



Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP)

Monday April 7, 2025 – 3:30 PM

Via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88006162291?pwd=K2Y3REdyZkpTdHBYSIR0VjF3MzZ4QT09>

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The Partnership Current Signatories: Alpine County*; BLM* City of Bishop*; Inyo County*; CALTRANS*; Mono County; Town of Mammoth Lakes; Inyo National Forest; Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, National Park Service* *have voted or otherwise agreed to sign partnership agreement **Partners in Process:** NPS; LADWP

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. What is the ESSRP

3. Welcome + Housekeeping

- a. Jennifer Eberlien, *Retiring R5 Regional Forester*
- b. Jason Kuiken, *Acting R5 Regional Forester*
- c. Hot Links - April 7, 2025

4. Happenings of Interest

- a. "March Delivers: Statewide Snowpack Near Average"
- b. "Here's when California's first heat wave of 2025 could hit"
- c. "Sierra Club: Earth Month"
- d. "Boucher's Birding Blog: Apps for the Smart Birder - Which One Should You Use?"
- e. "California tribe enters first-of-its-kind agreement with the state to practice cultural burns"
- f. "Lake Tahoe's first Target store finally has an opening date"
- g. "People in this rural California town are dying of the virus that killed Gene Hackman's wife"
- h. "Visit California Publishes Regional Strategies"
- i. "Justine Bateman Wants to 'Give a Book of Matches' to the Tech Companies"
- j. "'A hostile state': Why some travelers are avoiding the US"
- k. "Republicans weigh sales of public land in reconciliation"
- l. "California Natural Resources Agency Hosts Virtual Discussion on Protecting Our Public Lands"
- m. "Trail Towns & Gateway Communities: Survey Findings and Impact Summary"
- n. "Rural California, reliant on the Trump administration for jobs, braces for cuts"
- o. "USDA orders California national forests open for major logging"
- p. "CNRA and Outdoor Alliance Initiate Ongoing Recreation Dialogue"
- q. "Some USDA RIF plans take shape as department warns employees of major cuts"
- r. "Inyo National Forest seeks public input for trails project in Sherwin Meadows area"
- s. "Dow drops 2,200 points Friday, S&P 500 loses 10% in 2 days"
- t. "Make Smuggling Great Again"
- u. "Newsom directs the state to pursue strategic relationships with international trading partners"
- v. "Newsom Proclaims State of Emergency to Fast-Track Critical Wildfire Prevention Projects"
- w. "California Wildfire Taskforce - Marin County Meeting + 2025 Key Deliverables"
- x. "CA Trail and Greenways Conference - April 22nd – 25th, 2025 Pomona"



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5. Eastern Sierra Sustainable Outdoor Recreation: Regional Projects

- a. ESCOG - *Elaine Kabala, Executive Director*
 - i. Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program
 - 1. "Towns to Trails Feasibility Analysis" - *Project Wrap and Next Steps*
- b. Town of Mammoth Lakes "Wildfire Working Group" - *Lawson Reif, Office of Outdoor Recreation*
 - i. Introduction to partnered, multi-benefit efforts to combat wildfire threat.
- c. Whitebark Institute - *Claire (Freeman) Galaway; Laura Beardsley, Executive Director*
 - i. ESCCRP Updates and Next Steps
 - ii. Regional Fire Prevention Campaign Launch - *CAL Fire, Whitebark, and MLTPA*
 - iii. Community Directed Grant Program - *SCE and Whitebark*
- d. MLTPA Foundation
 - i. Eastern Sierra Campground Improvement Project
 - ii. California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience

6. Sierra Jobs First

- a. Update - *Kaela Frank, Sierra Business Council*
- b. California State Economic Blueprint - *Update*
 - i. CALREC Vision - Statewide Recreation and Tourism Cohort - *MLTPA Update*
- c. Rec and Tourism Catalyst Project Support via "Sierra Works" - *MLTPA + Sierra Focus Media*
 - i. Inventory/draft assignment of Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Projects - *Update*
 - ii. "Recreation and Tourism Working Group" - *April 10 Kick-Off*
 - iii. Funding Assistance/Activation Plan - *Andie Stewart, Research and Policy Analyst MLTPA*

7. Partner Insights and Updates in Alphabetical Order

- a. Alpine County
- b. BLM
- c. CALTRANS
- d. City of Bishop
- e. HT National Forest, USFS
- f. Inyo County
- g. Inyo National Forest, USFS
- h. Mono County
- i. National Park Service
- j. Town of Mammoth Lakes

8. Next Meetings

- a. **Regular Meeting** - Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 3:30 Via Zoom