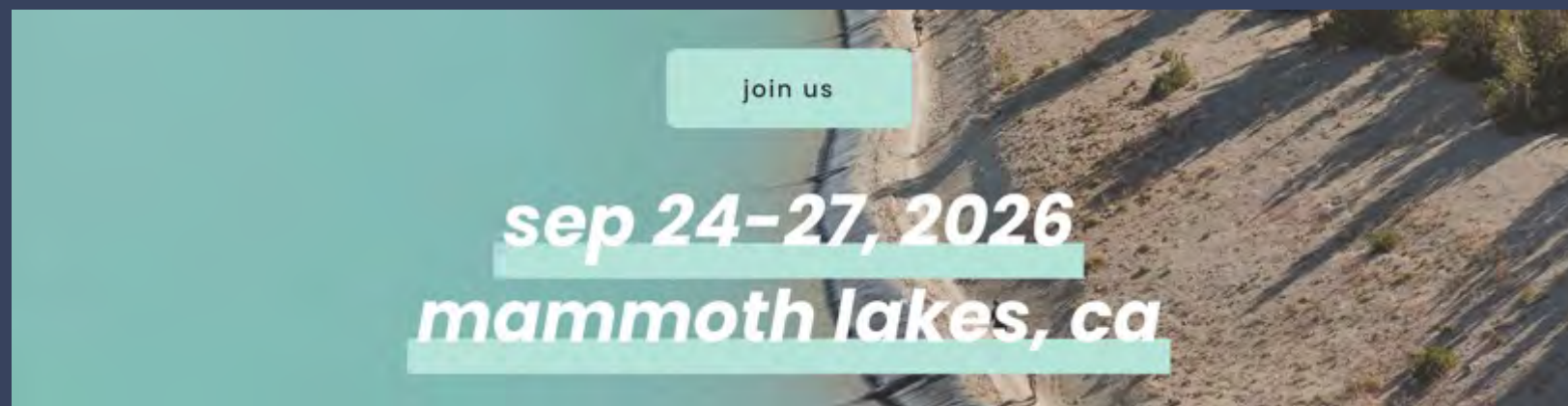
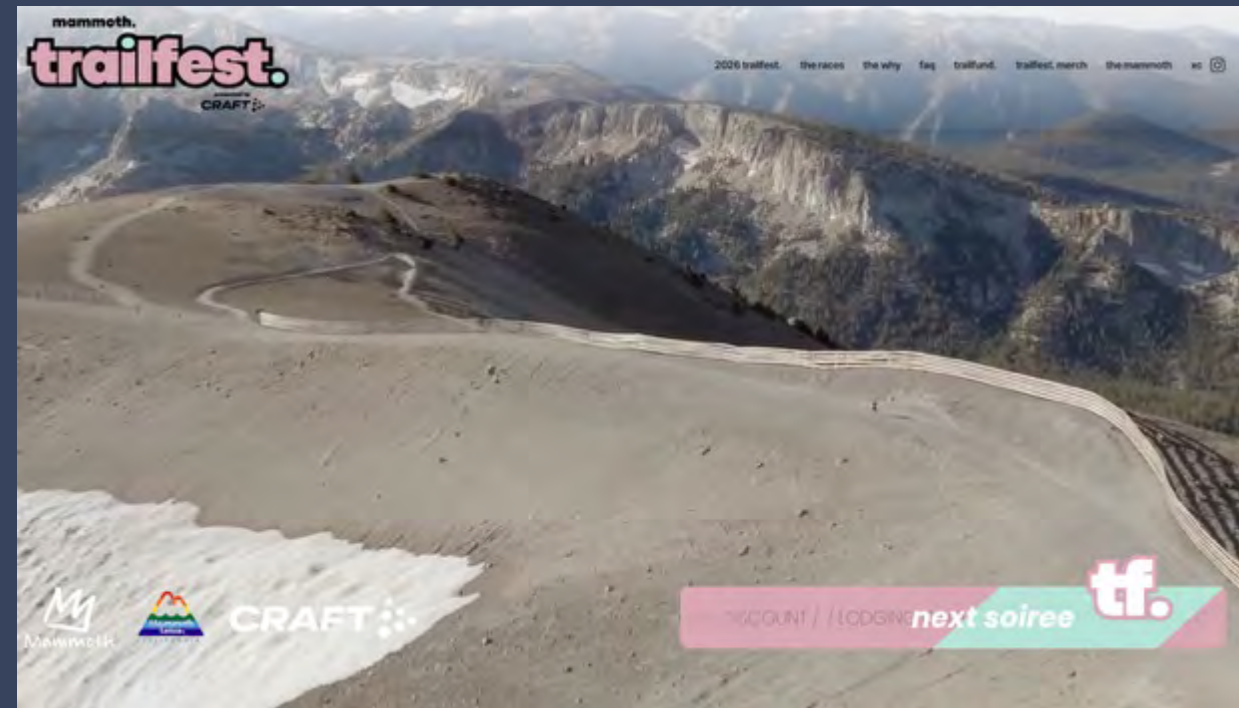
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## Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition Summit

When: Thursday, October 01, 2026  
1:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
Location: Camp We-Ch-Me Lodge Galena  
Creek Regional Park 18350 MC  
Rose Highway, Reno, NV 89511  
Spaces left: 31  
Registered: [63 registrants](#)

### REGISTRATION

- Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition Summit – \$10.00
- Sponsorship Level – \$100.00
- A guaranteed table space, logo on presentation screen and agenda, along with two event registrations.

Registration is closed



The Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition (ESTC) is hosting a trail summit that will provide the opportunity for those passionate about trail connectivity through the Eastern Sierra region to gather, network, and learn.

This event is open to the public and will include presentations and panels about trail planning efforts, current projects, and local trail-based opportunities. Hear from and meet local land managers, agencies, non-profits, community organizations, and trail advocates to share information, strengthen our connections, and grow our trail community.



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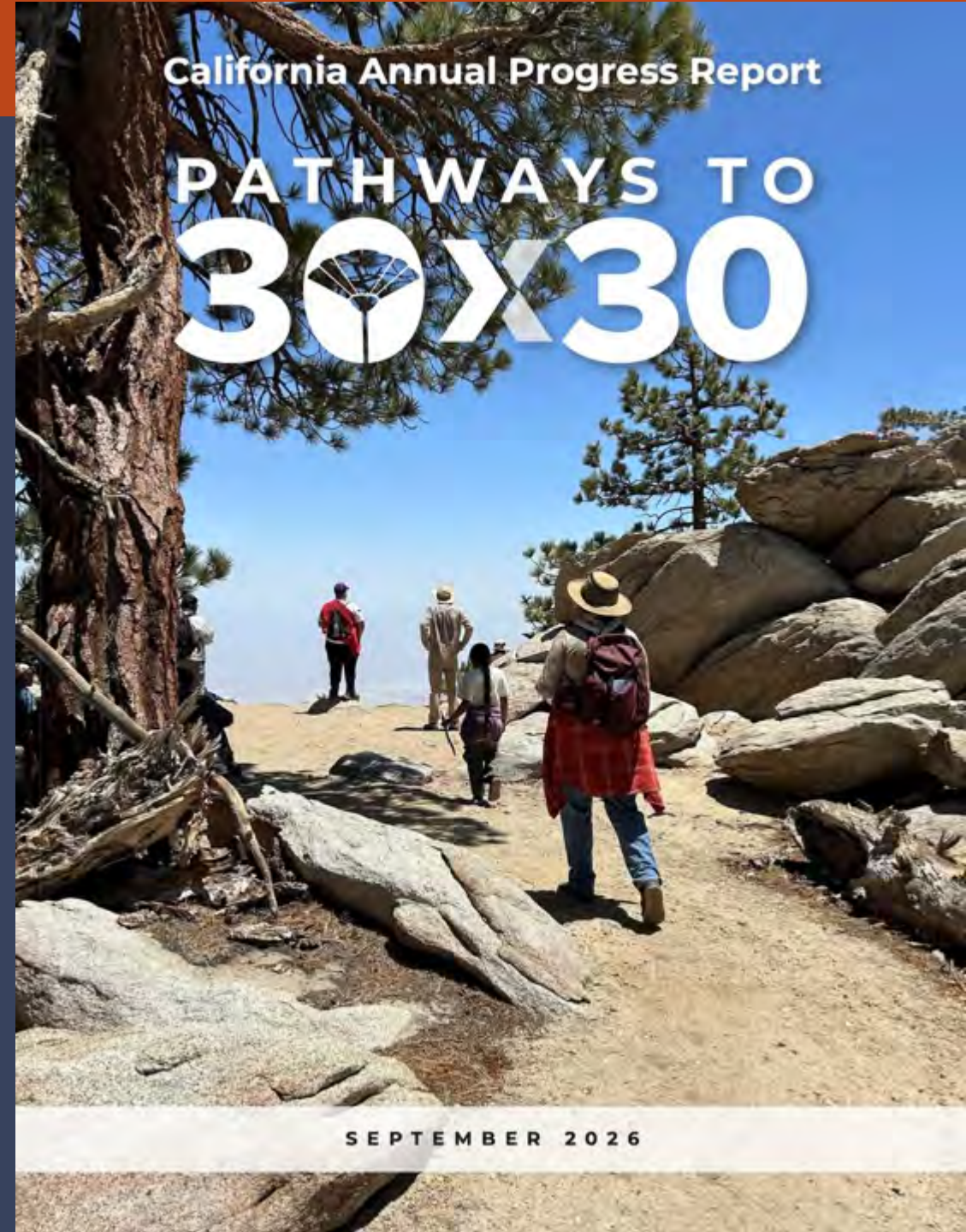
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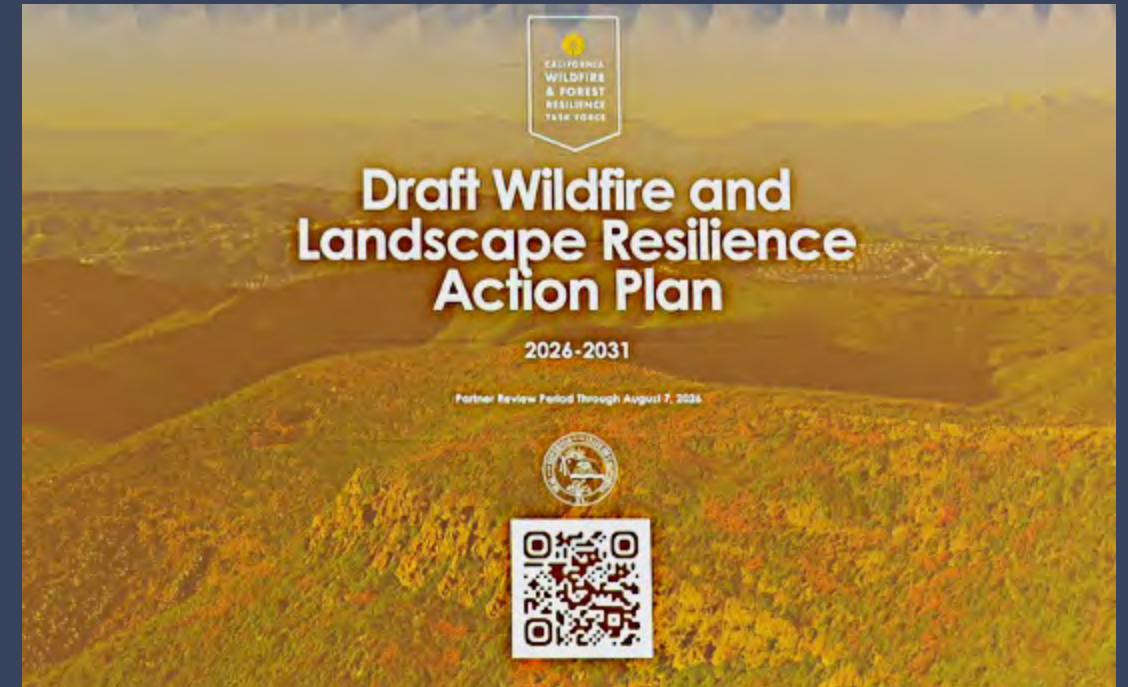
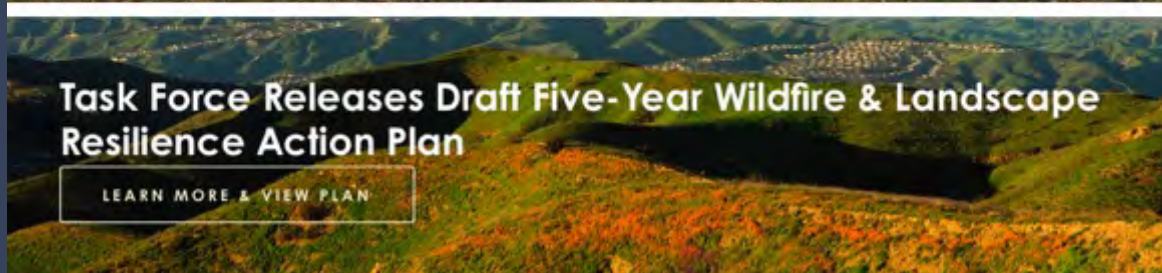
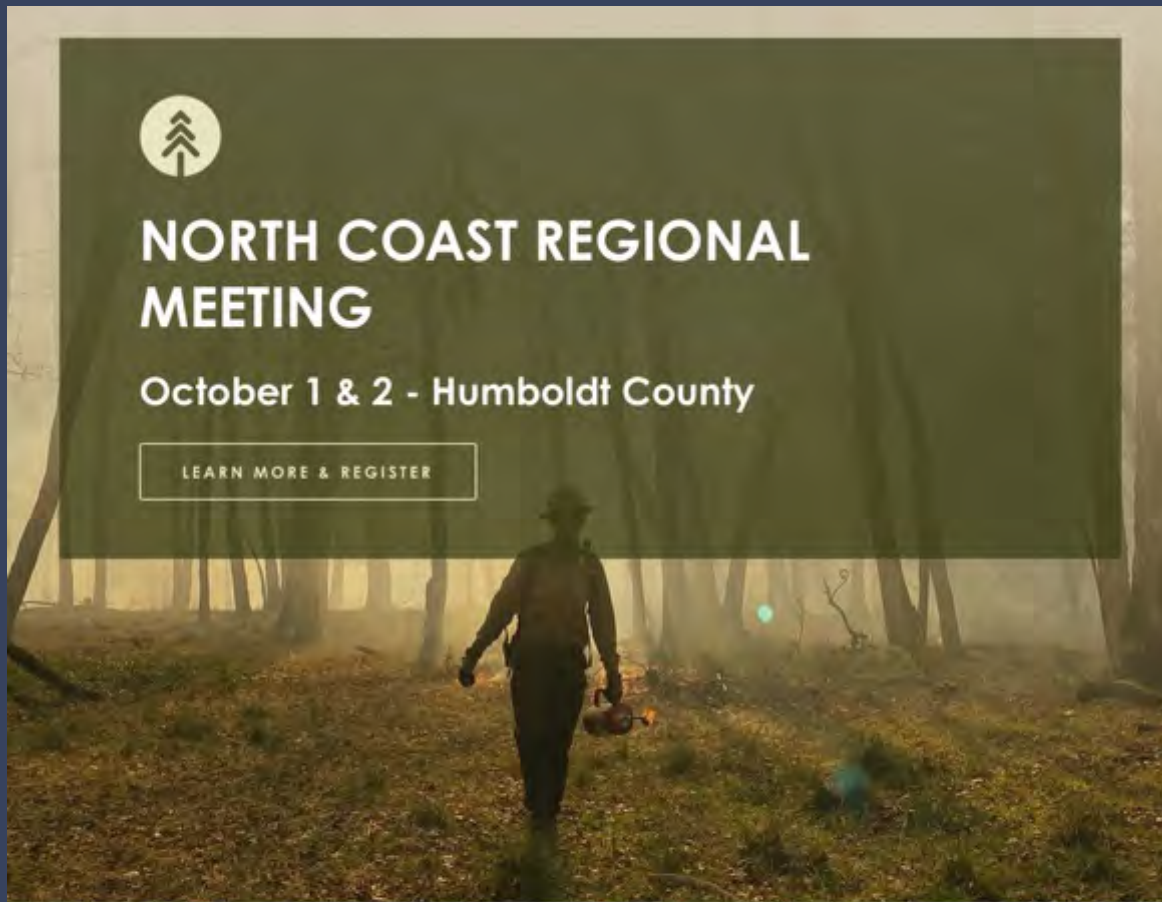
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Proposed Rule

## Travel Management; National Forest System Lands

A Proposed Rule by the Forest Service on 08/24/2026

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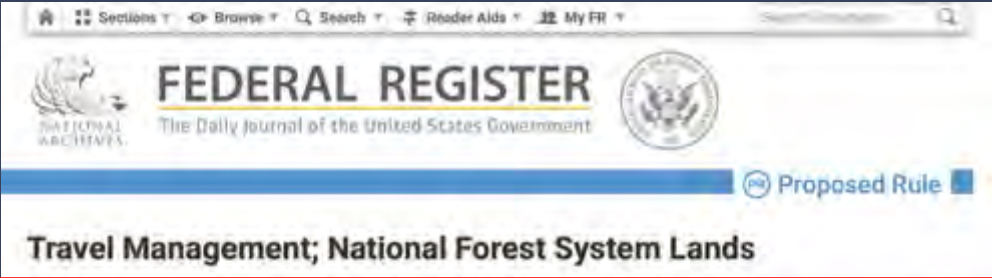
Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is initiating an environmental impact statement and rulemaking to revise the Forest Service's travel management regulations, 35 CFR part 212. The proposed action would establish a uniform national policy favoring increased access while simplifying regulatory requirements and preserving local decision-making. The proposed access rule would establish a national policy with a presumption that existing roads, trails, airfields, (□ printed page 54687) trailheads, and other access routes and points on National Forest System lands are open to appropriate public use unless closure or restriction is required by applicable law, valid existing rights, or another governing instrument, or supported by specific, documented and justifiable reasons based on science-based resource conditions, public safety, conflicts among uses, or maintenance and administrative capacity. Commonly available public data sets, including aerial imagery, may be used as evidence that a physical route or airfield exists or existed at a time relevant under the definition adopted in the proposed rule, but would not by themselves establish that the feature is part of the forest transportation system, that the Forest Service has jurisdiction or sufficient legal access, or that it is open to a particular public use. The proposed access rule would require annual review of all trails, roads, airfields, trailheads, and other access routes and points that are closed or highly restricted. The proposed access rule would establish prerequisites and conditions for limited off-route motor vehicle use and other motorized equipment for, among other things, downed big-game retrieval, firewood collection and dispersed camping, and for designating areas for over-snow and other motorized recreation.

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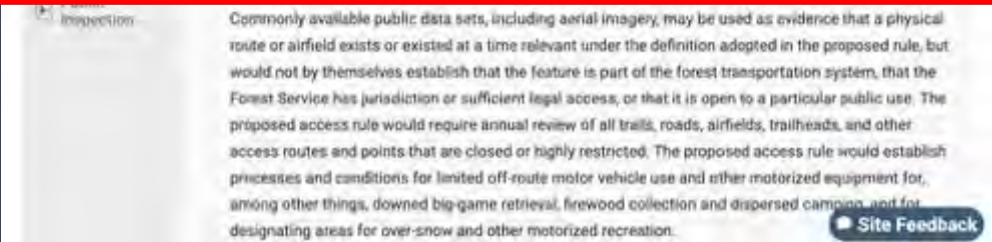
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134,377 comments have been received at Regulations.gov.

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| Docket Title                                    | Document ID       | Comments |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Travel Management; National Forest System Lands | FS-2026-0100-0001 | 134,377  |



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## Travel Management

**\*\*NEW August 24, 2026\*\*** The U.S. Forest Service published a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for amending the existing Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212). This proposed revision simplifies the regulatory requirements to enhance quicker local decision-making and increases access for motorized vehicles, including e-bikes, and other mobility devices. The public can continue to enjoy motorized access to national forests throughout this process. Existing plans and related maps will remain in place until updated by local line officers.

- Notice of Intent

The Forest Service road system consists of over 371,000 miles of road, which connect America's National Forests to the nation and enables private investment and opportunities for thousands of Americans. Funding for maintenance of these roads has declined over the last 20 years while public demand for these roads has escalated, causing the aging network to deteriorate. Although FS roads provide benefits for outdoor recreation, agriculture, and permitted resource extraction, and public safety, they can degrade habitat for fish and wildlife habitat and be unsafe for vehicle travel when not properly maintained. Strategic investment is critical to preserve access while limiting disruption to rural communities and the environment.

In 2005, the Forest Service developed a roads management strategy when the [Travel Management Rule \(36 CFR part 212\)](#) was published. The goal is to identify a transportation system that is environmentally and financially sustainable while meeting public needs. Under the travel management rule, each unit of the National Forest System (NFS) is required to identify the minimum road system (MRS) needed for safe and efficient travel and for administration, utilization, and protection of NFS lands. In determining the MRS, the NFS unit must incorporate a science-based roads analysis at the appropriate scale to identify NFS roads that are no longer needed to meet forest resource management objectives. This collaborative travel planning process must emphasize public involvement and coordination with state, local, and tribal governments.

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## Tell the Forest Service to Keep the Travel Management Rule

Sep 15th, 2026 Written by suwa

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## A Presumption Worth Getting Right: What the Forest Service's Proposed Travel Management Rule Changes Mean for Every Trail User

On August 21, 2026, the U.S. Forest Service announced it will publish a Notice of Intent (NOI) amending the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212), the regulation that governs how roads and trails on National Forest System lands are designated for motor vehicle use. The formal notice was published in the Federal Register on August 24 under Docket FS-2026-0100, opening a comment period that runs through September 23, 2026.

by Mike Pissol, Executive Director, American Trails

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Source: USDA NFS, 2026

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## The USFS Travel Management Rule Is Being Rewritten

### What Travel Management Means For The Trails We Ride And Maintain, And How To Ensure Your Voice Is Heard.

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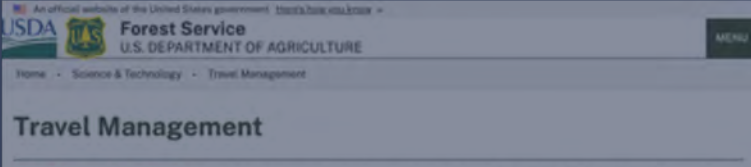
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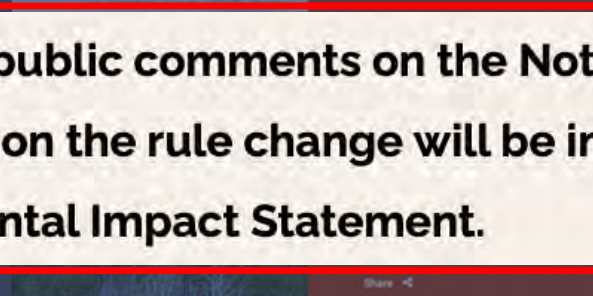


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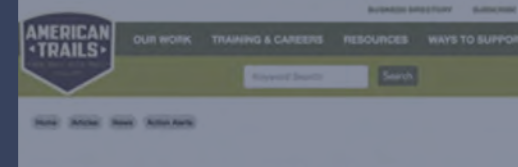
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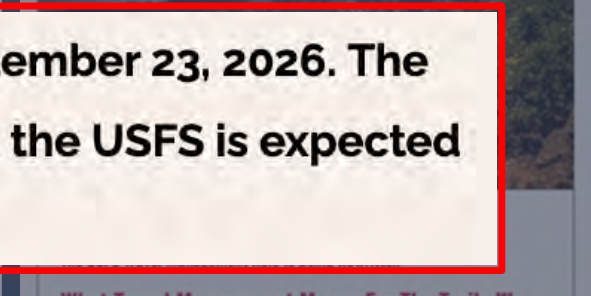
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## **2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule Rescission Draft Environmental Impact Statement**



View of Doris Lakes from Doris Mountain, Flathead National Forest, Montana. USDA Forest Service photo.

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## Forest Service Extends Comment Period for Proposed Rule to Rescind Roadless Rule

On Sep 27, 2026

**What:** On August 20, 2026, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) published a proposed rule to rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule). The notice of proposed rulemaking invited public comment on the proposed rule, the associated draft environmental impact statement, and cost benefit analysis, which were published simultaneously. The original comment period was scheduled to close on September 21, 2026. USFS is extending the comment period by 15 days to allow the public additional time to submit comments. The new deadline for comments is October 6, 2026.

**Background:** The Roadless Rule currently prohibits road construction and timber harvesting across roughly 58.5 million acres of inventoried roadless areas inside national forests. If the proposed rule is finalized, the national prohibition will be removed, and decisions about roads and timber harvesting would be made locally through each national forest's land management plan.

**Why it matters to small businesses:** In the proposed rule, USFS discussed the following potential impacts:

- **Timber:** More areas could open to logging where local forest plans allow it, an estimated 4.8 million acres. USFS projects this could raise national timber harvest volume by 5-10% and generate an extra \$4.6-\$10.6 million a year in revenue for the timber industry.
- **Access/roads:** Some new roads (permanent and temporary) could be built in areas that are currently off-limits. Roughly 18.2 million acres could see new permanent roads and 11.3 million acres could see temporary roads, depending on local plans and budgets.
- **Recreation and tourism:** Outfitters, guides, and tourism-related businesses could see some near-term disruption (noise, temporary closures, new infrastructure). Longer term, more roads could mean easier access for some

**PROPOSED RULE:**

1. [Special Areas: Roadless Area Conservation](#)
2. [Extension Notice](#)

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## Roadless rule comment period extended

Sept. 23, 2026 | Updated Wed., Sept. 23, 2026 at 7:29 p.m.



A significant portion of the Kettle Range in north central Washington is protected by the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. (Michael Wright/The Spokesman-Review)

**By Michael Wright**   
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There's still time to weigh in on the Trump administration's plan to end protections against logging and roadbuilding on nearly 45 million acres of federal land.

Federal officials announced earlier this month that the public comment period on the proposed rescission of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule has been extended to Oct. 6.

The comment period was originally set to end this past Monday.

[More than 240,000 comments have already been filed](#) with the Federal Register praising and lambasting the administration's push to rescind the rule, which prohibits the development of new roads on 44.7 million acres of U.S. Forest Service land across the country.

Conservation groups and wildlife advocates say the rule protects some of the nation's most pristine and untouched forests. Critics of the rule see it as a barrier to forest management and argue that removing it is necessary for dealing with wildfires.

The administration's proposal is detailed in a [333-page draft environmental impact statement](#) that analyzes the impacts of repealing the rule. The analysis also considered a sort of midstep – a modification of the rule that would retain roadless protections for about 13 million acres – but makes clear that the agency would rather dump the rule entirely.

The document says rescinding the rule returns management authority to local Forest Service officials, and it says the original rule "limited the Forest Service's ability to conduct vegetation management within inventoried roadless areas and has contributed to the lack of active management of the national forests."

Groups representing the timber industry support getting rid of the rule. The American Forest Resource Council said in an August news release that removing the rule would give land managers "greater flexibility to address wildfire risk and declining forest health."

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**ACTION:**

Proposed rule; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA or Department) is proposing to rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule (2001 Roadless Rule), which established broad prohibitions on road construction, road reconstruction, and timber harvesting within inventoried roadless areas on National Forest System lands. The intent of this proposed action is to reduce regulatory burden and return decisionmaking for the management of inventoried roadless areas to the land management planning process at the individual national forest level. Rescission of the national-level prohibitions provides responsible officials with flexibility to better guide management of National Forest System lands and respond to changing local resource conditions. The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976, and the associated land management planning processes and plans are the appropriate and effective mechanisms to guide sustainable, integrated management of the resources within the plan areas in the context of the broader landscape, giving due consideration to the relative values of the various resources in particular areas. The USDA invites public comment on this proposed rule, the associated draft environmental impact statement, and cost benefit analysis, which are being published simultaneously.

**DATES:**

Comments must be received in writing by September 21, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:**

Comments, identified by RIN 0596-AD66, should be sent via one of the following methods:  
• Electronically (preferred): Through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <https://www.regulations.gov>, identified by docket number FS-2025-0001 or RIN 0596-AD66. Follow the instructions for sending comments; or  
• Mail: Hardcopy letters must be submitted to the Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination, 201 14th Street SW, Mailstop 1108, Washington, DC 20250-1124.  
Comments should be confined to issues pertinent to the proposed rule, should explain the reasons for any recommended changes, and should reference the specific section and wording being addressed, where possible. All timely comments, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. Comments may be viewed on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> in the search box, enter "RIN 0596-AD66" and click the "Search" button. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available for public viewing. Please note that if your

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California pushes back on federal plan to strip protections from 4.4 million acres of state's national forests

Published Date: 25 Sep 2025

SACRAMENTO – California has submitted [formal comments](#) opposing the federal administration's proposal to rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, which has protected millions of acres of national forest lands from most new road construction and commercial timber harvesting for 25 years.

The federal proposal would eliminate nationwide overviews on road construction, road deconstruction and timber harvesting in inventoried roadless areas.

"Donald Trump is hell bent on liquidating some of our nation's most precious and irreplaceable public lands for his extraction industry cronies," said **Governor Gavin Newsom**. "Our national forests safeguard drinking water, support rural economies, and give millions of Americans places to hike, hunt, fish, and connect with nature. California will not stand by while these treasured landscapes are put at risk."

In California, the Roadless Rule protects approximately 4.4 million acres, including lands around Mount Shasta and the Trinity Alps, across the Sierra Nevada and Tahoe region, along the Central Coast in Los Padres National Forest, and in Southern California's San Gabriel, San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains. These lands protect headwaters and wildlife habitat while providing places Californians know and love for hiking, hunting, and fishing that contributes to the state's \$19 billion recreation economy.

"Science tells us more roads leads to more fires," said **California Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot**. "For 25 years, the Roadless Rule has helped protect millions of acres of California's forests, the water we drink and the communities that depend on them. Now the Trump administration wants to tear those protections down, even as research shows new roads can increase wildfire risk. Rather than sweep away these protections, we should be working together to make our forests and communities safer and more resilient."

Help Protect Our Wildest Forests from Trump

Docket Number: FS-2025-0001-223869



Our undeveloped national forests are the heart of our public land. But now one of the most important – and most underappreciated – conservation policies is on the verge of being cut by Trump. If the Roadless Area Conservation Rule is repealed, 45 million acres of pristine national forests across the country would be opened up for the first time in over 20 years to road building and the logging, mining, and extractive industries that come with that.

The policy was created by the Forest Service because it was ecologically critical, socially responsible, and overwhelmingly popular. Now the administration is repealing it citing fire concerns and timber value – but neither of those justifications stands up to scrutiny.

Last year, over 600,000 people voiced their support for this rule, but the Trump administration is steamrolling ahead and ignoring the American public. Our goal is to continue to demonstrate how popular this policy is, and to raise more awareness about it, by submitting even more comments to the administration than last year. [Join your voice with thousands of others by submitting your comment today!](#)

58,762

SIGNATURES OF 75,000 GOAL

Speak Up to Protect the Roadless Rule

The USDA Wants to Undo Protections for 10,794 Miles of MTFB Trails



Get involved: The USDA Moves to Allow Logging in Pristine Forests Along the PCT

By Mark Carlson

August 25, 2025

About 9% of the trail would be in the crosshairs as the agency seeks to increase timber harvesting activities nationwide



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is moving forward a plan announced last year to eliminate protections for millions of acres of roadless National Forest lands across the country, including 288 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail.

The Forest Service seeks public comments on its plan to diminish protections for nearly 45 million acres that were established under the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. The agency championed the rule 25 years ago as a way of providing long-term protection for inventoried Roadless Areas across the National Forest System.

But today, the Department says the rule creates a "regulatory burden" that makes it difficult for local authorities to manage forests. "Increased management flexibility" the Department says, is needed to meet its multiple-use mission. The proposal follows presidential executive orders to increase logging, mineral extraction, and oil and gas production on public lands.

DEFEND THE ROADLESS RULE: PROTECT YOUR LOCAL BACKCOUNTRY ZONES

Since 2001, over 50 million acres of multiple-use National Forest land have been protected from logging and development under the Roadless Rule. But now, these protections are in jeopardy.



On August 25, 2025, the [Interagency Fire Policy Implementation and Oversight Agreement](#) for the 2001 Roadless Rule.

The release of the DEIS represents a new step in the roadless rule decision and another opportunity for public comment. Now is your chance to weigh in on the [Final Environmental Impact Statement \(DEIS\)](#), which analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed rescission.

[Comments will be accepted through 9/15/2025](#)

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SAVE OUR ROADLESS FORESTS

Defend the Roadless Rule: Comment Builder

You will be prompted to answer questions which will personalize your comment, if you do not want a particular section included, just leave it blank and skip to the next question or section.

Questions? Reach out to [action@hikewatchers.org](mailto:action@hikewatchers.org)

[johnwentsworth@nps.gov](mailto:johnwentsworth@nps.gov) [Switch Account](#)

First and Last Name \*

Your email \*

Do you authorize Friends of the Inyo to submit this comment on your behalf? \*

Yes

Pacific Crest Trail Association





What the federal government's latest proposal could mean for the PCT and the trail experience.

Dear John,

I want to share an important update about a federal action that could significantly affect the Pacific Crest Trail and the landscapes that make traveling it such a remarkable experience.

Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture took the next formal step toward rescinding the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. For more than 25 years, the rule has protected nearly 45 million acres of national forest lands from most new road construction and large-scale timber harvest.

These protections are especially important to the PCT. Our latest analysis identified 63 roadless areas along 288 miles of the trail in California, Oregon and Washington, which is roughly 11% of the entire PCT.

Wes Siler's Newsletter

Cutting Through Disinformation Around The Roadless Rule Rescission

The sky isn't falling, the Forest Service hasn't been dismantled, and no one is about to bulldoze 44 million acres of untouched forest

WES SILER

AUG 25, 2025

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Queenie Barnard, Clerk of the Board

September 15, 2026

The Honorable Kevin Kiley  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2445 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

### Re: Opposition to Proposed Rescission of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule

Dear Congressman Kiley,

The Mono County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes the proposed rescission of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Rule). The Board urges you to publicly oppose the rescission and request your support for a longer comment period. Here in Mono County, the Rule protects almost 140,000 acres of public land. These include:

- **Glass Mountains Roadless Areas (~63,000 acres)** This area is home to migration corridors for mule deer, habitat for the Bi-State sage-grouse, and popular backcountry hunting and camping destinations.
- **Wilderness Adjacent Roadless Areas (~41,000 acres)** This area is comprised of pristine backcountry near Yosemite National Park and offers world-class hiking, climbing, and fishing.
- **Mono Lake & Mammoth Lakes Roadless Forests (~32,000 acres)** These irreplaceable watersheds support clean water for local communities and recreation economies, while protecting the scenic integrity of the Eastern Sierra.

As you know, healthy public lands are critical to Mono County's outdoor recreation tourism economy. Our region is one of California's premier outdoor recreation destinations, drawing visitors year-round for hiking, skiing, fishing, camping, climbing, and more. These wild landscapes support the local economy, sustaining a wide range of businesses including guides, outfitters, lodging, and restaurants. For this reason, the economic benefits of the Rule to Mono County are substantial. The areas described above must continue to be protected to ensure the health of our community.

The Rule provides additional fiscal benefits to Mono County by avoiding the construction and maintenance of new roads. The Rule saves taxpayers billions of dollars. The U.S. Forest Service currently faces a road maintenance backlog of nearly \$6 billion across its existing system. The addition of new roads would add to that even with contemplated estimates of new timber sales that



GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor  
WADE CROWFOOT, Secretary for Natural Resources

September 21, 2026

The Honorable Brooke Rollins  
Secretary of Agriculture  
United States Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins:

I write to reiterate our opposition to the proposed wholesale rescission of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule (Roadless Rule) that prohibits new road construction and commercial timber harvesting in inventoried roadless areas (roadless areas). For 25 years, the Roadless Rule has protected drinking water, wildlife habitat, and world-class recreation opportunities across millions of acres in every national forest in California. Roadless areas reduce the potential occurrence of wildfires, cost less to manage, and provide tremendous benefits for Californians. Accordingly, I question the purpose and need for this significant proposed rule change.

The Roadless Rule protects 4.4 million acres of California forest lands from new road construction and commercial timber harvesting. These lands span 20 national forests, including lands around Mount Shasta and the Trinity Alps, across the Sierra Nevada and Tahoe region, along the Central Coast in Los Padres National Forest, and in Southern California's San Gabriel, San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains.

California's national forests act as the state's natural water infrastructure, supplying nearly two thirds of California's total water supply. Roadless forest lands anchor the headwaters of the Smith, Eel, Sacramento, San Joaquin, American, and Kern Rivers, through which more than 11 trillion gallons of water flows every year. The value of the water produced by California's national forests is estimated at roughly \$3.2 billion annually, and sustains our multi-billion-dollar agricultural, technology, and energy economy.

Roadless areas are foundational to our state's outdoor recreation economy that generates over \$81 billion and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs across the state. California's national forests host 33 million visitors annually, sending hundreds of millions of dollars into rural gateway communities. Hotel and local sales tax revenue funds essential rural

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GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor  
WADE CROWFOOT, Secretary for Natural Resources

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*Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency*

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**PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN NOW** Comments close midnight, October 6

## The Roadless Rule has protected 44.5 million acres of wild America for a quarter century. Now is our time to defend it.

On August 18, 2026 the Forest Service filed its Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and its Chosen Alternative is to rescind the Roadless Rule in its entirety — pitched as wildfire protection. The public has a window to respond: it is open now and closes October 6 (extended 15 days), and the agency is legally required to address every substantive concern raised in the record. This site is your guide to a well-written comment that becomes part of the administrative record that decides the outcome.

The public is on the side of these forests, across parties, by wide margins. What is missing is not opposition. What is missing is opposition *on the record*, in the language the agency must answer. A **substantive comment** identifies a specific gap in the agency's analysis. The agency must address it individually in the Final EIS. That's what you can create here. It is not a form letter or petition. The agency counts them, then issues one collective response for the entire pile — no matter how many signed.

**308,157**  
Comments filed so far  
— of 53 of 53

**99.3%**  
Oppose rescission

**76%**  
Voter support for the rule  
— Pew, Feb 2026

WHAT COMMENTERS ARE RAISING

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Water Quality Quantity                | 262,320 |
| Wildlife Habitat                      | 220,131 |
| Recreation Tourism Public Use         | 184,321 |
| Environmental Protection Biodiversity | 125,010 |
| Climate Carbon Storage                | 106,882 |
| Public Opinion Support                | 43,188  |

You will not be commenting alone. **308,157** comments have already been filed this round, and **99.3%** oppose rescission — yet the Forest Service is proposing it anyway. This is not a popularity contest; what counts is what those comments actually argue.

DO THIS ALONGSIDE YOUR COMMENT

**Ask your members of Congress to cosponsor the Roadless Area Conservation Act.**

Beating the rescission on the record is the immediate fight — the durable one runs through Congress. The Act (H.R. 3910 / S. 2042) would write the rule into federal law, beyond any single administration's reach to repeal it by regulation again.

[Contact Congress →](#)



We read the complete Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

[See our annotated version →](#)

**NOW LIVE**

### Walking the Roadless Rule

A series of video shorts, featuring quick insights into the issues and concerns of the proposed rescission of the Roadless Rule — 43 episodes with ready-to-use content for your comment. Some episodes are still in production.

[Watch the series →](#)

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**UPDATED WEEKLY**  
Coverage from major outlets, June 2025 → today. Share to raise the political cost of repeal.
-  **Area Fact Sheets**  
**500 AREAS**  
A one-page PDF for every inventoried roadless area — acreage, forest, and the facts to cite.
-  **Resources** **8 PDFS**  
Fact sheets, Federal Register notices, CRS reports — primary sources to cite in your comment.
-  **Key Facts**  
The numbers that anchor every argument — acres, watersheds, species, comment counts.
-  **Write Your Comment**  
**OPEN NOW**  
A guided builder for a substantive, on-the-record comment — save your draft and finish later.

The comment portal is open through **October 6**.  
Draft and file your comment now.

THE BRIEF — AUGUST 2026

## Hundreds of wild places. Millions of roadless acres. One rule protects them all

For twenty-five years, a single rule has kept **44.5 million acres** of America's wildest national forest off-limits to new roads. Behind that rule sit the Tongass and Chugach in Alaska, the headwaters of **354 municipal watersheds**, habitat for more than **1,600 threatened and endangered species**, and roughly thirty percent of the entire National Forest System. On June 23, 2025, USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins announced plans to undo it all in the service of exploitation.

### THE GEOGRAPHY OF 44.5 MILLION ACRES

Every roadless area, every species, every watershed — mapped, with the science of each ecosystem and the local stakes of repeal. Your learning map leads directly to building a substantive and informed comment using our guided tool.

[OPEN THE LEARNING MAP →](#)

The rule survived a quarter century for one reason: the record. Its 2001 enactment drew more than **1.6 million public comments** — still the most for any federal rule in U.S. history. In 2025, the public responded to the Notice of Intent. Roughly **600,000 comments** came in; a roadless.org analysis found **more than 99.8% opposed rescission**. A Pew survey (Feb 2026) measured **76% voter support** for keeping the rule — bipartisan, across every region of the country.

### WHAT RESCISSION REALLY MEANS

Six long-form briefings on the record — wildfire, water, the real motivation for repeal, the carbon ledger, what bipartisan support means for the agency's legal exposure, and how the rescission and the Roadless Area Conservation Act fit together.

[READ THE REPORTS →](#)

The agency is proposing rescission anyway. What it is legally required to answer is not opposition as sentiment but rather **substantive** opposition on the record. Comments that name the studies. Comments that cite the watersheds, the species, the fire data. Comments that engage the agency's stated rationale on its own terms. This site is the working surface for that record: peer-reviewed research, primary documents, and a guided builder so what you submit becomes part of what the rule's fate is decided on. Your learning map and the comment tool guides you through comment creation and gives you immediate access to the issues, concerns, and arguments that yield a comment that the agency must respond to in the administrative record.

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## Save the Roadless Rule

The Forest Service has filed its plan to open 44.7 million acres of wild national forest to road building and logging. Comments close October 6.

[Start your comment](#)

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## Find Your Forests

Every green dot is a roadless area, and most stand to lose their only protection. Idaho and Colorado areas keep their state rules. Find the ones near you.

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You are **4 miles** from **Sherwin** in Inyo National Forest, California. There are **10 roadless areas** within 50 miles of you, totaling 120,322 acres. Without the Roadless Rule, every one of them is open to road construction and industrial logging. Sherwin is a 3,140-acre inventoried roadless area in the Inyo National Forest, California. It is one of the smaller areas in the inventory, below 77% of the rest, and areas this size still function as connective habitat between larger blocks.

### CLOSEST TO YOU

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|----------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Sherwin        | Inyo NF · CA · 3,140 acres  | 4 mi  | + ADD TO COMMENT |
| San Joaquin    | Inyo NF · CA · 19,662 acres | 6 mi  | + ADD TO COMMENT |
| Laurel McGee   | Inyo NF · CA · 8,770 acres  | 8 mi  | + ADD TO COMMENT |
| Nevahbe Ridge  | Inyo NF · CA · 302 acres    | 12 mi | + ADD TO COMMENT |
| Glass Mountain | Inyo NF · CA · 52,867 acres | 13 mi | + ADD TO COMMENT |
| Whisky Creek   | Inyo NF · CA · 865 acres    | 14 mi | + ADD TO COMMENT |
| Mono Craters   | Inyo NF · CA · 7,115 acres  | 14 mi | + ADD TO COMMENT |

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10 roadless areas within about 20 miles

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Comments Due October 6  
*Midnight EST / 8:59 PST*



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Inyo National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

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### Hiring Permanent Forest Supervisor on the Inyo National Forest

(Bishop, CA, Aug. 28, 2026) – The U.S. Forest Service is hiring a permanent Forest Supervisor for the Inyo National Forest. Current or former federal employees are encouraged to apply. The job announcement opened Thursday, August 27, 2026, and closes Wednesday, Sep. 2. Applications must be submitted through [USAJOBS.gov](https://USAJOBS.gov).

#### How to Apply

Applicants can view the job announcement and submit applications at [USAJOBS.gov](https://USAJOBS.gov) using the following announcement number. Applicants are encouraged to review the job announcement carefully for deadlines and required materials.

- Forest Supervisor: [26-GVA-FS14-13043659-FS](#)

For more information regarding the position contact Acting Forest Supervisor, Stephanie Heller: [stephanie.heller@usda.gov](mailto:stephanie.heller@usda.gov)

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## Nevada County Sustainability Summit

### Sustainability Summit E-Welcome Center

Welcome to the Nevada County Sustainability Summit E-Welcome Center. To promote conservation and the reduction of waste, all of the event materials are located here. Browse the event materials and resources by navigating this site.

The poster features a scenic background of a lake and mountains. A central green box contains the event title and date. To the right, a green box lists the agenda. At the bottom, logos for Nevada County California and Martis Camp are displayed.

### Nevada County Sustainability Summit

RURAL PROSPERITY IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

October 8, 2026

### Agenda

Come early for coffee and connections, doors open at 9 am.

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|------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| WELCOME                                              | 10:00 |
| PANEL 1                                              | 10:15 |
| • Climate Risk by the Numbers                        |       |
| -- WALKING TOUR/BREAK --                             |       |
| PANEL 2                                              | 11:20 |
| • Climate Impacts Across Our Key Industries          |       |
| -- LUNCH --                                          |       |
| -- WALKING TOUR/BREAK --                             |       |
| PANEL 3                                              | 1:00  |
| • Growing Our Economy Through Climate Solutions      |       |
| PANEL 4                                              | 1:50  |
| • Building Tomorrow: Youth Perspectives              |       |
| -- BREAK --                                          |       |
| Keynote                                              | 2:40  |
| • Heidi Sanborn: National Stewardship Action Council |       |
| Closing Reception                                    | 3:20  |
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The banner features a circular logo in the top left with the text 'HEART OF GOLD GRAVEL' and a mountain range. The background is a scenic view of a river with rapids and a wooden bridge. In the top right, the date 'OCT 17 2026' is displayed in large white letters, with 'NEVADA CITY, CALIFORNIA' below it. A teal 'REGISTER' button and a yellow 'JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST' button are on the right. A large digital clock in the center shows '12 21 19 57' with 'DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS' below each number, and 'UNTIL HEART OF GOLD' at the bottom.

## So Much Gravel...

Heart of Gold Gravel features courses with an overwhelming 75% on dirt. Definitely gravel, not "groad". The event was created with the impetus of youth mental wellness, and the effort to bring people together for that cause in Nevada County. This October 17th, we ride from Nevada City's Pioneer Park over three course options ranging from 28 - 70 miles. Each route features ample climbing and lots and lots of amazing dirt. This region is one of California's hidden gems. For a good cause, and on a great course, there's no good reason to miss out on Heart of Gold Gravel.

## Schedule of Events

Everything will be happening at [Pioneer Park - Nimrod Street in Nevada City](#)

**6:45 - 7:50 am: Packet Pickup**

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## CA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE NORTH COAST REGIONAL MEETING



October 1,  
2026

Thursday, October 1, 2026 – 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
In person: Bear River Recreation Center, Loleta, CA  
Online: [Zoom](#)

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|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30 AM      | Resource Fair & Check in                                         | Tish-Non Community Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:00 AM     | Tribal Welcome                                                   | Tribal Council Maggie Wortmon<br>Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:05 AM     | Welcome to the North Coast                                       | Assemblymember Damon Connolly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:15 AM     | Opening Remarks                                                  | Wade Crowfoot, CA Natural Resources Agency<br>Ted McArthur, USDA Forest Service<br>Task Force Executive Committee                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10:30 AM     | Director's Report                                                | Patrick Wright, Task Force                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10:50 AM     | Introduction to the North Coast                                  | Frank Lake, USDA Forest Service-PSW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11:05 AM     | Collaborative Efforts Producing Results                          | Moderator: Karen Gaffney, North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP)<br>Sherri Norris, NCRP Tribal Engagement<br>Ted McArthur, USDA Forest Service<br>Shelana deSilva, CA State Parks                                                                                               |
| 12:15 PM     | Lunch                                                            | Tish-Non Community Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1:30 PM      | Using Beneficial Fire to Build Community & Ecological Resilience | Moderator: Lenya Quinn-Davidson, Task Force Science Advisory Panel<br>Henri Holbrook, UCCE/Humboldt County PBA<br>Eric Darragh, Mid Klamath Watershed Council<br>Bill Tripp, Karuk Tribe<br>Ross Dollarhide, CAL FIRE-HUU                                                        |
| 2:45 PM      | Break                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3:00 PM      | Behind the Redwood Curtain: Stories of Success & Innovation      | Moderator: Yana Valachovic, Task Force Science Advisory Panel<br>Tanner Speas, Southern Humboldt Fire & Rescue JPA<br>Erin Kelly, Cal Poly Humboldt<br>Brady Dubois, America AgCredit<br>Elicia Goldsworthy, Green Diamond Resource Co. & CA Board of Forestry & Fire Protection |
| 4:15 PM      | Closing Remarks                                                  | Executive Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4:30-6:30 PM | Reception                                                        | Tish-Non Community Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



## North Coast Resource Partnership Strategy Workshop and Quarterly Meeting

**October 15-16, 2026  
Ukiah, CA**

The North Coast Resource Partnership is updating the [Vision for North Coast Resilience](#) – an actionable priority plan for regional resilience that was informed by hundreds of partners in the region through interviews, one-on-one meetings, workshops, conferences, and surveys.

The NCRP Leadership Council, Technical Peer Review Committee, and staff deeply value partner collaboration and insights to evolve this adaptive shared regional vision, and would appreciate your active participation in this updating process.

**Please share your thoughts on North Coast challenges and opportunities by completing a brief 5 question survey prior to registering – this will help us plan for a productive meeting that reflects your priorities.**

[Survey](#)

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## THE EVENT

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A large banner for the Resilient California Summit. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Registration', 'Sponsors &amp; Exhibitors', 'Program', 'Call For Proposals', 'FAQ', and 'Sign Up For Updates'. The main title 'Resilient California Summit' is prominently displayed in white, with the tagline 'Explore • Imagine • Catalyze' below it. To the right, the dates 'October 20-22, 2026' and the location 'SAFE Credit Union Convention Center Sacramento' are listed in yellow. Below the title is a circular logo featuring a landscape with mountains and a sun. The bottom section, titled 'Organized by:', lists several partner organizations with their logos: CA Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, Climate Resolve, Farallon Strategies, California Natural Resources Agency, UC Davis Institute of the Environment, and Indigenous Futures Society. To the right of this, under 'Presented by:', are logos for the Packard Foundation, Resources Legacy Fund, and Resilient Cities Catalyst. The background of the banner is a blue-tinted image of a mountain range.

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## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### DAY 1: EXPLORE

7:45AM - START

Open Time / Registration  
7:45AM - 9:00AM

Welcome Plenary #1  
9:00AM - 11:00AM

NETWORKING/TRANSITION

Breakouts #1  
11:30AM - 12:45PM

Lunch  
12:45PM - 2:00PM

Breakouts #2  
2:00PM - 3:15PM

NETWORKING/TRANSITION

Breakouts #3  
3:45PM - 5:00PM

Poster / Booth Sessions  
5:00PM - 6:00PM

Welcome Reception  
6:00PM - 8:00PM

8:00PM - END

### DAY 2: IMAGINE

7:45AM - START

Open Time / Arrival  
7:45AM - 9:00AM

Plenary #2  
9:00AM - 10:30AM

NETWORKING/TRANSITION

Breakouts #4  
11:00AM - 12:15PM

Lunch  
12:15PM - 1:45PM

Breakouts #5  
1:45PM - 3:00PM

NETWORKING/TRANSITION

Plenary #3  
3:00PM - 4:30PM

NETWORKING/TRANSITION

Capitol Steps Event  
5:15PM - 6:00PM

6:00PM - END

### DAY 3: CATALYZE

7:45AM - START

Open Time / Arrival  
7:45AM - 9:00AM

Plenary #4  
9:00AM - 10:15AM

NETWORKING/TRANSITION

Breakouts #6  
10:45AM - 12:00PM

Lunch  
12:00PM - 1:30PM

Breakouts #7  
1:30PM - 2:45PM

NETWORKING/TRANSITION

Closing Plenary #5  
3:00PM - 3:30PM

3:30PM - END

## SPEAKERS

**ELEA BECKER LOWE**  
California Climate Assessment  
Program Manager,  
Governor's Office of  
Land Use and  
Climate Innovation

**CONNOR MAGEE**  
Tribal Advisor,  
California's Fifth  
Climate Change  
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## CALIFORNIA OUTDOOR RECREATION PARTNERSHIP



**BASECAMP 2026**

Presented by California Outdoor Recreation Partnership

**5th Annual Basecamp — October 27 - 29, 2026 — Wildhaven Sonoma on the  
Russian River, Healdsburg, CA**

 [Get Tickets](#)

[Donate](#)

 Registration ends Monday, 10/19/2026 12:00pm EDT

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### About This Event

**Basecamp 2026 — Wildhaven Sonoma, Healdsburg,  
CA**

**Tuesday, October 27 (4 pm) – Thursday, October 29 (10 am)**

Our 5th Annual Basecamp is where we connect outdoor industry leaders with public policy champions to promote California's outdoor economy and equitable access to the outdoors.

Escape the office and join us for a couple nights alongside the beautiful and aesthetic Russian River. We'll host outdoor outings, purposeful workshops and roundtables, panel discussions, uplifting speakers, and empowering meetings that will leave you feeling reinvigorated about your role in the work that we do and the overall outdoor ecosystem.

This is an opportunity for California's outdoor industry and partners to come together to explore ideas, discuss issues impacting California's outdoor economy, network with each other, and reconnect with the outdoors. The event is open to members, potential members, and partners.



#### LOCATION

WildHaven Sonoma  
2411 Alexander Valley Rd  
Healdsburg, 95448  
United States

[Get Directions](#) 



#### DATE & TIME

Tuesday, 10/27/2026 - Thursday,  
10/29/2026

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#### PRICE

\$300 - \$750

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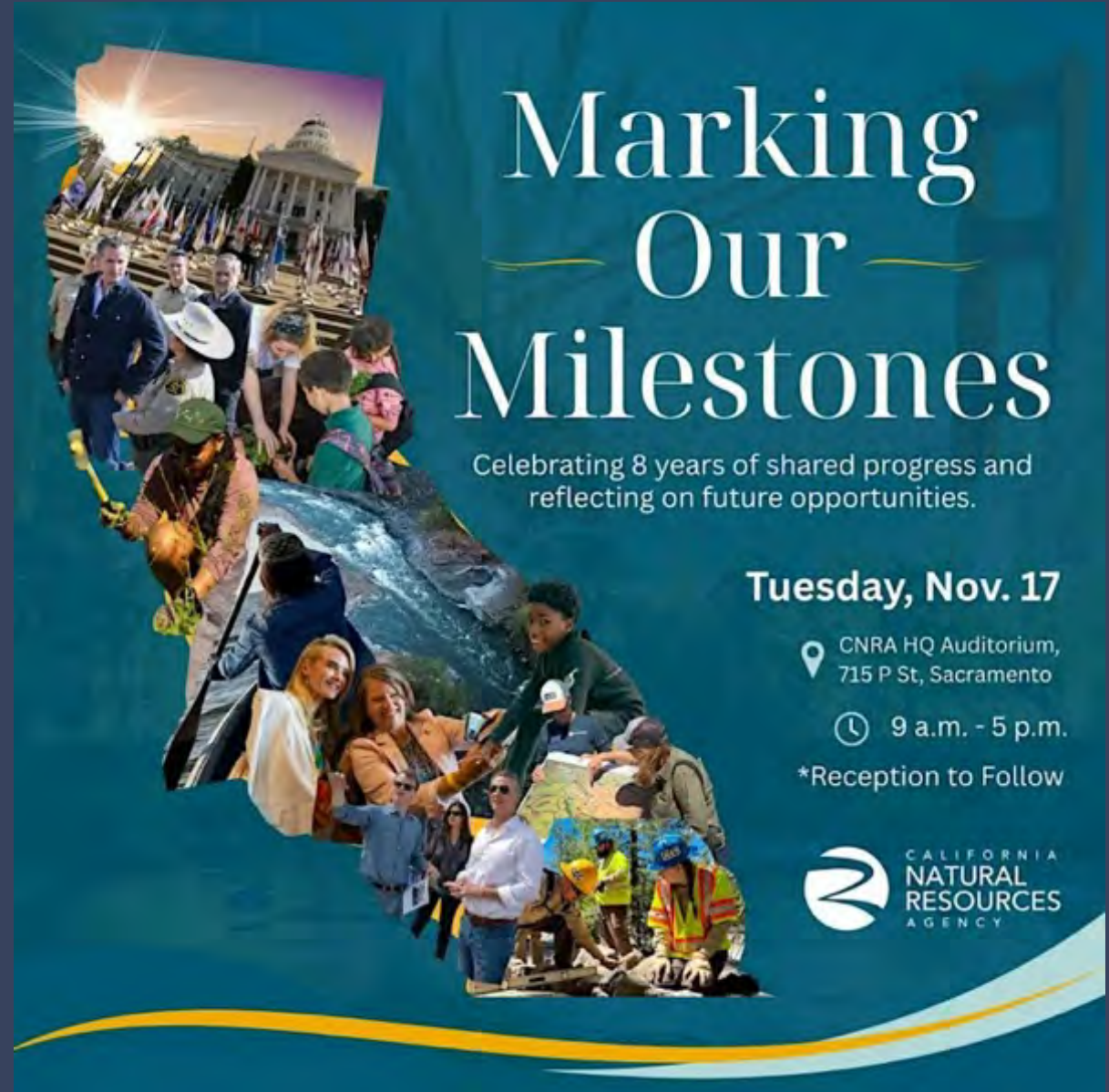
Celebrating 8 years of shared progress and  
reflecting on future opportunities.

**Tuesday, Nov. 17**

 CNRA HQ Auditorium,  
715 P St, Sacramento

 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\*Reception to Follow



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## California Outdoor Economy Summit

### Join the Inaugural Outdoor Economy Summit

At a defining moment for **California's outdoor economy**, this inaugural summit convenes those working in and alongside outdoor recreation to build more **resilient economic development**, through equitable careers, stronger natural landscapes, and place-based futures for communities across the state.

**California Outdoor Economy Summit**  
June 3rd-5th, 2026  
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### Calaveras County Board of Supervisors candidate Bruce Giudici dies after fall while campaigning



**SAN ANDREAS, Calif.** — A political candidate in Calaveras County died after suffering a fall while out campaigning over the weekend.

Bruce Giudici, a Board of Supervisors candidate for District 5, fell while door-knocking on a steep driveway on Sunday and a homeowner called 911, [according to his campaign](#). He died on Monday.

"Bruce was a man who cared deeply about Calaveras County and believed District 5 deserved honest, ethical, accountable leadership," his campaign said on Facebook.

[Giudici's bio](#) described him as a fiscally conservative economist with a background in governmental fiscal oversight and management.

District 5 includes the communities of Milton, Jenny Lind, Rancho Calaveras, and Salt Spring Valley. The district

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## CALIFORNIA VOTERS: 2026 MIDTERMS — WHAT TO DO NOW

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- ✓ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
Primary: **JUNE 2, 2026**  
General Election: **NOVEMBER 3, 2026**  
In California, the June primary determines the top two who move to November. Your June vote matters.
- ✓ **CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION**  
Check status now at [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov).  
Update address or party preference if needed.
- ✓ **EXPECT A MAIL BALLOT**  
Every registered voter receives one. Return by mail, drop box, or vote center. Must be postmarked by Election Day.
- ✓ **START RESEARCH EARLY**  
Federal, state, local candidates; ballot measures; bond proposals. Don't wait until the final week.
- ✓ **PAY ATTENTION TO LOCAL RACES**  
Housing policy, taxes, infrastructure, public safety, and school funding are shaped locally. These decisions impact your daily life.

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### ★ ACTION PLAN ★

- ✓ CONFIRM REGISTRATION
- ✓ REVIEW THE JUNE BALLOT EARLY
- ✓ VOTE IN THE PRIMARY
- ✓ STAY ENGAGED THROUGH NOVEMBER

Prepared voters shape outcomes.

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## 2026 Voter Guide

by CAL MATTERS

Created in part by The Edward R. Roybal Foundation

**In California's November 3 election, you're voting for new state leaders, deciding on 14 propositions to change state law, and weighing in on races and measures specific to your community.**

As long as [you're registered](#), you can vote on any part of your November ballot.

**California is picking a new governor.** After a wild primary, [the choices are now Democrat Xavier Becerra and Republican Steve Hilton.](#)

**One of the most important races is for insurance commissioner.** This role affects all Californians, including how we respond to climate change and natural disasters. [Two Democrats are running for the job.](#) Learn more about their positions using [our insurance commissioner quiz.](#)

**Voters will decide on 14 propositions.** [The propositions include](#) major issues that will change the lives of many Californians, including voter identification requirements, revisions to tax laws, and expanded access to low-cost mortgages. [Take our proposition quizzes](#) to see which choices match your views.

# Sierra Jobs First – Recreation and Tourism



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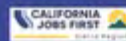
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## State Cohort RICA

### VISIT CALIFORNIA COMMENTS - Draft Comments and Context

Visit California provided comments on the initial draft of the State Cohort RICA document, which was circulated for comment in July 2026 by the State Recreation and Tourism Cohort, a California Jobs First Catalyst Project Initiative led by the MLTPA Foundation and Redwood Region RISE, regional Industry Sector Coordinators for California Jobs First.

What follows are the original draft recommendations for the Sierra Cohort RICA, as produced by the State Recreation and Tourism Cohort, followed by Visit California's original comments. The MLTPA and Redwood Region RISE team worked with Visit California to incorporate its suggestions into the final draft of the State Cohort RICA, including deleting some recommendations in their entirety, which was published on August 31, 2026.

For complete information on the State Recreation and Tourism Cohort and the State Cohort RICA, please visit the project web page here:

<https://mltpa.org/out-work/sierra-jobs-first-1/sierra-jobs-first/recreation-and-tourism-cohort>

### ASSETS - RECOMMENDATIONS #1 & #4

#### 1. RECREATION INTEGRATION WITH STATE INFRASTRUCTURE

The State of California, its agencies, and Visit California will collaborate with regional practitioners on state-funded infrastructure planning to integrate opportunities for sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism.

*Visit CA Comment:* Infrastructure planning falls outside Visit California's statutory mandate under the California Tourism Marketing Act. As an industry-funded marketing organization, Visit California cannot participate in state infrastructure planning, though we commend state and local efforts to enhance visitor experiences.

#### 4. PLACE-BASED EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

The State of California, through its funding agencies and their grant guidelines, and in collaboration with Visit California and local Destination Marketing Organizations, will fund place-based education and stewardship tools to connect visitors to the cultural, indigenous, and ecological contexts of California's outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities and promote responsible use.

*Visit CA Comment:* Visit California maintains a robust suite of destination stewardship resources and a dedicated Native American cultural heritage platform, developed in partnership with Tribal leaders and indigenous tourism organizations. While Visit California can provide feedback on similar efforts, the organization cannot allocate resources to fund or directly develop parallel assets that duplicate existing programs.

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#### Sierra Jobs First

Sierra Jobs First was a regional initiative working towards high-quality job growth, climate resilience, and economic prosperity in Alpine, Inyo, California, Inyo, Mono, and Tuolumne counties. The region was one of 12 collaborative areas across the state that were formed through California Jobs First (formerly the Community Economic Resilience Fund), a \$400 million fund to create high-quality, broadly accessible jobs for all Californians. Sierra Jobs First was facilitated by staff at Sierra Business Council, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit that serves the region.

#### Industry Sector Coordinators: Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

Sierra Jobs First Industry Sector Coordinators was selected for their deep, specialized knowledge and active engagement in the industries prioritized by the Working Group and Collaborative during the region's planning phase.

The Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTAP) and Sierra Focus Media were selected to serve as Industry Sector Coordinators for the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Sector of Sierra Jobs First.

Through the Sierra Works Initiative, MLTAP and Sierra Focus Media collaborated across the Sierra to support projects in the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Sector, including providing technical assistance, identifying funding resources for implementation, and reviewing and facilitating the Working Group that produced the Sierra RICA. "Recommendations for Implementation and Collaborative Action for the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Sector."

#### Project Funding

This project was funded by Sierra Jobs First to support the region of creating a community-led, climate-resilient, inclusive future for the Sierra region. Working with the Sierra Business Council, the regional convenor and fiscal administrator for California Jobs First in the Sierra region, Sierra Works provided industry-specific assistance to support job growth, inclusive growth, development, and economic resilience, while prioritizing the region's natural lands and climate communities.

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### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the lands we live and work on belong to Native Americans, including the Mono, Shoshone, and Paiute peoples, and the ancestral lands of many Indigenous peoples, including the Mono, Shoshone, Paiute, and Shoshone. We honor the traditional and ongoing stewardship of these lands by the Mono, Shoshone, and Paiute peoples.

These lands hold our common history, shared story, and living cultural traditions that continue today, despite the impacts of colonization.

We offer this acknowledgment as an invitation to recognize these places as a living landscape, and to carry forward our shared responsibility to this land and its original stewards as we do this work together.

### Gratitude

We are deeply grateful to the members of the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Working Group for their leadership and their vision, the trail system, arts, and cultural leaders, county and local staff, land managers, mountain passers, and community-based organizations who shared us with us, shared their story, shared what they were learning in the process, pushed us to think, and helped shape a document that reflects the real work of building sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism economies in rural California. Special thanks go also to those who took the time to review the draft RICA and submit valuable feedback through the public comment period, your critique made this a stronger document, and your input was woven throughout.

### Disclaimer

This document reflects the collective input of practitioners gathered through the Sierra Jobs First facilitator and Tourism Working Group and represents a good-faith articulation of the actions these practitioners believe would strengthen the sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism sector upon which California's rural economies substantially depend. The recommendations are offered for consideration only, where deemed appropriate by responsible parties, collective and implementation by partners in furtherance of the shared intent of supporting rural economic resilience. Any action taken to implement these recommendations shall remain the sole responsibility of the acting party.

For complete information and access to all  
Sierra RICA project materials, please visit:

<https://www.sbc.org/sierra-jobs-first>

# Sierra Jobs First – Recreation and Tourism

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### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION & COLLABORATIVE ACTION

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Working Group, Sierra Jobs First

#### WORKING GROUP ARCHIVE / RICA SOURCE MATERIALS

Documents and source materials are available on the project website, including:

- Meeting summaries from each of the seven Working Group sessions
- Full Working Group session recordings
- Whitepapers and live notes from Working Group discussions and breakout sessions

You can find all of it at: <https://sierrajobsfirst.org/working-group-archive/>

## GOAL #1 FUND A REGIONAL INFORMATION-SHARING ENTITY THAT FACILITATES IMPLEMENTATION

Find a viable regional entity for the cross-agency expansion and tourism network to share information of relevance and broker opportunities between regional agencies, local governments, counties, and community-based organizations that will advance the interests of the Region's Sustainable Recreation and Tourism sector.

### ACTION STEP 1 REGIONAL INFORMATION-SHARING AND PROJECT FACILITATION ENTITIES

The state of California, through its relevant agencies and their grant programs, will fund regional information-sharing entities to support collaboration, project development, and implementation.

### ACTION STEP 2 ALIGN LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITH DOI DIRECTIVES ABOUT RURAL GATEWAY COMMUNITIES

Local jurisdictions will increase opportunities for Gateway Communities to engage policies and investments to serve as the interface between urban and public lands, through their established programs, including Federal Directives such as the Department of the Interior Secretarial Order 3434.

### ACTION STEP 3 REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE HUBS FOR GATEWAY COMMUNITIES

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will fund collaborative hubs for cross-jurisdictional collaboration to implement regional programs or goals consistent with DOI's "Sustainable Recreation, Tourism, and Equitable Outdoor Access" and its "2025-2026 Action Plan".

### ACTION STEP 4 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The CA Office of the Small Business Advocate will coordinate, through its grant programs, technical assistance and guidance to community-based organizations with governance or administrative questions or need to the recipient organizations.

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## GOAL #1

### ACTION STEP 5 PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND QUICK WINS BUDGETING

The State of California, through its State Conservancies and various funding agencies, will recommend, through its grant programs, positions development project prioritization frameworks and quick win budget frameworks.

### ACTION STEP 6 TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT LIAISON

The State of California's Sierra Nevada Conservancy will fund, through its grant programs, or award Tribal Engagement Liaison to advise and coordinate with sovereign nations on Sustainable Recreation and Tourism projects.

### ACTION STEP 7 CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND MANAGEMENT

The State of California's Sierra Nevada Conservancy, through its grant programs, will fund the expansion/facilitation capacity necessary for cross-jurisdictional project development, implementation, and management, with a priority on local hiring.

### ACTION STEP 8 SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION AND TOURISM DATA LIBRARY

The State of California's Sierra Nevada Conservancy, or appropriate state agencies, including local jurisdictions and NGOs, will fund the establishment and maintenance of a regional Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Data Library, including visitorship, business, workforce, and economic data to further project implementation across the region.

### ACTION STEP 9 REGIONAL PLACEMAKING COORDINATION ACROSS SECTORS

The State of California's Sierra Nevada Conservancy or appropriate state agencies will fund, through its grant programs, the coordination of place-based and community-led placemaking projects across recreation, education, transportation, arts, and economic development sectors.

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## GOAL #2 ADDRESS BARRIERS THAT OBSTRUCT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Address systemic policy, regulatory, and political barriers that inhibit cross-jurisdictional collaboration and prevent the implementation of sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism projects.

### ACTION STEP 1 LEVERAGE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO FUND RECREATION & TOURISM

Local jurisdictions will consider opportunities to fund projects in the recreation and tourism sector through funding resources available through local jurisdictions and their contractors, including sales tax, parcel tax, business improvement districts, special districts including recreation districts.

### ACTION STEP 2 DETERMINING LEAD AGENCIES FOR NEPA/CEQA DECISIONS

A regional information-sharing body will facilitate and produce, through funding or grant awards, a playbook to help identify lead agencies for NEPA/CEQA decision-making for cross-jurisdictional sustainable outdoor recreation projects.

### ACTION STEP 3 INVESTMENTS OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN PARTNER AGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE

A local government entity will, using its available funding and applicable authorities and agreements, invest in qualifying federal or state infrastructure as an essential investment in outdoor recreation assets and programs that sustain rural economies.

### ACTION STEP 4 ESTABLISH DATA STANDARDS AND BASELINES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION DEPENDENT ECONOMIES

A regional information-sharing entity will facilitate the prioritization of standards and definitions for outdoor recreation data collection, including asset community benefit metrics, using grants or its available funding to inform regional allocations across jurisdictions throughout the region.

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## GOAL #2

### ACTION STEP 1 MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE

A regional information-sharing entity will develop, through its established grant programs, the regional funding mechanisms for local, state, federal, and private recreation infrastructure are sustained throughout their life cycles through appropriate mechanisms.

### ACTION STEP 2 DEVELOP AND ADOPT ARTS AND CULTURAL PLANS

The California Arts Council will provide technical assistance to achieve county-specific Arts and Cultural Plan full coverage which will facilitate the tracking of public and private funding for arts in its planning.

### ACTION STEP 3 GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL ORGANIZATIONS

The State of California will reform, through its grant programs, reimbursement requirements for small organizations with that administrative burden do not effectively exclude them from participating in public grant programs.

### ACTION STEP 4 FUND INTEGRATED RECREATION AND ARTS/CULTURE/PLACEMAKING PROJECTS

The State of California, through its Sierra Nevada Conservancy, will make funding available through its grant programs for projects that integrate art and recreation with recreation with cultural programming, public art, and community arts planning.

### ACTION STEP 5 CULTURAL STEWARDSHIP WORKFORCE INFRASTRUCTURE

The State of California's Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the California Office of Historic Preservation will fund, through their grant programs and in partnership with tribal nations, projects that make indigenous history visible in the built environment of rural recreation communities, including indigenous place names, public art by tribal artists, and interpretive infrastructure (i.e. designed with sovereign nations).

### ACTION STEP 6 RECOGNIZE ARTS AND PLACEMAKING AS ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

The State of California, through its Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Workforce Development Board and their funding agencies, will recognize, through their grant programs and programs, tourism, arts, culture, and placemaking as foundational pillars of regional economic development.

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## GOAL #3 BUILD A YEAR-ROUND, EQUITABLE, CAREER-FOCUSED RECREATION WORKFORCE

With tribal participation built into program design, build a year-round, career-focused outdoor recreation and tourism workforce with pathways to careers in land management, NGOs, DMOs, and local government.

### ACTION STEP 1 YEAR-ROUND AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Regional partners and local government entities will facilitate and produce, through their established programs, a year-round outdoor recreation ambassador program that includes tribal participation in its design, to connect seasonal positions into formal career pathways.

### ACTION STEP 2 A RECREATION WORKFORCE IS A HEALTH SYSTEM COMMUNITY BENEFIT

The California Department of Health, Core Access and Information and the California Workforce Development Board will, through their established programs, take regulatory action to designate outdoor recreation workforce development as eligible expenditures under established health community benefit obligations, allowing health spending with rural workforce development needs.

### ACTION STEP 3 REGIONAL CYCLING AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WORKFORCE CLUSTER

The California Workforce Development Board will establish, through its programs, a place-based workforce cluster to coordinate workforce investment across recreation, health, safety, and event programming sectors.

### ACTION STEP 4 CULTURAL STEWARDSHIP WORKFORCE INFRASTRUCTURE

The California Workforce Development Board, the California Arts Council, and local government entities will, through their established programs, establish designated cultural heritage stewardship roles, including arts administration, creative reuse coordination, cultural programming, and university affiliations, as eligible career development investments. Through federal regulatory guidance to integrate arts and cultural workforce development with the broader regional recreation workforce pipeline.

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## GOAL #4 REGIONAL RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Implement the recommendations from Sierra Jobs First's "Sustainable Recreation and Tourism" projects and from "A Changing Climate | Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra," from the region's "Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative" (SRTI).

### ACTION STEP 1 DEPLOY "A CHANGING CLIMATE" AS A SCALABLE CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN ACROSS THE SEVEN-COUNTY REGION

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will assemble, through its grant programs, projects that incorporate the analysis and recommendations from "A Changing Climate | Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra" into their grant proposals to ensure climate adaptation and enhance regional resilience, as a scalable seven-county initiative.

### ACTION STEP 2 DEVELOP THE "SRTI CLIMATE: REGIONAL ASSET INVENTORY AND GAP ASSESSMENT"

The State of California, through its funding resources, including the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and its grant programs, will fund the development of the "SRTI Climate: Regional Asset Inventory and Gap Assessment" as recommended by "A Changing Climate | Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra", as a scalable seven-county initiative, to prioritize projects, reduce duplication, and target the region's most vulnerable economic assets to climate change.

### ACTION STEP 3 DEVELOP THE "SRTI CLIMATE: SUSTAINABLE RECREATION OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM"

The State of California and its funding resources, including the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and its grant programs, will fund the development of the "SRTI Climate: Sustainable Recreation Outreach and Education Program" as recommended by "A Changing Climate | Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra", to ensure consistent communication efforts in a scalable seven-county initiative.

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## GOAL #4

### ACTION STEP 1 SNOW PLAY DATA COLLECTION AND UTILIZATION

California State Parks will fund snow play data collection projects through its grant programs to gather winter recreation play data, including state SNOW-Play, with current and projected winter conditions for planning, seasonal local events, and visitor engagement.

### ACTION STEP 2 CLIMATE-ADAPTIVE VISITOR MANAGEMENT FUND

The State of California will fund climate-adaptive visitor management programs that support on the ground landowner partnerships, digital information systems, and real-time visitor interpretation to communities experiencing accelerated climate impacts.

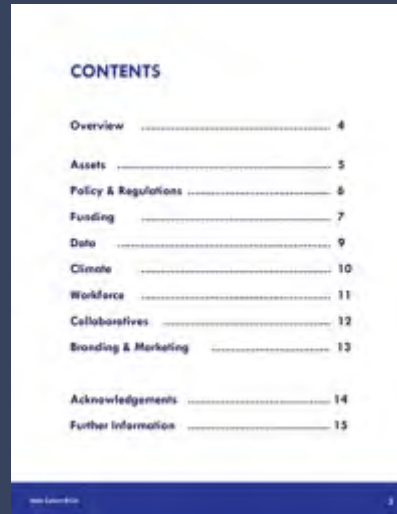
### ACTION STEP 3 REFORM GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING IN COMPRESSED SEASONS

The State of California, through its conservation and Repl. Funding programs, will allow organizations to grant reimbursement requirements to provide grant-level flexibility for organizations operating in compressed seasons due to climate change.

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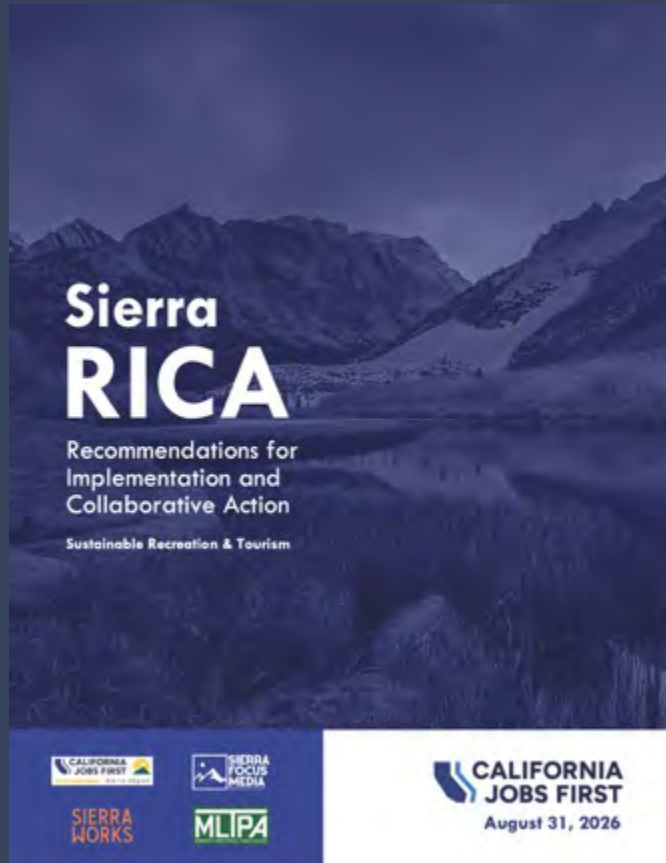
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| <div><h2>OVERVIEW</h2><p>August 31, 2026</p><p>STATE RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE – RICA SOURCE MATERIALS</p><p>Decisions and Source materials are available on the project website: <a href="#">linking.org</a></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Complete documents, including materials, will arrive from the "Symposium of Practice" event held last week on April 23, 2026.</li><li>Agendas, presentations and recordings from 18 regional cohort meetings that took place over 2023 and 2025.</li><li>A "State Cohort Library" including Regional Meetings from all 13 State First Regions along with regional strategies from Wild California.</li></ul><p>You can find all of it <a href="#">linking.org/recreation-and-tourism</a> after 7:00pm daily that recreation and tourism exist</p></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div><h2>ASSETS</h2><p>Natural assets — gold, rock, parks, trails, or other features — and community assets — community facilities, airports, train stations, transit routes, historic cultural assets</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>RECREATION INTEGRATION WITH STATE INFRASTRUCTURE<br/>The state of California and its agencies will collaborate with regional jurisdictions on state-funded infrastructure planning to integrate opportunities for sustainable outdoor recreation, tourism, and cultural infrastructure.</li><li>LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR PRIVATE LANDOWNERS<br/>The state of California, in coordination with the National Agricultural Law Center and UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, will extend protections for private landowners who provide public recreation access beyond the recreational use immunity already provided in California Civil Code §846 to address liability exposure that discourages private landowners' participation in regional recreation networks.</li><li>EXISTING ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE<br/>The state of California, through its funding agencies and their grant guidelines, will strengthen opportunities for review and materials related to recreation, cultural, and tourism infrastructure.</li><li>PLACE-BASED EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP<br/>The state of California, through its funding agencies and their grant guidelines, and in collaboration with local Destination Marketing Organizations, Chambers of Commerce, and Main Street Programs, will fund place-based education and stewardship tools to promote responsible use and connect visitors to cultural, indigenous, and ecological contexts through California's outdoor recreation and tourism.</li><li>HEALTH AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS<br/>The state of California, California Health and Human Services, and rural health care providers will integrate outdoor recreation and arts and culture activities into rural community health strategies to position outdoor recreation and cultural engagement as a health intervention opportunity for residents of rural recreation communities.</li></ol><p>the recommendations that follow are advisory in nature and do not constitute a mandate, directive, or binding action plan or any other agency action. They are intended to provide guidance, information, and support to the state and its agencies, and to the public, in their efforts to advance recreation, tourism, and cultural infrastructure.</p></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <div><h2>POLICY &amp; REGULATIONS</h2><p>Policies or regulations that have opened doors or created roadblocks. Does the policy landscape match conditions on the ground? Could a governance structure bridge the gap?</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>TRIBAL LIAISONS<br/>The state of California, through its funding agencies and their grant guidelines that require tribal engagement, will provide funding and technical assistance to tribal nations, tribal nations, and the organizations being served to support state-funded outdoor recreation and tourism projects.</li><li>STATE PARKS PARTNERSHIPS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES<br/>California State Parks will prioritize establishing Grand Neighbor Authority agreements with federal partners to ensure continuity of resource management and support for recreational activities.</li><li>OFFICE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION<br/>The state of California, through legislative or other means, will establish an office of outdoor recreation, or its equivalent, to provide strategic support and coordination for California's outdoor recreation sector.</li><li>INVESTMENTS ON FEDERALLY MANAGED PUBLIC LANDS<br/>The state of California, through its issuance of state bonds, will ensure significant investments in the use of state funds to invest in outdoor recreation infrastructure and programs on federally managed public lands.</li><li>OUTDOOR RECREATION AND TOURISM ALIGNMENT<br/>The state of California and its state agencies will work with tourism, recreation, and cultural practitioners to develop practical working geographies for regional outdoor recreation and tourism to align with and integrate California's outdoor recreation, cultural, and tourism sectors.</li><li>CULTURAL STEWARDSHIP WORKFORCE<br/>The California Workforce Development Board, the California Arts Council, and local government entities will, through formal regulatory guidance and in alignment with SB 678 and the California Economic Workforce Act of 2021, establish targeted cultural heritage stewardship roles as eligible workforce development investments to integrate arts and cultural workforce development into the broader regional workforce pipeline.</li></ol></div>                      | <div><h2>FUNDING</h2><p>How well do current funding opportunities align with actual needs and priorities, including infrastructure structures, maintenance, and the ability to build multiple sources together?</p><p>1/2</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>RCRC SUPPORT<br/>The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) will provide technical and financial assistance to align identified recreation and tourism opportunities with county needs, including projects that cross county lines in California, while identifying county interests with federal partners in the outdoor recreation and tourism sector.</li><li>LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FUNDING AUTHORITIES<br/>Local jurisdictions will consider opportunities to fund projects in the sustainable outdoor recreation, tourism, and arts and culture sectors using funding authorities available to them, including sales and general taxes, tourism business improvement districts (TBIDs), and special districts such as recreation districts.</li><li>RECONSTITUTE RECREATION RACS<br/>The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) will engage with federal partners in recreation Recreation Resource Advisory Committees (Recreation RACs) to review and establish fee proposals.</li><li>PRIORITIZE ONGOING NEEDS<br/>The state of California, through its funding agencies, will encourage grant guidelines to ensure that ongoing operation and maintenance needs of recreation and tourism assets are eligible and supported by state grant funding, alongside capital investment needs.</li><li>STRENGTHEN THE JOBS FIRST SECTOR<br/>The state of California, through its funding agencies, will encourage grant guidelines to support outdoor recreation, tourism, and creative economy projects that will directly and indirectly benefit the "disadvantaged" sector of the state's economic landscape, as published by California Jobs First.</li></ol></div> | <div><h2>FUNDING</h2><p>2/2</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>BLOCK GRANTS FOR MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS<br/>Relevant state of California grant programs will replicate and model the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFCCP) Block Grant Model to specifically include and support funding, multi-year planning horizons in the outdoor recreation and tourism sector as part of multi-benefit project development and funding.</li><li>CAL FIRE DESIGNATION OF ASSETS<br/>CAL FIRE will designate outdoor recreation, cultural, and tourism assets through its grant guidelines as critical community infrastructure to inform fire mitigation work and the funding of state grants.</li><li>CEQA/NEPA DECISIONS<br/>The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) will coordinate with partners to identify recreation and tourism projects delayed by issues in federal capacity and facilitate opportunities for those projects to achieve "shovel-ready" status through final grant environmental planning decisions.</li><li>END-TO-END PLANNING<br/>The state of California, through its funding agencies and their grant guidelines, will establish opportunities to fund projects from concept through shovel-ready status to eliminate funding gaps at the scoping, design, environmental review, or pre-construction stages.</li><li>TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANTEEES<br/>The state of California, through its funding agencies and their grant guidelines, will provide technical assistance to rural and small-scale regional governments to ensure non-affiliates and local reporting while building capacity.</li><li>INTEGRATED PLACEMAKING<br/>The state of California will make funding available through its grant programs to integrate rural and recreation infrastructure projects with cultural programming, public art, and community storytelling.</li></ol></div> |
| <div><h2>DATA</h2><p>What data resources exist to support projects — things like valuation numbers, economic impact, or user behavior — and what is missing that should be considered? Who owns the data?</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>JOINT STATE-FEDERAL SOCIOECONOMIC DATA SHARING<br/>The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-BED) will establish a socioeconomic data sharing program for the outdoor recreation and tourism sectors between the state of California and federal partners, including the new U.S. Forest Service office in Placerville, to manage mutual data-sharing needs.</li><li>ALIGNMENT OF PRIORITIES<br/>The state of California will develop priorities that connect broadly to state "Wildlife First" priorities for their shared recreation and tourism sector and to establish a shared focus for efficient collaborative efforts.</li><li>UCANR COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TECHNICAL SUPPORT<br/>UC Agriculture and Natural Resources will use Cooperative Extension (CECE) will support communities working in the outdoor recreation, tourism, and creative economy sectors by providing technical support and data to enhance outdoor recreation and tourism programming, infrastructure supporting economic development, and job creation.</li><li>ECONOMIC TRANSITIONS AND CHALLENGES<br/>The California Association for Local Economic Development (CALLED) will include examples of rural communities transitioning from recreation, tourism, and cultural economy-based systems to facilitate of their Rural Exchange events to provide information and resources to community members.</li></ol></div> | <div><h2>CLIMATE</h2><p>Is climate change a threat, through shifting seasons, temperature fluctuations, or water scarcity? Can the project be successful in climate vulnerable or otherwise?</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>MULTIPLE-BENEFIT CLIMATE PROJECTS<br/>The state of California, through its funding agencies and their grant guidelines, including California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and CAL FIRE will, through the California Wildlife and Forest Resilience Task Force, draft and publish an administrative directive that addresses fire-hardened trail prescriptions for wildlife integration in alignment with related Goals and Key Actions from California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation &amp; Wildlife Resilience to build resilient California communities.</li><li>FIRE-HARDENED TRAILS AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE<br/>The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and CAL FIRE will, through the California Wildlife and Forest Resilience Task Force, draft and publish an administrative directive that addresses fire-hardened trail prescriptions for wildlife integration in alignment with related Goals and Key Actions from California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation &amp; Wildlife Resilience to build resilient California communities.</li><li>WILDFIRE IGNITION RISK EDUCATION<br/>CAL FIRE will, through its grant guidelines, incentivize funding for the implementation of Goals and Key Actions from California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation &amp; Wildlife Resilience to support educational opportunities for outdoor recreation and tourism users about the risks of wildfire ignition from outdoor recreation activities.</li><li>BLOCK GRANTS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION<br/>The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and the Department of Conservation (DOC) will integrate outdoor recreation and tourism as multi-benefit criteria into their block grant programs for water, forestry, and restoration projects to ensure that outdoor recreation is recognized as essential to the health of the environment, communities, and regions.</li><li>BIONASS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION<br/>The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and CAL FIRE will, through their grant guidelines, encourage funding for Goals and Key Actions from California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation &amp; Wildlife Resilience to include support for sustainable outdoor recreation infrastructure and programs when funding biomass removal, utility, and energy projects.</li><li>OUTDOOR EDUCATION<br/>The California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Natural Resources Agency will reinstate field trips and outdoor education programs, including the Green Schoolyards Initiative, through their funding opportunities and grant programs to create inspired educators and educators for California's future.</li></ol></div> | <div><h2>WORKFORCE</h2><p>Are skills, contractors, and project managers available locally? Are there long-term workforce pipelines through increasingly indigenous, local farm programs, workforce development boards?</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>TRAIL STANDARDS AND WORKER CERTIFICATIONS<br/>The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), including State Parks, the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), and the California Council of Land Owners (CCLO), will establish planning, design, and maintenance standards for trail programs to create career pathways and opportunities for trail professionals and entrepreneurs.</li><li>INDUSTRY SECTOR SKILLS CODES<br/>The California Employment Development Department (EDD) and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency will refine and reimagine industry sector skills codes for outdoor recreation, tourism, and the arts to generate valuable, specific skills data and tracking information for these sectors.</li><li>SKILLS-BASED WILDFIRE, OUTDOOR RECREATION, AND TOURISM JOBS<br/>The state of California, through its relevant agencies, will implement economic development from California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation &amp; Wildlife Resilience to prioritize projects that will create skills-based, prevailing-wage jobs in the wildfire mitigation, outdoor recreation, and tourism sectors.</li><li>CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY<br/>The California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) will collaborate with the California Career and Technical Education Center (CCTEC) to integrate business skills targeted towards professionals in the outdoor recreation economy into the CCTEC Career Technical Education program.</li><li>CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS CONTRACT EXEMPTIONS<br/>The state of California, through its regulatory authority, will pursue AB 237 exemptions for contracting with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and other workforce training programs to ensure that state policy recognizes outdoor recreation infrastructure and programming as integral to fire mitigation, workforce development, and climate resilience.</li></ol></div> | <div><h2>COLLABORATIVES</h2><p>Collaborative relationships across jurisdictions, local managers, or third parties - preexisting project? Sticking things down? Would a regional coordination body or structure help?</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES<br/>Local jurisdictions, with support from local, state, federal, and private funding, will create and maintain regional outdoor recreation and tourism collaboratives to provide networking and collaboration opportunities, connect with other regional collaboratives in other regional divisions, and conduct regional-scale mapping.</li><li>REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES AND AGENCY ENGAGEMENT<br/>Local, state, and federal agencies will engage with regional collaboratives to align agency priorities with regional opportunity and needs, build agency funding and create mandates where possible, or provide technical assistance and ecosystem support for the outdoor recreation and tourism sectors.</li><li>INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION<br/>The state of California, through relevant state agencies and regional collaboratives, will establish a working group to connect activities in the outdoor recreation, tourism, and cultural economy sectors that cross lines with program areas of tourism marketing and state agencies to make recommendations for efficient program delivery.</li></ol></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <div><h2>BRANDING &amp; MARKETING</h2><p>Does the project have a clear identity? How effectively does it speak to the community, to funding, to decision-makers? Can it be a tool for advocacy or building political will?</p><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>REGIONAL BRANDING AND MARKETING<br/>Local jurisdictions, with support from local, state, federal, and private funding, will invest in recreation and tourism collaboratives to facilitate regional branding and marketing across regional Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs), Chambers of Commerce, Main Street Programs, and between state and local regions.</li><li>ECONOMIC TRANSITION GO-BED<br/>The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-BED) will engage state agency partners and compile identification, transition state studies, and analysis (e.g., from middle or childhood to support regions and communities undergoing similar transitions that may be considering investment in outdoor recreation and tourism ecosystems).</li></ol></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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# Sierra Jobs First – Recreation and Tourism



# Sierra Jobs First – Recreation and Tourism – Catalyst Extensions



**Erika Harvey**

ESSRP Update

To: John Wentworth, Erin Murphy

inbox: s...@mlipa.org

August 27, 2026 at 11:17 PM

Hi John,

Here is the ESSRP update for the CJF No Cost Ext...

- SBC has received and signed our No Cost Extension Amendment with the state.
- This amendment will allow SBC as the convenor to continue overseeing Catalyst projects and the compliance of approved catalyst projects until June 2027.
- This amendment does not allow us to add money or move money, the only change is the contract end date for catalyst projects.
- As of right now, SBC opened and closed an application window for the 38 catalyst projects to apply for a No Cost Extension amendment. 24 projects applied, and our team is working diligently to review the requests and get back to projects before September 15.
- The No Cost is a unique opportunity that the state has given projects more time to wrap up their goals and deliverables.

Let me know if you need anything else!

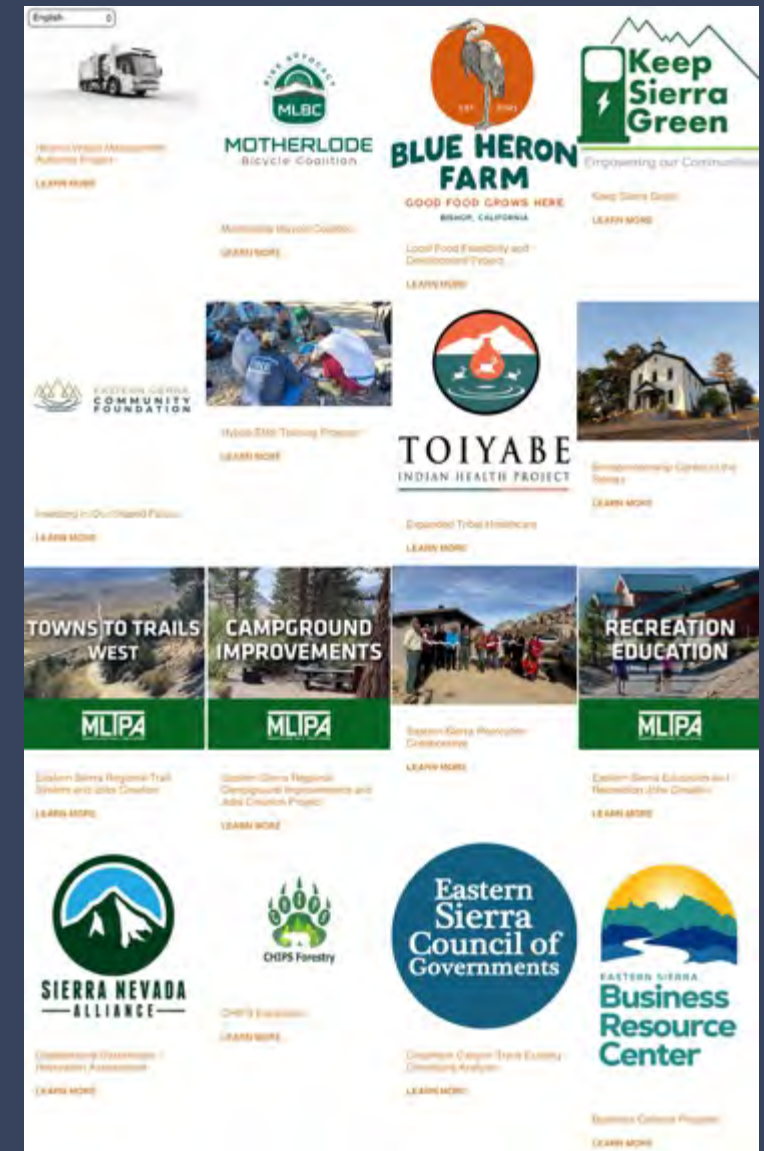


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# Sierra Jobs First – Recreation and Tourism – Catalyst Extensions



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inbox - B (rth@mltpa.org) September 22, 2026 at 10:39 AM

Re: MLTPA / SBC / Catalyst Extensions

To: Erin Murphy, Cc: Kaela Flank, Kara Bechtle, Sierra Jobs First, John Wentworth

[Details](#)

Hi Erin,

Apologies for the delay - we've sent out notification to projects but the awards are tentative if they get their compliance documentation in by September 30th. We won't be able to share a list until contracts are signed.

Thanks,



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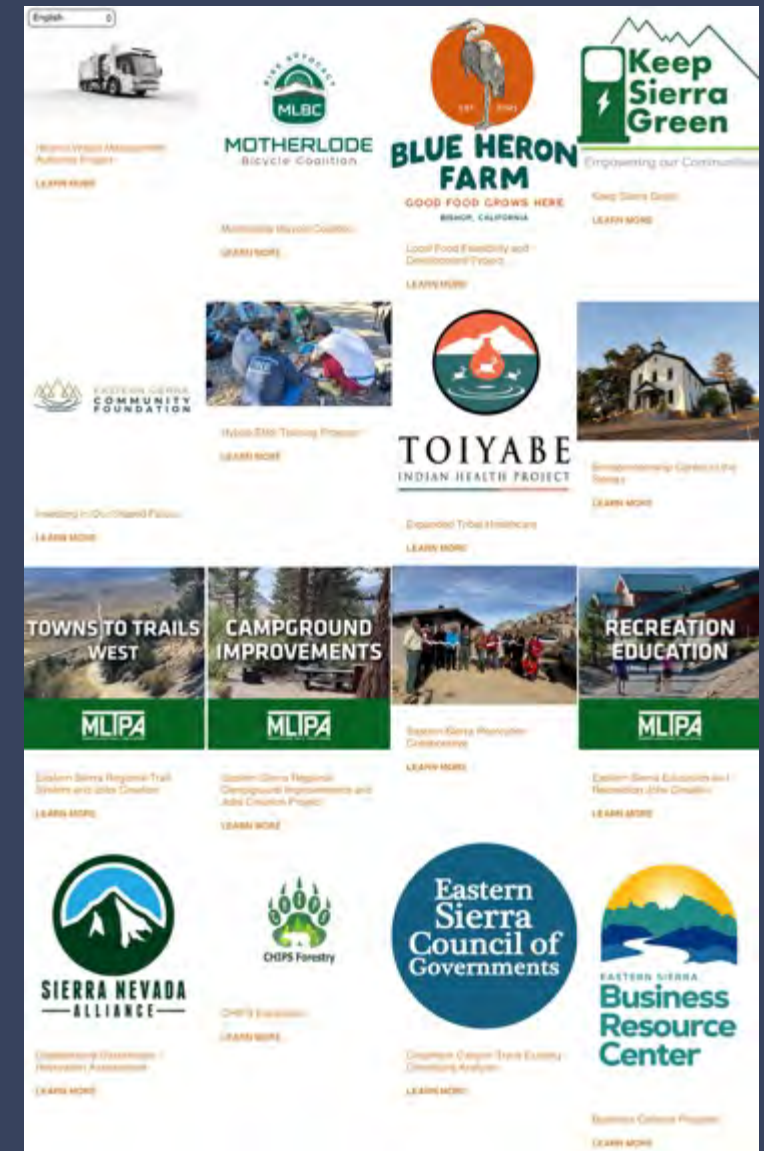
On Mon, Sep 14, 2026 at 1:01 PM Erin Murphy <[erinmurphy@mltpa.org](mailto:erinmurphy@mltpa.org)> wrote:  
Hi Kara & SBC Team,

Hope you're all doing well and surviving the Catalyst extension review process.  
We're curious what to expect regarding any news tomorrow on which projects will be approved for a Catalyst extension.

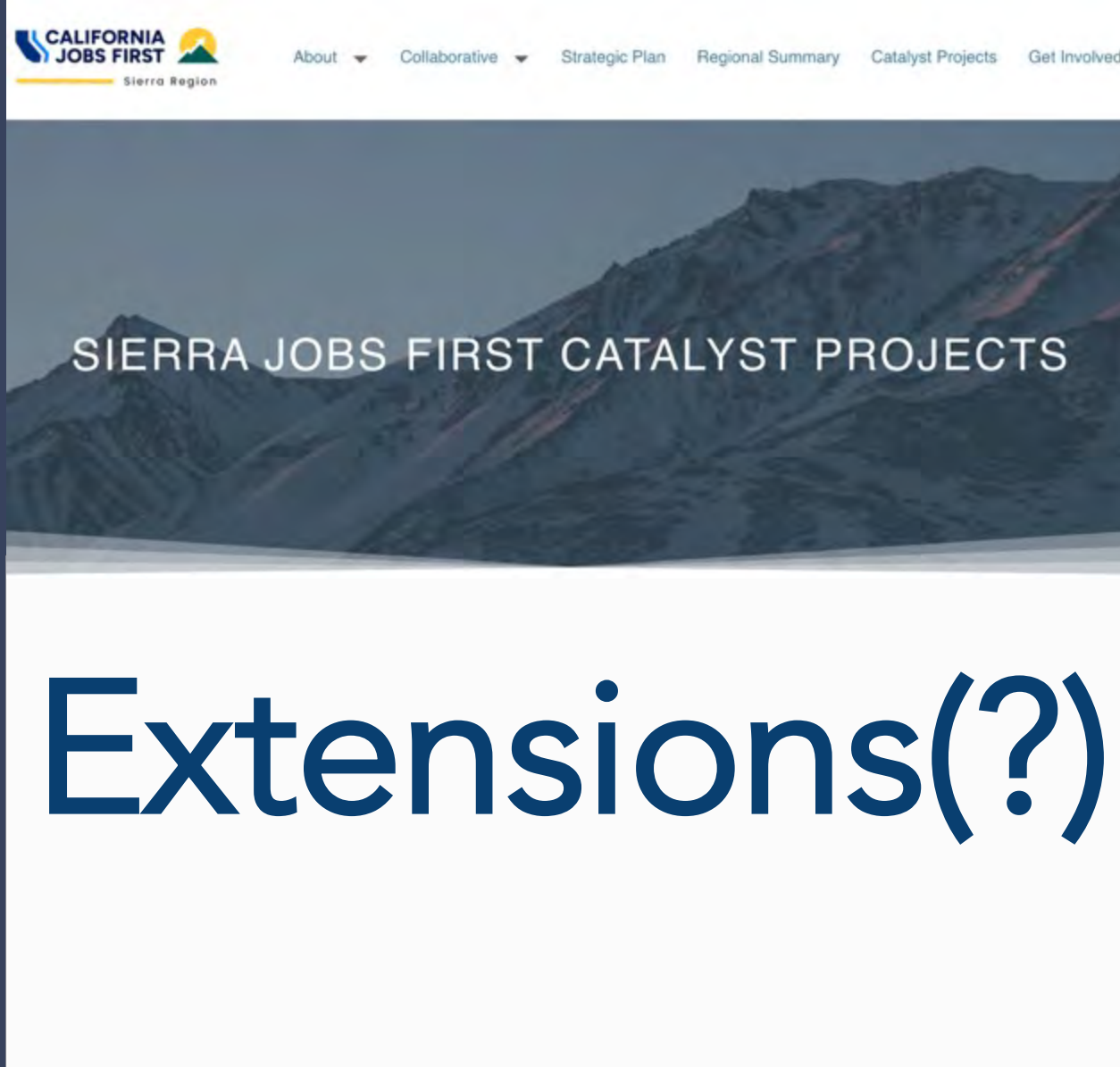
Of course, MLTPA does not have any projects under consideration, but we still share an interest in the work continuing in the region and, if appropriate, can share any updates at the next ESSRP meeting.

Thank you!

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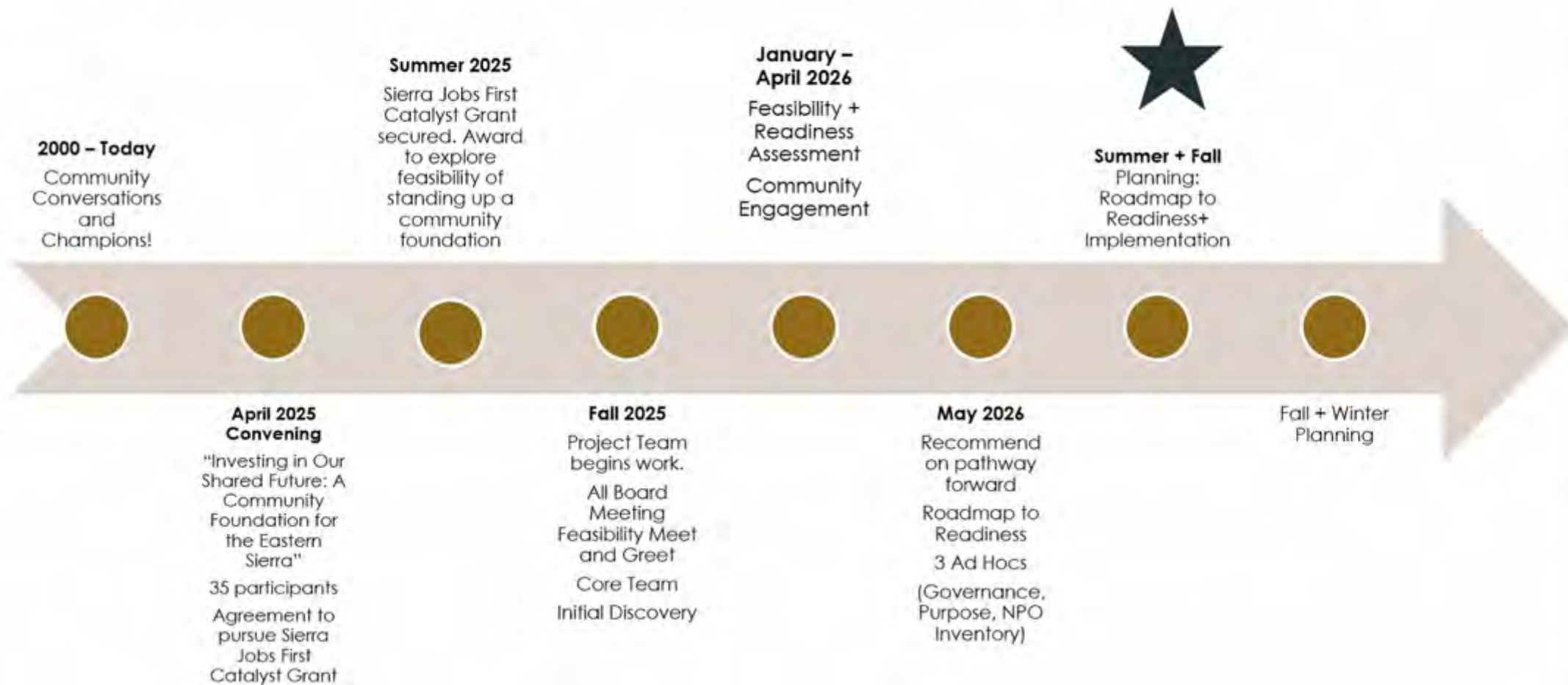
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### Eastern Sierra Recreation Organizational Landscape Assessment

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) is conducting this assessment to better understand the organizations working in recreation across Inyo and Mono Counties. The goal is to identify existing strengths, clarify organizational roles, understand capacity limitations, and explore opportunities for improved regional coordination. The findings will help determine whether a regional recreation collaborative would add value and what services or tools would best support participating organizations. Thank you for your participation, the survey should take 10-15 minutes.

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## Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Strategic Planning Workshop

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, MAMMOTH LAKES | 1-5PM

Facilitation: Seana Doherty, Senior Manager



## Agenda | Sept 18, 1-5pm

### **PART ONE | 1-2:30 pm**

#### **Laying the Groundwork**

1. Welcome
2. Workshop Overview
3. ESCOG Today
4. Learning from Others

### **PART TWO | 2:30-5:00 pm**

#### **Setting Future Direction**

1. Strategic Planning Kick-Off
2. Defining ESCOG's Foundational Elements
  - Agreements/Vision/Mission
  - Program Area Priorities
3. Close and next steps

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## Chipmunk Canyon Trails Existing Conditions Analysis

*Balancing Access, Ecology, and  
Culture in Recreation*

The logo for the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments. It consists of a dark blue circle containing the text "Eastern Sierra Council of Governments" in white, serif font.

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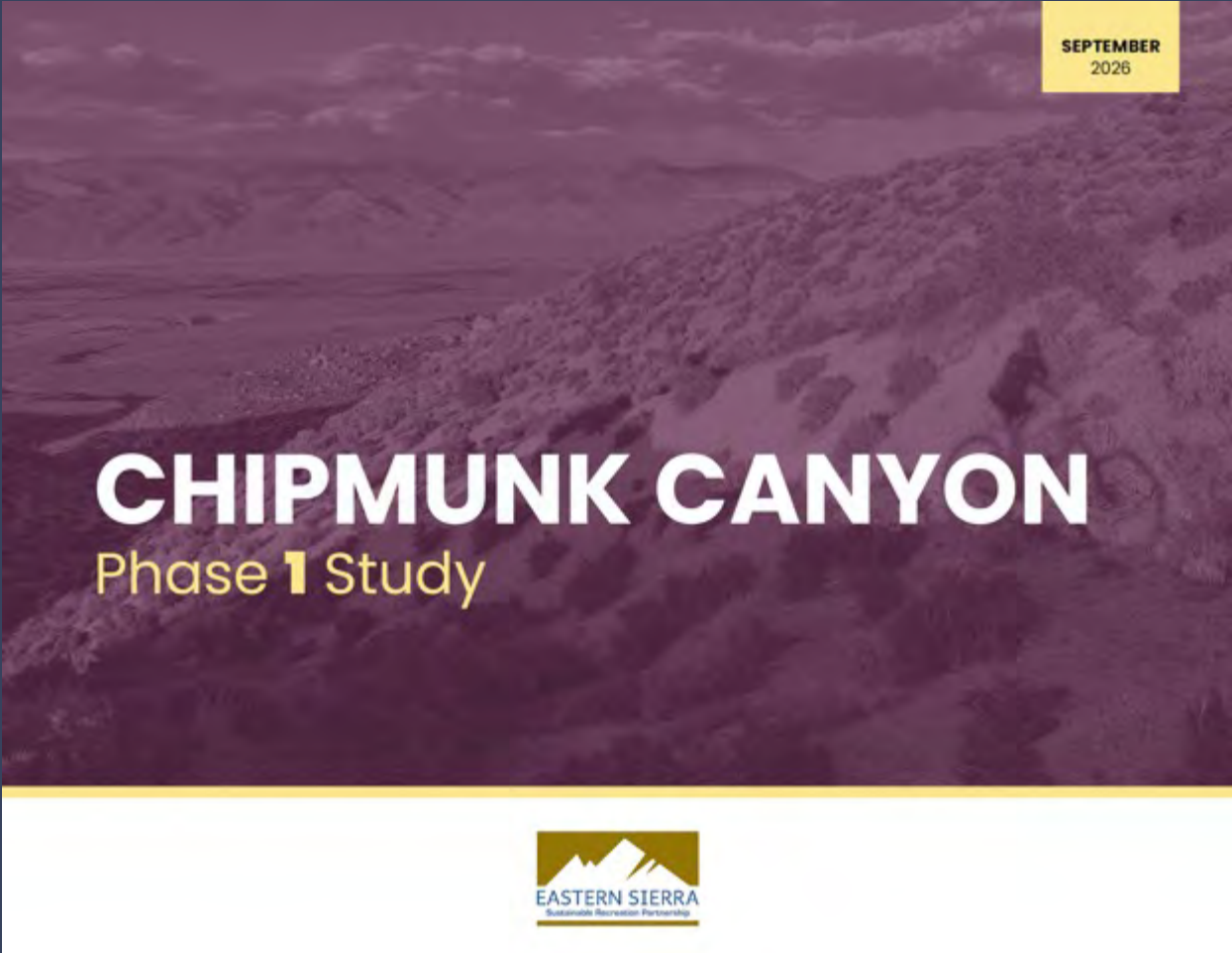


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CHIPMUNK CANYON PHASE I STUDY

## Executive Summary

### Project Background

The Chipmunk Canyon Phase I Study shares a path forward for the Chipmunk Canyon Trail System, including guidance for sustainable trail development and how to steward, fund, and maintain trails through a collaborative multi-agency framework. The strategies identified in this study are the result of a stakeholder driven, collaborative process to understand how the community is using the Chipmunk Canyon Trail System and identify appropriate next steps for sustainable management of this highly valued community recreation asset.

This study represents the first phase of a longer-term planning process, establishing a baseline of existing conditions and begins discussions between land management agencies and trail users.

### Engagement and Project Partnerships

Community engagement and partnerships were vital to the Chipmunk Canyon Trail Study. The Project Team coordinated with representatives from Tribal governments, land managers, trail user groups, community organizations, and other stakeholders. The project team also gathered community input on current use and future priorities for the Chipmunk Canyon Trail System through an online survey and public input map. Cerro Coso Community College supported this effort by providing interns from their Forestry, Climate, and Conservation Work Experience course for job training opportunities who conducted outreach at the trail system and promoted the survey.

The engagement process highlighted the importance of the Chipmunk Canyon Trail System to the community and found support for thoughtful, sustainable improvements that protect the area's character while making the trail system easier to navigate and enjoy.

### Major Opportunities and Constraints

- ♦ **Updated Trail Network:** The current trail system contains a dense network of community-built trails, including routes with exceptionally steep grades exceeding 40 percent. Selecting a subset of trails to develop as a sustainable network for long term use and maintenance is supported by the community and would improve trail user experience and safety, mitigate environmental impacts like erosion, and bring trails up to the standards required by land management agencies.
- ♦ **Governance:** The trail system crosses land owned by multiple agencies. A sustainable governance structure will clarify roles, responsibilities, and decision-making among landowners and other managing partners while supporting coordinated improvements, funding, and a consistent trail user experience.

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Figure 1. Chipmunk Canyon Project Area

#### CHIPMUNK CANYON

##### EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK

##### LEGEND

- Chipmunk Canyon Study Area
- Parking Areas

##### Trails

- Existing Trails
- BLM Routes
- Rawson Creek Trail

##### Land Managers

- BLM
- LADWP
- USFS

##### Sunland Cemetery

- Existing Cemetery
- Cemetery Expansion



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A work by Tuolumne County artist Eleanor BonBon is part of the traveling art exhibition “from Here to There” presented this year in seven Central and Eastern Sierra counties.

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Work by Inyo County artist Rodney Thompson is part of the traveling art exhibition “from Here to There” now in Jamestown.  
Courtesy art / Rodney Thompson


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*certifications as well as exposure to wilderness recreation with Wilderness First Aid credentials.*

### Catalyst Project Outcomes

#### CARRIZO COSO & COLUMBIA COLLEGE EXCHANGE

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#### CARRIZO COSO PROGRAMS: FORESTRY, CLIMATE, AND RECREATION

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### Catalyst Project Background Materials

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Both programs stand out through their experiential learning model. Students earn credit while hiking, skiing, rock climbing, mapping wilderness zones, or building trails, and they leave with industry certifications and direct connections to career paths.

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## Mono County/Cerro Coso internship program 'SOARs'

County's Sustainable Outdoors & Recreation division creates pathways to outdoor jobs

By Louis Medina/Mammoth Times Staff Jun 11, 2026

Mono County Sustainable Outdoors & Recreation division intern Stephanie UrbanWolff, crouching at right front in the olive sun hoodie and helmet, receives crosscut saw training together with staff from the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Crosscut saw training is required for trail clearance in wilderness, where the use of mechanized equipment, including chainsaws, is not allowed.

Mono County/Courtesy

The Mono County Department of Public Works' Sustainable Outdoors & Recreation division, known as SOAR, has partnered with Cerro Coso Community College to offer a new recreation internship program designed to create direct pathways into outdoor industry careers.

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## Campground Improvements



**Project Description:** The Eastern Sierra Regional Campground Improvements and Jobs Creation project - the official name of this Sierra Jobs First funded project - undertook planning for the renovation of campgrounds in the Eastern Sierra Jobs First Region, including Inyo, Mono, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties. The project aimed to improve accessibility, increase public use, and mitigate climate-driven threats to infrastructure such as wildfires, flooding, and storm events. MLTPA partnered with the Inyo and Stanislaus National Forests and Inyo County to contract for engineering surveys and assemble a design team to prepare renovation plans. Candidate campgrounds on the Inyo National Forest included the Clyde/Palisade Group (Inyo Co), Upper Sage Flat (Inyo Co), Sage Flat (Inyo Co), and Coldwater (Mono Co). The

Stanislaus National Forest campgrounds included Utica CG (Calaveras Co) and Niagara OHV CG (Tuolumne Co). Candidate campgrounds in Inyo County included Diaz Lake and Baker Creek Campgrounds. MLTPA, the Inyo National Forest, and Quantified Ventures, with funding from the USFS Innovative Finance for National Forests grant program, piloted campground improvement efforts in the Eastern Sierra with the "Eastern Sierra Campground Improvements" project, funded by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.



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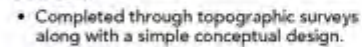
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**NUMBER OF CAMPSITES:** 40  
**OPEN:** Year-round  
**NEARBY:** Fishing, hiking, biking & ATV riding  
**GATEWAY COMMUNITY:** Big Pine, CA  
**LAND MANAGER:** Inyo County

- Outdated design and aging infrastructure creates accessibility barriers and limits modern users.
- Unclear campsite boundaries encourage camping and vehicle use beyond designated areas, expanding the footprint of disturbance.
- Campsites too close to water cause damage to fragile ecosystems, block wildlife, and can lead to safety and pollution issues.



- Land manager consensus gathering and public feedback
- Environmental review
- Secure funding



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- 4. **Construction**
- 5. **Operation**

**Project Description:** The Eastern Sierra Inyo National Forest (ESINF) is a large, undeveloped area of public land in the Eastern Sierra region of California. The ESINF is home to some of the most beautiful scenery in the state, including the Inyo and Mono National Forests, the Inyo and Mono National Antiquities Act areas, and the Inyo and Mono National Monuments. The ESINF is also home to a variety of wildlife, including the Inyo and Mono National Forests, the Inyo and Mono National Antiquities Act areas, and the Inyo and Mono National Monuments.

**Project Goals:** The goal of the project is to develop a sustainable, multi-use recreational area in the Eastern Sierra region of California. The project will include a variety of recreational activities, including hiking, fishing, and hunting. The project will also include a variety of amenities, including picnic areas, restrooms, and parking areas.

**Project Location:** The project is located in the Eastern Sierra region of California, near the town of Mammoth Lakes. The project area is approximately 10,000 acres in size.

**Project Timeline:** The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

**Project Budget:** The project is estimated to cost \$10 million.

**Project Funding:** The project is funded by the State of California, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Forest Service.

**Project Contact:** For more information about the project, please contact the project manager at [info@mlipa.com](mailto:info@mlipa.com).

## EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

# COLDWATER CAMPGROUND

### MONO COUNTY, CA



Coldwater Campground is one of the most popular campgrounds in the Inyo National Forest and is typically full throughout its open season. Designed more than 50 years ago, it now accommodates levels and types of use beyond those anticipated in its original design.

**NUMBER OF CAMPSITES: 77**  
**OPEN:** June-September (conditions permitting)  
**NEARBY:** Alpine fishing & hiking  
**GATEWAY COMMUNITY:** Mammoth Lakes, CA  
**LAND MANAGER:** Inyo National Forest

**PRIMARY ISSUES:**

- Outdated design and aging infrastructure creates accessibility barriers and limits modern users.
- Unclear campsite boundaries encourage camping beyond designated areas, expanding the footprint of disturbance.
- Campsites too close to water cause damage to fragile ecosystems, block wildlife, and can lead to safety and pollution issues.
- Popular trailheads accessed through the campground by non-campers create through-traffic that passes close to campsites, creating safety concerns.

**PHASE:**

- Completed through schematic design.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Environmental, Tribal, and public reviews
- Secure funding

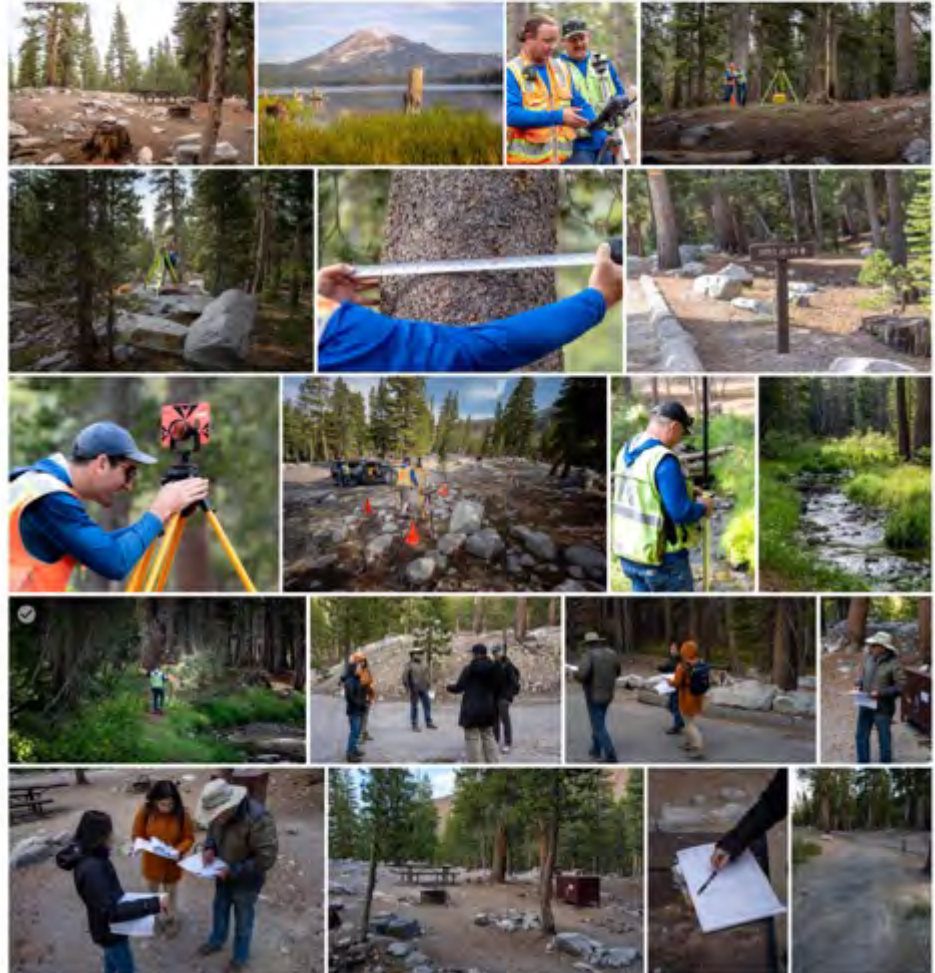


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## COLDWATER CAMPGROUND - PHOTO GALLERY

Aug 26, 2025 – May 28, 2026

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The photo gallery shows various stages of the project, including site assessments, design work, and construction progress. It features images of the natural landscape, workers in safety gear, and the progress of new infrastructure like trails and campsite boundaries.

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**NUMBER OF CAMPSITES:** 75  
**OPEN:** Year-round  
**NEARBY:** World class fishing & climbing  
**GATEWAY COMMUNITY:** Bishop, CA  
**LAND MANAGER:** Inyo County

- Erosion from river spreading dangerously close to roads, campsites, and other infrastructure.
- Lack of shade makes this campground almost unusable in the summer.
- Campsites too close to water cause damage to fragile ecosystems, block wildlife, and can lead to safety and pollution issues.



- Completed through schematic design and provided conceptual renderings to assist with the next phase.

- Streambank stabilization
- Inyo County Board of Supervisors and public review
- Environmental and Tribal reviews
- Secure funding



"Thank you so much - these are incredible! What most excites me about this is the ability to take these renderings to our board and to the public and show them what we can do with some concentrated effort and a little investment!"  
-Meaghan McCarman Ostrander,  
Deputy County Administrative Officer County of Inyo



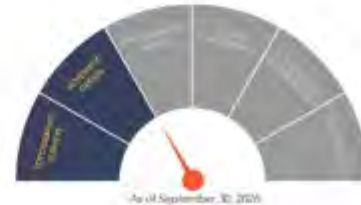




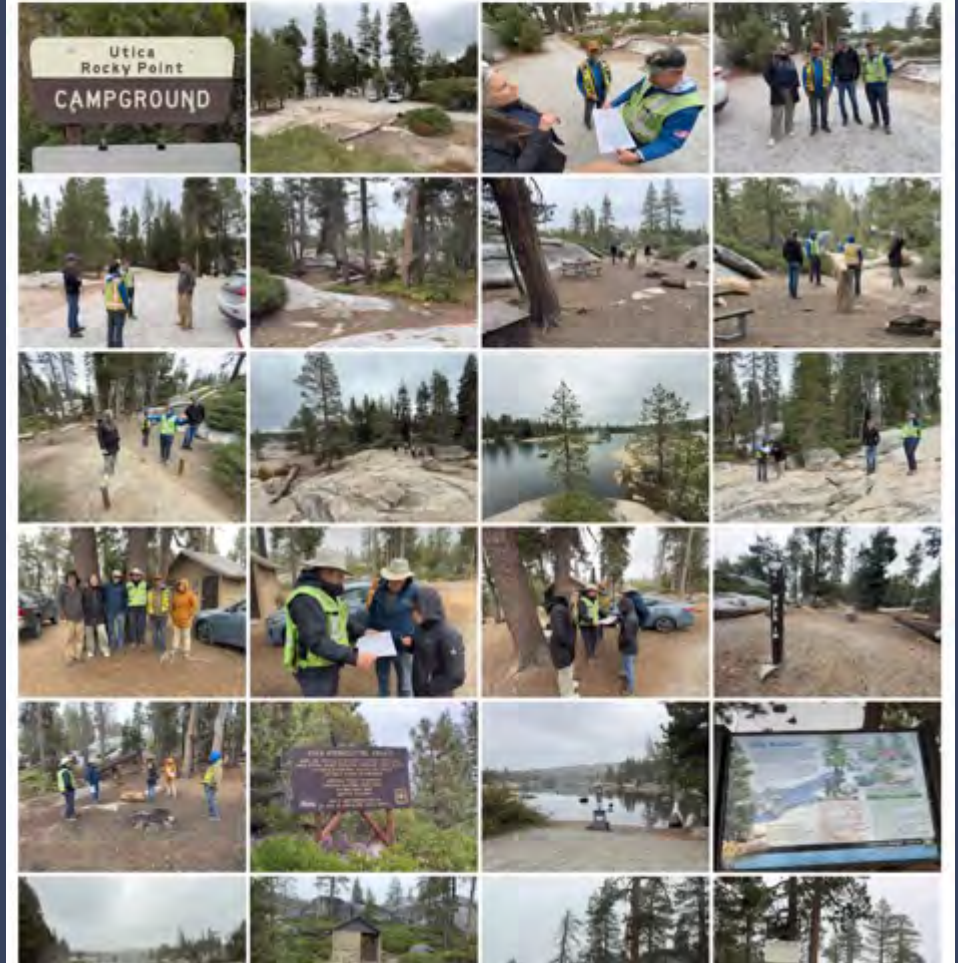
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**NUMBER OF CAMPSITES:** 12  
**OPEN:** June-October (conditions permitting)  
**NEARBY:** Fishing & boating  
**GATEWAY COMMUNITY:** Bear Valley, CA  
**LAND MANAGER:** Stanislaus National Forest

BEAR VALLEY, CA.



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# Sierra Jobs First – Recreation and Tourism – Catalyst Wrapped Up



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## Towns to Trails Plan: West



The Central San Joaquin Valley Sierra Jobs First Region and the Yosemite National Park in future. Employing the same methodology as the Eastside Towns to Trails Plan, the Westside Trails Plan focused on existing infrastructure to provide connectivity by collecting data on current trail and system road infrastructure, developing potential routes, and identifying environmental planning needs. A regional trail system connecting both sides of the High Sierra would support recreation, tourism, and economic development throughout the seven-county Sierra Jobs First Region by creating connections between gateway communities and their public land recreation opportunities.

### Catalyst Project Outcomes



#### TOWNS TO TRAILS - WESTERN SIERRA TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

The Western Sierra Towns to Trails Plan is a study that connects towns and communities to public lands, following about 257 miles of roads and trails from South Lake Tahoe to Mariposa using the Sierra Nevada's western edge. The study highlights the area's Gold Rush history and outdoor history.



#### TOWNS TO TRAILS WEBSITE

From mountain communities to the wild west high desert, the web platform highlights the Towns to Trails experience across landscapes and public lands, using the existing off-surface roads and trails that connect communities across the High Sierra region to provide a more connected future.

### Catalyst Project Background Materials



#### TOWNS TO TRAILS: EAST

Conducted from December 2022 - April 2023, the Eastside Towns to Trails Plan is a feasibility study that identifies approximately 150 miles of existing infrastructure connecting communities from Lake Tahoe to South Lake Tahoe, and along West coast towns from Alpine, Fresno, and Inyo Counties.



#### EXPLORE ACT PASSES AND WILL BECOME LAW

After nearly a decade of work from the western community, the EXPLORER Act, a bipartisan recreation policy package, passed through Congress in December 2023. The passage of EXPLORER is a clear message that outdoor recreation and our public lands are bipartisan priorities.



#### WHAT THE EXPLORER ACT HAS IN STORE FOR ADVENTURERS

The EXPLORER Act directs the Department of Interior to establish at least 10 long-distance trails that will enjoy federal funding. The EXPLORER Act defines a long-distance trail as being at least 50 miles long, and predominantly dirt or, at least, unpaved.



#### IN SUPPORT OF LONG-DISTANCE TRAILS

MLTPA has been working with its 100+ local partners, corporate partners and other organizations to get the EXPLORER Act passed since its release in 2019 and original introduction in 2011. EXPLORER identifies at least 10 existing long-distance trails and at least 10 new to develop or complete, such trails.



#### BEKING ON LONG-DISTANCE TRAILS ACT

Click to read the full text of the original Bill on Long-Distance Trails (EXPLORER Act), a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop long-distance trails on federal land, and for other purposes.

### Catalyst Project Development



#### PROJECT PROPOSAL

Click to view the letter proposal for the Eastern Sierra Regional Trail System and Jobs Creation project, including alignment, project, and funding information alongside project alignment with California Jobs First goals and project management details.



#### SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL CATALYST PROJECT WEB PAGE

The Sierra Business Council has created a web page for this catalyst project. Access their web page for specific information on the release of the West Side Catalyst award, project partners, timeline of project, and the project description as awarded by the Sierra Jobs First Steering Council.

Last updated September 24, 2023



The project is funded by the California Jobs First Region and is a catalyst project for the Eastern Sierra Region. The project is a catalyst project for the Eastern Sierra Region. The project is a catalyst project for the Eastern Sierra Region.

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## Towns to Trails Plan: West



**Project Description:** The Eastern Sierra Regional Trail System and Jobs Creation project - the official name of this Sierra Jobs First funded project - explored opportunities to complete a Westside Towns to Trails Plan which will connect with an Eastside Towns to Trails Plan finalized by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments in the spring of 2025. The Westside Trails Plan identified opportunities to connect four westside counties in the Sierra Jobs First Region to each other, their communities, and their public lands, and then to three eastside counties via the completed Eastside Towns to Trails Plan. Opportunities exist to extend the Westside Trails Plan into the Central San Joaquin Valley Jobs First Region and to Yosemite National Park in future. Employing the same methodology as the Eastside Towns to Trails Plan, the Westside Trails Plan focused on

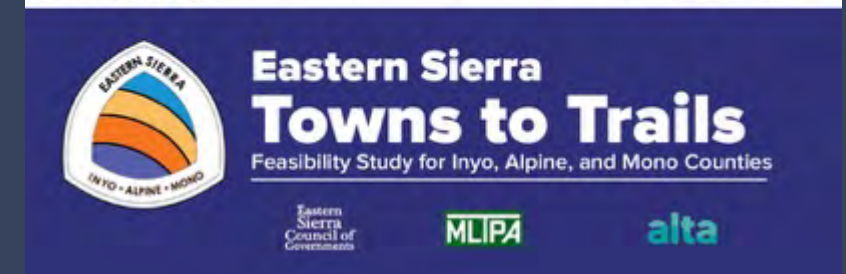
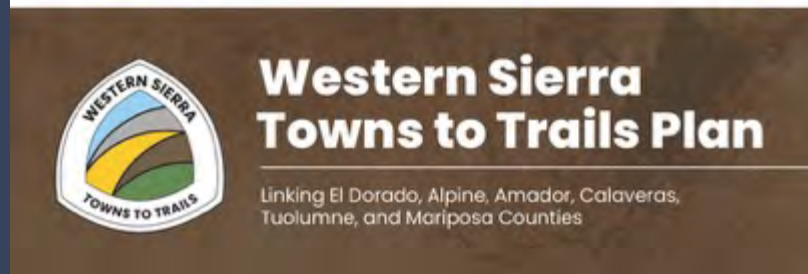
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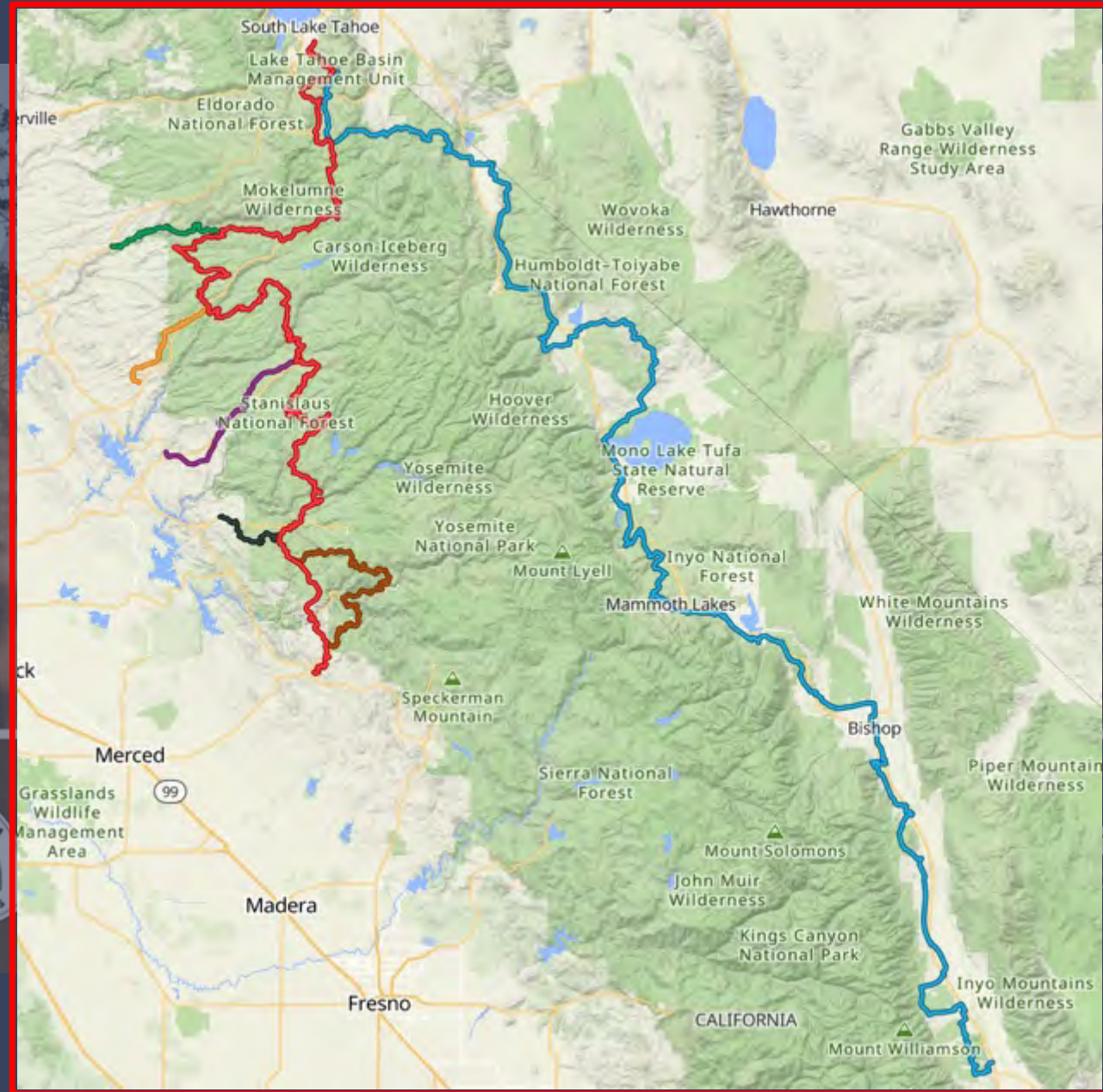
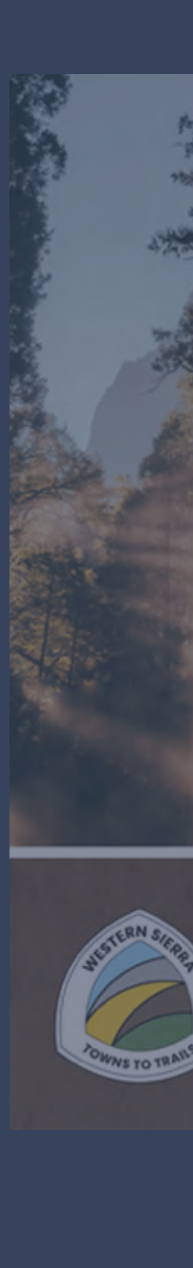

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Trails Prioritization Plan



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This map illustrates the Sugar Pine Railroad Trail, a red line winding through the mountainous terrain of Tuolumne County, California. The trail begins near Coulbysville and extends northeast towards Strawberry. Key locations along the route include Cedar Ridge, Mono Vista, Phoenix Lake, Twin Harb, Mi-Wuk Village, Sierra Village, Long Barn, Cold Springs, and Strawberry. The map also shows major roads like Highway 108 and Highway 99. A legend in the bottom right corner defines symbols for Key Destinations (Education, Library, Park, Post Office), City Limits/CDP Boundary, and Waterway/Waterbody. A scale bar in the bottom left corner indicates a distance of 2 miles.

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### Bikepacking Lake Tahoe to Mammoth Lakes Showcases the Sierra Nevada's Best Small Towns

CALIFORNIA

by DILLON OSLEGER    OCT 14, 2024

AI Travel Genius

The East side of the Sierra Nevada is most often considered as the host to distinct destinations along Highway 395: the 14,505-foot Mt. Whitney towering above the town of Lone Pine, Bishop for its rock climbing, Mammoth Mountain for skiing, and maybe even Bridgeport if you're a fan of summertime rodeo or hot springs. All too often, the 395 is considered a prettier detour alternative to Highway 5, providing a more scenic vista out of the windshield on the way from Los Angeles to Lake Tahoe. The miles inbetween resorts or trailheads for outdoor recreation are simply sped by at 65 miles per hour. It is exactly this fast-paced place hopping that makes the Eastern Sierra one of the last best places in the western United States for finding solitude, nature, and community just off the asphalt. As a local to Lake Tahoe, this is where I escape from the summer and autumn crowds to find groves of orange aspens, clean flowing creeks, and wonders of nature and history, all without a soul in sight, allowing for a slowing down of the pace of life, right in tune with the seasonal change towards winter.

Biking • Mammoth

## Could This Become the PCT for Bikes? Inside the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Vision

August 19, 2026    Alex Silgalis

Photo by: Jaime Pirozzi • Local Freshies®

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Imagine unloading your bike in South Lake Tahoe and pointing it south.

But you're not in the Eastern Sierra yet.

First, you have to climb out of the Tahoe Basin, cross Armstrong Pass and drop through Charity Valley toward Markleeville. Through Charity Valley, you'd actually be traveling in reverse along part of the route John C. Frémont and Kit Carson used during their brutal 1844 crossing of the Sierra.

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State Route 4 Pavement Anchor Project

## State Route 4 Pavement Anchor Project

### Project Description

This project proposes to rehabilitate the existing asphalt concrete (AC) pavement on State Route (SR) 4 in Alpine County from postmile (PM) R0.0 to 31.67. The project limits reside on the United States Forest Service's (USFS) property. The rehabilitation includes overlay, dig outs, cold planning, upgrading AC dikes and curbs, and constructing shoulder backing. This multi-objective "Anchor" Project also proposes to remove and replace the culverts, metal beam guardrails, and roadside signs. The project also proposes to construct a maintenance vehicle pullout (MVP) on SR 89 at PM 10.8.

### Current Schedule

|                 |                                                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Spring 2019 (A) | Project Study Report (M010)                      |
| Fall 2022 (A)   | Project Approval & Environmental Document (M200) |
| Spring 2025 (A) | Right of Way Certification (M410)                |
| Summer 2025 (A) | Ready to List (M460)                             |
| Spring 2026 (T) | Approved Construction Contract (M500)            |
| Fall 2030 (T)   | Project Completion (M600)                        |

### Project Benefits



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

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California is already experiencing the impacts of climate change. In the last decade, Californians have endured severe droughts, floods, historic wildfires, rising seas, and record temperatures all driven by climate change. Building resilience to these impacts requires sustained investment in climate change research and science.

GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

## Ahead of Climate Week NYC, Governor Newsom announces California cut climate pollution again as economy keeps growing

*The Golden State keeps leading on climate as DC Republicans vote to put polluters over America's economic security*

**What you need to know:** California reduced statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 3.9% according to new data, while the state's economy grew 3.2% the same year, extending a two-decade record of cutting climate pollution while building one of the world's largest economies. Overall emissions are 28% below their 2004 peak even as California's economy has nearly doubled.

GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

## California delegation wraps historic participation at Climate Week NYC — demonstrating strong climate and economic leadership on the world stage

**What you need to know:** At Climate Week NYC, California delegates from Governor Newsom's administration represented the Golden State through strong climate leadership: inking new global initiatives, moving towards the expansion of California's carbon market, deepening cooperation with long-standing partners, and building economic opportunity and security.

CLIMATE WEEK NYC



We're in New York City for Climate Week,

**Wade Crowfoot**  
California Secretary for Natural Resources

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NEWS

## California declares statewide emergency ahead of epic El Niño storms

By Joseph Serna, *Los Angeles Times*  
Sep 21, 2026





On Monday September 21, 2026, Gov. Newsom declared a statewide emergency for California in anticipation of this winter's El Niño-fueled storms.

Thomas Winz/Getty Images

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# Los Angeles Times



## A 'super' El Niño is about to crash into California: 9 essential ways to prepare



Crews work last week along the Dana Point shoreline as coastal erosion and damage threaten beachfront homes. (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

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## Newsom declares statewide emergency as Super El Niño breaks into record territory

By Sean Macaday

Updated September 21, 2026 12:24 PM [Gift Article](#)

As the [Super El Niño](#) continues to strengthen, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a statewide state of emergency Monday, ordering state agencies to stage flood protection equipment, ready the National Guard and speed up permits for flood protection work months before soaking El Niño rains could reach California.

Newsom said acting now will allow state agencies to move equipment into place, buy needed supplies sooner and clear regulatory hurdles for flood projects while there's still time to finish them.

"We are preparing for this El Niño early because every Californian deserves to be safe in their home, connected to their community, and protected when severe weather comes," Newsom said in a news release.

"We are not waiting for this season's storms to be on our doorstep," California Office of Emergency Services Director Caroline Thomas Jacobs said in a statement.



California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks at a news conference on the San Joaquin River in April. On Monday, he declared a statewide emergency to help prepare for the arrival of El Niño rains this winter. CRAIG KOHLRUSSE [ckohlrusse@fresnobee.com](mailto:ckohlrusse@fresnobee.com)

California Coastal Commission



## Extreme Weather El Niño

### Prepare Your Coastal Property for El Niño

The 2026/27 El Niño is continuing to strengthen, with a strong possibility that it could become a historically strong or "super" El Niño. It is expected to pick up during the December–February period, when coastal communities may experience more frequent and intense storms, rainfall, and high wave conditions.

If you live along California's coast, now is a good time to prepare your property for strong storms, heavy rainfall, large waves, flooding, and erosion.

### What Homeowners Can Do Now

Before storms arrive, coastal residents and communities are encouraged to:

- **Inspect your property** for areas that may be vulnerable to flooding, waves, or erosion.
- **Address potential sources of damage** before severe weather arrives.
- **Prepare for heavy rainfall and flooding**, including checking drainage and areas where water could collect.
- **Be aware of erosion risks**, particularly if your property is near a beach, bluff, or other vulnerable coastal area.
- **Review the preparation suggestions below** for areas that may be vulnerable to flooding, waves, or erosion.

Some types of preparation or response activities **may require a permit**. If you are unsure whether planned work requires a permit, please contact Commission staff before beginning.

### Why Prepare Now?

El Niño is a natural climate cycle, but changes in ocean and atmospheric conditions may affect how often and how strongly these events occur. As ocean temperatures rise, El Niño events may change in frequency and intensity.



October 1, 2026

Contact:

[Gita Chandra](#)

[California Natural Resources Agency](#)



### California Natural Resources Agency Hosts Discussion on California's Preparation for Super El Niño

A supercharged El Niño developing in the Pacific Ocean and an ongoing marine heatwave may bring powerful storms, high surf, coastal flooding, power outages and other threats to California's communities, infrastructure and ecosystems this winter.

Join [Secretary Crowfoot](#), scientists, and state leaders for a timely discussion about the conditions already emerging, what California could face this winter, and how communities are preparing. Panelists will explain the science, share the latest projections, and outline actions underway to prepare for storms, flooding, and other extreme weather.

[Register to Join](#)

**What:** Secretary Speaker Series - Warming Ocean, Growing Risks: California Prepares for Super El Niño

**When:** Thursday, October 8 from noon to 1pm (PDT)

**Who:**

- California Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot
- Additional panelists to be announced next week.

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**On a mission to help all Californians and nature thrive together.**

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The New York Times

## Tropical Sea Turtle Lays Eggs on Southern California Beach

It's the first time in recorded history that a sea turtle has nested on the West Coast. Scientists say it is the latest sign of warming ocean waters.



For the first time ever, scientists recorded a sea turtle laying eggs on a beach on the U.S. West Coast. A fence was erected around the eggs of the olive ridley turtle. NOAA Fisheries.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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## The California Surf Spot With Epic Waves—and Rusty Metal Spikes

Beach erosion has uncovered century-old hazards at the Wedge in Newport Beach, but wave riders can't get enough of epic swells

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Surfers say it's the best year of waves they've ever seen. PAUL KIERNAN/WSJ

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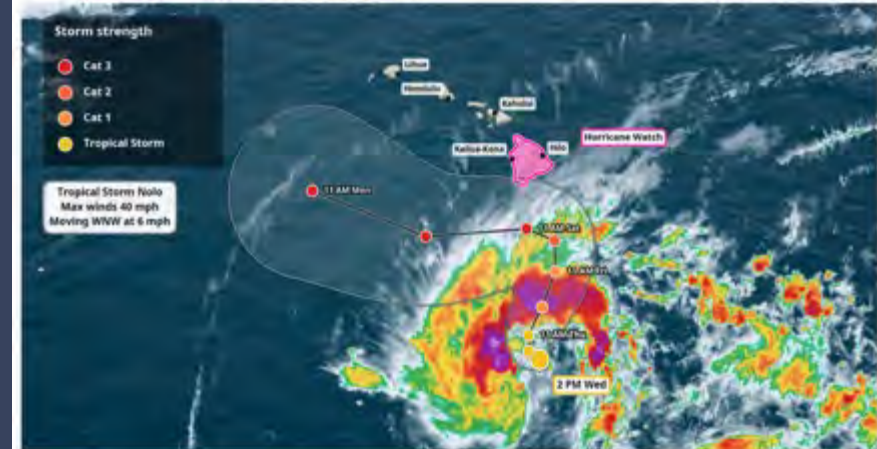
## Tropical Storm Nolo, strengthened by El Niño, threatens Hawaii with feet of rain

By Sean Macaday

Updated September 23, 2026 3:14 PM 📁 Gift Article

### Tropical Storm Nolo — Forecast Track

Sean Macaday, Sacramento Bee @MacadayNBK  
Published: 9/23/26 3:14 PM | Forecast: 2026-09-23



Tropical Storm Nolo is expected to strengthen into a major hurricane as it approaches the Big Island this weekend. *The Sacramento Bee, National Hurricane Center*

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Los Angeles Times

State of emergency, baby! Ski industry bets big on El Niño



Despite California's reputation for its beaches, the state is home to the most skiers and snowboarders in the nation, according to industry data. Above, a skier at Mammoth Mountain in January. (Christian Pondella/For The Times)

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News



By Alan Smith, Meteorologist  
Updated 12 days ago  
September 22, 2026

Top 10 Snowiest Winters

TOP 10 DEEPEST WINTERS  
IN THE WEST SINCE 1980

1. 2022-2023

2. 2010-2011

3. 1981-1982

4. 1982-1983

5. 1998-1999

6. 2007-2008

7. 2016-2017

8. 1996-1997

9. 2005-2006

10. 1994-1995

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DEEPEST WINTERS

Honorable Mention

1983-1984

1984-1985

1995-1996

2018-2019





After much research, we've come up with a list of what we believe are the top 10 deepest winters in the West since 1980.

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TRAVEL // TAHOE

## Excited for big El Niño winter, 3 Tahoe ski resorts announce opening dates

By Gregory Thomas, Staff Writer

Aug 18, 2026

Gift Article



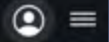
Heavenly Mountain Resort in South Lake Tahoe after a series of huge storms in January 2023. The resort announces its opening date as experts forecast an enormous El Niño pattern that could drench California in ways that meet or surpass the memorable 1982-83 and 1997-98 winters — two monster snow seasons.

Brontë Wittpenn/S.F. Chronicle

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## “That’s a Wrap”: Multiple Australian Ski Resorts Throw In The Towel

Winter has ended more than a month early at two popular Australian ski resorts.

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BY MATT LORELLI  
Senior Editor, Powder

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Selwyn Snow Resort, Australia, August 24, 2026.

Selwyn Snow Resort

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Benjamin Rotenstein for The New York Times

### States Sue Over Trump's Repeal of Climate Rules for Power Plants

The mostly Democratic-led states say that the E.P.A. acted unlawfully when it erased Biden-era limits on carbon dioxide from coal- and gas-fired plants.

26 ago - By BRAD PLUMER



Paul Rizzo for The New York Times

### When Data Centers Cluster Together, How Dirty Are They? One County Wants Answers.

An unusual study aims to estimate the pollution and health costs from a cluster of proposed data centers, instead of considering each one separately.

October 1, 2026 - By QUINN GLABICH

### Exasperated by Delays, Congress Aims to Speed Up Energy Permits

Republican and Democratic senators struck a deal to vote on the largest overhaul of federal energy and environmental rules in decades.

September 30, 2026 - By BRAD PLUMER



### A Kelvin Wave Is Heading Toward the California Coast, Bringing Trouble

An enormous pulse of wave energy will soon reach Southern California and continue north, raising sea levels by half a foot and increasing threats from swells and tides.

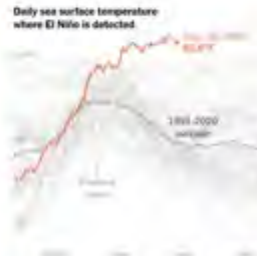
October 1, 2026 - By RAYMOND ZHONG



Climate Forward Highlights: Energy Secretary Dismisses Idea of Diesel Export Ban



The Big Threat Has Been Climate Change. Now Comes A.I.



This Year's Record-Breaking El Niño in 3 Charts



We Asked for Environmental Fixes in Your State. You Sent In Thousands.



Trash or Recycling? Why Plastic Keeps Us Guessing.

## A Supreme Court Battle Over Climate Change Begins

The justices are about to hear a lawsuit that could determine whether the oil industry faces billions of dollars in liability for damages caused by global warming.

By HAREN ZRACH



## After Outcry, Monitors the Trump Administration Tried to Scrap Return to Sea

Under pressure from Congress, a network of ocean monitors that provides vital data to meteorologists, climate scientists, oceanographers and the fishing industry is being restored.

By ERIC NILER



## California Sues to Block Trump From Weakening Fuel Economy Rules

The lawsuit is the 97th the state has filed against the Trump administration over the past year and a half.

By BRAD PLUMER



## A Climate Change Rebrand

More politicians have stopped talking about the climate, but the green transition is still moving forward.

By KATRIN BEHNHOLD



## Prosecutors Cannot Revive Reflecting Pool Case Against Ex-Olympian, Judge Rules

A charge against David Hearn was dismissed "with prejudice" because of President Trump's attempts to influence the case.

By CLARENCE WILLIAMS



TIMES VIDEO

## Swiss Glaciers Lost 5% of Their Ice This Year

Switzerland's glaciers shed more than 5 percent of their ice this year, according to the country's monitoring body, after a winter drought gave way to relentless summer heat waves.

By MONIKA CYRANK



# Regional Economy



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## Year-Round Flights Now Underway

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GREATER ACCESS FOR A STRONGER EASTERN SIERRA



**YEAR-ROUND FLIGHTS**  
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## Small businesses at the gateways to America's national parks face 4 big risks – including changing boundaries and extreme weather

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Rafting on the Colorado River is one of the outdoor activities available at the Red Cliffs Lodge near Moab, Utah. George Rose/Getty Images

**A record 332 million people visited U.S. national parks in 2024, followed by roughly 323 million in 2025.**

That's a lot of love for national parks and lands. You might think that such big numbers of visitors automatically create windfalls for the towns and businesses that serve them. The National Park Service calls towns or counties within roughly 60 miles (about 100 kilometers) of a park boundary "gateway" communities. Gateway businesses operate in those jurisdictions.

Author

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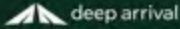
  
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## Bishop Airport SFO Access Is Now Year Round

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By Rolando Herrera



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United Airlines now flies year-round between San Francisco International Airport and Eastern Sierra Regional Airport in Bishop, California, after shifting the former seasonal SFO route onto a four-season schedule. **Visit Bishop's air-service page** says the San Francisco flights are available to book now, and Mammoth Lakes Tourism's September 16 notice says the change is already underway.

## EASTERN SIERRA

# VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM TOOLKIT

Welcome to our resource page for organizations in California's Eastern Sierra that are interested in promoting coordinated sustainable recreation and educational messaging to our visitor audience.

### ON THIS WEBSITE YOU WILL FIND:

- Content for social media posts including instructions and suggestions for captions
- Source websites, links to videos, and downloadable print materials
- Information about creating campaigns
- Gratitude: thank you for participating in this information sharing effort dedicated to educating our audiences and protecting the recreation experience in our region.



## Visitor Connection Working Group Meetings

### Participants in the "Visitor Connection Working Group"

Alabama Hills Stewardship Group

Alpine County

Alpine County Chamber of Commerce

Bishop Chamber of Commerce

Bishop Climbers Coalition

Bishop Visitor Bureau

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It sure looks like things are adding up for widespread data center construction on public lands, without public input

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While everyone has worked themselves into a tizzy over the possibility of a [baseball stadium being built in Grand Teton National Park](#) (spoiler: that will never happen), something much more dastardly is being cooked up for our public lands. That's right, all signs point towards the construction of multiple data centers and their related power infrastructure on public land beginning in the near future, and taking place without public input. Let's connect the dots.

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## Leaked Documents Reveal Trump's Plan To Take Control Of Your National Parks

Exclusive: Department of Interior's blueprint to establish political control over national parks

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Operating the National Park Service across its 85 million acres and current staffing level of approximately 15,000 employees uses 0.04 percent of the federal government's annual budget. But national parks have an outsize impact on the hearts and minds of Americans. And that creates a problem for the Trump administration. As it attempts to turn the park service into a slush fund the President can tap for his own vanity projects, as it tries to use the parks themselves as outlets for its propaganda, and as it plans to sell off some NPS units so they can become exclusive playgrounds for billionaires, it finds itself up against an unexpected opposition: NPS employees themselves. This is how it plans to get rid of that problem.

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## FAQ: Sell-Off Efforts at Yosemite

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We answer frequently asked questions about the administration's proposal to sell off a piece of the park for private development.



Yosemite (Antelope Park) in fall by Emma Lobosco | Dreamstime.com

The Department of the Interior and National Park Service have been secretly working for over a year to sell off a piece of Yosemite National Park to a private equity firm. This sale would allow the firm to build a new road inside the park, giving it exclusive private access for luxury lodging and commercial developments it plans to build on Yosemite National Park's border.

Every inch of Yosemite, the first land the U.S. government ever set aside for the benefit of the public, is sacred and beloved by millions from across the world. After news of the plan broke, public outcry was swift and strong: Yosemite is not for sale!

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## Yosemite Land-Exchange Petition Tops 6,800 Signatures

SNO Staff • September 28, 2026

*Petition delivery adds to opposition over proposed road access to Hazel Green Ranch, a dispute SNO covered in August.*

A petition opposing a proposed land exchange involving Yosemite National Park has surpassed 6,800 signatures, adding another development to the debate over private road access along the park's western boundary.

Yosemite Rivers Alliance says it delivered signatures September 23 to Interior Department leadership, California's congressional delegation, the state Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom. The organization's [online update](#) reports that participation has exceeded its original goal of 5,000 signatures.

The petition concerns a proposed exchange that would allow road access through park land to Hazel Green Ranch, an approximately 83-acre private property outside Yosemite owned by Kingsbarn Realty Capital.

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## Trump Admin Wants Border Construction At Big Bend National Park To Resume

Customs and Border Protection will move forward with its contentious 'smart wall' plans in the coming weeks, the agency said in a court filing.

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The Río Grande appears in the distance at Big Bend National Park in west Texas. [WikiCommons](#)

The Trump administration plans to resume border security construction at Big Bend National Park in coming weeks, according to a notice submitted in federal court Tuesday.

The resumption of construction re-ignites an ongoing battle over the future of what is widely viewed as the most pristine protected landscape in Texas — an 800,000-acre stretch of Chihuahuan Desert that encompasses the entire Chisos Mountain range and more than 100 miles of Rio Grande river frontage.



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## Judge halts border wall construction in Texas' Big Bend region for now

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal court in Texas on Friday issued a ruling temporarily blocking the Trump administration from building a border wall and other infrastructure across the state's Big Bend region, in a victory for opponents who have pushed back against what has long been a key campaign promise by President Donald Trump.

Landowners, businesses and environmentalists in the region have united to oppose the planned infrastructure projects, which are part of a \$46 billion effort by the Trump administration to line the southern border with a mix of 30-foot-tall steel walls, vehicle barriers, roads and surveillance technology.

**READ MORE:** [Trump administration begins building border wall in Big Bend region of Texas](#)

The judge's ruling includes Big Bend National Park, which sits on a bend of the Rio Grande River, but also extends across the entire, roughly 500-mile-long Big Bend sector, which accounts for about a quarter of the roughly 2,000-mile-long southern border with Mexico.

Judge Kathleen Cardone said in her ruling that the plaintiffs were "likely to succeed on the merits of at least one of the claims in suit, that there is a likelihood that they will suffer serious, irreparable harm without an injunction, and that the balance of the equities and the public interest weigh in their favor."

# Leadership and Policy – State of California



## As Trump targets public lands, Governor Newsom expands free state parks access, announces record conservation progress, and signs legislation protecting California's coast and wildlife

*Governor signs conservation legislative package as California adds 1 million conserved acres to world-leading 30x30 effort*



- ✓ **Protect California's coast from expanded offshore oil drilling:** Responds to federal efforts to expand offshore oil and gas leasing off California's coast by prohibiting the use of existing state infrastructure or leases for new federal offshore oil and gas leases. The measure requires the State Lands Commission to consider additional factors before approving an offshore lease renewal, amendment or modification, and eliminates its authority to issue an offshore oil-and-gas lease in a current or future coastal sanctuary.
- ✓ **Support ranchers and wildlife through coexistence:** Establishes the California Wildlife Coexistence Act to reduce, minimize and mitigate conflicts between people and wildlife. The measure supports proactive wildlife-conflict response, tracking, depredation management, animal-welfare and wildlife-health efforts, while continuing compensation for verified wolf depredation losses when livestock producers employ nonlethal deterrence practices.
- ✓ **Make wildlife connectivity a routine part of highway planning:** Builds on California's wildlife-connectivity work by requiring Caltrans to publish an inventory of wildlife connectivity assets in a supplemental list to the Transportation Asset Management Plan and continue to include wildlife connectivity as an objective in the State Highway System Management Plan. These improvements will help animals move safely between habitats, reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and protect drivers and passengers.
- ✓ **Expand equitable access to the outdoors:** Codifies the Governor's Outdoors for All Initiative at the California Natural Resources Agency. Outdoors for All advances efforts to ensure all Californians can recreate, enjoy and help protect the Golden State's cultural, historic, and natural resources. It builds on more than \$1 billion in investments led by Governor Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom to expand parks and nature access, prioritizing underserved communities.
- ✓ **Make the State Parks Library Pass permanent:** Makes the **California State Parks Library Pass** program permanent, paired with **ongoing budget funding**. Through the program, Californians can check out free state parks passes at more than 1,100 public library branches statewide. A total of 33,000 passes have been issued, helping libraries reach new audiences through programs that connect communities with state parks.
- ✓ **Recognize student achievement in climate learning:** Establishes the voluntary State Seal of Climate Literacy, allowing schools to create pathways for students to demonstrate mastery in climate-literacy disciplines.

The legislation reflects a shared commitment by the Governor and the Legislature to protect California's natural treasures, support communities, and ensure Californians can enjoy the outdoors. Key authors of today's legislation helped turn California's values into action:

The 2026 Online Auction is Now Live! Bid on 160+ items through October 4! [Read More →](#)



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## ForestWatch-Sponsored Outdoors for All Bill Signed into Law

by ForestWatch

September 30, 2026

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**G**overnor Gavin Newsom signed SB 1268, the Outdoors for All Initiative, into law on September 29, 2026. The bill, authored by Senator Lena Gonzalez, makes equitable access to parks, public lands, and outdoor recreation a lasting state commitment.

Los Padres ForestWatch proudly sponsored the bill alongside Audubon California and GreenLatinos. Protecting public lands and helping people build meaningful relationships with them are deeply connected. The new law establishes Outdoors for All in statute and creates a long-term framework for reducing barriers to outdoor experiences, strengthening public engagement, and prioritizing underserved, disadvantaged, and low-income communities.

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## California SB 1167 Signed Into Law, Protecting Electric Bicycles and Addressing Public Safety Concerns With E-Motos

By: PeopleForBikes Staff

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*The bill marks a significant step forward for protecting consumers, preserving access to legal e-bikes, and creating much-needed rules for higher-powered electric mobility devices in California.*

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## Governor Newsom vetoes AB2494, saying it would slow the process of scientific forestry, locals fought hard to pass it

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A public meeting of the Jackson Advisor Group (JAG) to the JDSF managers is often held under the trees

### Governor Gavin Newsom's message after vetoing Assembly Bill 2494

Gov. Gavin Newsom said he vetoed Assembly Bill 2494 because, in his view, it would slow scientific forestry in California's demonstration forests. He wrote that the bill adds procedural steps without improving outcomes and could hinder the research-based forest management already underway.

# Leadership and Policy – State of California



## On September 11, Governor Newsom welcomes CAL FIRE's newest leaders as they answer the call to serve

*39 new Company Officers graduate from CAL FIRE's 12th leadership academy of 2026, joining more than 3,600 emergency response leaders since 2019*



**What you need to know:** Governor Newsom welcomed 39 newly graduated CAL FIRE company officers, marking the department's 12th leadership academy of 2026. On the 25th anniversary of 9/11, these emergency responders accept a responsibility to carry on the courage and selflessness exemplified by those who came before them.



## Governor Newsom signs legislation to accelerate wildfire prevention projects, strengthen fire response, and harden communities against future disasters

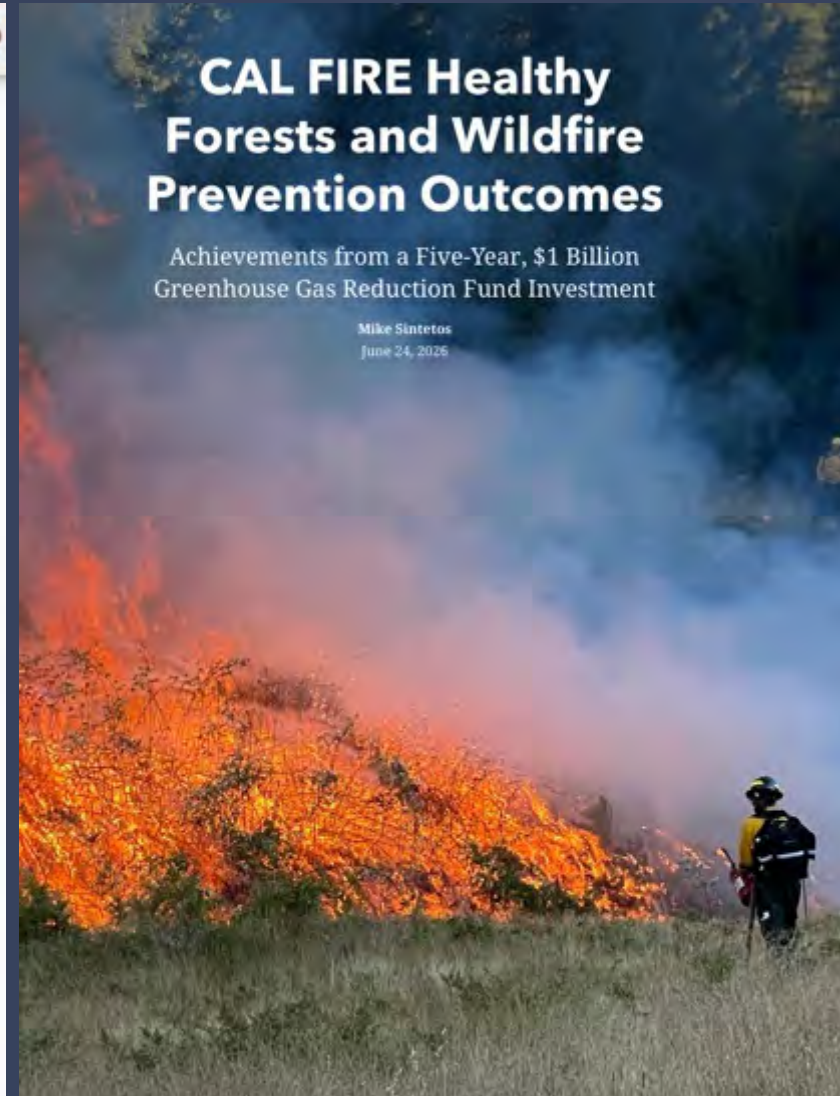
*The new law builds on Governor Newsom's successful executive order and proclamation effort that have fast-tracked more than 500 wildfire prevention projects while cutting red tape for prescribed burns*



## CAL FIRE Healthy Forests and Wildfire Prevention Outcomes

Achievements from a Five-Year, \$1 Billion Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Investment

Mike Sintetos  
June 24, 2026



# Leadership and Policy – State of California

## At the top of the Golden Gate Bridge, Governor Newsom signs his final bill — investing in California's next generation of innovation

**What you need to know:** Standing at the top of the Golden Gate bridge, Governor Newsom signed the last bill of the 2025-26 regular legislative session — putting a \$7.5 billion research bond before voters to invest in the scientists, universities and breakthroughs that will shape California's future and advancing California's status as the capital of innovation, research and technology.

**SAN FRANCISCO** – For generations, California has been the birthplace of new ideas and new industries – from the Gold Rush era, the creation of the internet, to becoming the global epicenter of the artificial intelligence industry.

Building on that legacy, Governor Gavin Newsom today announced his final bill signing of his last regular legislative session by investing in the people and institutions that will drive California's success for generations to come.



## PROTECTING CALIFORNIA COASTS, WILDLIFE, AND PUBLIC LANDS



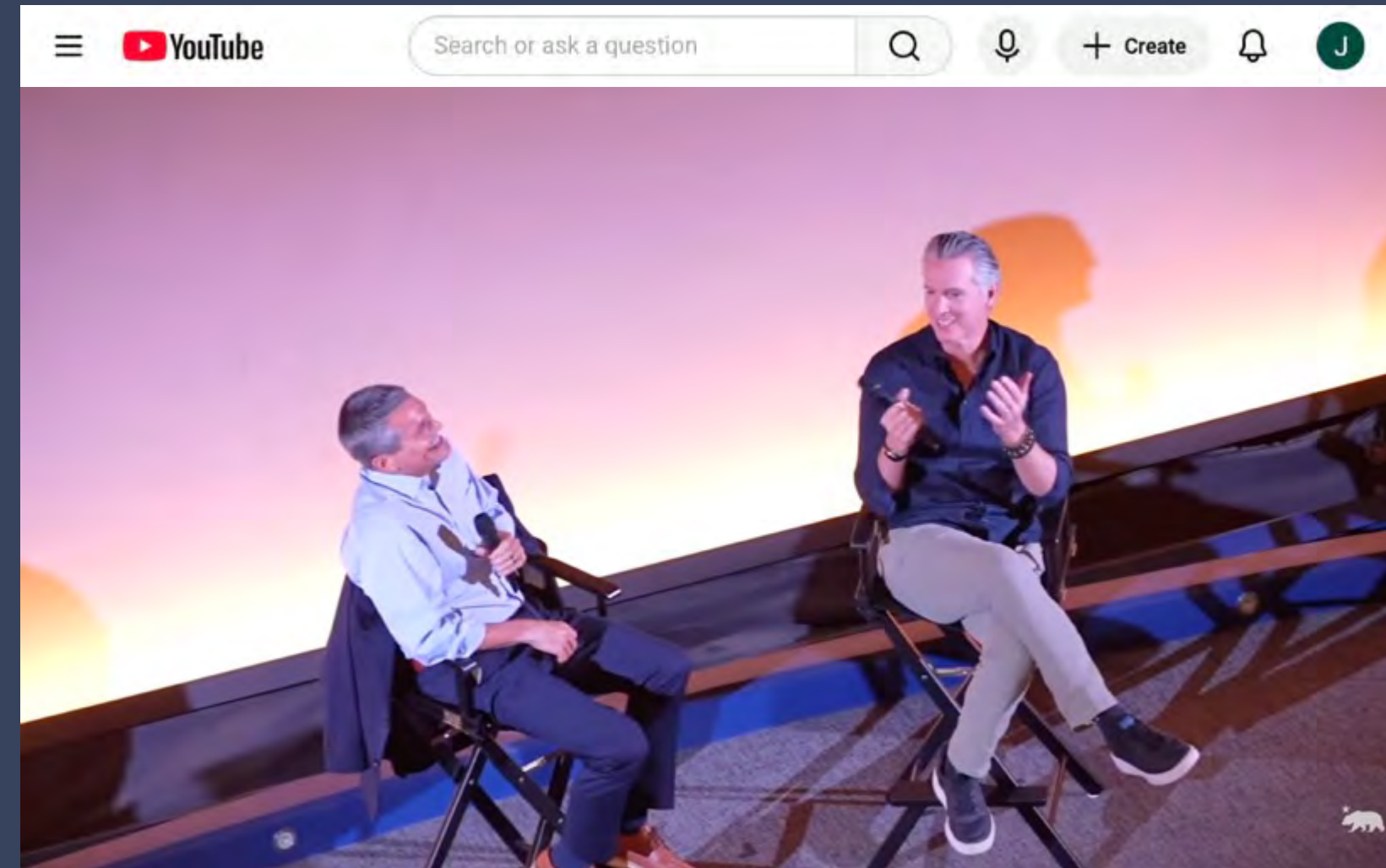
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## Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative

*Building Resilience Through  
Collaboration in the Eastern Sierra*





## Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative

*Building Resilience Through Collaboration in the  
Eastern Sierra*

### Eastern Sierra Recreation Organizational Landscape Assessment

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) is conducting this assessment to better understand the organizations working in recreation across Inyo and Mono Counties. The goal is to identify existing strengths, clarify organizational roles, understand capacity limitations, and explore opportunities for improved regional coordination. The findings will help determine whether a regional recreation collaborative would add value and what services or tools would best support participating organizations. Thank you for your participation, the survey should take 10-15 minutes.

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## Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Strategic Planning Workshop

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, MAMMOTH LAKES | 1-5PM

Facilitation: Seana Doherty, Senior Manager



# Chipmunk Canyon Trails Existing Conditions Analysis

*Balancing Access, Ecology, and  
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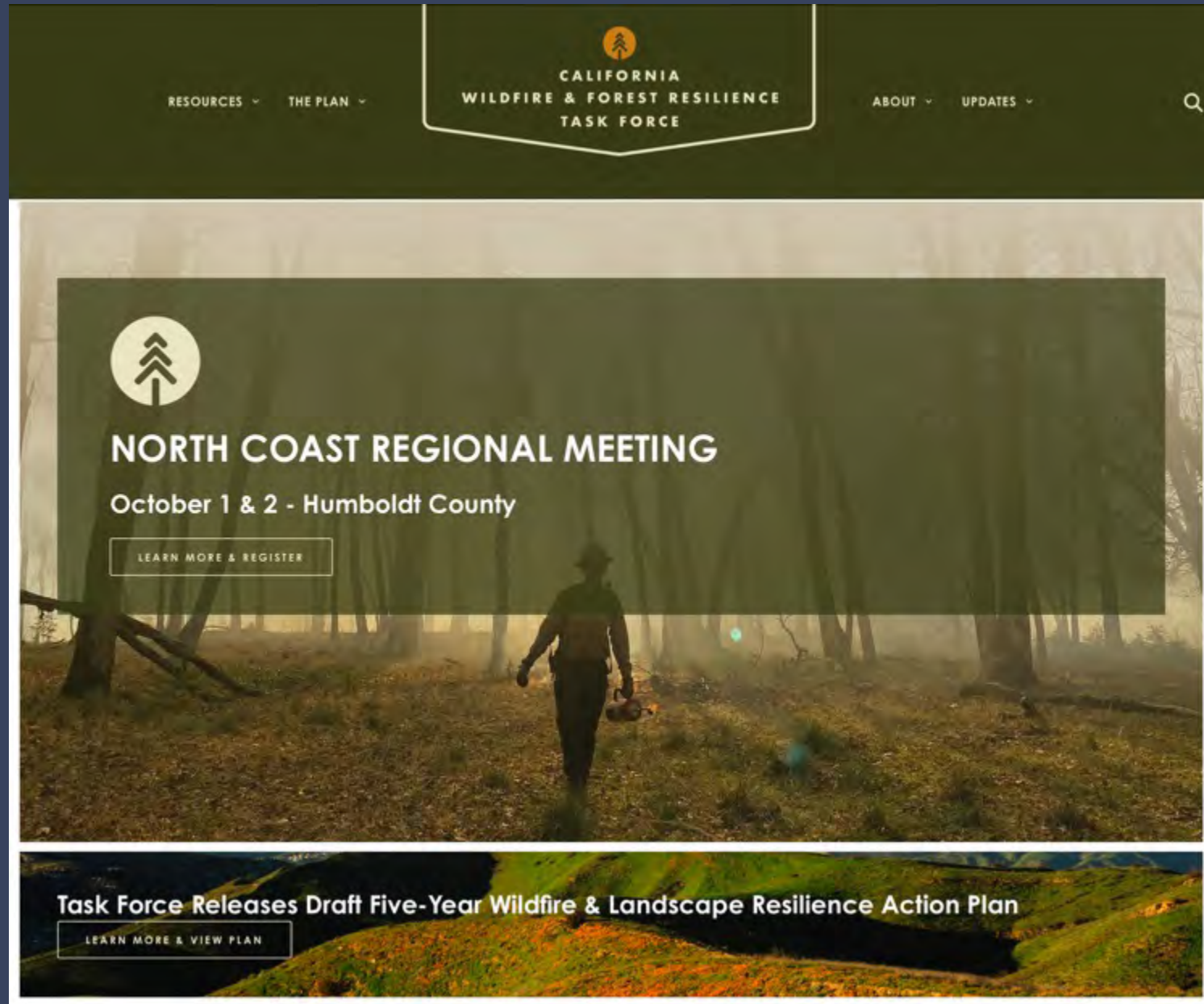
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- Trinity County - September 15, 2026
- Town of Truckee - August 11, 2026
- Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance – Aug. 5, 2026
- Glenn County – July 28, 2026
- Lake County - June 23, 2026
- Tuolumne County - June 9, 2026
- Placer County - March 10, 2026
- Napa Open Space District - March 9, 2026
- Nevada County - August 12, 2025
- Madera County - June 10, 2025
- Mono County - April 8, 2025
- Inyo County - March 25, 2025
- ESCOG - Feb. 26, 2025
- Town of Mammoth Lakes - January 15, 2025

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## PENDING

- Napa County – Oct. 15
- Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC) – Oct. 26
- Del Norte County - TBD
- San Gabriel SGVCOG EENR – Dec. 2
- Mariposa County - TBD
- Marin County - TBD
- Tahoe Regional Planning Authority (TRPA) - TBD
- Together Bay Area - TBD
- Santa Barbara County - TBD
- Alpine County - TBD

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White Paper Joint Strategy Adoption Maps Support

## STAND UP FOR CALIFORNIA ADOPT THE JOINT STRATEGY

With wildfire risk rising and federal priorities shifting, there's a bold strategy available that transforms recreation infrastructure into community defense.

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### RESOURCES



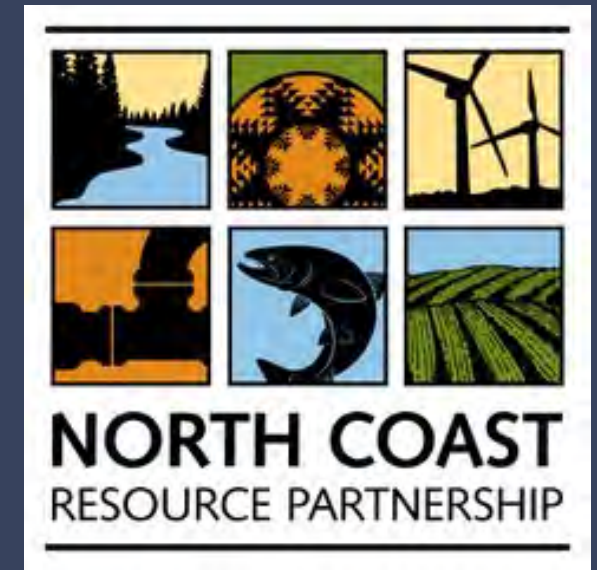
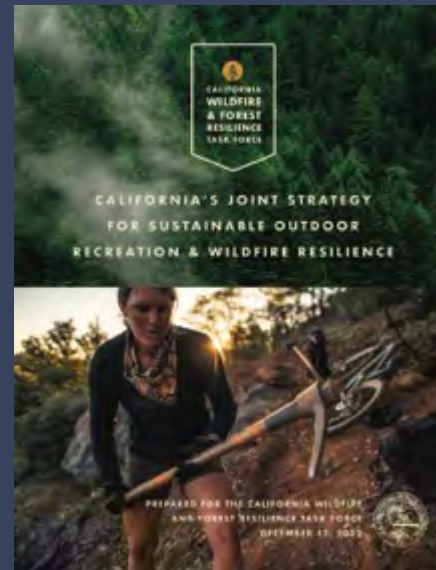
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Key facts and context for the Joint Strategy

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## NORTH COAST REGIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2026



TOUR 3 – Arcata Community Forest Mountain Bike Field Tour



## Arcata Community Forest Mountain Bike Field Tour

**Prioritizing forestry, community wildfire safety, and recreation management**

Bring your mountain bike for a tour of the Arcata Community Forest focused on forest management, community wildfire safety and recreation. See how active timber harvest, fuels reduction and road-to-trail conversions in the wildland-urban interface support forest health, wildfire safety and outdoor recreation, and hear from Arcata Community Forest staff and community members about these efforts. The approximately 9-mile route includes 1,500 feet of climbing and is a no-drop ride for participants with intermediate biking skills; a sweeper will accompany the group, with frequent stops to regroup and address issues.



# Draft Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Action Plan

2026-2031

Partner Review Period Through August 7, 2026



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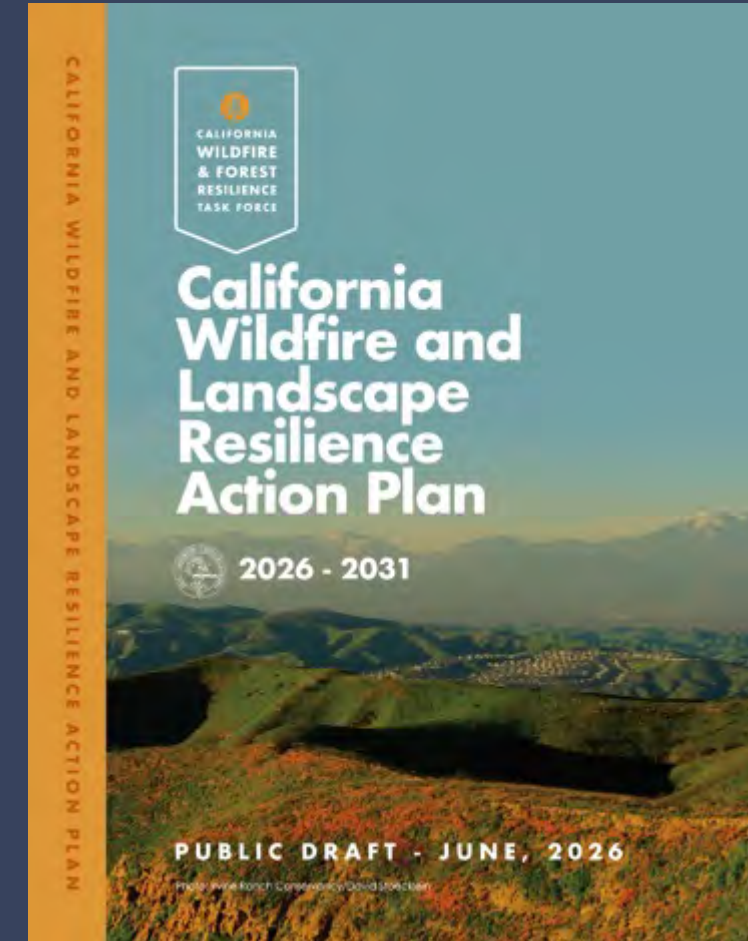
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## ACTION PLAN

## LANDSCAPE RESILIENCE

**1.46 Implement California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience:** The Task Force's Recreation Work Group will partner with CNRA, DOC, USFS, BLM, and state and local recreation managers, to deliver multi benefit recreation and wildfire resilience projects in and near the wildland urban interface, including fire hardened trails prescriptions and fuels reduction around recreation infrastructure, and will, where appropriate, embed these priorities in Regional Fire and Forest Capacity Regional Priority Plans.



## LANDSCAPE RESILIENCE

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## LANDSCAPE RESILIENCE

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## WildfireTaskForce.org

### What has been accomplished

California has enacted new policies, programs, and funding partners since 2011 to significantly expand the use of beneficial fire. These milestones include:

- Enacting the California Wildfire Resilience Strategy in 2011
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### Key Actions

#### Develop a Broad Beneficial Fire Workforce

- California will support a beneficial fire workforce by developing partnerships between government, academia, and industry.
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#### Protect Public Health and Improve Public Engagement

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#### Support Tribal Leadership and Cultural Burning

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### Regional Considerations

While beneficial fire is essential to landscape resilience across much of California, beneficial fire may not be the appropriate tool in areas that are already experiencing fires more frequently than they did historically. For example, in Southern California shrublands, too much fire can lead to conversion of native vegetation to more flammable non-native grasses, resulting in even greater fire risk.

### Case Study: A Landmark Cultural Burn Agreement

In 2018, the State of California and the California Native Plant Society signed a landmark cultural burn agreement. This agreement allows the State of California to use traditional cultural burning practices to manage public lands. This agreement is a landmark in the history of cultural burning in California, as it is the first time that the State of California has entered into a formal agreement with a Native American tribe to use traditional cultural burning practices to manage public lands.

### Resources

- 1) Task Force Report
- 2) California's Strategy for Expanding the Use of Beneficial Fire
- 3) Return to All Short's Chapter



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Land Resource Protection

## Regional Forest & Fire Capacity

Achieving Impact with Block Grants

Brian Newman-Lindsay  
Program Manager  
*August 7 2026*

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## Regional Forest & Fire Capacity

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## Principle 2: Support Programs, not Projects



Figure 1: Forest and Fire Capacity Wheel

\$\$\$ don't translate to success just because you put them toward a shovel ready project.

Someone must develop and maintain the underlying infrastructure that makes the project go.



(Source: Watershed Center, Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team)

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Next Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, October 27



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**ESSRP Update**

**October 5, 2026**



## Next ESWA Meeting: November 4 | Bishop

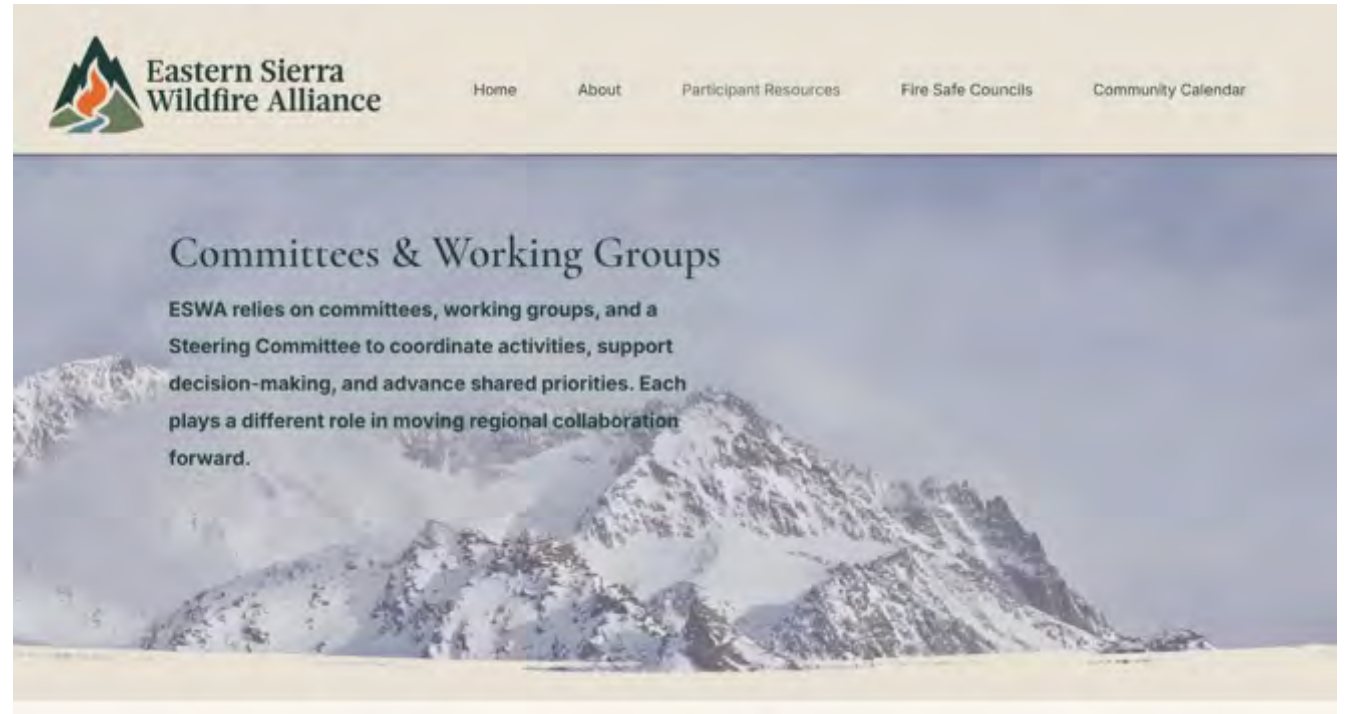
ESWA committees are actively advancing work across the Eastern Sierra.

A new **Technical Committee** is working collaboratively to review and prioritize regional projects and funding opportunities.

The **ESWA website has been updated**

*In Bishop: Inyo County Consolidated Office Building, Room 101  
Please RSVP in advance*

<https://www.eswildfirealliance.org/meetings>



# 2026 Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project

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2026 fuels reduction and forest health implementation is wrapping up.

What that means for recreation:

- The **Shady Rest Disc Golf Course** is open
- Trails impacted by project work have **reopened**
- Major 2026 treatment activities are complete

**Looking ahead:** We'll share more about planned 2027 implementation at the next ESSRP meeting.





# Upcoming Opportunities

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## West Mono Basin Wildfire Resilience Workshop

**October 10 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM**  
**Lee Vining Community Center**

Join us for a community workshop featuring:

- A **panel discussion on wildfire behavior in the West Mono Basin**
- A hands-on session with practical **defensible space guidance**

Complimentary refreshments and **free defensible space resources and materials.**

## Wildfire Resilience Workshop

### – West Mono Basin –

Learn more about Mono Basin ecology, wildfire behavior, and how to better prepare your home.

**10 OCT**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Lee Vining Community Center**

**SESSION I:**  
**West Mono Basin Panel Discussion**

Local experts will share perspectives on how wildfire behavior and landscape conditions have changed, what factors influence wildfire severity and spread today in the Mono Basin area.

**Panelists:**

- **David Haas**, CALFIRE San Bernardino Inyo/Mono Unit Forester
- **Paul McFarland**, Mono County Supervisor District 3
- **Kirstie Butler**, Forest Service Fire Prevention Technician
- **Alexander Teitelbaum**, Forest Service Fire Management Specialist
- **Jeff Hinson**, Retired Forest Service

**SESSION II:**  
**Community Wildfire Resilience Workshop**

Learn practical, hands-on strategies for reducing wildfire risk on your properties.



**Scan the QR code for more information and RSVP**



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

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting  
Monday, November 2, 2026 @ 3:30