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Recording in Progress

Public lands in the United States hold the creation stories, burial grounds, and ceremonies of Indigenous people who were killed or forcibly removed from their ancestral homes during territorial acquisition.

Many tribes, comprised of different bands, live in the Eastern Sierra region, caring for their native lands as they coexist with the ongoing impacts of colonization. Past or present tribes and bands associated with the region that this effort is aware of include, but are not limited to, the Miwok, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a, Mono/Monache, Nüümü (Paiute), Newe (Shoshone), Timbi-Sha, Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute, and Washoe.

Two Nüümü terms describe the region and provide important context to ideas offered in this presentation. The first is Pamidu Toiyabe (Western Mountains), and the other, more widely known, place name is Payahuunadü (The Place Where Water Flows).

This acknowledgement is an invitation to all organizations, residents, and visitors to recognize the way this history has shaped the present as all parties work together in anticipation of a better future.

What is the ESSRP



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

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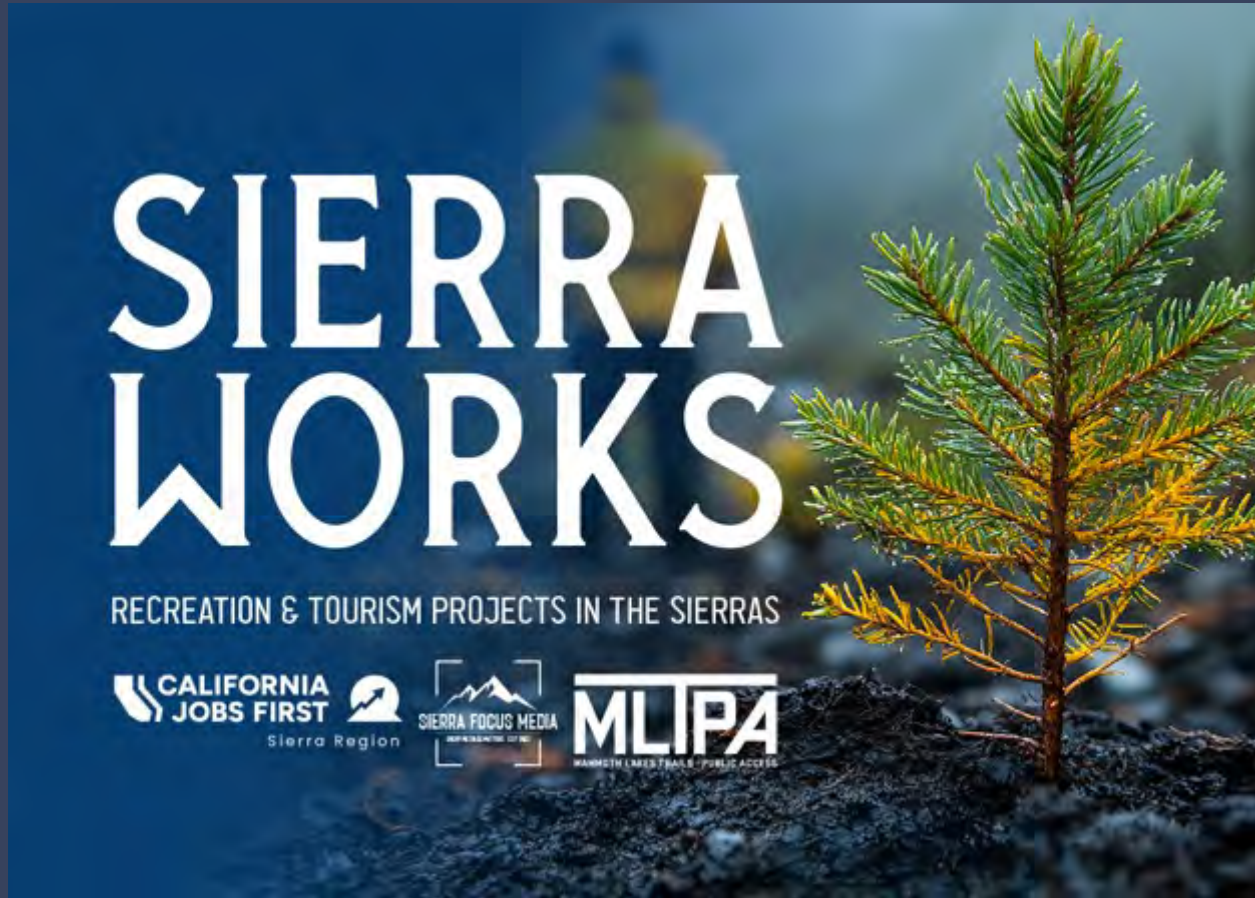
Welcome to Payahuunadü

This is a guide for how to recreate responsibly on the lands of the Nüümü and Newe peoples.

Compiled by the Environmental Management Office of the Bishop Paiute Tribe

August 29, 2023

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Sierra Jobs First

Recreation and Tourism Industry Sector

Mother Lode offers plenty of ways to celebrate the Fourth of July



A parade participant gives a flag to a young parade watcher at the Glorious Fourth of July Celebration in Columbia State Historic Park on July, 2024.
Guy McCarthy / Union Democrat file photo

The Fourth of July is synonymous with gatherings and festivities where people come together to reflect on the birth of American independence.

From parades to professional fireworks shows, there are plenty of opportunities throughout the Mother Lode to celebrate the holiday with others in the community from morning to night.

Stanislaus National Forest crews battle 2 fires in Emigrant Wilderness



Crew members in contract helicopter H517, based at Bald Mountain, estimated the Gum Fire, burning near Chewing Gum Lake in the Emigrant Wilderness, was burning one-tenth of one acre, a Stanislaus National Forest spokesman said Saturday. This photo is from a June 25 annual readiness review at Bald Mountain.
Courtesy photo / U.S. Forest Service

Record Travel This 4th Of July Week

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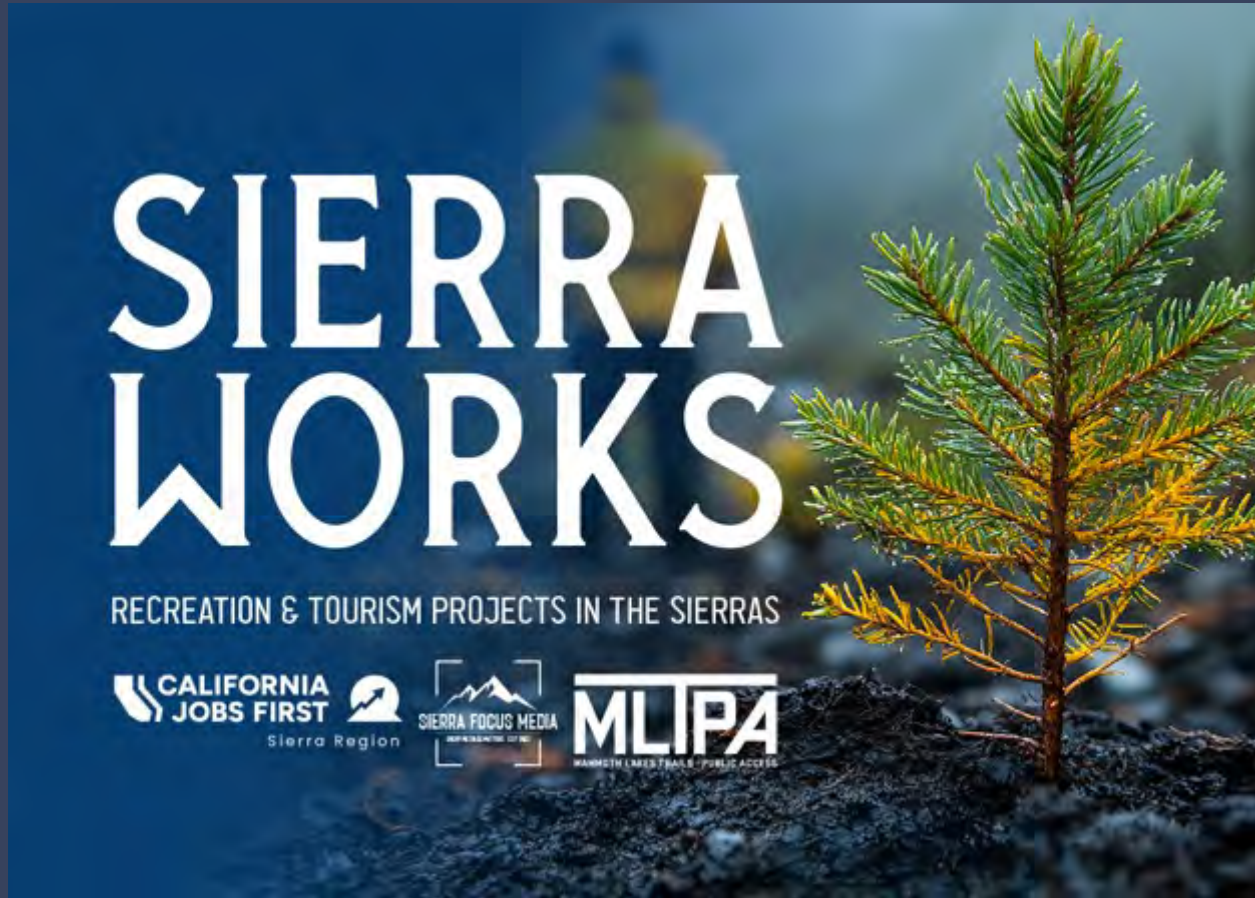
Sonora, CA— AAA predicts a record 72.2 million people will travel at least 50 miles or more from home during the Independence Day holiday period, marking an increase of 1.7 million domestic travelers compared to last year and 7 million more than in 2019.

AAA noted that Independence Day trips are up 2.4% over last year, with road trips and flights setting new records. They added that more than 8.9 million Californians are expected to travel for the holiday, an increase of nearly 182,000 compared to 2024 and over 615,000 compared to 2019. This record is driven by the fact that the travel period spans two weekends, beginning last Saturday, June 28, and ending Sunday, July 6, instead of just one, to better reflect the flow of holiday travelers.

"Summertime is one of the busiest travel seasons of the year, and July 4th is one of the most popular times to get away," said AAA Mountain West Group spokesperson Doug Johnson. "Following Memorial Day's record forecast, AAA is seeing strong demand for road trips and air travel over Independence Day week. With the holiday falling on a Friday, travelers have the option of making it a long weekend or taking the entire week to make memories with family and friends."

AAA expects vehicle travel to be the main mode of transportation, with 61.6 million people, a 2.2% increase over last year and the highest volume on record. Compared to last year, AAA forecasts an additional 1.3 million travelers on the roads. California alone is projected to have more than 7 million people traveling across the state.

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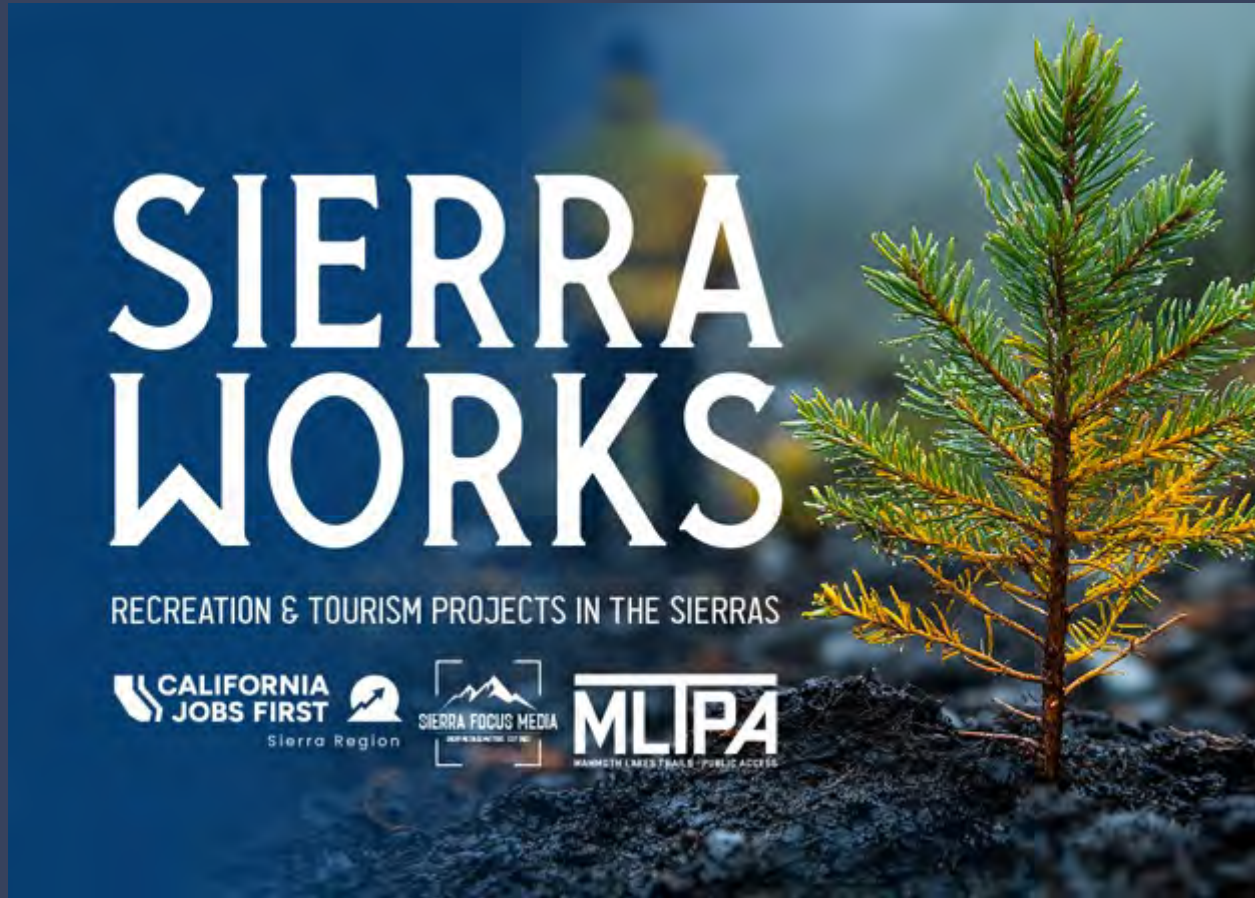


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- Role of the ESSRP
- Ongoing Information Sharing
- Preparing for the Working Group that will reconvene in the Fall

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ESSRP Strategic Support

- 30 years Federal agency experience
- President of Eastern Sierra Land Trust Board of Directors
- Two term Mono County Supervisor
- Born and raised in Bishop, CA

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Alpine

Amador

SCALE

SIERRA TO CALIFORNIA ALL-LANDS ENHANCEMENT

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

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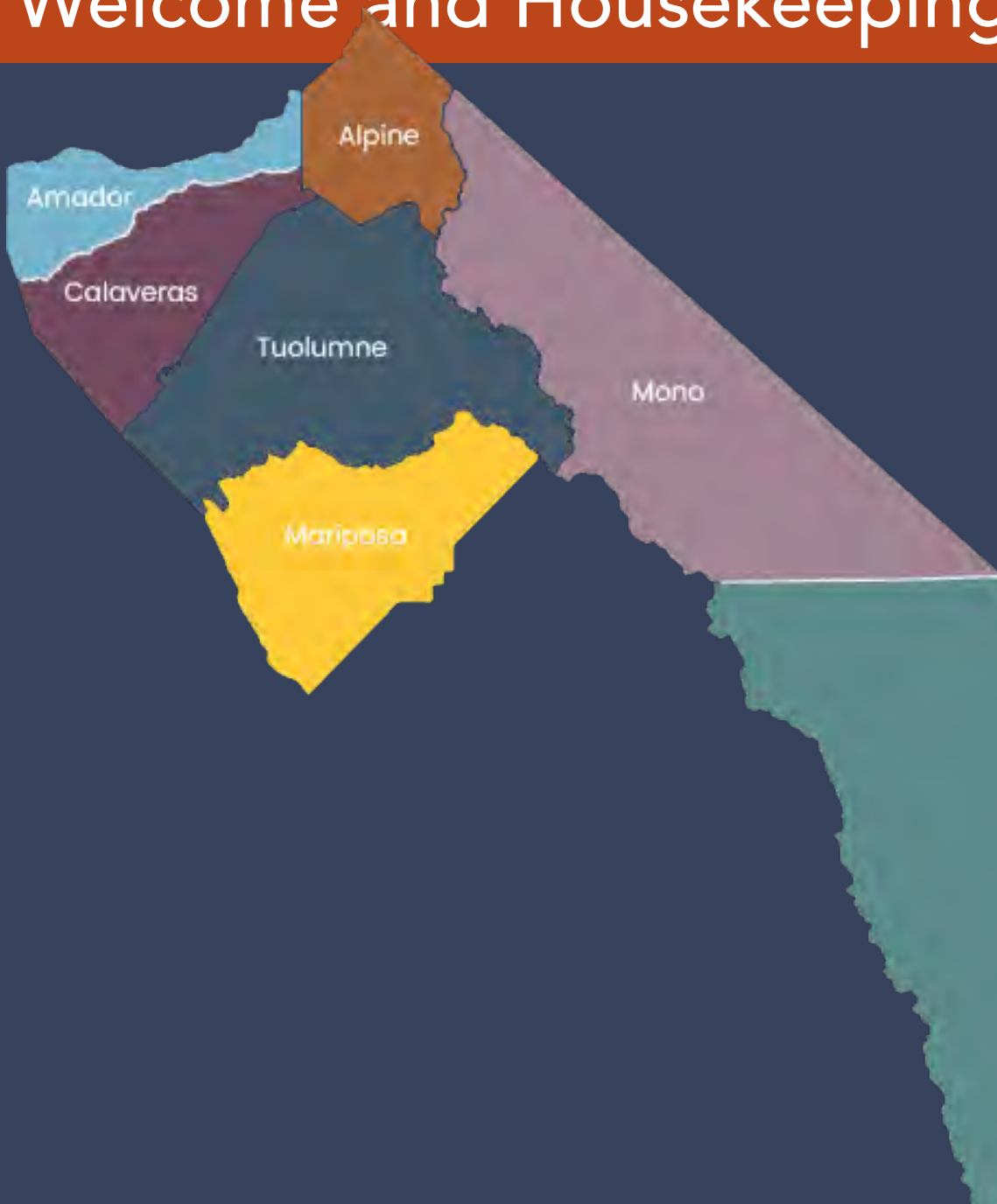
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U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley

- Natalia Vasquez – *Regional Representative for El Dorado, Alpine, Mono, & Inyo County*

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U.S. Congressman Tom McClintock

- *Field Representative that might be interested in attending ESSRP meetings - ?*

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1 WEEK AGO

Lee pulls federal land sales from megabill

Sen. Mike Lee's decision to withdraw his proposal removes a major headache for GOP leadership in both chambers as they look to advance their megabill.



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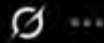
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Because of the strict constraints of the budget reconciliation process, I was unable to secure clear, enforceable safeguards to guarantee that these lands would be sold only to American families—not to China, not to BlackRock, and not to any foreign interests.

For that reason, I've made the decision to withdraw the federal land sales provision from the bill.

I continue to believe the federal government owns far too much land—land it is mismanaging and in many cases ruining for the next generation. Under Democratic presidents, massive swaths of the West are being locked away from the people who live there, with no meaningful recourse. That has real consequences for Utahns—from raising taxes for schools and funding local search-and-rescue operations, to being able to build homes and sustain rural communities.

President Trump promised to put underutilized federal land to work for American families, and I look forward to helping him achieve that in a way that respects the legacy of our public lands and reflects the values of the people who use them most.

I'm grateful to everyone who took the time to offer thoughtful feedback. Your voices helped strengthen this bill, and they will continue to shape the path forward.

MIKE LEE
US SENATOR, R-UTAH

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Congressman Zinke's Statement on Public Land Sales Removal from the Senate Reconciliation Bill "We defended our San Juan Hill"

June 29, 2025 | Press Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Yesterday, a provision selling millions of acres of public lands was removed from the Senate Reconciliation Bill, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act." Congressman Zinke had **expressed unequivocal opposition to the provision** and joined five of his House colleagues in sending a letter to Speaker of the House Mike Johnson stating, "If a provision to sell public lands is in the bill that reaches the House floor, we will be forced to vote no."

Congressman Ryan Zinke issued the following statement in response to the removal of the provision:

TR would be proud. Bully! We defended our San Juan Hill, and we won.

The SEALs taught me to Never Quit and to always rely on my teammates. Both were keys to our public lands victory. We always had backup plans, and we had the greatest coalition of support I've seen. Public lands are not red or blue, they are red, white and blue. They belong to all of us whether we're from Massachusetts or Montana.

I greatly appreciate the work of my colleagues in the House and Senate who were leaders either publicly or behind closed doors, particularly Senators Sheehy, Daines, Crapo, Risch, Chairman Simpson, and Speaker Johnson. And Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum who made it clear that mass land sales was not the Trump agenda. They are the Rough Riders.

I look forward to voting for President Donald J. Trump's Big Beautiful Bill (again) to deliver historic tax cuts for Montanans, strengthen social safety net programs, secure the border for good, and get our country back on track to fiscal sanity.

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CONGRESSMAN



KEVIN KILEY

Protecting Our Public Lands

For the last several weeks, I have fought against a legislative provision allowing for public land sales without meaningful local input. The House removed the provision shortly after I spoke out against it, but we had to redouble our efforts when the Senate put it back in. Fortunately, in a major win this weekend, the Senate removed it as well. Public lands are essential to our region and local economy, and the future of those lands cannot be determined by closed-door meetings in Washington.

[Click here](#) to watch my House Floor remarks.



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What's In the Big Bill For Us? Renewables Revenue and Counties

July 2, 2026 by Sharon

This is really above my pay grade, but it seems like the Big Bill changes the way developers are charged for solar and wind installations on federal land, both FS and BLM. I don't know what they were before, so I don't know how significant the changes are. I posted the section below, but it's both long and cryptic. I've been looking for someone knowledgeable to weigh in, but so far all I got was AI based on earlier versions of the bill. If someone finds an explanation of the current language, please link in the comments.

Two things that are clear: BLM discretion to lower fees has been removed, and counties get to keep part of the receipts.

Someone can tell us how different the rent calculations are than previous.

Here's the section... be glad that you don't have to calculate these formulas! It appears that of all the various permits and rents, the Bill says that 25% goes to the State and 25% to the Counties; with other 50% going to the Treasury. Hopefully, our BLM friends can tell us if this is like other kinds of rents and permits. I did find this fairly complex chart of what happens to oil and gas revenues in a recently updated Congressional Research Service report.

Recommended Comment Considerations

When commenting, please consider the three doors that charitable speech must pass through. The gatekeeper at the door asks, "Is it true?" The second gatekeeper asks, "Is it helpful?" The third gatekeeper asks, "Is it kind?" (adapted from the writings of Krishnamurti by James Martin on p. 169 of his book "Between Heaven and Mirth.")

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What's in the Big Bill For Us? II. Selling More Timber and Long-Term Contracts

July 2, 2026 by Sharon

Here's what the text says:

SEC. 50301. TIMBER SALES AND LONG-TERM CONTRACTING

23 FOR THE FOREST SERVICE AND THE BUREAU

24 OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years 24 2026 through 2034, the Secretary shall sell timber annually on National Forest System land in 1 a total quantity that is not less than 250,000,000 board-feet greater than the quantity of board-feet sold in the previous fiscal year;

4 (B) LIMITATION.—The timber sales under 5 subparagraph (A) shall be subject to the maximum allowable sale quantity of timber or the 7 projected timber sale quantity under the applicable forest plan in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(S) LONG-TERM CONTRACTING FOR THE FOREST SERVICE.—

12 (A) LONG-TERM CONTRACTING.—For the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034, the Secretary shall enter into not fewer than 40 long-term timber sale contracts with private persons 16 or other public or private entities under subsection (a) of section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a) for 19 the sale of national forest materials (as defined 20 in subsection (e)(1) of that section) in the National Forest System.

22 (B) CONTRACT LENGTH.—The period of a 23 timber sale contract entered into to meet the requirement under subparagraph (A) shall be not 189 less than 20 years, with options for extensions or 2 renewals, as determined by the Secretary.

3 (C) RECEIPTS.—Any monies derived from a 4 timber sale contract entered into to meet the requirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) 6 shall be deposited in the general fund of the 7 Treasury.

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What's in the Big Bill For Us? I. Rescission of Unobligated IRA Bucks

July 2, 2026 by Sharon

The Bill says if unobligated, these \$ are rescinded. Basically it puts the reins in on certain funding that was in the IRA. It's one of those "both things are true" kinds of bills, while touted as a climate bill, there's a great deal of random throwing around large sums of money... in many cases, with a fairly tenuous relationship to climate change. Of course, everything can be related to climate change, with enough imagination, I've used this version of the bill, which I hope is the current one.

SEC. 10201. RESCISSION OF AMOUNTS FOR FORESTRY.

3 The unobligated balances of amounts appropriated by 4 the following provisions of Public Law 117–169 are rescinded:

6 (1) Paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 23001(a) 7 (136 Stat. 2023).

8 (2) Paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 9 23002(a) (136 Stat. 2025).

10 (3) Section 23003(a)(2) (136 Stat. 2026).

11 (4) Section 23005 (136 Stat. 2027).

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Figure 5. Allocation of Onshore Federal Oil and Gas Revenues Under the Mineral Leasing Act

Revenue, production royalties, and other revenues (not Alaska)

Revenue (not Alaska)

Permit, processing fee

Revenue, production royalties, and other revenues (Alaska)

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Source: Mineral Leasing Act (MMLA), 40 U.S.C.

Notes: B/LT = Bureau of Land Management; Treasury = U.S. Department of the Treasury; Alaska (not shown as below 40% or 50%) are the payments (applicant offer or purchase the lease of public land); Rent are payment made by lessees before production occurs; Production royalties are required payments made by lessees to the federal government based on the value of the public resources involved; Title proceeds of lands devoted to sales from Bureau, production royalties, and other revenues (not Alaska) only; Alaska only; except fees, in addition to Bureau, production royalties, and other revenues are withheld as an administrative fee and deposited as miscellaneous.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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plans take shape as department warns employees of major cuts

Some regional offices are expected to be cut as some headquarters offices will be "hollowed out."

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Secretary Rollins Rescinds Roadless Rule, Eliminating Impediment to Responsible Forest Management



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It's time for common-sense roadless reform

Chief Tom Schultz
June 24, 2025

Yesterday, [Secretary Rollins announced the USDA's plans](#) to rescind the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. This decision would unlock 30% of the National Forest System, enabling common-sense forest management practices to strengthen the health and productivity of America's forests.



Chief Tom Schultz

For nearly 25 years, this rule has frustrated land managers and served as a barrier to action –prohibiting road construction, which has limited wildfire suppression and timber harvesting on nearly 60 million acres. Including Wilderness designations, the acreage amounts to nearly half of our national forests and grasslands.

Since 2001, we've seen more than 8 million acres of Roadless Areas burn. To put that into perspective, the average acreage lost to wildfire each year has more than doubled since the rule's inception. Instead of protecting our forests, the rule has trapped them in a cycle of neglect and devastation.

That can't continue.

The forests we know today are not the same as the forests of 2001. They are dangerously overstocked and increasingly threatened by drought, insect-born disease, and wildfire. It's time to turn the page on the Roadless Rule and return land management decisions where they belong –with local Forest Service experts who best understand their forests and communities.

I applaud Secretary Rollins for taking decisive action to provide us with the tools and decision space we need to truly care for our forests and, in turn, protect the people and communities we serve.

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Calif. mountain towns could be decimated by public lands sell-off

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June 20, 2025



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The Honorable Alex Padilla
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The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States Senate
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin Kiley
United States House of Representatives
1508 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Sales of Public Lands in the United States

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Representative Kiley,

As representatives of a Public Lands County – where nearly 92% of our 10,192 square miles (or 6.5 million acres) land base is federally managed – the Inyo County Board of Supervisors wants to thank each of you for the foresight, wisdom, and strong leadership you demonstrated in voicing strong opposition to the public lands sale provision that was included in the budget reconciliation bill.

We appreciate your advocacy for the ecological and economic health of our county, which is a gateway to some of the most popular public land attractions in the world: Mt. Whitney, the Alabama Hills, Death Valley National Park, Yosemite National Park, the John Muir Trail, and the Pacific Crest Trail. We rely economically on the ability of our 2 million-plus annual visitors to access these precious landscapes. Sales of public lands surrounding or abutting these areas could have disastrous economic consequences for Inyo County and fellow gateway communities in return for minimal housing gains.

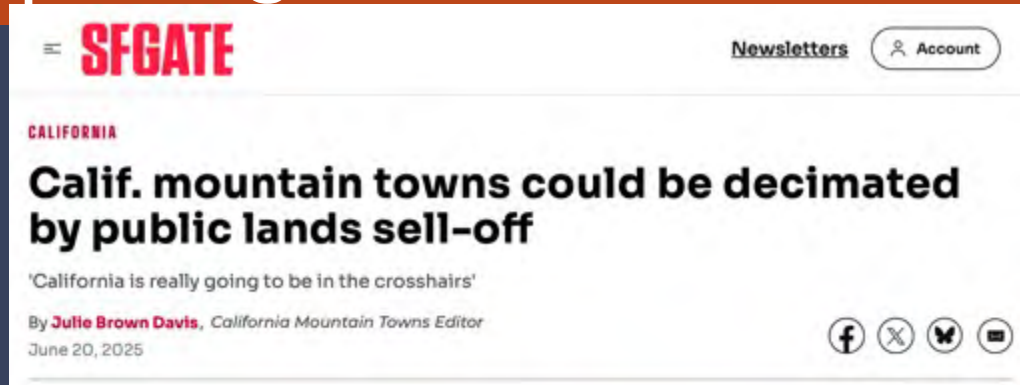
Inyo County does support limited, strategically-precise, and thoughtfully curated land releases. For this to be successful, land identification must be co-developed with cities, counties, and Tribes, who have the much-needed local knowledge and who would be most impacted.

With the public lands sale provision now removed from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), we see a golden opportunity to have our voices heard in the cooperative development of a stand-alone bill based on careful and thorough consideration of lands that are most appropriate for sale and which would create the most benefit in terms of housing development. We support transparent, bipartisan negotiations toward this end.

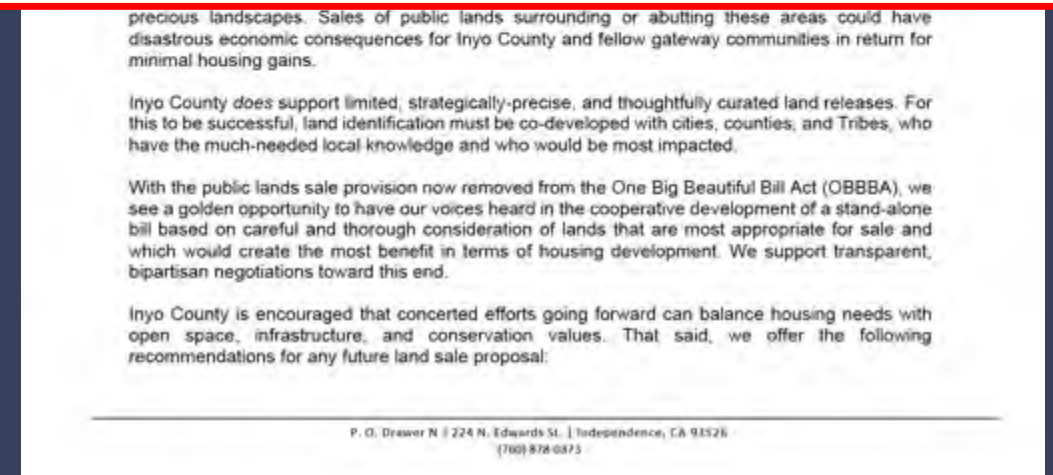
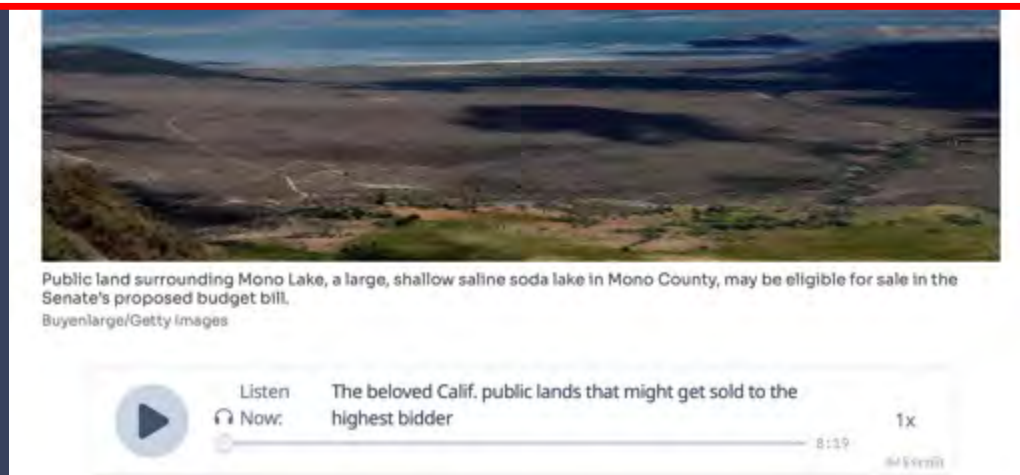
Inyo County is encouraged that concerted efforts going forward can balance housing needs with open space, infrastructure, and conservation values. That said, we offer the following recommendations for any future land sale proposal:

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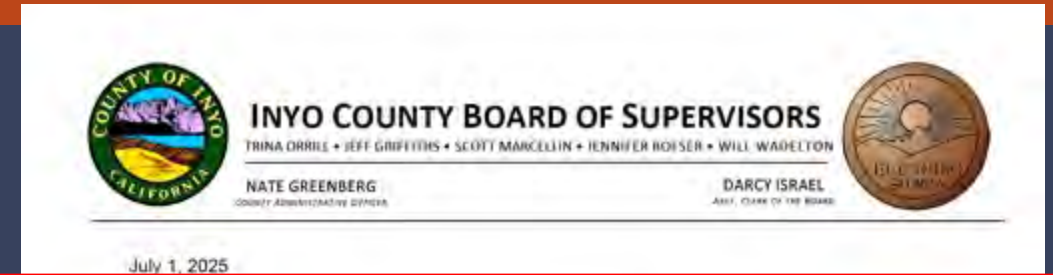
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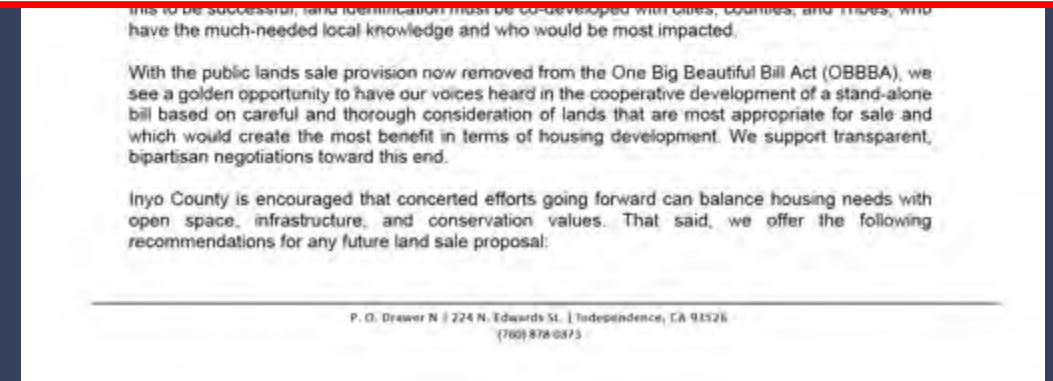
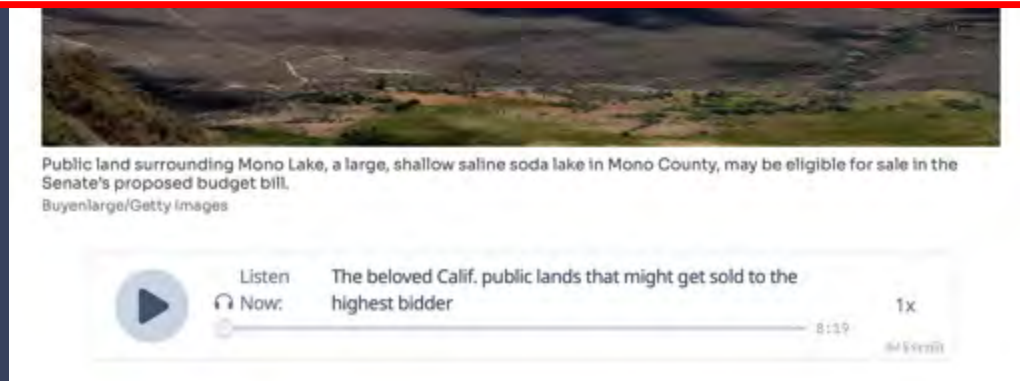
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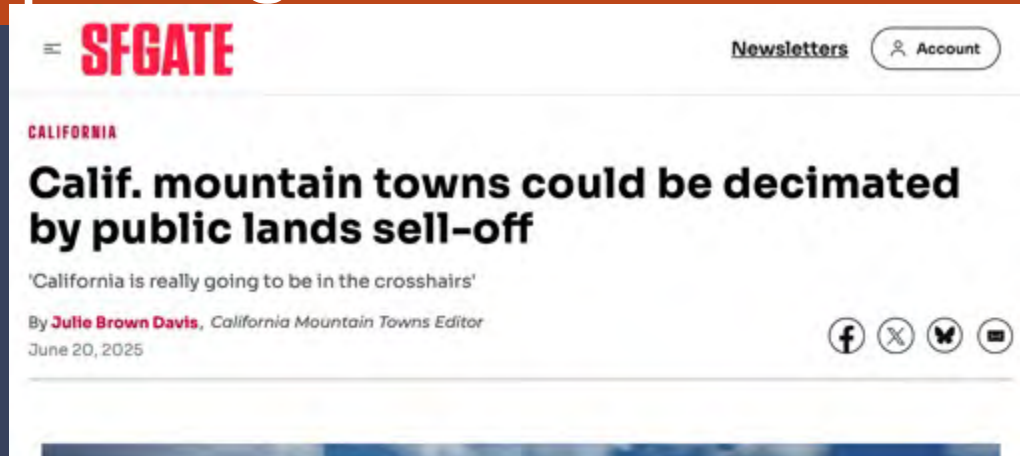
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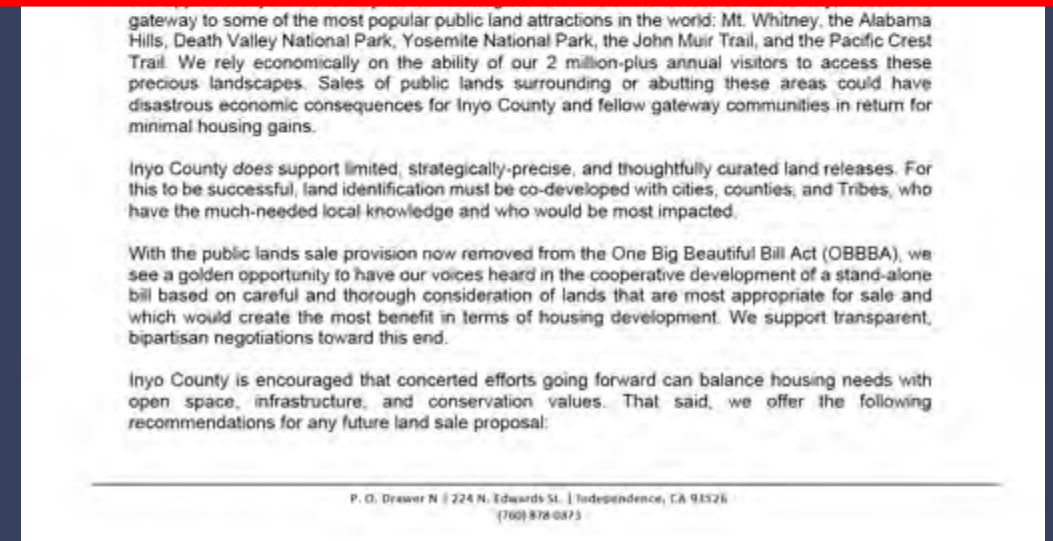
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Landownership Adjustments: the Eastern Sierra Landownership Adjustment Project

July 1, 2025 by Sharon

Eastern Sierra

Landownership Adjustment Project



As I said before, I didn't think that Senator Lee had made his case that land exchanges and sales of federal land couldn't be done through existing methods; and that new legislation was needed. While those provisions are now gone, as I predicted, it made me curious as to what existing methods were out there. What I heard from BLM folks was that "we can already do those things," much like what I'd heard about the Public Lands Rule. In terms of examples of exchanges and sales, Bill Dunkelberger (retired Forest Supervisor of the H-T) sent me the example of the Eastern Sierra Landownership Adjustment Project. The way it's structured made me think of ways that communities, agencies and Tribes may work together to do PODs and evacuation routes and other wildfire-related planning. Anyway, here's a [link to the report](#). It would be interesting to get an update from any of you working in the area.

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Agencies roll out plans to pare down NEPA reviews

By KEVIN BOGARDUS | 06/30/2025 04:27 PM EDT

The effort aligns with President Donald Trump's push to lift hurdles in expediting energy infrastructure and other projects.



President Donald Trump speaks to the media Friday in the briefing room of the White House. Jacquelyn Martin/AP

The Trump administration advanced its deregulatory drive Monday as government agencies announced plans to renege on the country's linchpin environmental law.

At issue is the National Environmental Policy Act, designed to require the federal government to consider environmental impacts for permit applications and management of public lands. The 1970 law has been under threat since President Donald Trump's return as he has rallied to build pipelines, ports and other energy infrastructure to boost domestic production of fossil fuels without environmental reviews.

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USDA Soon to Publish Interim Final Rule with One NEPA Regulation for All USDA

June 30, 2025 by Sharon

E&E News had an article that included information about this. There was an interesting quote from our friend Ted Zukoski:

"This proposal will bar the American people from offering input on the vast majority of massive logging projects that will be approved under Trump's 'log, baby, log' plan," said Ted Zukoski, a senior attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity, about USDA's proposal in a statement. He added, "The public's ability to hold federal agencies accountable is the crucial foundation of America's environmental laws and we're going to use every tool in our arsenal to defend it."

Here's a link to the document. I'm hoping that people who are paid to do so, possibly including the people who worked on it, will provide a summary of the general changes and the changes specific to the FS and what that means now and in the future for agency practitioners, contractors and partners involved in the work.

Please add any analysis you find, as well as your own views, in the comments.

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- Questions About Shared Stewardship MOUs with States
- Landownership Adjustments: the Eastern Sierra Landownership Adjustment Project

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House + Senate Reconciliation Bill

"One Big Beautiful Bill" Act

- House bill approved May 20, Senate version approved July 1, House approved Senate bill July 3, President signed July 4
- Public lands purchase proposal not included in final legislation
- Numerous rescissions (prior year remaining budget \$ reductions) included for USFS, NPS, BLM, EPA and other agencies (working on details...)
- Additional funds for rural development (details unclear)
- Various energy and climate change program terminations/tax credit and other changes

President Trump's Draft Discretionary "Skinny" Budget



The WHITE HOUSE



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The White House Office of Management and Budget Releases the President's Fiscal Year 2026 Skinny Budget

The White House

May 2, 2025

President Trump's Draft Discretionary "Skinny" Budget

- Recreation-related budgets for fiscal year
 - Oct. 1, 2025 to Sept. 30, 2026
- Process status
 - President submitted required formal budget documents in June; no House or Senate appropriations bills approved to date
- Quick review
 - Selected items of interest from President's Budget Request

President Trump's Draft Discretionary "Skinny" Budget

- U.S. Forest Service
 - \$392M proposed reduction in National Forest System Management
 - \$391M proposed reduction in Forest Service Operations
 - \$303M proposed reduction in State, Local, Tribal, and NGO Conservation Programs
 - \$300M proposed reduction in Forest and Rangeland Research
 - Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness program reduced from \$45M to \$31M. Program to strengthen Gateway Communities noted

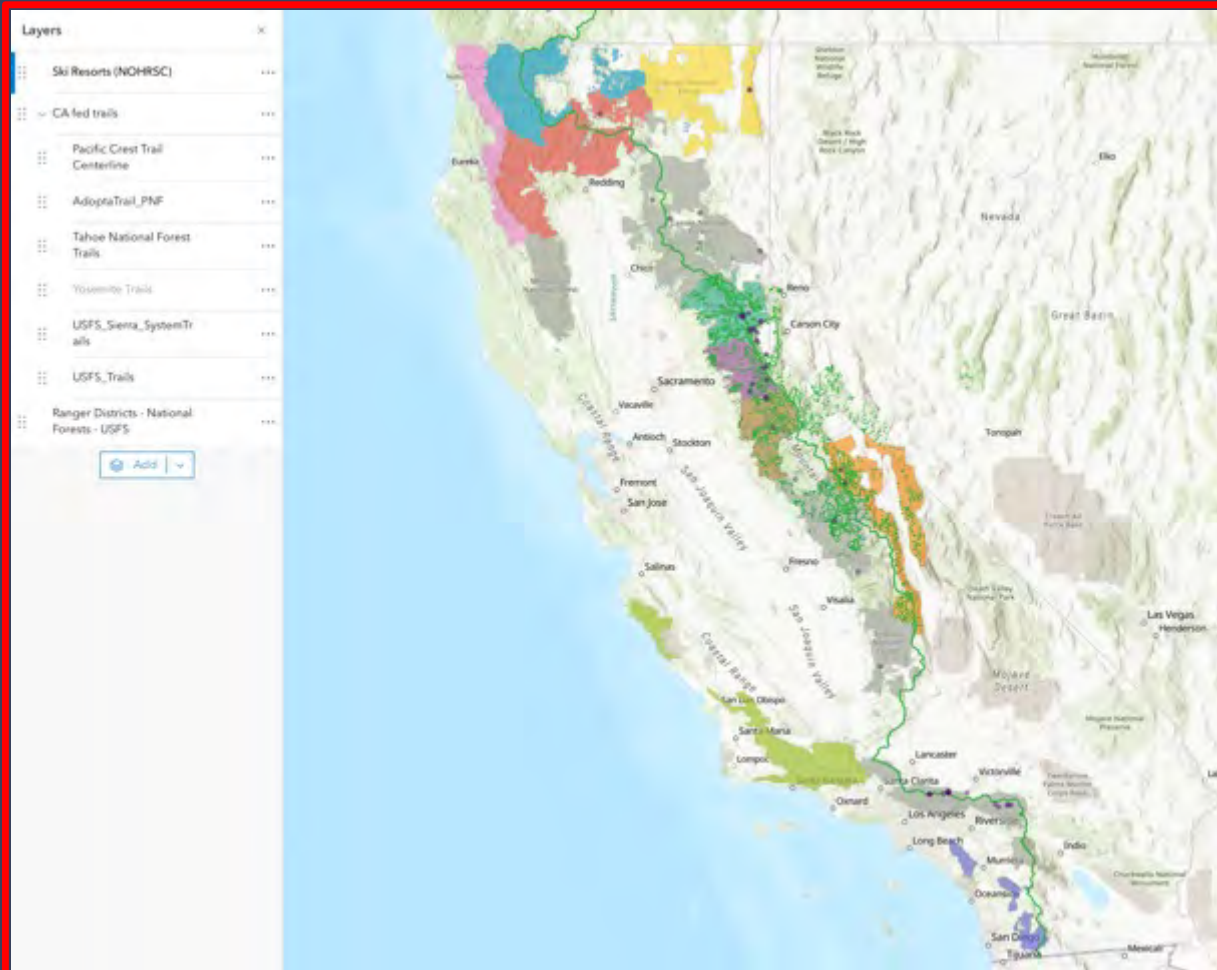
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- National Park Service
 - \$900M proposed reduction in Operation of the National Park System
 - \$158M proposed reduction in NPA Historic Preservation Fund
 - \$73M proposed reduction in NPS Construction
 - \$77M proposed reduction in NPS National Recreation and Preservation
- Bureau of Land Management Conservation Program
 - Proposed \$198M reduction

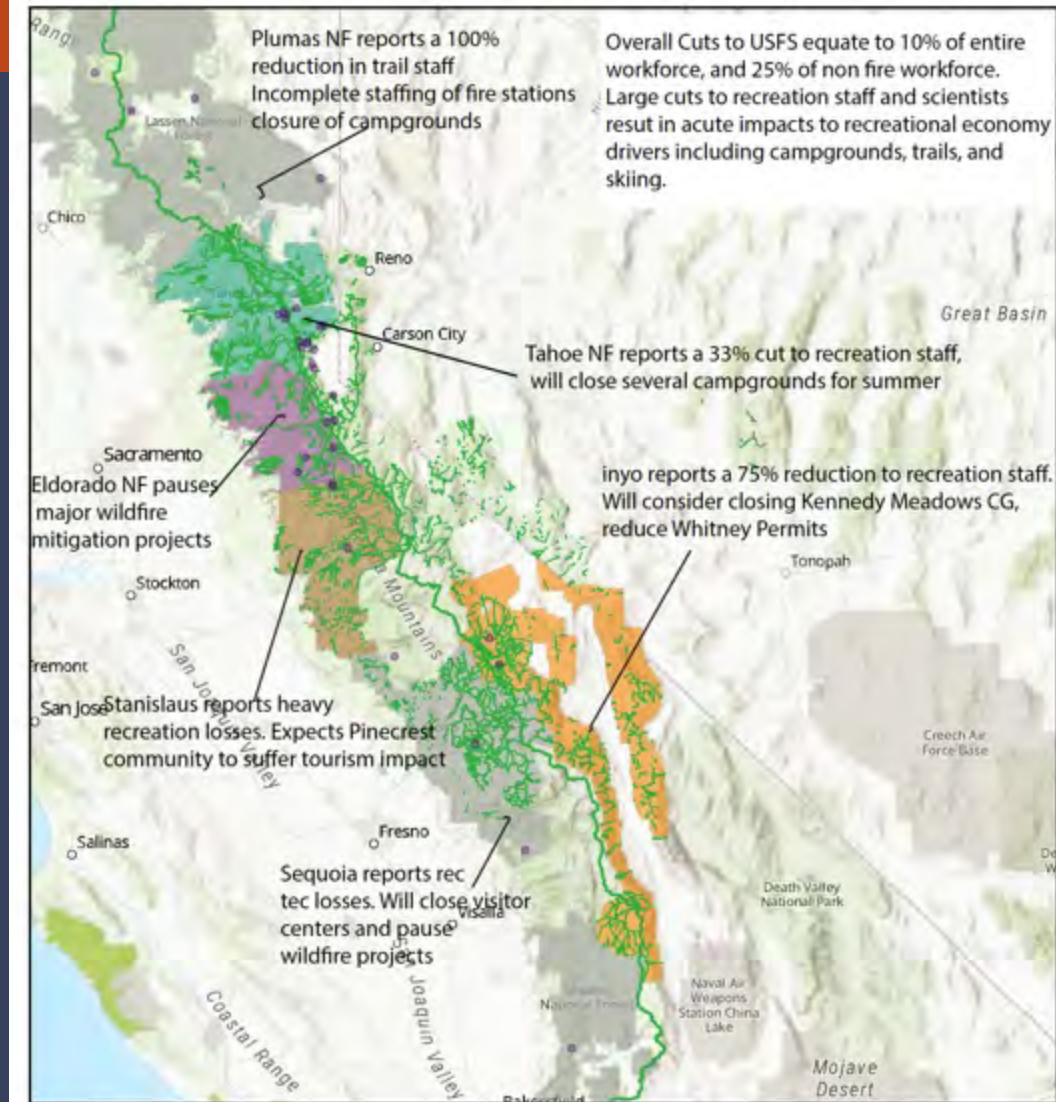
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- Proposed consolidation of all current Federal wildfire programs into new Federal Wildland Fire Service in the Dept. of Interior
- Great American Outdoors Act for deferred maintenance projects supported

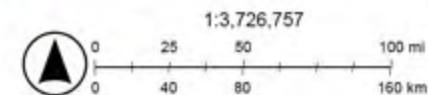
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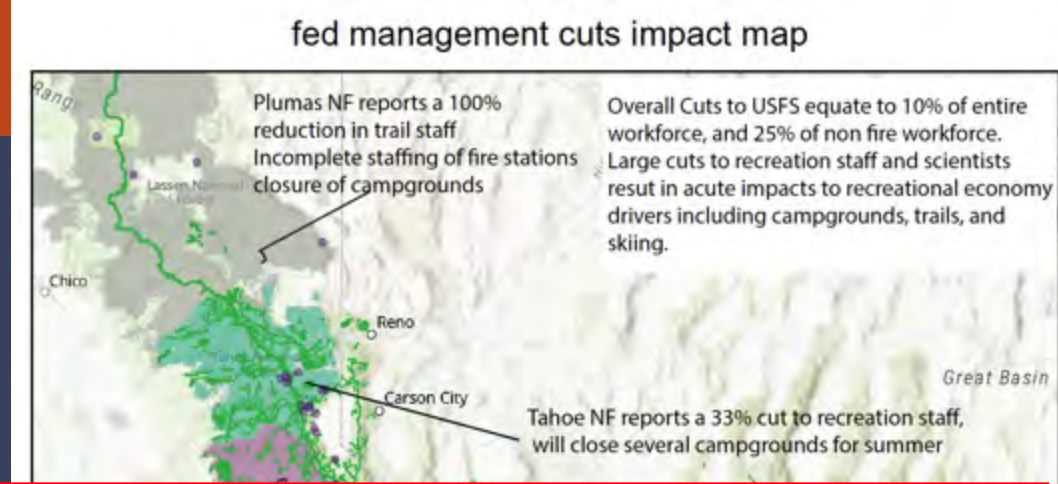


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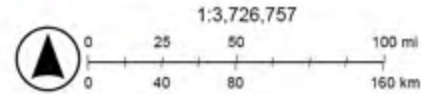
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“Overall cuts to USFS equate to 10% of the entire workforce, and 25% of non fire workforce. Large cuts to recreation staff and scientists result in acute impacts to recreational economy drivers including campgrounds, trails, and skiing.”



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Regional Strategic Tourism Plans Published

Dear RAC Members,

Final versions of the **Regional Strategic Tourism Plans** are now available, after more than two years of development and nearly 2,000 industry touchpoints, including dozens of meetings of the 12 Regional Advisory Committees that guided this process.

The published documents and resources incorporate feedback submitted by industry and community stakeholders during the public comment periods in March and May.

Visit California extends its gratitude to the committee members, who were critical leaders throughout the development process.

Funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation program made this project possible. The grant was awarded in 2022 as the industry looked ahead to the opportunities and challenges it faced coming out of a global pandemic with so much uncertainty, and yet boundless opportunity to prove its resilience and potential for growth.

While that grant does not provide funding or staff for implementation work, the plans identify resources available at the state and regional levels that organizations can leverage.

Explore the plan components via the links below:

- **Strategic Tourism Plan: Statewide Opportunities**
- **Regional Strategic Tourism Plans**
- **Sustainable & Regenerative Tourism Guidebook**
- **Regional Resilience and Sustainability Scorecards**
- **California Tourism Resilience and Sustainability Dashboard**

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Summer 2025 Recreation Project Updates



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Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Project Updates

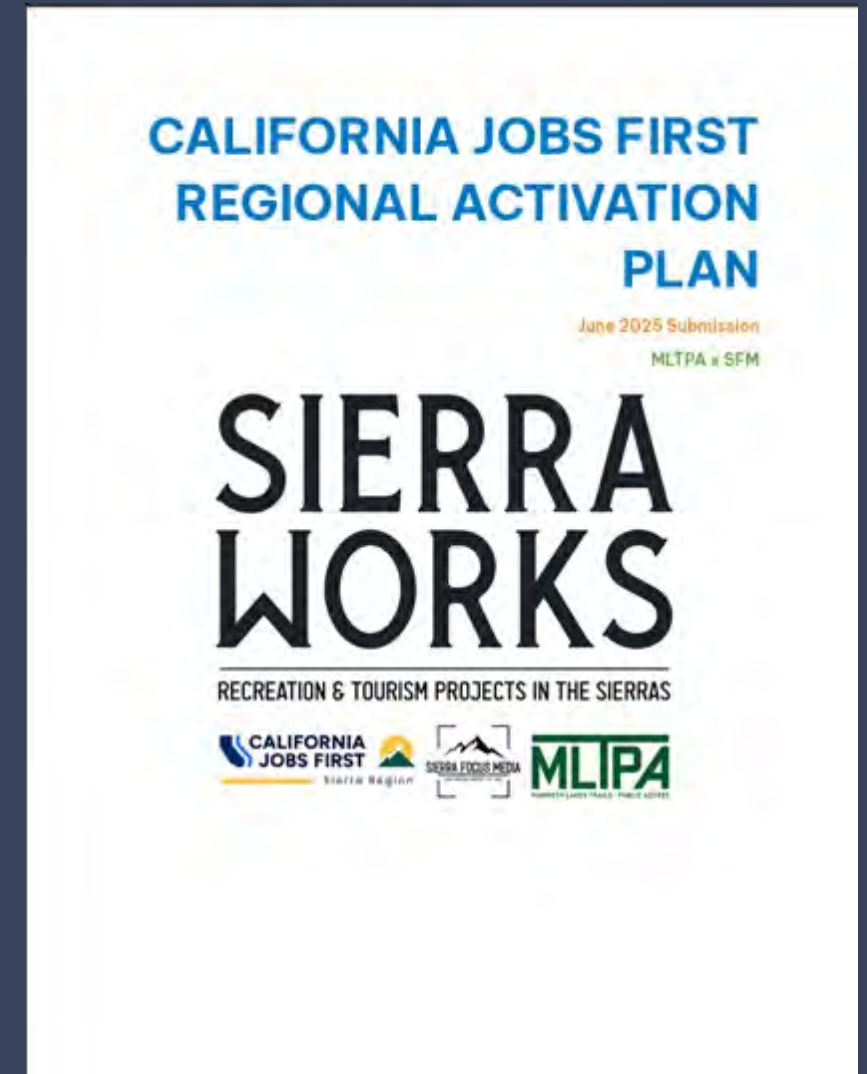


Updates from Sierra Business Council

- 32 contracts executed
- 8 contracts under review
- 30 projects onboarded
- First quarterly report due July 30
- Full public announcement once all contracts are executed

Sierra Jobs First: Industry Coordinators

- Recreation & Tourism Activation Plan submitted to GO-Biz June 30
- Next working group planned for Fall 2025
 - Provide input on priorities and any revisions to the strategic plan
- Technical assistance to Catalyst projects
- Maintain funding library



California Jobs First: Tribal Investment Awards

The infographic features a header with 'TRIBAL INVESTMENT' on the left and the 'CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST' logo on the right. The main body has a dark blue background. On the left, '\$15M' is written in large, bold, light blue font. To its right, white text states 'Awarded to 14 projects supporting tribes in the following areas:'. Below this, three categories are listed, each with a light blue icon: 'Economic Growth' (globe with dollar sign), 'Job Access' (handshake), and 'Climate Action' (solar panel).

TRIBAL INVESTMENT

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST

\$15M Awarded to **14** projects supporting tribes in the following areas:

-  Economic Growth
-  Job Access
-  Climate Action

- **Owens Valley Career Development Center** was awarded \$1,995 million to develop career pathways in the clean economy.
- **The Sierra Fund** was awarded \$945,000, which will provide economic and workforce development planning support for two local Tribes.

California Competes Tax Credit (CCTC)

An income tax credit available to businesses that want to locate in California or stay and grow in California.

- July 21, 2025 – August 11, 2025
- January 5, 2026 – January 26, 2026
- March 2, 2026 – March 16, 2026
- Special consideration given to businesses in "Strengthen" category of CA Economic Blueprint
 - Tourism & Outdoor Recreation
 - Natural & Working Lands




California Jobs First: Strategic Sectors

California's Strategic Sectors

Strengthen

 **Creative Economy**
Film, TV, & the Arts

 **Tourism & Outdoor Recreation**

 **Manufacturing**

 **Working Lands & Water**
Agricultural Production
Food Processing

 **Financial & Professional Services**

 **Transport & Logistics**

Accelerate



 **Aerospace & Defense**
Aircraft
Space, Defense, & Satellites

 **Life Sciences**
Medtech
Pharma / biotech


 **Clean Economy**
Batteries
Onshore Wind
Solar
ZEVs


 **Working Lands & Water**
Agtech & Farm Equipment


 **High-Tech**
Hardware
Semiconductors & Microelectronics
Software & Services

 Advanced & Precision Manufacturing' 


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 **Clean Economy**
Carbon Management
Critical Minerals
Hydrogen
Offshore Wind

 **High-Tech**
Artificial Intelligence
Quantum
Robotics

 **Working Lands & Water**
Bioeconomy
Blue economy / tech

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
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
 **Education & Skilled Workforce**


 **Healthcare**


 **Housing**

 **Infrastructure**

 Broadband

 Transmission & Distribution

 Transportation Infrastructure

 Water

California Competes Tax Credit (CCTC)

Application Webinars

- July 23, 2025 at 9:30 am
- July 31, 2025 at 9:30 am

<https://business.ca.gov/california-competes-tax-credit/>



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honors
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CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST REGIONAL ACTIVATION PLAN

May 30th Submission

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RECREATION & TOURISM PROJECTS IN THE SIERRAS



CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST - SIERRA REGION

SIERRA JOBS FIRST REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE RECREATION AND TOURISM ACTIVATION PLAN

Tactical Work Plan

May 30th Submission

MLTPA x SFM

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RECREATION & TOURISM PROJECTS IN THE SIERRAS



Sierra Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Activation Plan



Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Activation Plan

I. Introduction

The outdoor recreation and tourism industries are increasingly recognized as vital economic drivers across the state of California. In the 7-county Sierra Jobs First region, this importance is particularly pronounced: the sector boasts a 1.64 location quotient and accounts for a remarkable 28.1% of regional employment, significantly exceeding the state average. This industry is not only complex and highly diverse, encompassing over 110 distinct six-digit NAICS codes¹ on its own, but also spans three incredibly distinct fields: outdoor recreation, arts and culture, and hospitality. Annually, the region attracts roughly 7 million annual visitors, a testament to its unparalleled natural beauty and world-class recreation opportunities.

This sector is a bedrock of the Sierra region's economy, holding extensive natural and built assets and significant potential for developing quality jobs through identified and preliminary funding for its projects. From opportunities to enhance regional connectivity through leveraging existing trail infrastructure, to catalyzing downtown revitalization through in-fill projects and cataloging unique regional product offerings to bolster small businesses and entrepreneurial efforts, to launching a cohesive regional branding and marketing initiative, the potential for transformative impact is immense.

Unlike other sectors that may face extensive permitting and regulatory hurdles for infrastructure development, this sector's diverse projects are inherently agile. They leverage existing infrastructure to create and enhance recreation opportunities and regional connectivity, identify opportunities for key private investment, and depend on their core infrastructure of relationships, robust networks, and collaboration. The inherent agility of the sector positions it to benefit from strategic investments in capacity building, information sharing, and innovative policy development through exploring each project as a case study through the Catalyst process.

The Sierra Region's identity, while profoundly shaped by historical water diversions like the Los Angeles Aqueduct (1913) and Hatch Hatchy Reservoir (1934), is better

¹ North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes are numeric codes that identify a business's primary industry. They are used by federal statistical agencies to collect, analyze, and publish data on the U.S. economy. NAICS codes are also used for administrative, regulatory, contracting, and taxation purposes. More information is available on the Census Bureau's website.

Activation Plan: Tactical Work Plan Template

Strategy 1: Public Lands Partnership Agreements

Strategy 1: Enhance access to sustainable recreation and tourism on public lands to expand economic opportunities by creating partnership agreements between local authorities and federal, state, and utility land managers.

Tactic & Overview	Task	Responsible Party	Funding	Timeline
<p>1.1: Tactic 1: Develop a regional governance structure consistent with partnership agreements to regularly convene land managers and regional partners to identify recreation and tourism needs and opportunities and serve as a forum for information sharing.</p> <p>a. Purpose: To establish a consistent and collaborative framework for coordination, communication, and shared decision-making among key stakeholders involved in Recreation and tourism management across the Region. This will foster the long-term vitality towards shared goals</p>	<p>Task 1: Identify potential members and recruit for founding collaborative</p> <p>Applicable Outputs:</p> <p>a. Evaluate current structure and scope of monthly ESSRP, and provide a set of recommendations for the scope and reach of a broader governance structure. Leverage existing ISC and ESCOG funding to conduct evaluations and focus groups on the needs, structure, and substantive/geographic scope of a cross-sector regional governance structure.</p>	<p>Current Program:</p> <p>1- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP), convened and facilitated by the MLTPA Foundation (MLTPA), that includes the partner signatories to the "ESSRP MOU."</p> <p>Relevant Catalyst Awards:</p> <p>1- "Eastern Sierra Council of Governments "Eastern Sierra Regional Collaborative (ESRC) Capacity Incubator,"</p> <p>a. Regional Collaboration and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Partially funded via MLTPA's Industry Sector Coordinator (ISC) contract for Sierra Jobs First.</p> <p>Funding gap to address: Long-term funding for a cross-sector regional governance</p>	<p>Through September 2026</p>

Sierra Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Activation Plan

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST REGIONAL ACTIVATION PLAN

June 2025 Submission

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RECREATION & TOURISM PROJECTS IN THE SIERRAS



Activation Plan and Working Group



Project Description: MLTPA, in collaboration with our Industry Sector Coordinator partner, Sierra Focus Media, is developing the Activation Plan for the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism sector of the Eastern Sierra region as part of the California Jobs First initiative. The Activation Plan will serve as a comprehensive framework for the short-term implementation of the Regional Strategic Plan, guiding efforts to advance and grow the Sierra Jobs First initiative. This plan will outline key strategies, priority actions, and collaborative opportunities to strengthen the region's sustainable recreation and tourism economy. MLTPA and Sierra Focus Media will submit the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Activation Plan to the state in June 2025.

We invite stakeholders, community members, and industry partners to engage in this process. To learn

more, provide input, or explore opportunities for collaboration, please contact us at sjfadmin@mltpa.org.



SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM ACTIVATION PLAN - JUNE 2025

As required by California Jobs First and the state of California, MLTPA and Sierra Focus Media worked together as the Recreation and Tourism Industry Sector Coordinators to draft and deliver the Activation Plan for the Recreation and Tourism industry sector for the Eastern Sierra Jobs First Region.

Sierra Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Activation Plan

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2024 Strategic Plan

Regional Plan: Part II



Governing Council Approved August 23, 2024

Pages 70
through
80 of the
Regional
Strategy

Chapter 4 Target Industries Strategy Area

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

Building a Sustainable Tourism Economy

SECTOR DEFINITION

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

SECTOR SNAPSHOT

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

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

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

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

OUTCOME STATEMENTS

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

BY THE NUMBERS SECTOR LOCATION QUOTIENT

1.64

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

TOTAL SECTOR EMPLOYMENT IN REGION 2023

17,642 jobs

**28.1% of
region
employment**

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

Sierra Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Activation Plan

Activation Plan and Working Group



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SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM ACTIVATION PLAN - JUNE 2025

As required by California Jobs First and the state of California, MLTPA and Sierra Focus Media worked together as the Recreation and Tourism Industry Sector Coordinators to draft and deliver the Activation Plan for the Recreation and Tourism Industry sector for the Eastern Sierra Jobs First Region.

Project Description: MLTPA, in collaboration with our Industry Sector Coordinator partner, Sierra Focus Media, is developing the Activation Plan for the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism sector of the Eastern Sierra region as part of the California Jobs First initiative. The Activation Plan will serve as a comprehensive framework for the short-term implementation of the Regional Strategic Plan, guiding efforts to advance and grow the Sierra Jobs First initiative. This plan will outline key strategies, priority actions, and collaborative opportunities to strengthen the region's sustainable recreation and tourism economy. MLTPA and Sierra Focus Media will submit the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Activation Plan to the state in June 2025.

We invite stakeholders, community members, and industry partners to engage in this process. To learn



Sierra Jobs First: Funding and Technical Assistance

Funding Support



Project Description: As the Industry Sector Coordinator for Sustainable Recreation & Tourism projects, MLTPA is committed to providing funding and policy support to help bring your project to life. To assist you, we have developed a comprehensive database featuring:

- [Funding Opportunities](#) – A curated list of grants and financial resources available in the sustainable recreation and tourism sectors.
- [Policy Documents & Data Resources](#) – A collection of relevant policies, regulations, and data to help inform and guide your project's development.

Beyond these resources, MLTPA offers personalized support to ensure your project aligns with available funding opportunities and meets current policy requirements. MLTPA is here to assist in the grant

application process, helping you navigate funding requirements and maximize your chances of success. We are also here to provide one-on-one policy consultation, offering expert guidance on how to develop your project within the existing regulatory framework.

For more information or to discuss how we can support your project, contact us at sjadmin@mltpa.org. We look forward to helping you turn your vision into reality.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

MLTPA has assembled a database of funding opportunities for sustainable recreation and tourism projects for Sierra Jobs First. This database is a snapshot of opportunities that may align with projects submitted by stakeholders consistent with the Sierra Jobs First Regional Strategy.



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impacting the Eastern Sierra region and beyond, seeking to identify and address systemic inequities. In her free time, Andrea can be found peak bagging, backcountry skiing, climbing, or exploring the foothills on her horse. She holds M.A. and B.A. degrees in Human Rights Law and Political Science, respectively, and hails from a university town in Kansas.

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Sierra Jobs First: Andie Stewart Funding & Technical Assistance

Top 5 Funding Opportunities To Note:

- CNRA's Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Program, due July 16th
- NFF's Collaborative Capacity Program, due August 1st
- CAL FIRE's Wildfire Prevention Grants, due August 6th
- Route to Parks Grants, due August 8th
- SNC's Sustainable Rec, Tourism, & Equitable Outdoor Access, due December 1st



Sierra Jobs First: Andie Stewart Funding & Technical Assistance

What's Going on with:

- State budget?
- Prop 4?
- Cap-and-Trade?
- Megabill?



Sierra Jobs First: Andie Stewart Funding & Technical Assistance

What this means for projects

- Prop 4, Wildfire, and Recreation
- “Multi-Benefit”

What this means for projects

- Research & metrics to note



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“Walk-On” Technical Assistance: Bishop Area Climber’s Coalition





“Cohort of Practice”



California Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Statewide Cohort

Distinct Regional Economies Informed by Unique Natural Resources & Community Assets

California spans over 160,000 square miles, making it comparable in size to countries like Japan and Sweden.⁸³ Along with this vast scale comes a wide range of topographies and economies defined by these different natural features.

Natural Resources

California has more than 840 miles of coastline, the highest and lowest points in the continental U.S., more than 25,000 square miles of desert, and the tallest trees on the planet.⁸⁴ Our geographic variation is one of the reasons we are home to nine of the country's 61 national parks, the most of any state.⁸⁵ These parks drive significant tourism to California (nearly 11.4 million visitors in 2023),⁸⁶ contributing to the more than \$150 billion travel spend that took place in California in 2023, an all-time high.⁸⁷

Our natural resources also underpin our leadership in other industries, from agriculture to renewable energy. Over one-third of the nation's vegetables and three-quarters of its fruits and nuts are grown in California alone.⁸⁸ We also boast an estimated 340,000 acres of land with potential for solar energy development,⁸⁹ as well as unparalleled deposits of critical minerals necessary for numerous clean technologies that comprise 15% of global rare-earth element supply.⁹⁰



Place-Based Assets

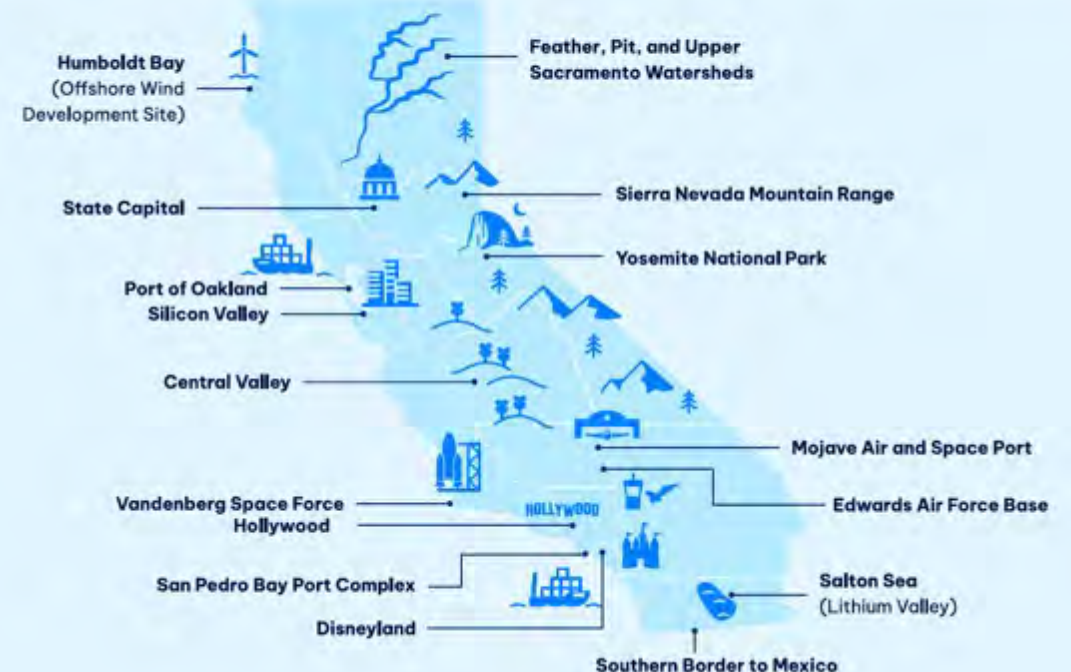
Our natural resources are impressive, but there are also man-made attributes that make us unique.

We have invested heavily in our transportation infrastructure to help transmit goods to and from the rest of the world, taking advantage of our position as the Western gateway to the United States. These investments have paid off; California consistently ranks first in the continental U.S. for both inbound and outbound air freight flights, and our ports handle 40% of all containerized cargo entering the U.S. and nearly 30% of the nation's exports.⁹¹ The San Pedro Bay Port Complex leads the way as the 9th busiest port in the world by container volume.⁹²

Our geographic location and weather conditions have also contributed to longstanding federal investments into our aerospace and defense launch and test assets, from the Vandenberg Space Force Base, the world's second busiest spaceport,⁹³ to Mojave Air and Space Port, the nation's first facility to be licensed for horizontal launch of reusable spacecraft.⁹⁴

Each California Jobs First region identified a range of assets in their Regional Plans.

SELECT REGIONAL ASSETS⁹⁵



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A scenic view of a coastal town with white houses and a large cliff overlooking a sandy beach. Several people are walking on the beach near the water's edge.

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CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST



Tourism & Outdoor Recreation Cohort

Monthly Meeting

JUNE 6, 2025: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

[Google Calendar Link](#) | [Zoom link](#)

AGENDA

TIME	GOAL	PRESENTED BY
1:30-1:40	Welcome & Introductions	John/Calder
1:40-1:50	Field Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Share out important recent developments in the sector/individual regions	Open Discussion
1:50-2:20	Cohort Process Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduce the Sector Development Plan TemplateDiscuss rough timeline of cohort work through 2026	John/Calder
2:20-3:30	"Ray of Sunshine" Sharing Best Practices & Good News <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nevada County's Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan - presented by Shavati Karki-Pearl	Shavati
2:30	Adjourn Meeting	

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Redwood Region RISE Arts, Culture, and Tourism Activation Plan



California's Redwood Region
Tribal Lands, Del Norte, Humboldt,
Lake, and Mendocino Counties

A Product of Redwood Region RISE
The California Center for Rural Policy
at Cal Poly Humboldt

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST REGIONAL ACTIVATION PLAN

June 2025 Submission

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SIERRA WORKS

RECREATION & TOURISM PROJECTS IN THE SIERRAS



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Community Development Agency

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WHAT'S NEW?

HOW DO I?

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FIRE

Website Search

Nevada County Recreation Coalition

Official Tourism Website: Go Nevada County

Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund

Recreation Board Objective

Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan

Responsible Hirschdale Recreation Access

Recreation & Stewardship Resources

Recreation E-News Archive

South Yuba River Public Safety Cohort

Trail Finder App

Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan

Our Role

The Community Development Agency is leading the development of the first-ever Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan to identify recreation needs and articulate a long-term vision for managing open spaces and recreation resources that range from local parks, playgrounds, sports fields, and facilities to rivers, trails, and outdoor access. Additionally, the plan will address environmental and human-related impacts including, but not limited to, wildfires, natural disasters, drought, a changing climate, and increased visitation.

The planning process will engage diverse partners, including, but not limited to, public lands managers, nonprofit stakeholders, and user groups, to plan, fund, and implement sustainable solutions. The plan will include clear identification of viable, prioritized recreation enhancement and development projects, and related funding strategies, in unincorporated Nevada County and that involve Nevada County government.

This project is made possible, in part, through funding by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Vibrant Recreation and Tourism grant program.

Stay Tuned for Future Project Updates

Stay tuned, please sign up to receive Recreation News.

Project Timeline

STEPS	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT STATUS
1	Requests for Proposals issued on June 3, 2022, seeking a qualified firm to develop a Master Plan to identify and advance key goals and objectives to address challenges and opportunities for Nevada County's open space, trails	Completed

How can I help you today?

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MEETINGS: CURRENT

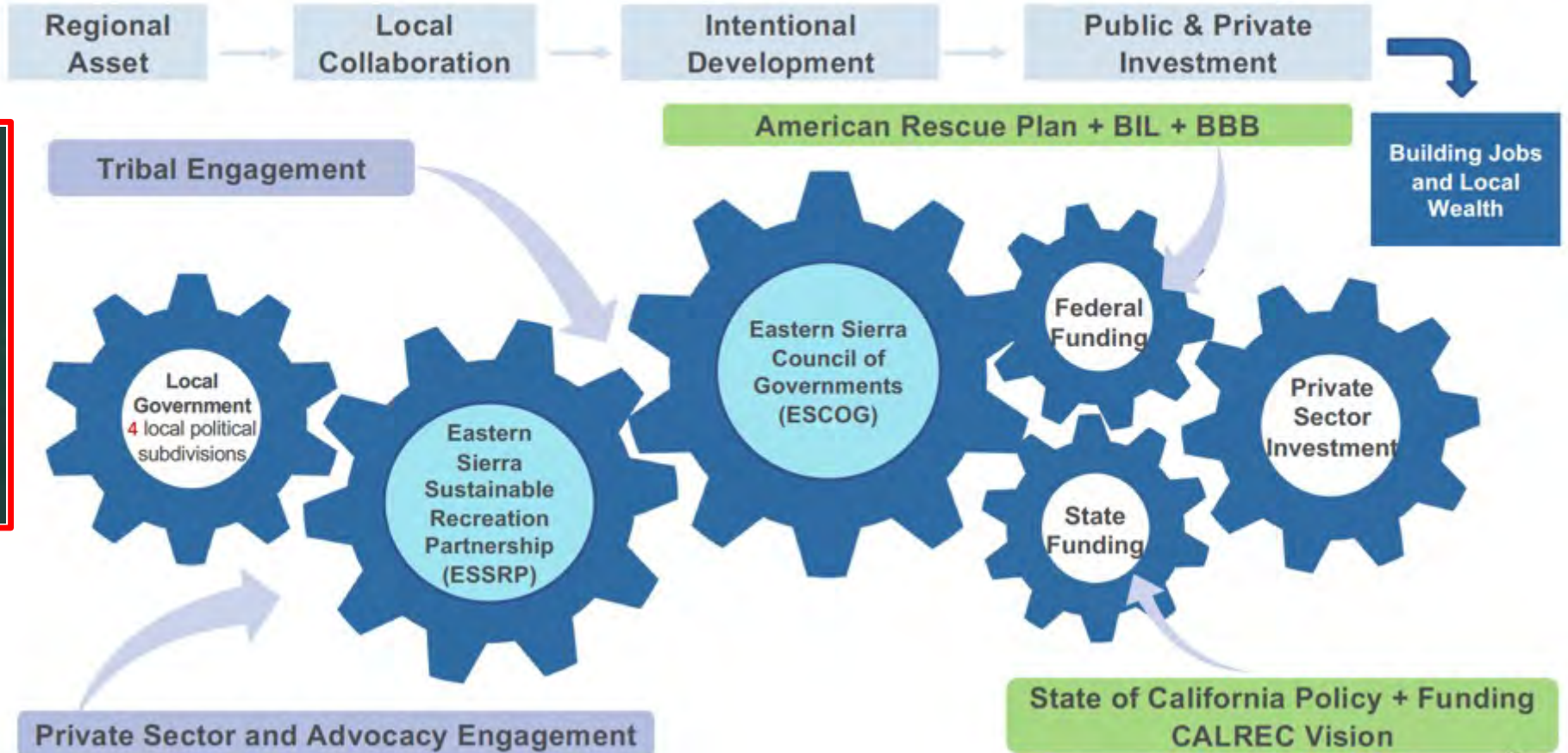
Sierra Jobs First: ESCOG Agenda Items – June 25, 2025

- Receive a Presentation from Christiana Darlington, California Law Empowering Renewable Energy, regarding Opportunities for Funding to Support Biomass Utilization through JPA Led Initiatives
- Receive a Presentation from Nick Buckmaster, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Supervisor regarding Golden Mussels
- Approve Modification to Collection Agreement 22-CO-11050400-003 Planning Support for the Eastern Sierra Communities and Climate Resilience Project between the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments and the United States Department of Agriculture, US Forest Service Inyo National Forest
- 1) Establish Ad Hoc Committees for Consultants and Contracts for each of the Following Projects:
 - a) Project Coordinator – Regional Sustainable Recreation Capacity Incubator and Chipmunk Canyon Existing Conditions Analysis Project
 - b) Strategic Planning Facilitation Services for Regional Recreation Collaborative
 - c) Chipmunk Canyon Existing Conditions Analysis
 - d) Inyo Mono County Activation Plan for Advancing Agricultural and Economic Diversification
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into Contracts with Selected Contractors

Sierra Jobs First: ESCOG Agenda Items – June 25, 2025

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments

Implementing this architecture can unlock public funding



Sierra Jobs First: Eastern Sierra ShinDig September 7 – 12

The word "ShinDig" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font. The letters are cream-colored with a thick red outline and a slight 3D effect. Two five-pointed stars, also in cream with red outlines, are positioned above the 'i' and the 'D'.

ShinDig

Sierra Jobs First

- Outcome from June 13 Governing Council meeting in Sonora

Week of Sept. 7

- Eastside Welcomes Westside
- Project Tours
- Working Groups Kick-off for all Five Industry Sectors
- Governing Council Meeting

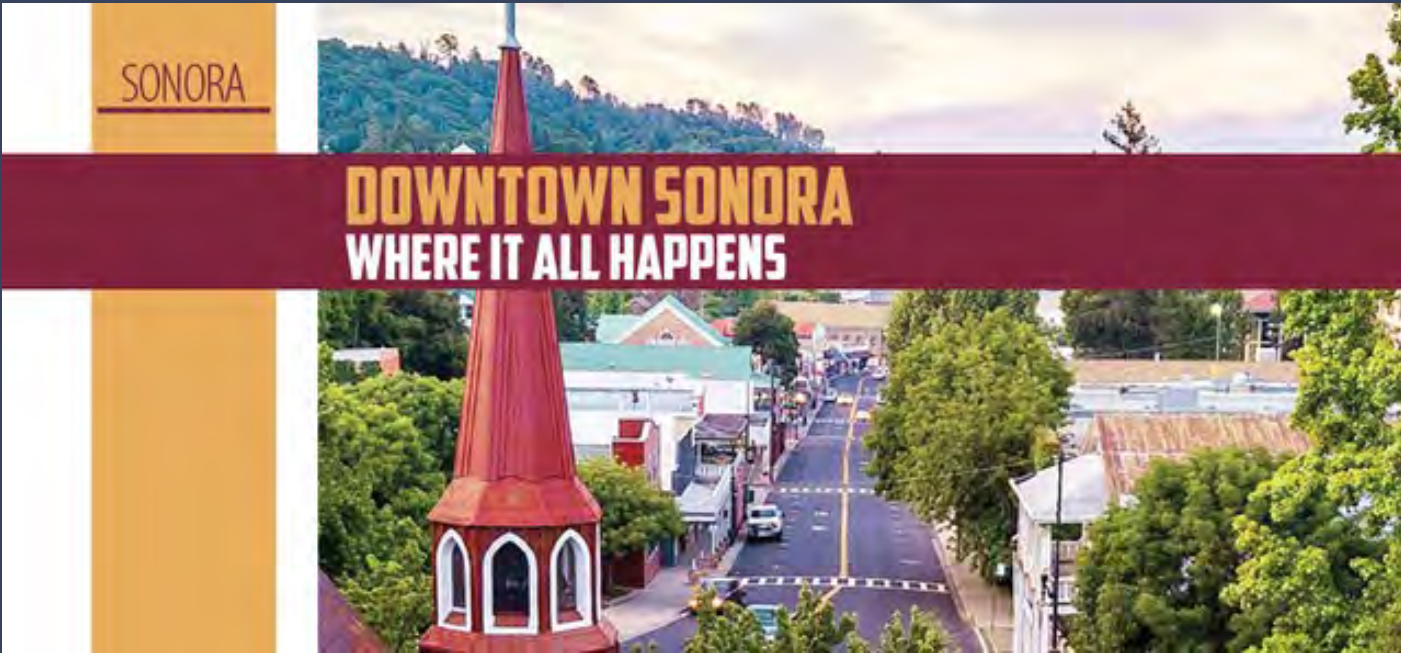
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Governing Council Meetings

June 13: Governing Council meeting (**public**) in Sonora *(The public can listen in, however participation will be limited to in-person attendees. The Zoom link to register is [here](#).)*

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September 12: Governing Council meeting (public) in Mammoth Lakes

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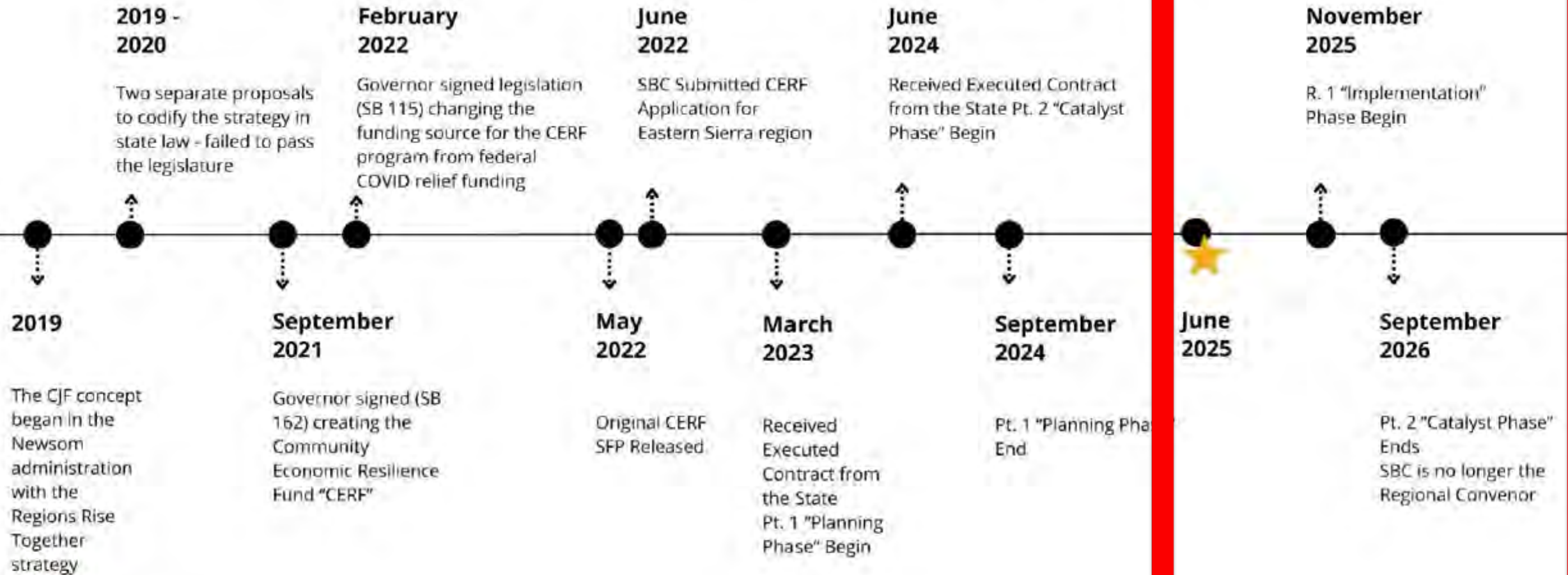
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California Jobs First Program



Where will we be on
October 1, 2026?

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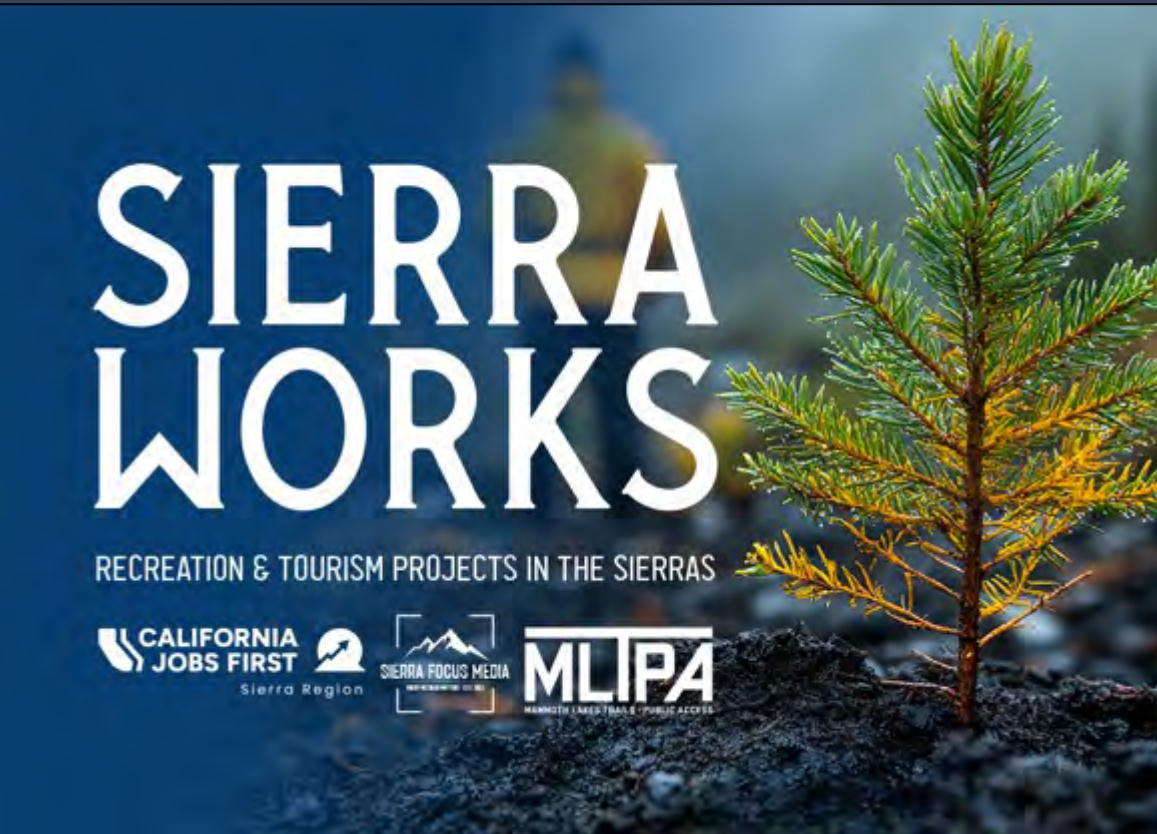
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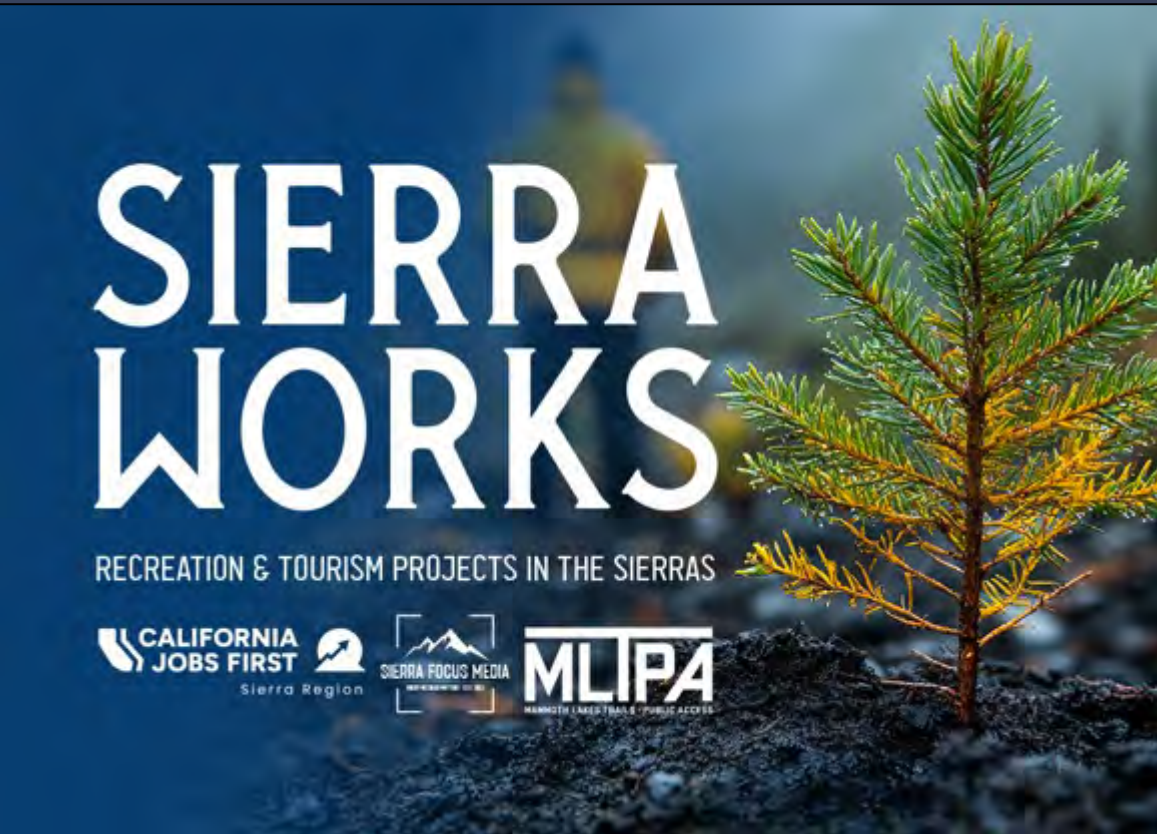
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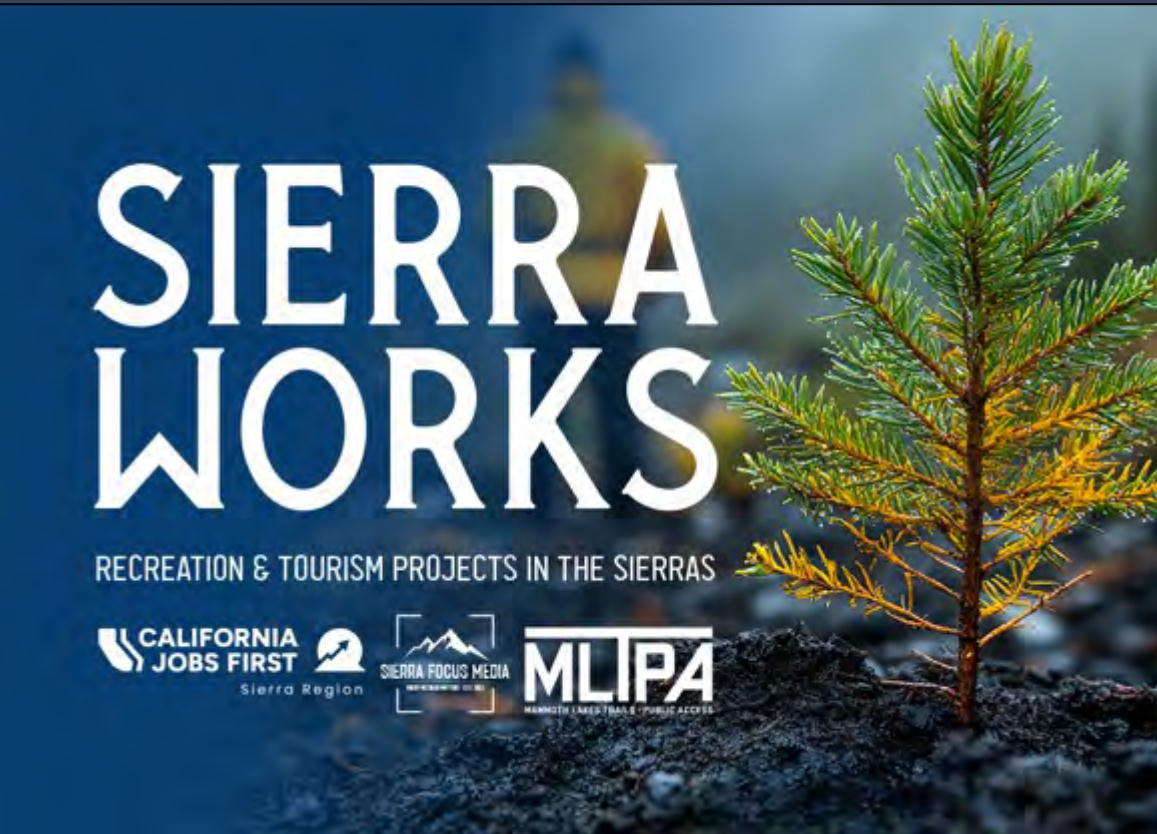
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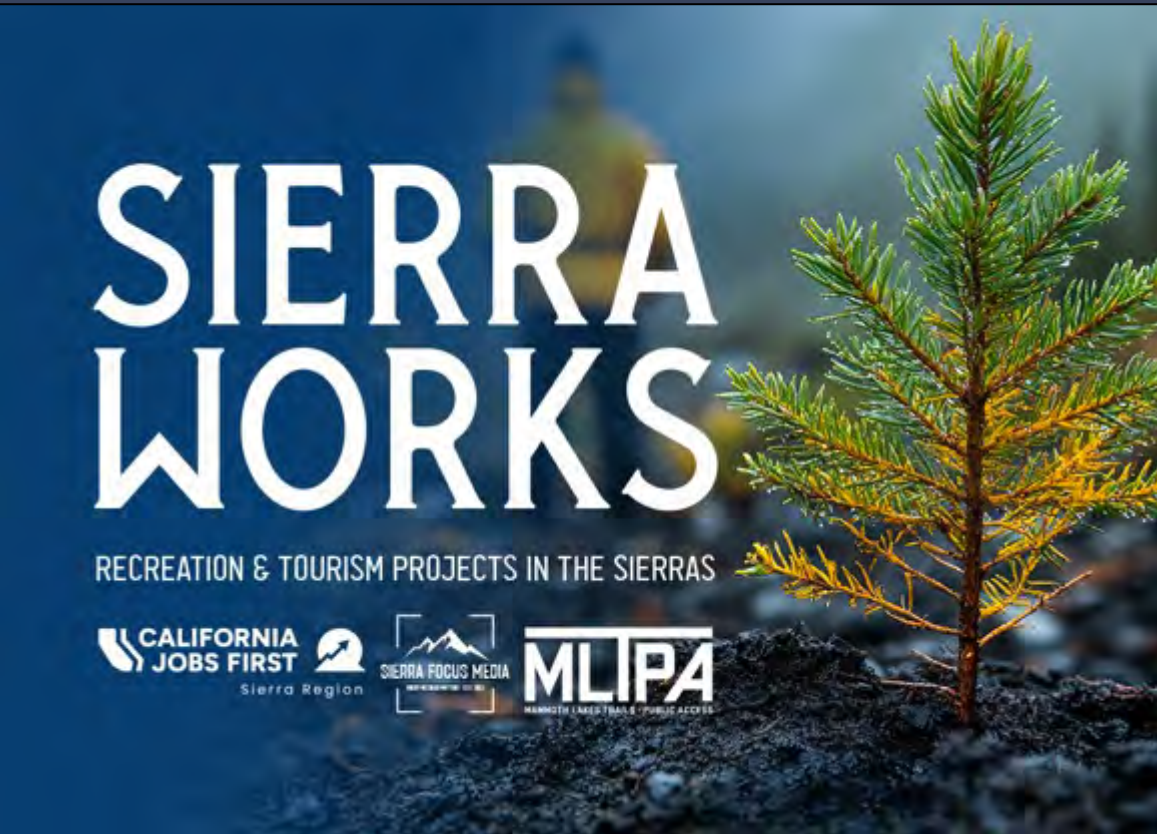
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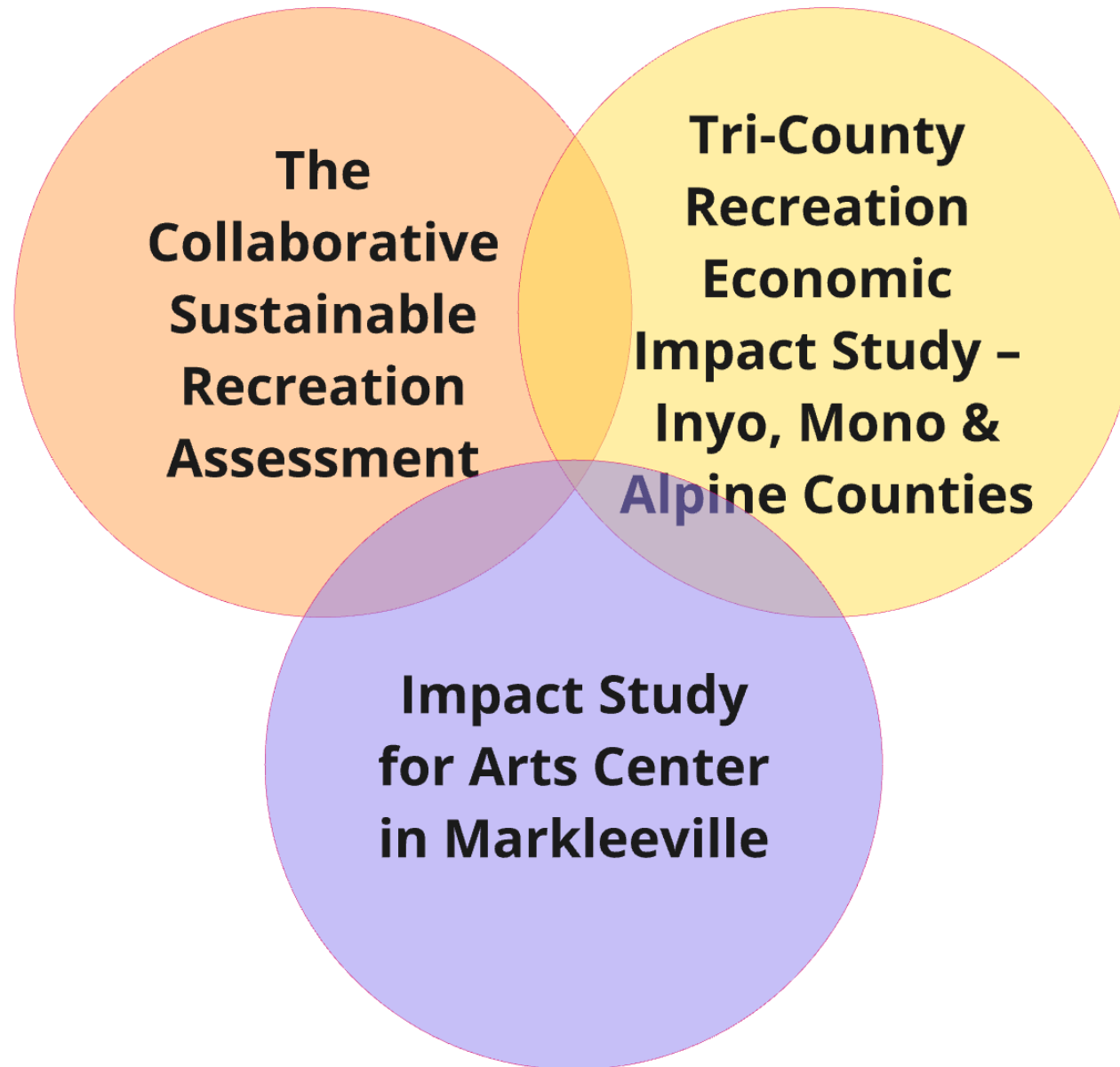
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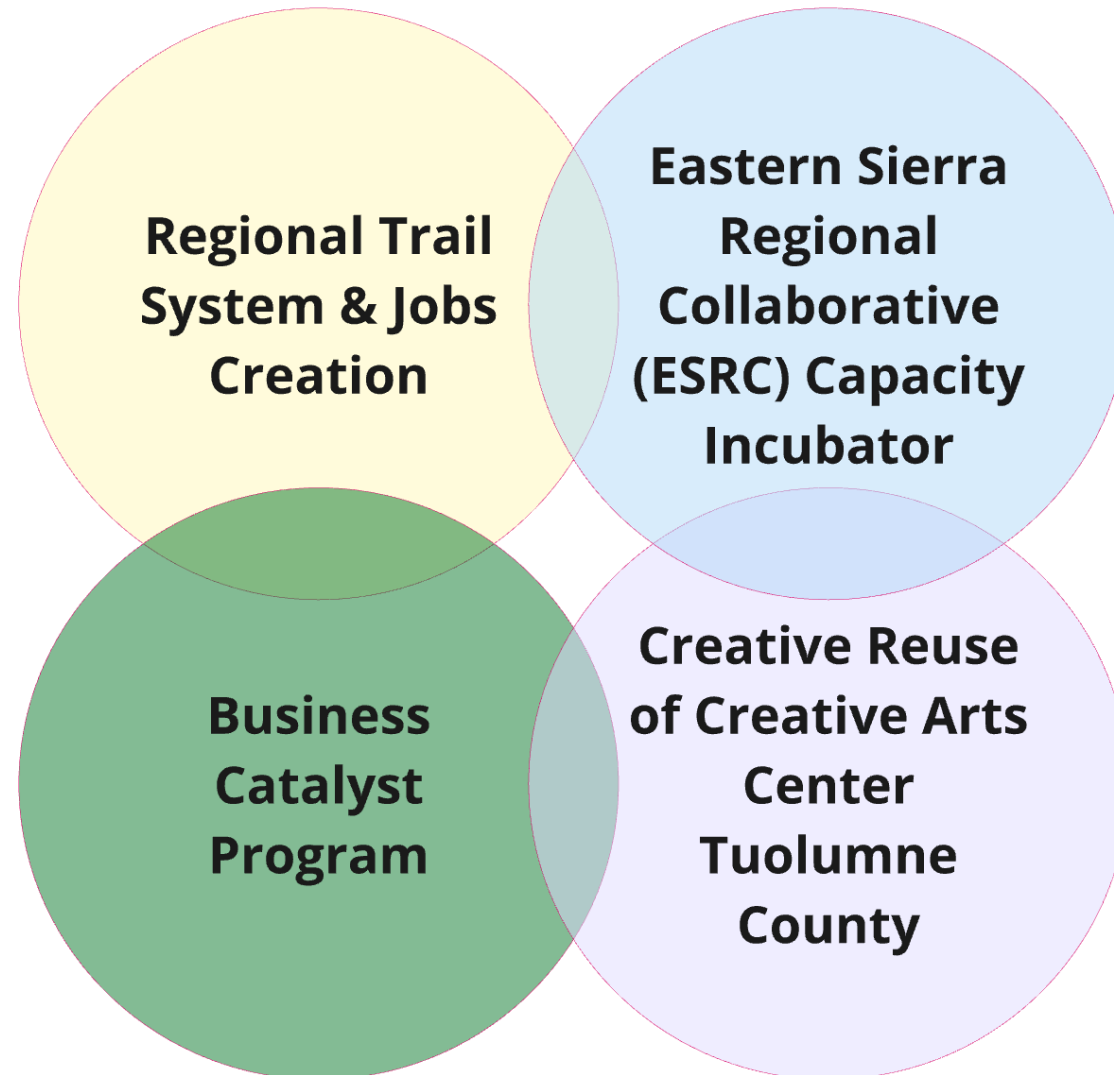
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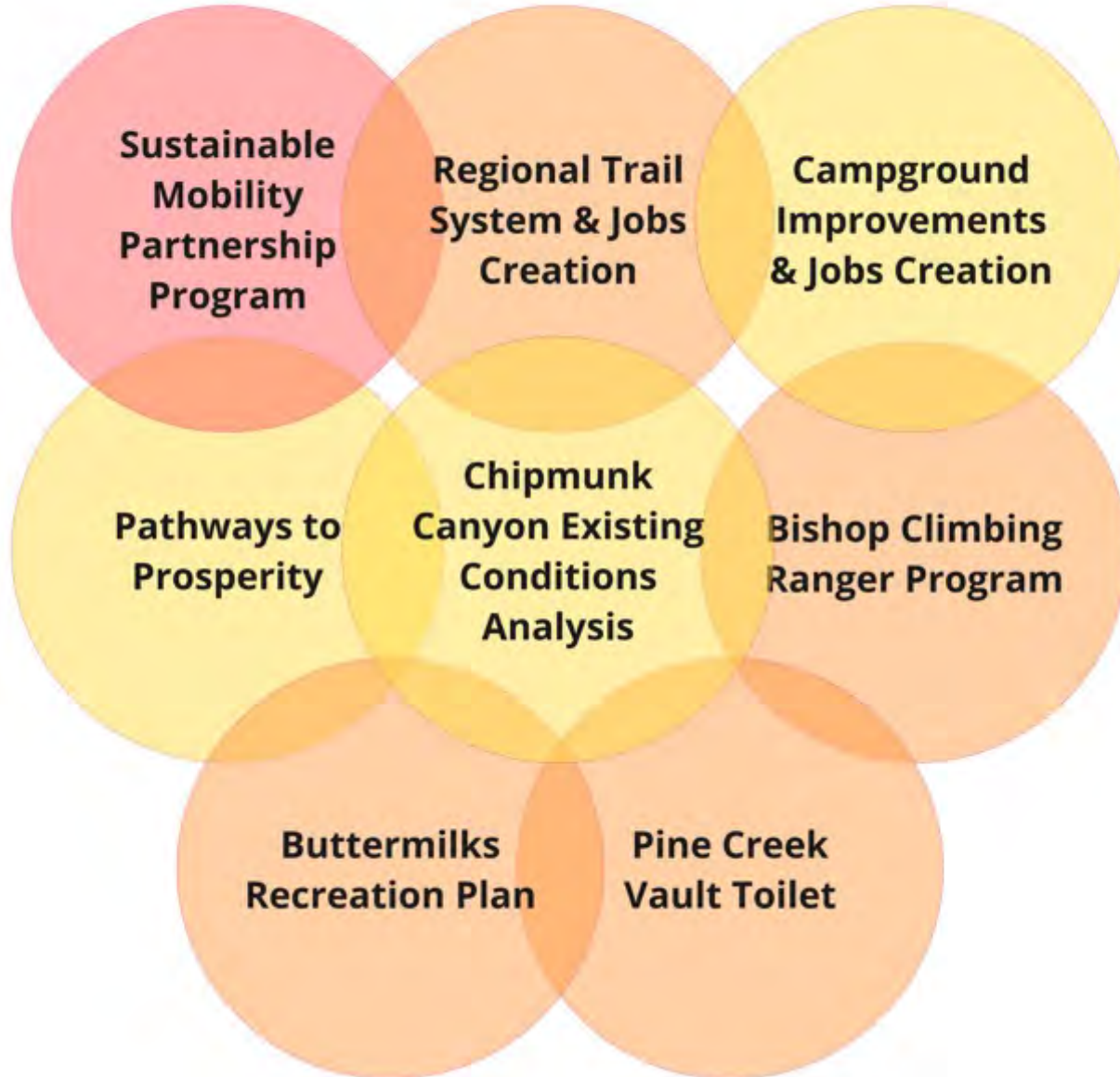
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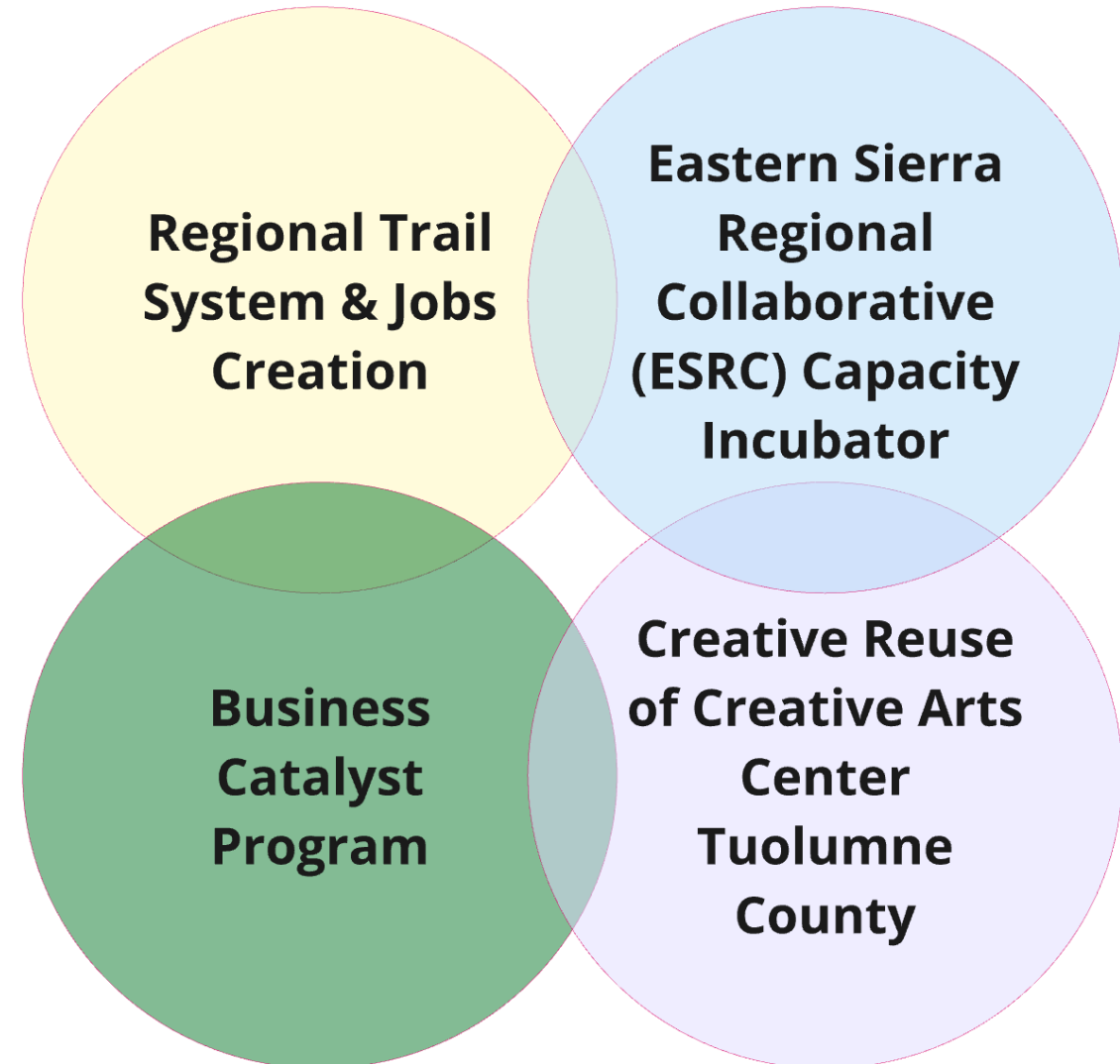
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Where will we be on
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● **Los Angeles fires:** [Go to CA.gov/LAfires](https://www.ca.gov/LAfires) for latest information and resources



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May 30, 2025

As Trump cuts U.S. Forest Service, California deploys an extra \$72 million to reduce wildfire risk and 'rake the forest,' fast-tracks critical projects

Jul 1, 2025

Governor Newsom challenges President Trump to adopt model executive order to help 'Make America Rake Again'

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California's unprecedented wildfire readiness

Despite the President's dangerous recklessness, the state stands ready to protect communities. As part of the state's ongoing investment in wildfire resilience and emergency response, CAL FIRE has significantly expanded its workforce over the past five years by adding an average of 1,800 full-time and 600 seasonal positions annually – nearly double that from the previous administration. Over the next four years and beyond, CAL FIRE will be **hiring thousands of additional firefighters**, natural resource professionals, and support personnel to meet the state's growing demands.

For the first time ever, the state recently met and exceeded its 50,000-acre goal for beneficial fire – treating 51,286 acres with prescribed fire in the last year.

In recent months, the Governor has announced millions of dollars in investments to protect communities from wildfire – with **\$135 million available** for new and ongoing prevention projects and **\$72 million going out the door** to projects across the state. Additionally, 24 new vegetation management projects spanning nearly 8,500 acres **have already been approved** for fast-tracking under the Governor's new streamlining initiative.

This builds on consecutive years of intensive and focused work by California to confront the severe ongoing risk of catastrophic wildfires, and Governor Newsom's emergency proclamation signed in March to fast-track forest and vegetation management projects throughout the state. Additionally, to bolster the state's ability to respond to fires, Governor Newsom recently announced that the state's **second C-130 Hercules airtanker is ready for firefighting operations**, adding to the largest aerial firefighting fleet in the world.

New, bold moves to streamline state-level regulatory processes builds long-term efforts already underway in California to **increase wildfire response and forest management in the face of a hotter, drier climate**. A full list of California's progress on wildfire resilience is available [here](#).

Highlights of achievements to date include:

- **Historic investments** — Overall, the state has more than doubled investments in wildfire prevention and landscape resilience efforts, providing more than \$2.5 billion in wildfire resilience since 2020, with an additional \$1.5 billion to be allocated from the 2024 Climate Bond.
- **On-the-ground progress** — More than 2,200 landscape health and fire prevention projects are complete or underway, and from 2021-2023, the State and its partners treated nearly 1.9 million acres, including nearly 730,000 acres in 2023.
- **Increasing transparency** — The Governor's Task Force launched an **Interagency Treatment Dashboard** to display wildfire resilience work across federal, state, local, and privately managed lands across the State. The Dashboard, launched in 2023, provides transparency, tracks progress, facilitates planning, and informs firefighting efforts.
- **Hardening communities** — Adding to California's nation-leading fire safety standards, Governor Newsom signed an executive order to further improve community hardening and wildfire mitigation strategies to neighborhood resilience statewide. Since 2019, CAL FIRE has awarded more than \$450 million for 450 wildfire prevention projects across the state and conducts Defensible Space Inspections on more than 250,000 homes each year.
- **Leveraging cutting-edge technology** — On top of expanding the world's largest aerial firefighting fleet, CAL FIRE has doubled its use of Uncrewed Aerial Systems (UAS) and the state is utilizing AI-powered tools to spot fires quicker.



Quarterly Meeting

June 6, 2025



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 6, 2025



CALIFORNIA'S TOP PRIORITIES TO INCREASE WILDFIRE RESILIENCE

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- **Streamline** regulatory processes
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- **Scale-up** beneficial fire
- **Increase** post-fire restoration programs
- **Create** forest sector jobs and a sustainable wood products market
- **Build** a science-based framework for measuring progress



GOVERNOR
GAVIN NEWSOM

25 Key Deliverables

Mar 24, 2025

California doubles down to protect communities from wildfire with 25 key deliverables for 2025



State Investments



Governor Newsom signs legislation investing additional \$170 million to prevent catastrophic wildfires, issues executive order to fast-track projects

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Update the Wildfire & Forest Resilience Action Plan



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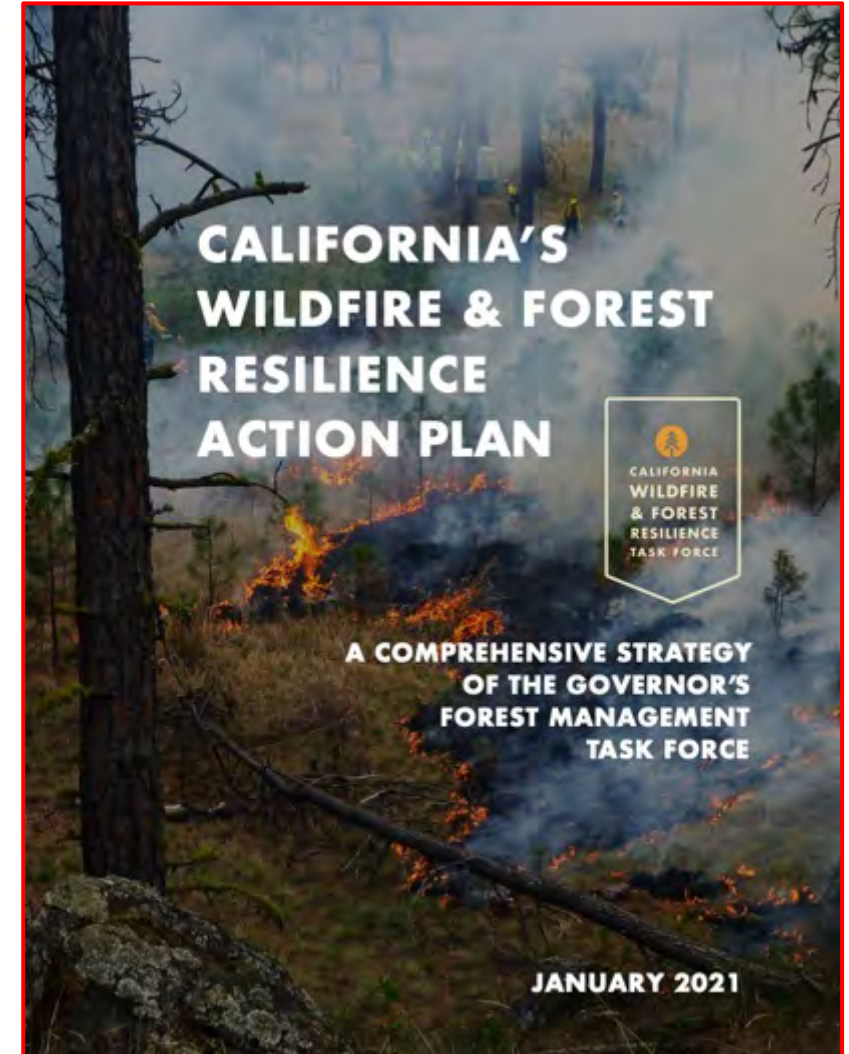


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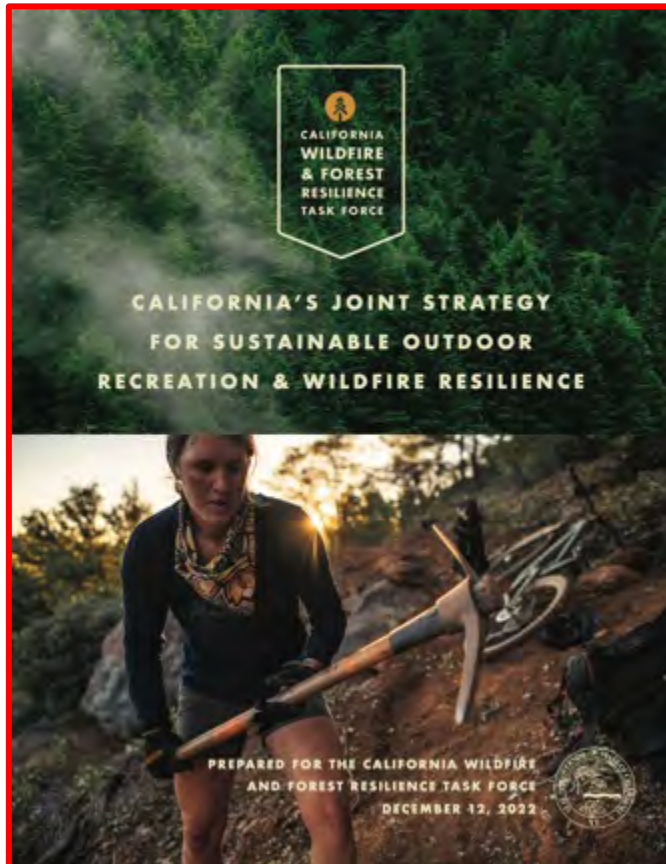
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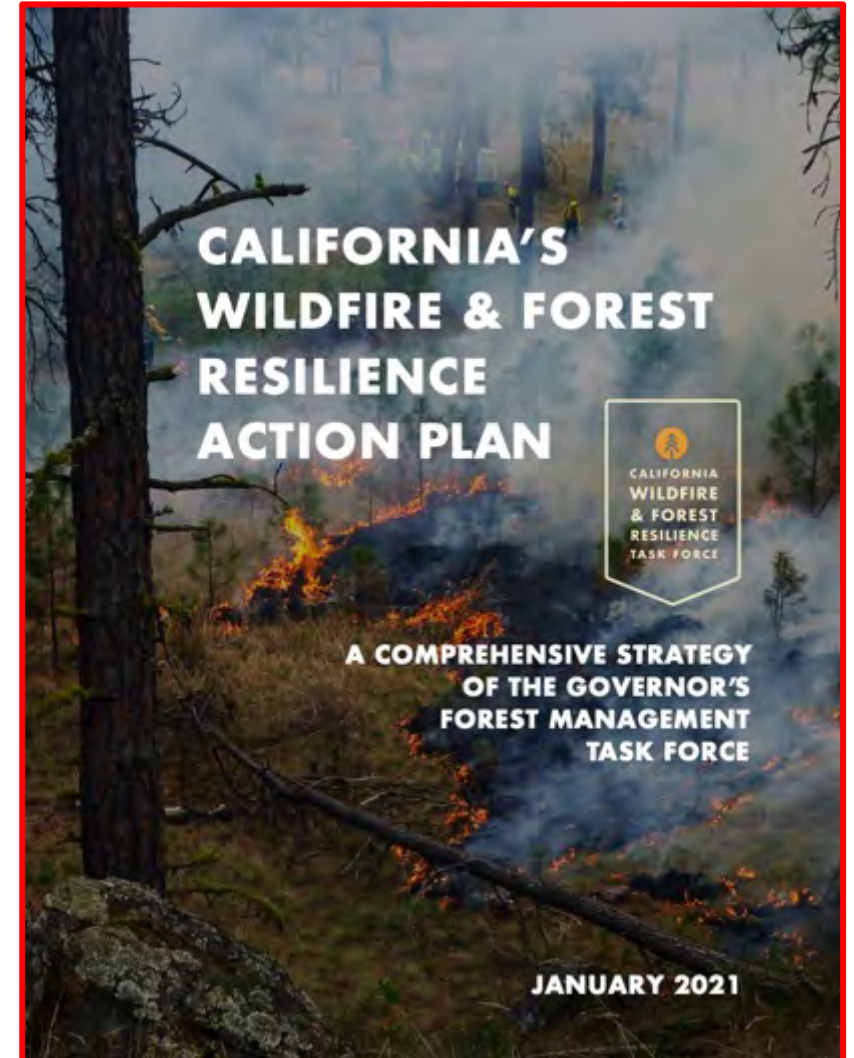
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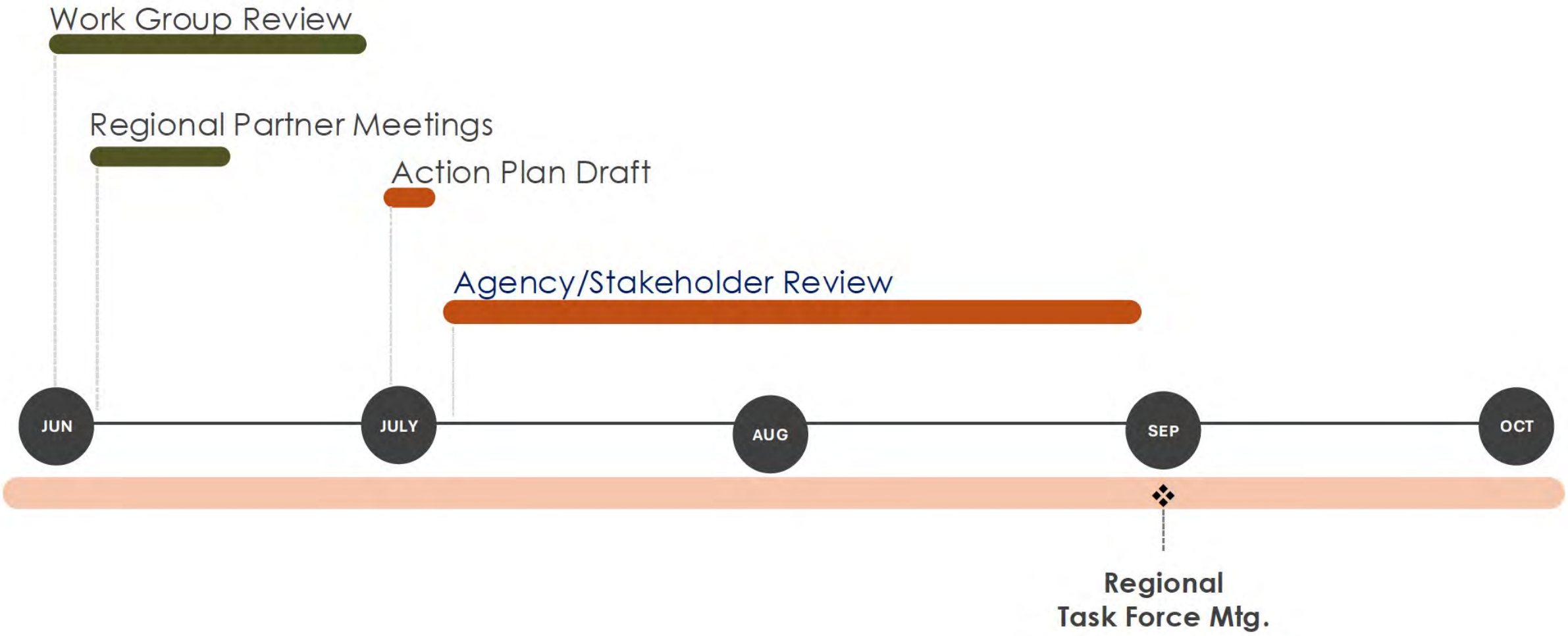
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SUSTAINABLE RECREATION CALREC Vision KEY WORKING GROUP



Sharing with you a 1) Working Draft of the 2025 Action Plan, 2) some materials to help orient you to the Plan and its continued development and review process, and 3) specific requests for your review.

Materials Attached

1. **Explaining the Action Plan** – [Please read through this PDF slide deck before exploring the Working Draft](#) as it contains:
 - a. The timeline for Action Plan development and review.
 - b. An explainer showing overall organization for the Action Plan website as well as additional detail on each of the three Parts of the Plan.
2. **Action Plan Working Draft** – A few disclaimers on this Working Draft:
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5. **Future Review Period 7/11 to 8/29**: The Task Force will incorporate your feedback and distribute a draft of the Action Plan starting on July 11.

If you need more time, please let us know. We hoping to keep to this tight timeline as best as possible. Please do your best.

Thank you!

Please direct any questions or requests for further information to [Forest Schafer](#), [Kristen Merrill](#) and [Jennifer Smith](#). We are happy to meet or connect further with reviewers as needed.

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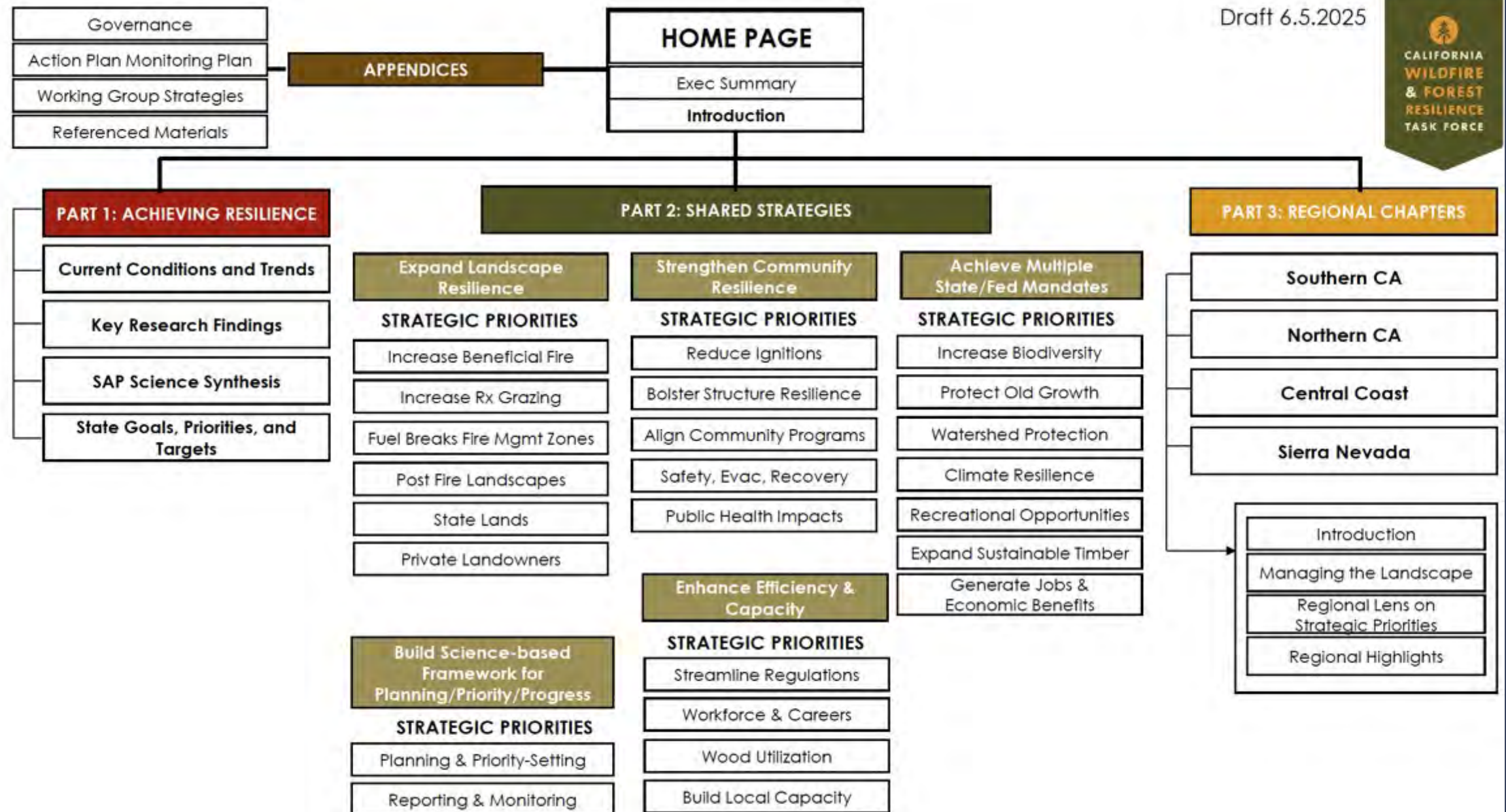
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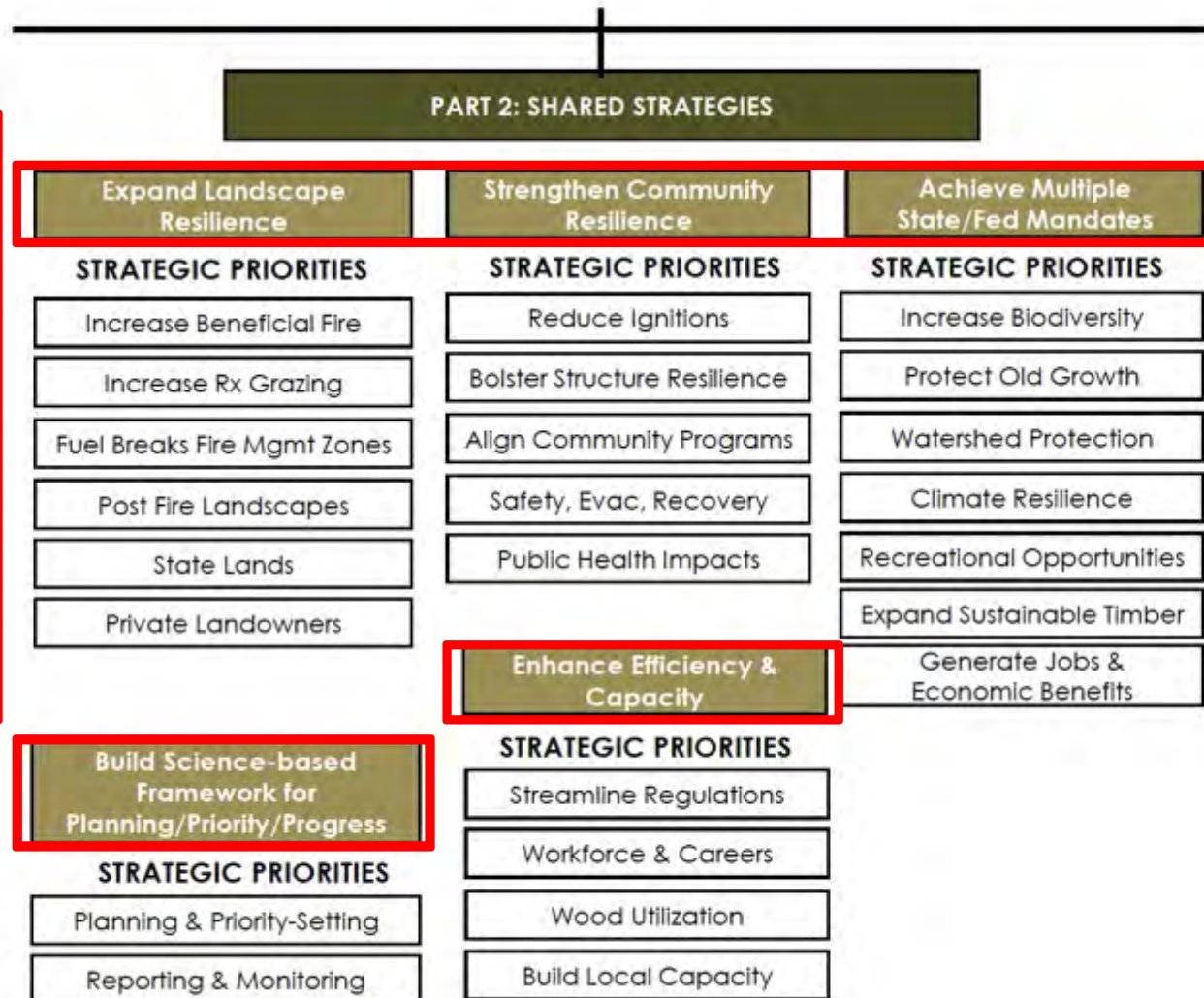


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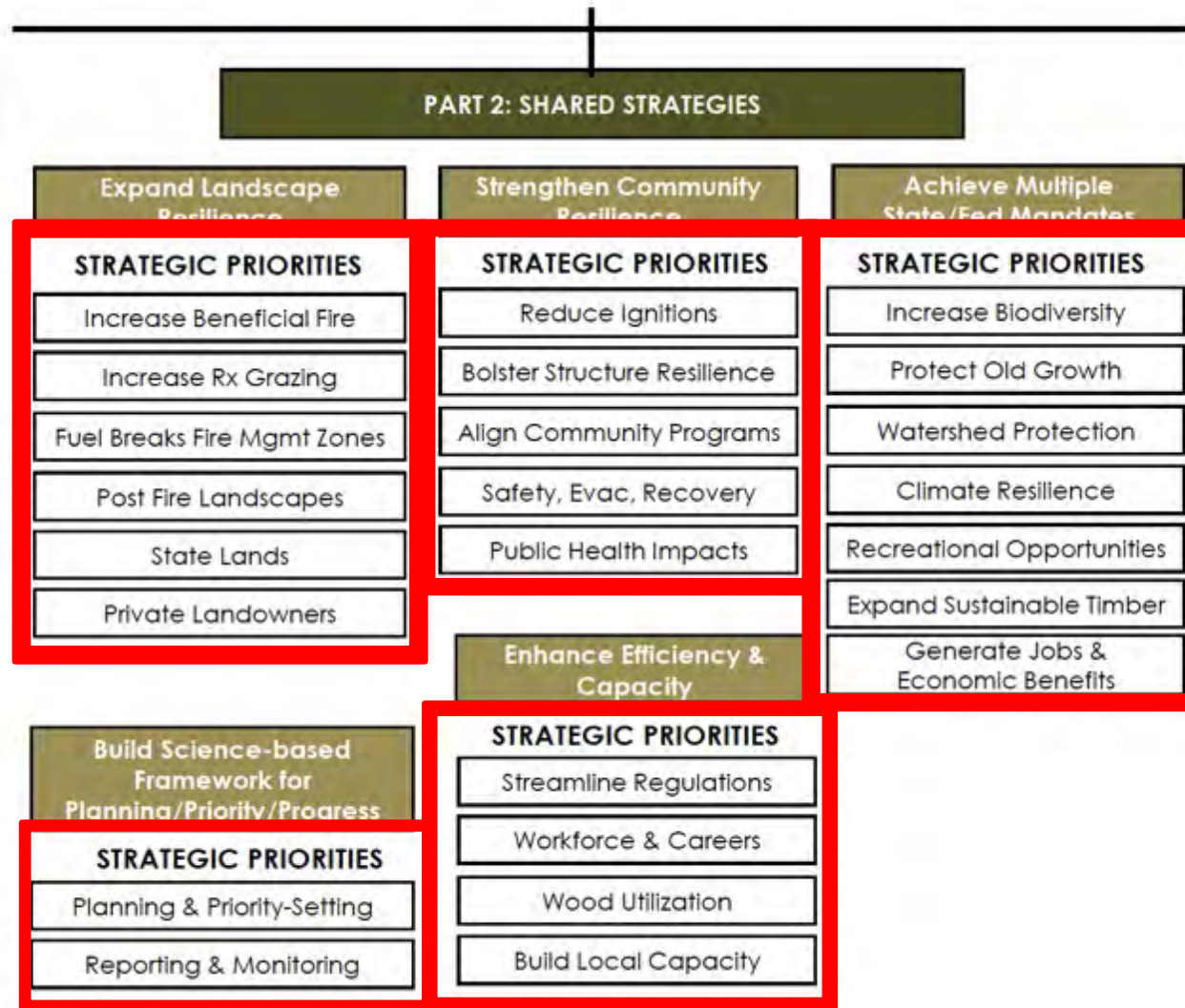
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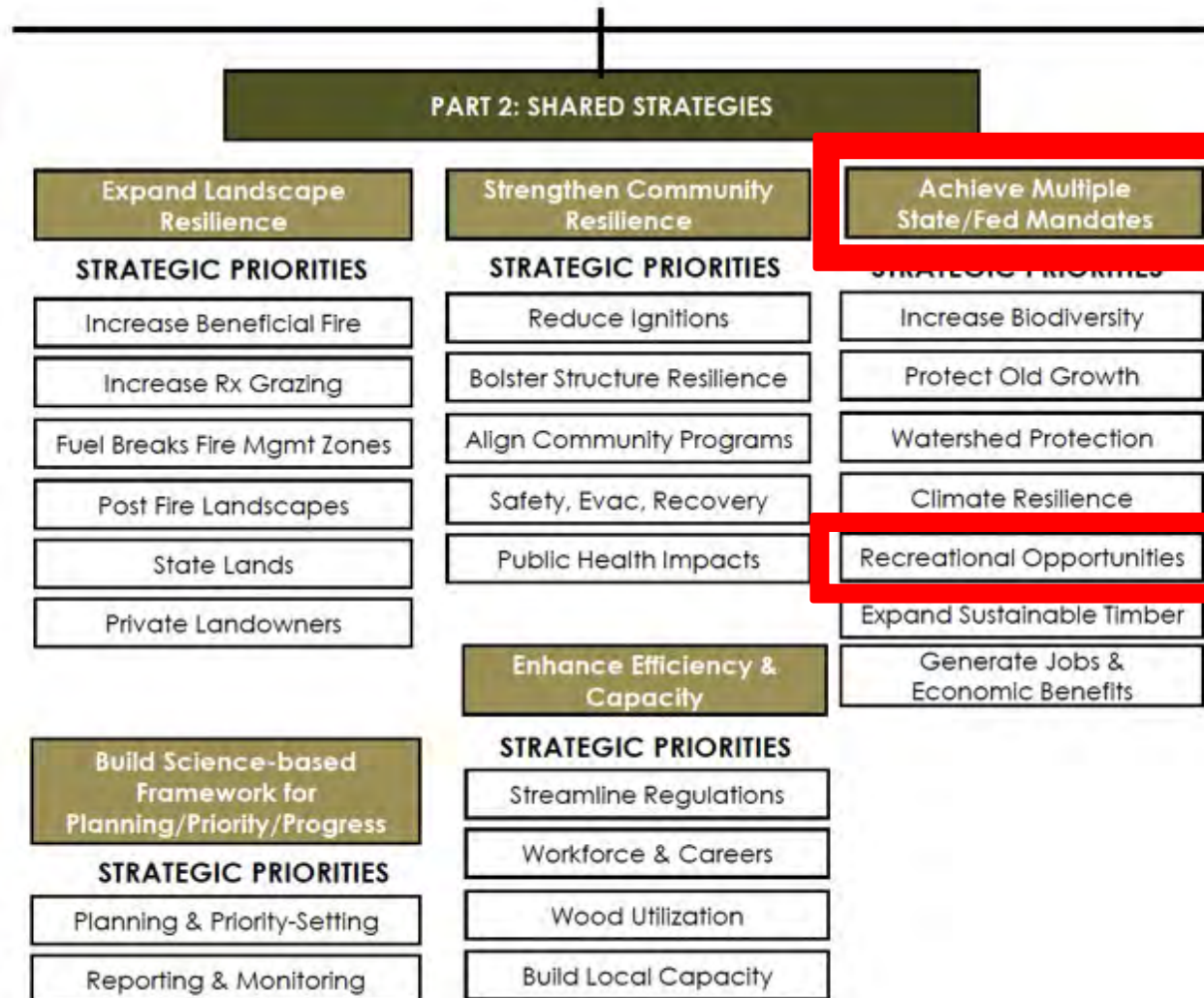
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Shared Strategy Hierarchy of Information



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Enhance Recreational Opportunities

Quote from primary/lead reviewer/partner

Why this matters:

As demand for outdoor recreation in California has grown, catastrophic fires have devastated infrastructure, economies, and local businesses linked to sustainable recreation and tourism. Increasing wildfire resilience is essential for safe access to the outdoors and the viability of local economies, especially in rural California. Investing in recreation and tourism-focused communications and infrastructure can achieve landscape health and fire risk reduction goals.

What has been accomplished:

In March of 2023, the Task Force published "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience," and the Sustainable Recreation/CALREC Vision Key Working Group (SRCRV) was awarded Partnership of the Year by the U.S. Forest Service in recognition of their efforts. The Task Force is committed to integrating recreational benefits into wildfire resilience projects and supporting the Jobs First goal of strengthening tourism and outdoor recreation statewide.

- **Joint Strategy: 4 Goals and 31 Key Actions for Implementation**
The Joint Strategy's 4 Goals, focused on integrating forest health and sustainable recreation, improving inclusion and access, promoting health and well-being through outdoor activities, and supporting economies that enhance sustainable recreation, are paired with 31 key actions.
- **GIS Maps and Datasets to Integrate Outdoor Recreation into Planscape**
A geographic database of recreation assets, including federal and state outdoor infrastructure, has been created for integration into Planscape to assist forest health planners in wildfire planning and response.
- **Establishment of the Statewide California Jobs First Cohort of Practice**
Recreation and tourism industry sector coordinators from Jobs First Regions "Redwood" and "Sierra" have created a Cohort of Practice for Jobs First practitioners statewide to share best practices for job creation in the sector, including opportunities identified in the Joint Strategy.
- **Adoption of the Joint Strategy by Jurisdictions Throughout California**
Advocacy has resulted in the Joint Strategy being adopted as an advisory document by 6 wildfire-prone jurisdictions, including 4 counties that depend on sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism for their economies. An adoption tracker and website is live at calrecvision.org.

Key Actions

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California Wildfire and Recreation

Enhance Recreational Opportunities

Quote from primary/lead reviewer/partner

Why this matters:

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Enhance Recreation Opportunities

Generate Jobs & Economic Benefits

assist forest health planners in wildfire planning and response.

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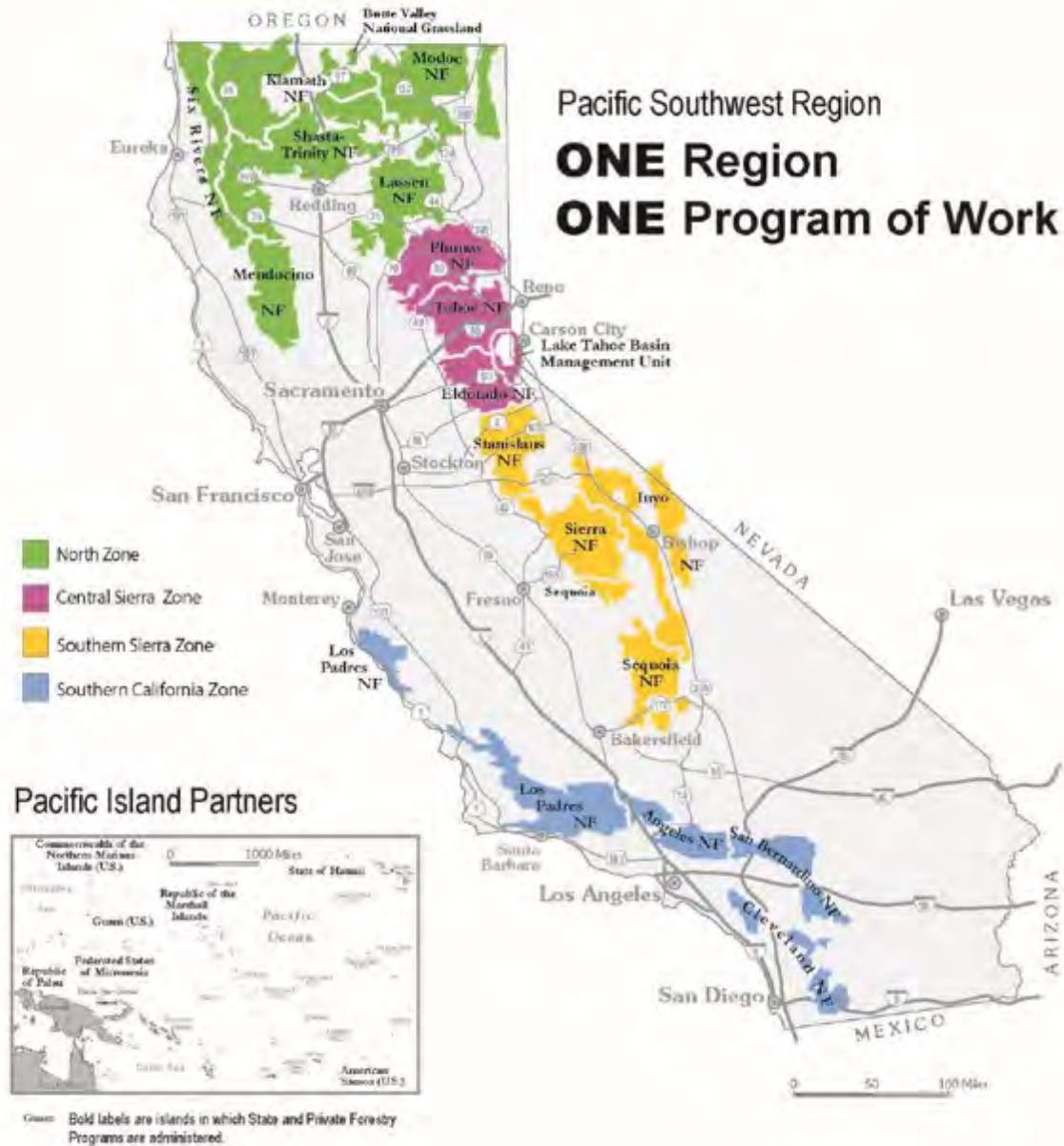
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Sierra Nevada Region

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Ready Landscapes

How the Sierra Nevada Conservancy thinks about
supporting & funding landscape-scale work

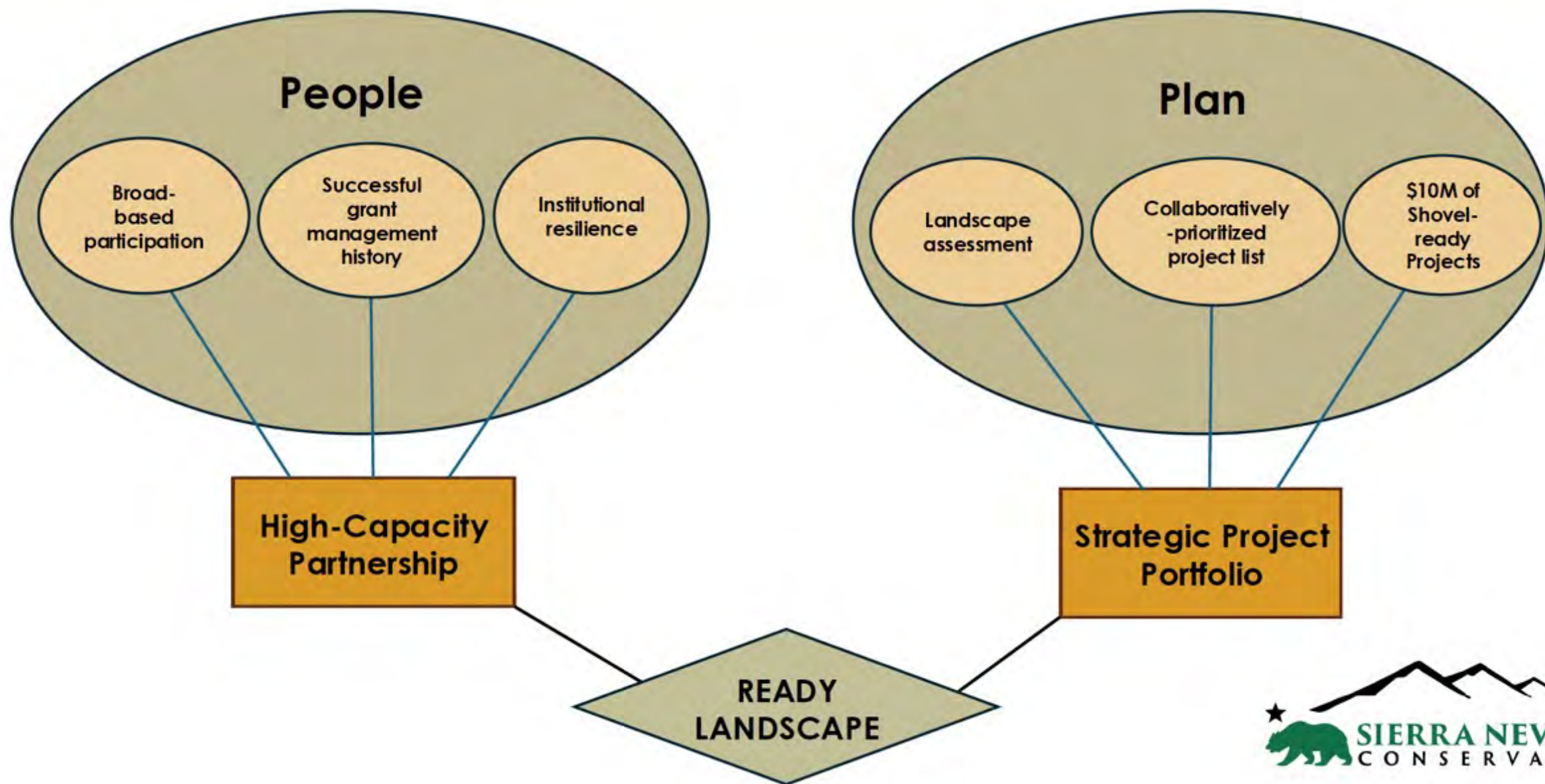
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- Multi-organizational collaborative group
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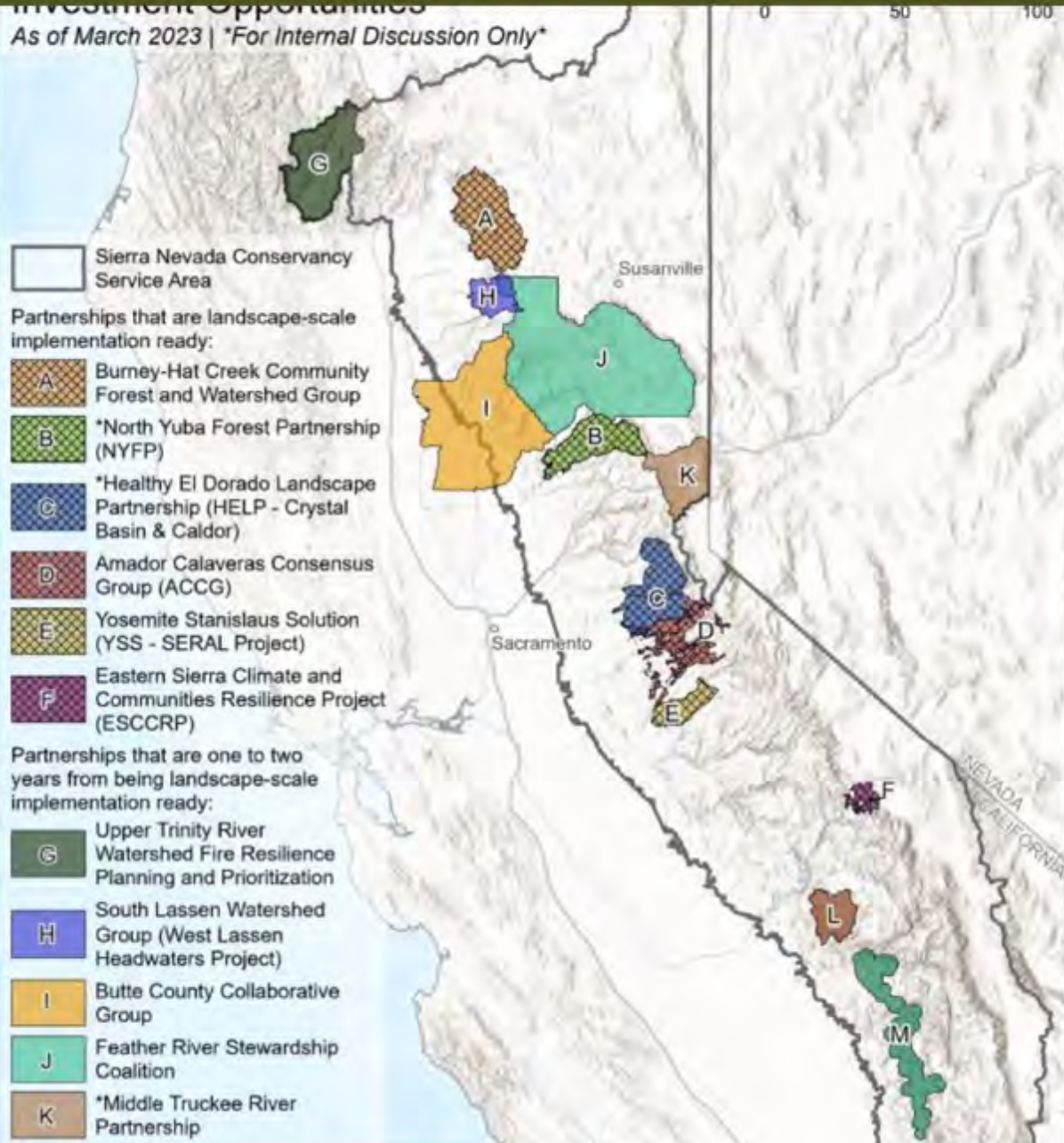


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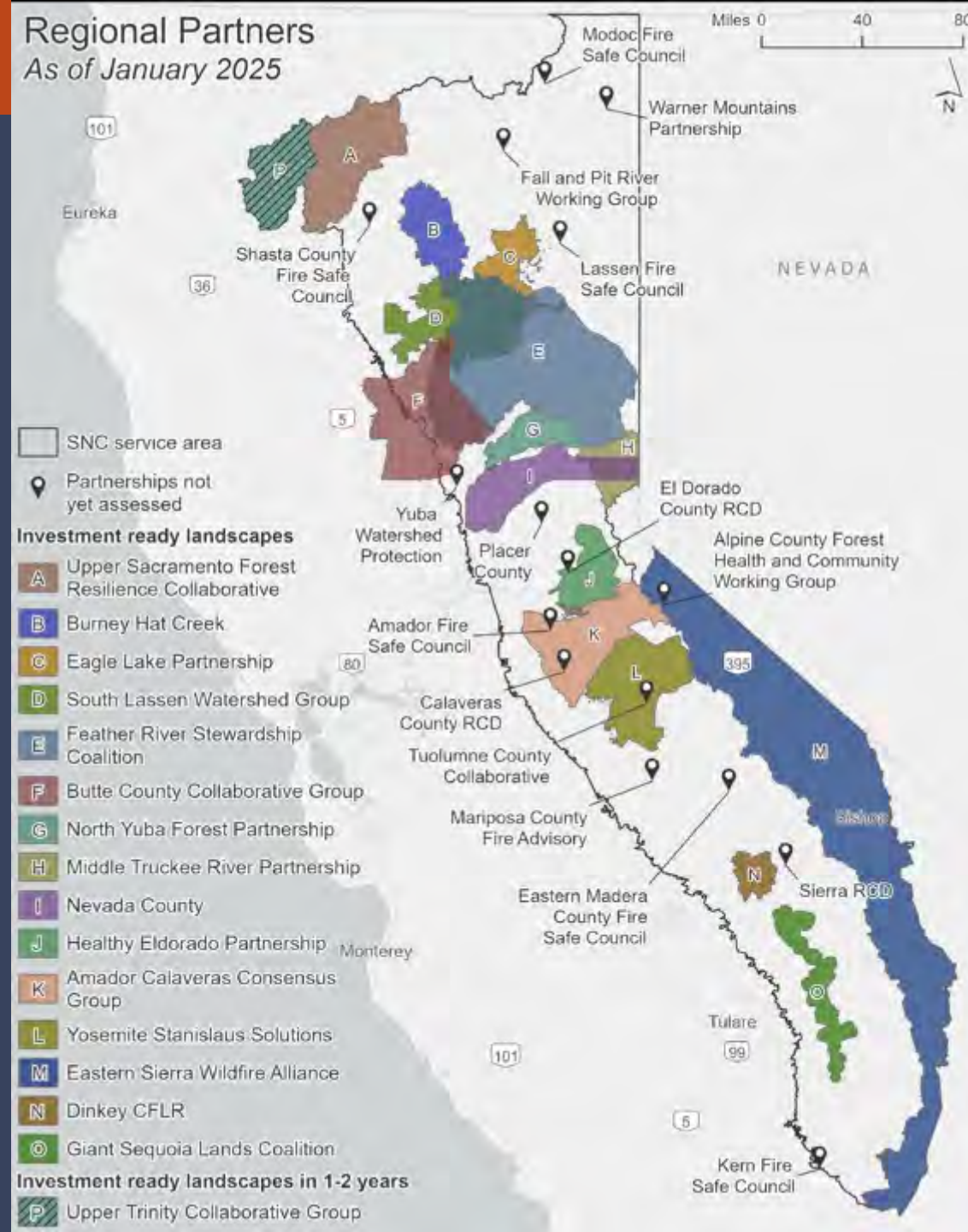


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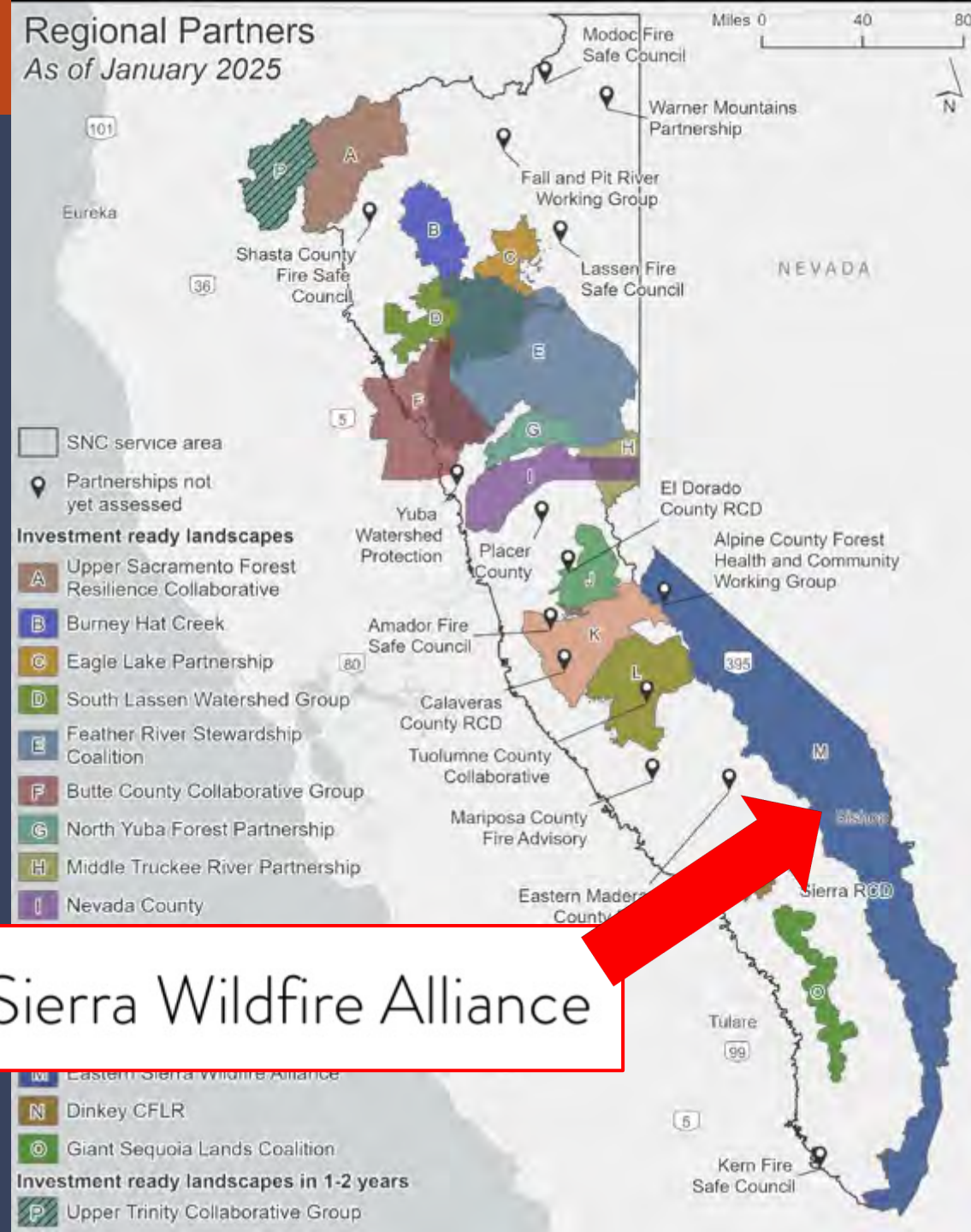
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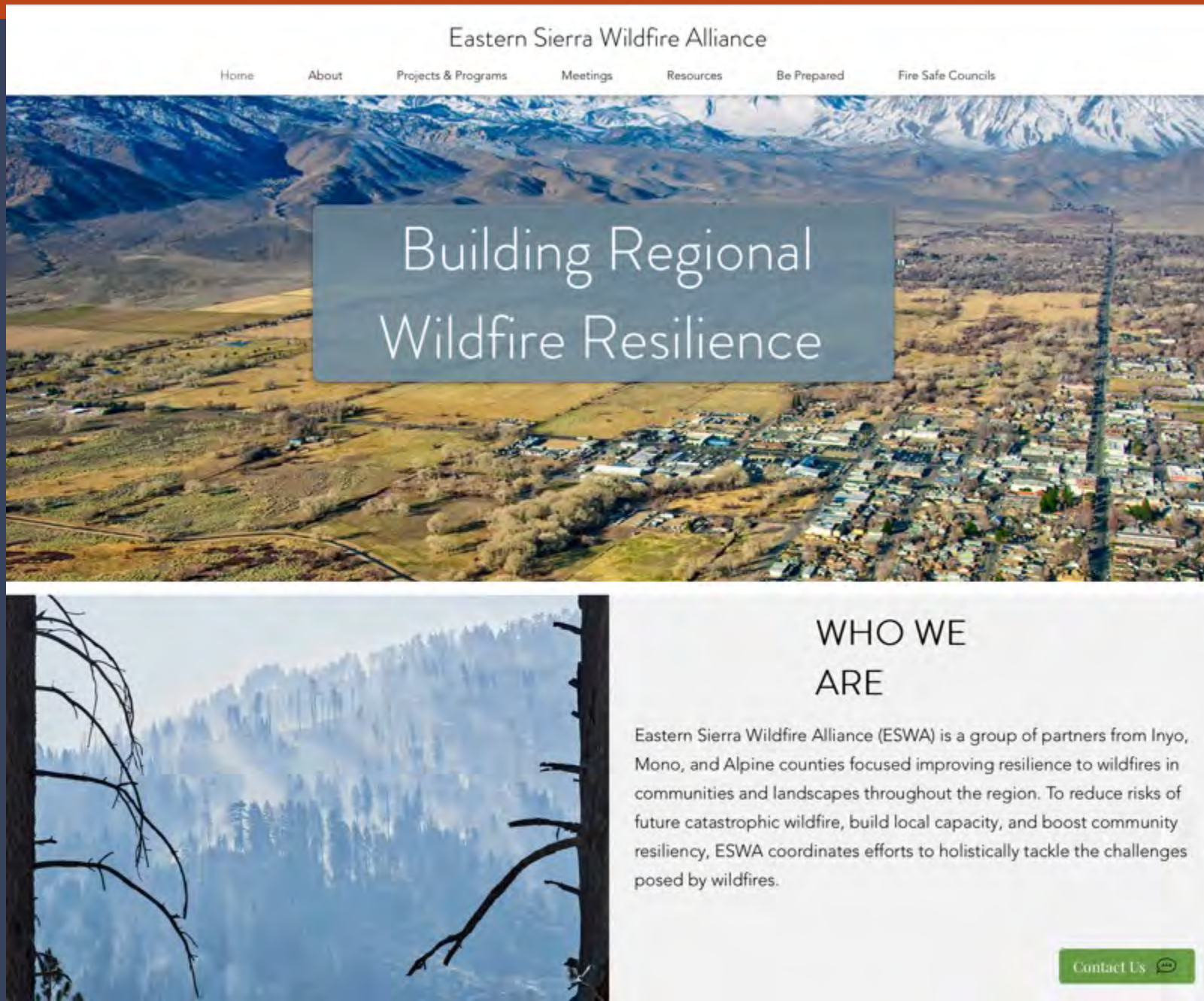


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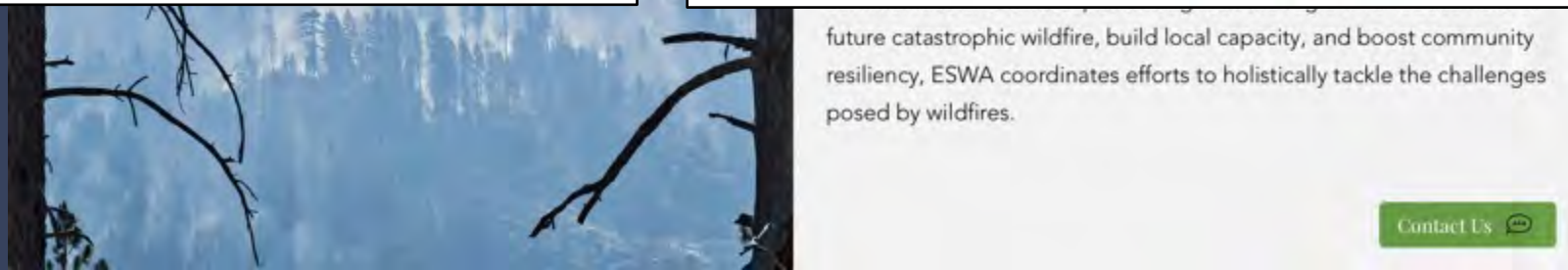
Building Regional Wildfire Resilience

WHO WE ARE

Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance (ESWA) is a group of partners from Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties focused improving resilience to wildfires in communities and landscapes throughout the region. To reduce risks of future catastrophic wildfire, build local capacity, and boost community resiliency, ESWA coordinates efforts to holistically tackle the challenges posed by wildfires.

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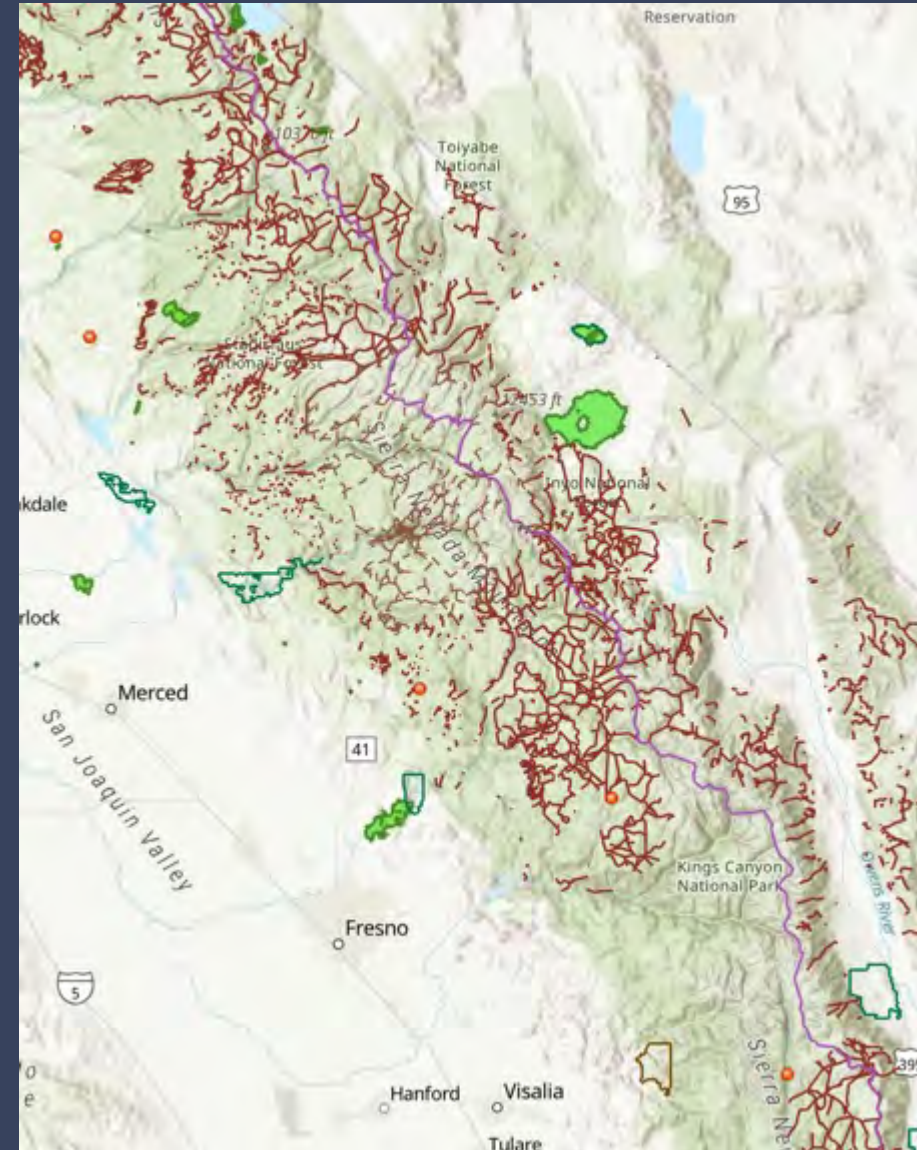
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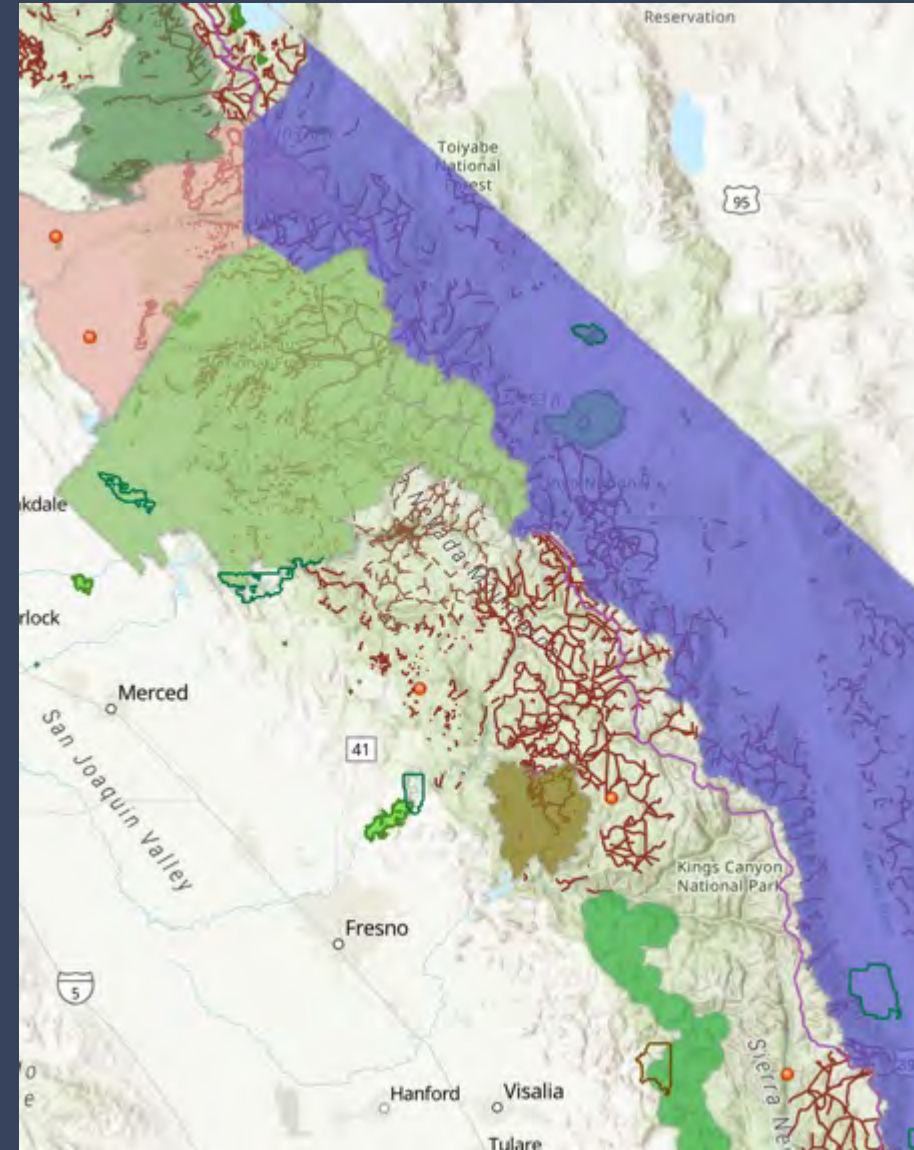
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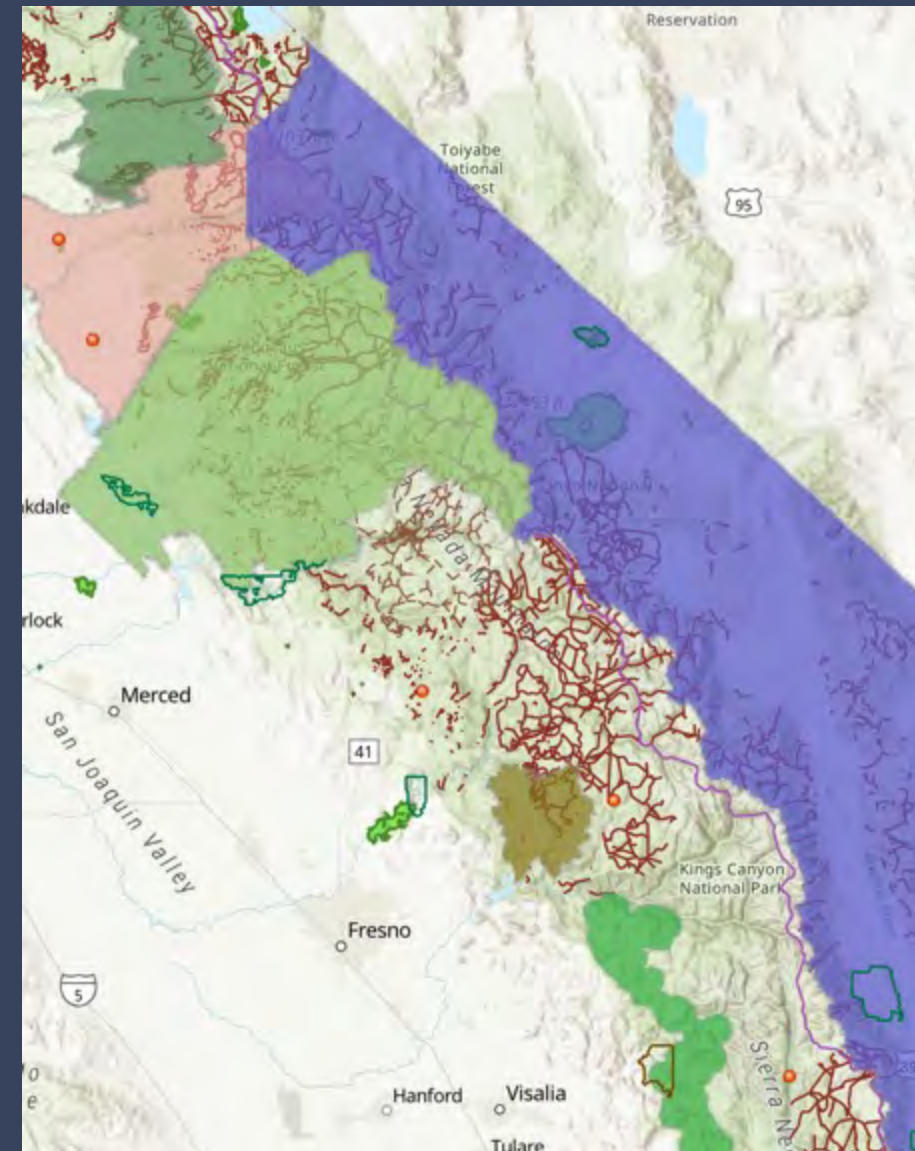
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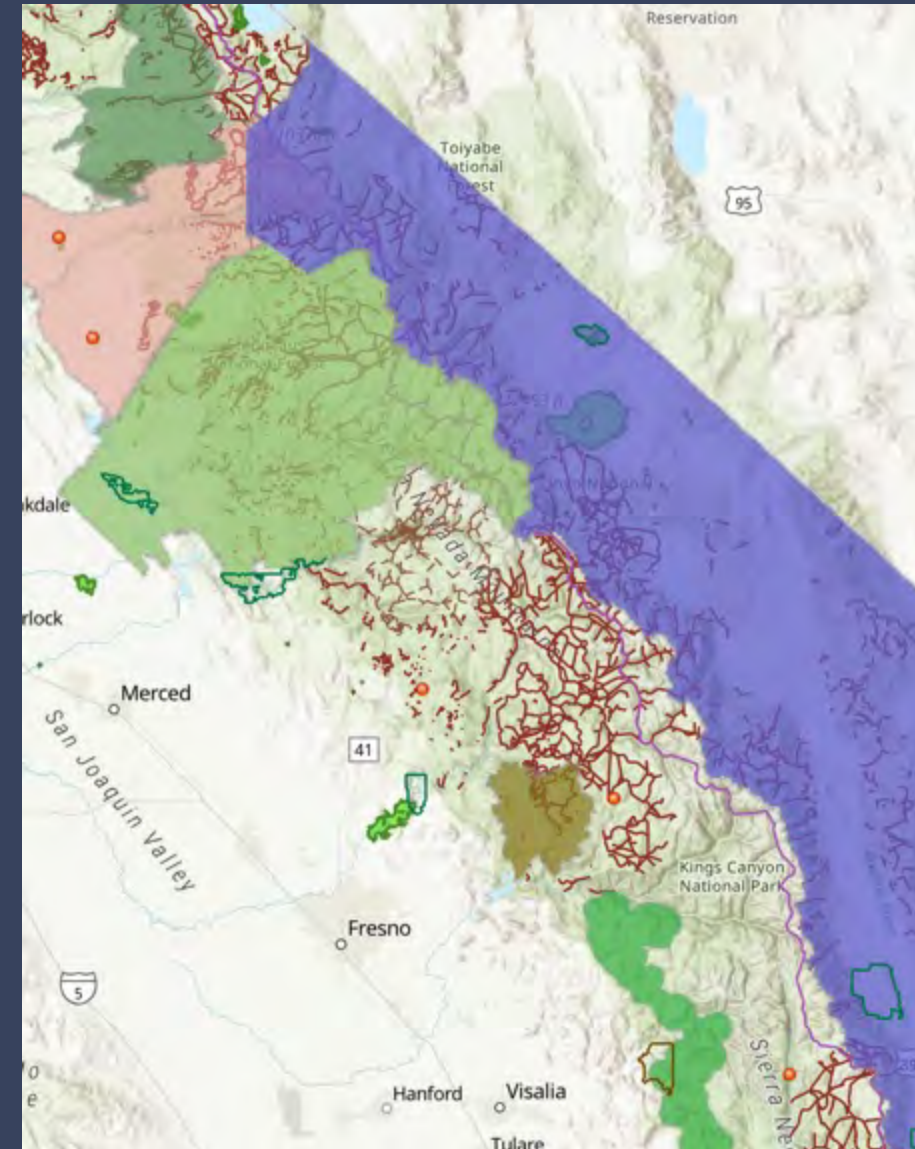
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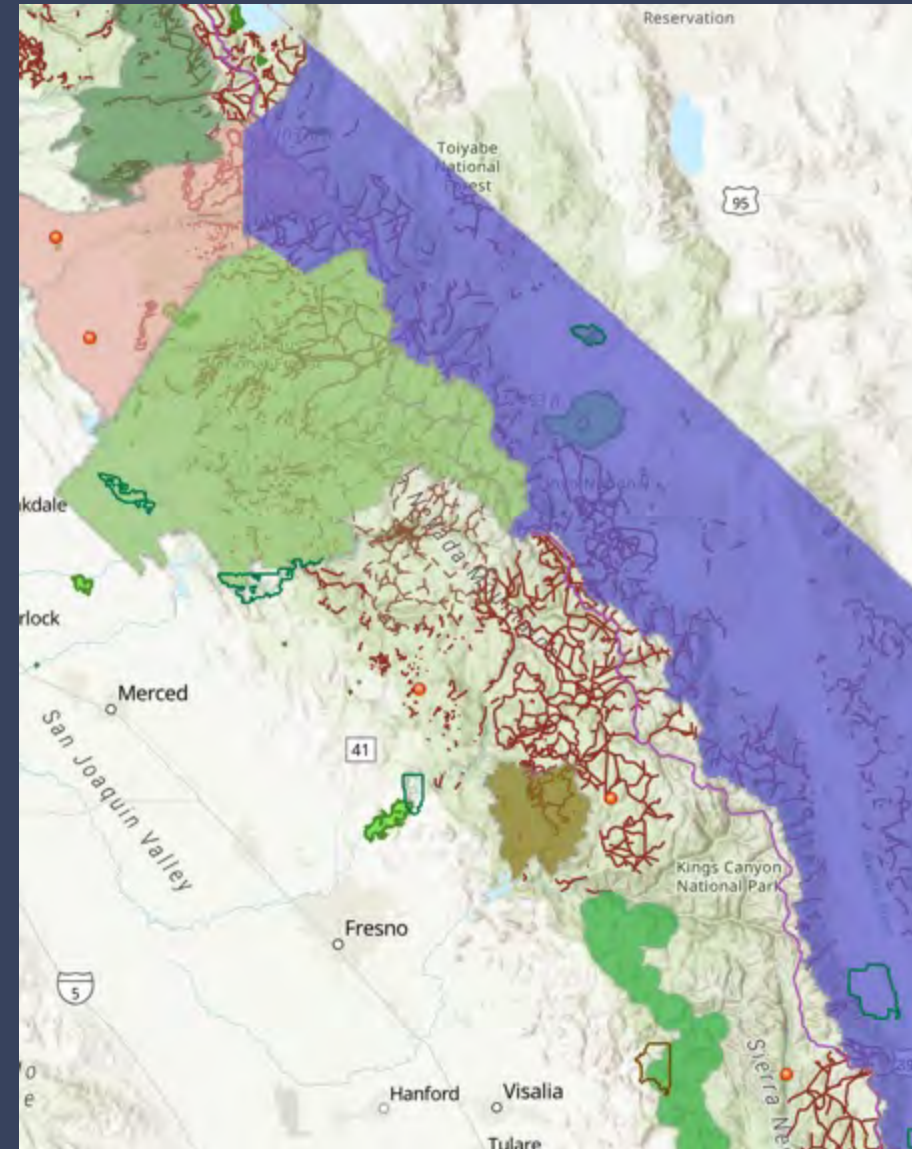
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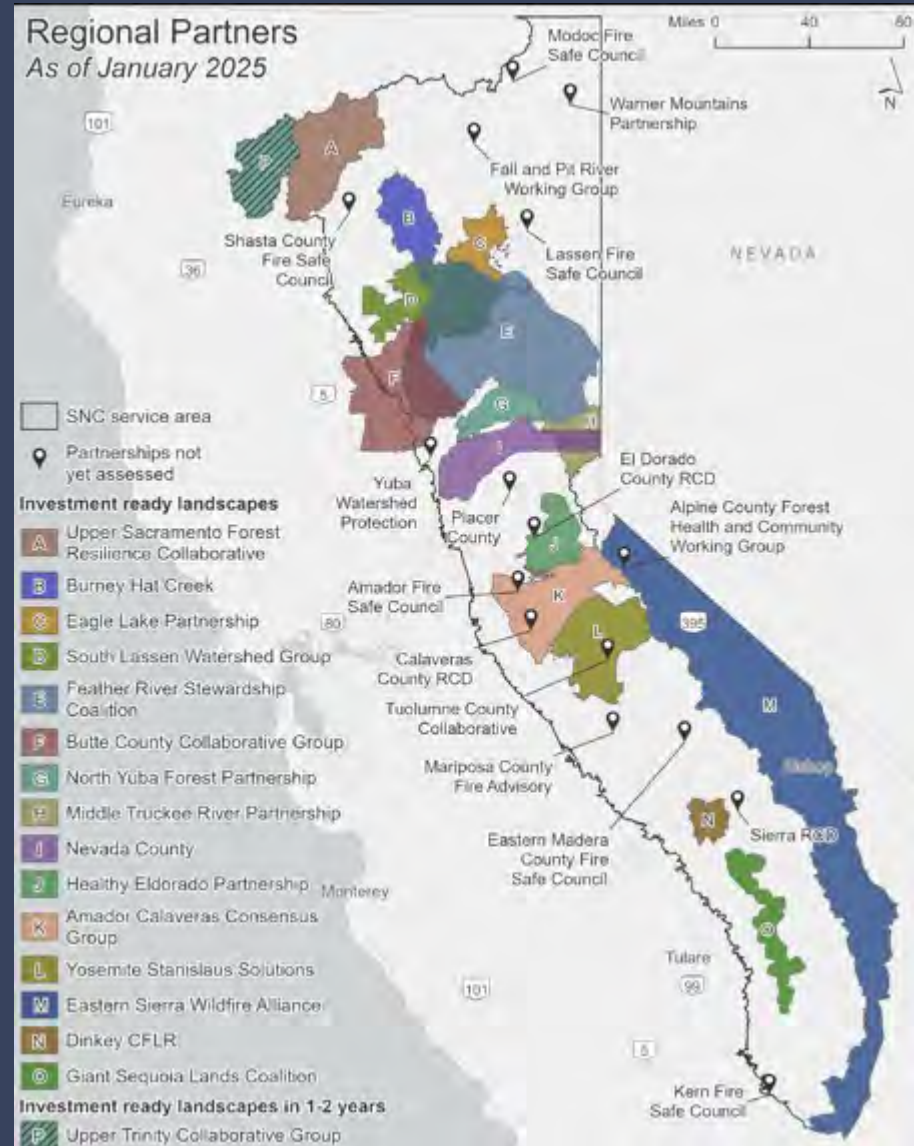
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Regional Partners As of January 2025



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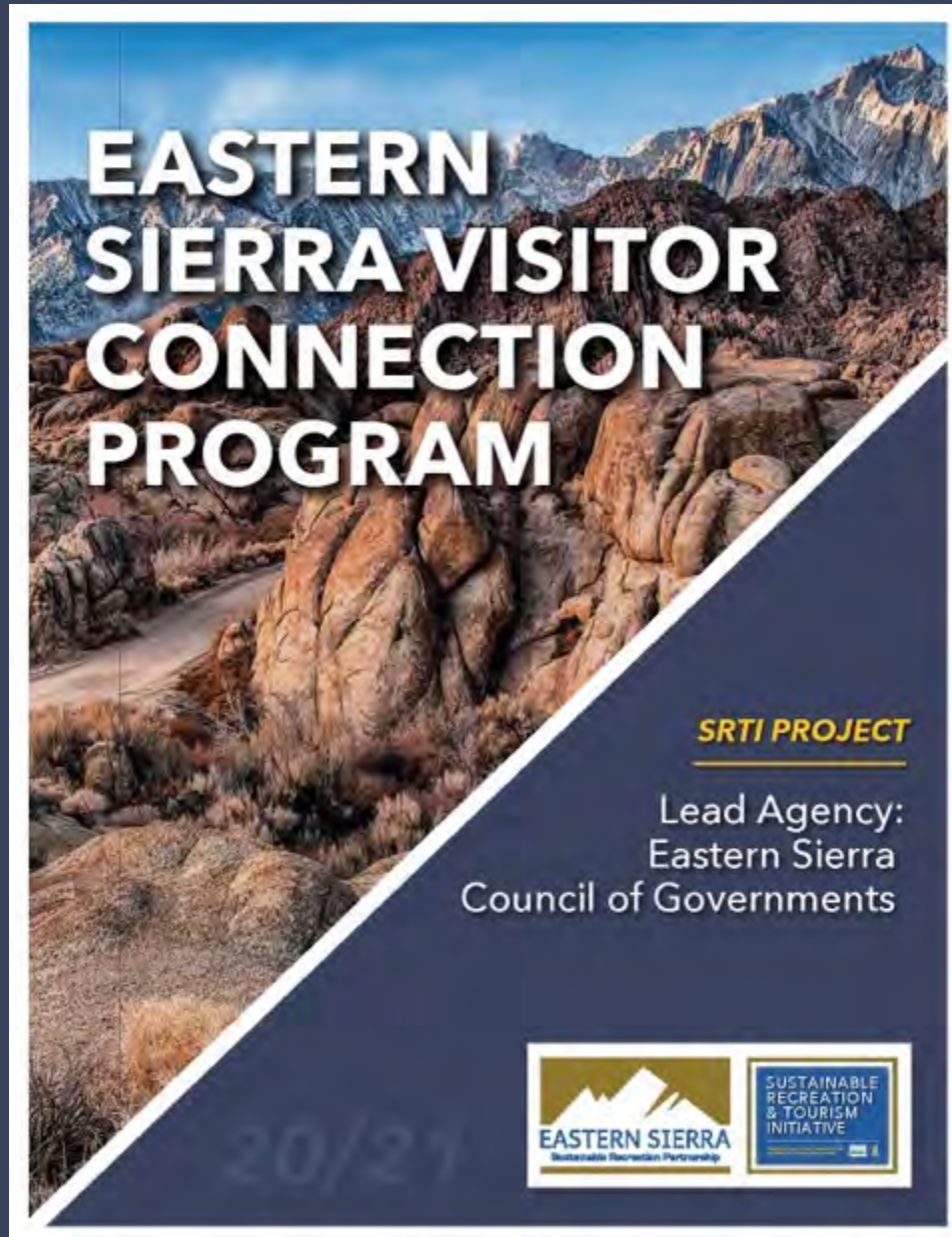
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Upcoming Meetings

Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Meeting
Thursday, July 17th, 2025

More details to follow.

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MARKETING CONTENT STRATEGY



VCP FIRE - SEASON 2

MAY - OCTOBER 2025



Date: Mar 25, 2025

Goals and objectives: "Ignite Awareness"

Create objectives that align with broader business goals. Separating them into primary, secondary, and long-term will provide focus and strategic direction. Here's an example:

- Primary objective: Increase Impressions over the targeted time frame: **May 2025 - OCT 2025**
- Secondary objective: Increase web traffic conversations to the [Whitebark institute homepage](#).
- Long-term goal: Establish the agency as an trusted force for environmental conservation and wildfire resilience

Demographic analysis of the target audience

Geo-fencing should be a primary focus of this campaign due to the regional nature of our audience. Therefore, we should target areas and demographics most affected by wildfires. This data is based off overall metrics from Whitebark's Meta business Suite

Geographic location of the target audience

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Eastern Sierra wildfire season is YEAR-ROUND

High winds, low humidity, and dry, fire-prone vegetation contribute to high wildfire risk - all months of the year.













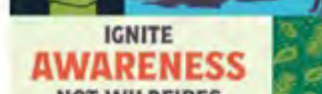
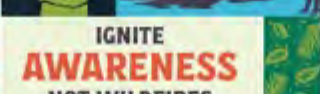
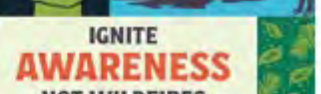






















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#igniteawareness

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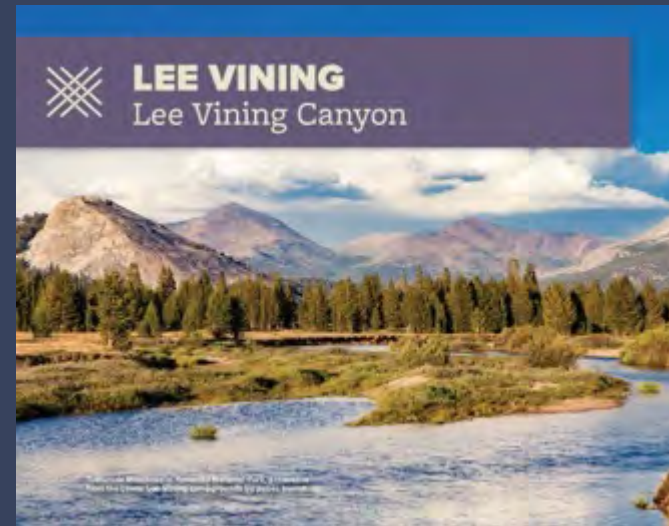


EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

SRTI PROJECT

Lead Agency:
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PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

IMPLEMENTING THE PRESIDENT'S "DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY" WORKFORCE OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER
February 11, 2025

This central graphic features a dark blue background with a white outline of the White House at the top. Below it, the text 'PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS' is in a small white box. The main title 'IMPLEMENTING THE PRESIDENT'S "DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY" WORKFORCE OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE' is in large, white, serif capital letters. At the bottom, 'EXECUTIVE ORDER' and 'February 11, 2025' are also in white.



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 **McInerney, Austin T**
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The information gathered will be helpful to both inform local and state elected officials of the current situation on-the-ground and to guide remaining federal land management agency leadership on how best to leverage organizations that are willing to step-in to help ensure continued public access to and enjoyment of recreation facilities.

The survey results will be shared with staff from US Forest Service Region 5, State of California Nature Resources Agency, and all relevant additional officials.

If willing, please complete the survey by June 30, 2025.

Please feel free to share the survey with any other relevant organization and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You!

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Tracking Form: Impacts Across Sierra Nevada From Federal Mandates and Funding Cuts

As requested by Congressman Kevin Kiley, we are collecting stories and evidence of public lands impacts across California's 3rd Congressional District ([view district map here](#)). We also welcome any impacts to projects, public lands, and recreation sites at any other location within California's Sierra Nevada and Cascade region.

How will this information be used?

We will compile a list of impacts and present them to Congressman Kiley. Your input will help us advocate for public lands protections, sustained funding for land management and wildfire resilience, and adequate staffing at the Forest Service, BLM, and other federal agencies. Content might also be used in social media and blog posts or press release (if approved by you).

What type of impacts to report via this form?

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



**California Trails and Greenways
April 24, 2025**



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



**West Contra Costa Fire Safe Council
May 5, 2025**



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**CAMTB Leadership Roundtable
May 6, 2025**



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**Trails as Resilient Infrastructure
May 13, 2025**

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- RCRC
- Sierra County
- Tuolumne County



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Hello Recreate Responsibly California Coalition Members,

Before you head out for Memorial Day Weekend we want to remind you to join us **next Tuesday, May 27th at 8am**, for the next coalition meeting.

We're excited to welcome a special guest [Gloria Sandoval, Deputy Secretary for Access from the California Natural Resources Agency \(CNRA\)](#) who will share updates from the state level. In addition to our roundtable updates, we look forward to hearing how members are **approaching messaging to visitors and setting expectations amid ongoing changes and staffing challenges**.

May 27th Meeting Details

- **Zoom Link** (goes live at 8 a.m.):

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

- **Agenda:**

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Proposed gold mine threatens to cut up remote, wild expanse of California desert

'It will not be on a human time scale that the land is able to recover'

By **Sam Mauhay-Moore**, National Parks Reporter

June 14, 2025



Conglomerate Mesa in southern Inyo County, Calif.

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The scariest part of Yosemite's famous Half Dome cables isn't the climb itself

By **Gregory Thomas**, Travel & Outdoors Editor

July 6, 2025

Gift Article



Half Dome attracts an estimated 50,000 hikers who attempt to summit the crag via the famed cable route.

Carlos Avila Gonzalez/The Chronicle

Regional - Sustainable Recreation and Tourism



BOLT Coalition Introduction

On January 4, 2025, the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act (EXPLORE Act) was signed into law.

The EXPLORE package contains the BOLT, or **Biking on Long Distance Trails Act**, an exciting piece of legislation that the mountain biking, bikepacking, and broad cycling communities were advocating in support of for over a decade.

The BOLT act will do the following:

- Create a catalog of a minimum of 10 existing long distance bike trails no less than 80 miles in length
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[Submit Your Long Distance Bike Trail](#)

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[Read the Bill](#)



"...it [BOLT Act] would diversify the economy, improve the physical and mental health of the community, and help attract much needed skilled workers looking for recreation close to home. I am sure there are many communities across the country who would see similar benefits." — **Jen Hanks**, **Southern Nevada Mountain Bike Association**

[Economic Impact of Long Distance Trails](#)

Supporters

Non-profit partners Adventure Cycling Association, Bikepacking Roots, and PeopleforBikes have expressed support for the BOLT Act and continually partner with IMBA on advocacy efforts for the bill. IMBA Local Member Organizations and corporate partners have also expressed support via letter-writing initiatives.

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Long Distance Trails

Supporters

Non-profit partners Adventure Cycling Association, Bikepacking Roots, and PeopleforBikes have expressed support for the BOLT Act and continually partner with IMBA on advocacy efforts for the bill. IMBA Local Member Organizations and corporate partners have also expressed support via letter-writing initiatives.

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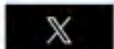
Sugar Bowl ski resort announces \$100 million expansion plan

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Sugar Bowl, one of California's oldest ski resorts, is set to undergo a \$100 million modernization, marking the largest investment in its 86-year history. The San Francisco-based homeowners' corporation that owns the resort announced the expansion, which aims to enhance the guest experience while preserving the resort's historic charm.

"The improvements include a complete renovation of the Village Lodge, replacement of the resort's original gondola, a reimagined day lodge experience, and expanded culinary offerings," said the resort.

The expansion will feature a new lodge with a two-tier deck and fire-resistant materials, alongside a modern locker facility and a reimagined food and beverage offering. The development is scheduled to be completed by November 2025, with further restoration and beautification projects planned for the summer of 2026 and beyond.



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'Prepare to be blown away': New national monument near Santa Cruz to open with trails for hiking, biking


By **Kurtis Alexander**, Reporter
June 20, 2025

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The Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument is seen from along Bonny Doon Road in June 2021. The monument will open to the public in August.

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This California lake is seeing 'apocalyptic' overcrowding — and officials are cracking down

By Gregory Thomas, Travel & Outdoors Editor
July 5, 2025

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On summer holiday weekends, Pinecrest Lake in Tuolumne County tends to become overrun with visitors, some of whom park illegally, leave trash on the beach and break other rules.

Tracy Barbutes/For the S.F. Chronicle

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Governor Newsom marks historic expansion of California's Film and Television Tax Credit Program, announces 16 new projects to film in the Golden State

What you need to know: Governor Newsom is more than doubling the state's Film and Television Tax Credit Program, and adding 16 new television projects that will generate \$1.1 billion in new economic activity.

BURBANK – Today, Governor Gavin Newsom joined labor representatives, entertainment leaders and state officials to mark the official expansion of California's [Film and Television Tax Credit Program](#)—solidifying the Golden State's status as the global epicenter of film and television production. The move more than doubles the program's annual funding—from \$330 million to \$750 million—and introduces key updates to keep production, below-the-line jobs, and investments rooted in California.

The banner features a man with a guitar and a woman sitting on a beach, with palm trees in the background. The text "Tax Credit Program 3.0" is prominently displayed in the center.

Navigation links at the top include: CA, Home, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn, Contact Us, Select Language, Google, and Settings.

Secondary navigation links include: CALIFORNIA Film Commission, Locations, State Permits, Production, Tax Credit, News & Notices, About, and Search.

Three yellow buttons are overlaid on the banner image:

- The Basics
- Program 3.0 Resources
- Program 4.0 Refundability Summary

Below the banner are two smaller images with blue buttons:

- A yellow Volkswagen Beetle with a woman sitting next to it, with a button labeled "Application".
- A man and a woman in a scene from a movie, with a button labeled "Guidelines".

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State of Montana Newsroom

Governor Gianforte, USFS Chief Schultz Sign Historic Forest Management Agreement

Finalize 200,000-acre management agreement in northwest Montana

Governor's Office
June 30 2025

HELENA, Mont. – Governor Greg Gianforte and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Chief Tom Schultz today formalized a landmark Shared Stewardship Agreement between the State of Montana and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

This historic agreement establishes a new framework to dramatically increase the pace and scale of forest restoration, wildfire risk reduction, and sustainable timber production across Montana's national forests and adjacent lands.

"Today marks historic and continued progress for Montana's forests and the communities that depend on them," Gov. Gianforte said. "Thanks to a renewed interest in collaborating with states from the Trump administration, this agreement will empower our state to take the lead in active forest management, reduce wildfire risk, support local jobs, and ensure our forests remain healthy for generations to come. We are proud to partner with Secretary Rollins and Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz to deliver real results for Montana."



Gov. Gianforte speaking alongside DNRC Director Amanda Kaster and Chief Schultz before signing a historic Shared Stewardship Agreement in Helena

AGREEMENT FOR SHARED STEWARDSHIP OF CALIFORNIA'S FOREST AND RANGELANDS Between the STATE OF CALIFORNIA And the USDA, FOREST SERVICE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "the State," and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, hereinafter referred to as "the U.S. Forest Service" and together referred to as "The Parties."

TITLE: Agreement for Shared Stewardship of California's Forests and Rangelands

PURPOSE:

This MOU establishes a joint framework to enhance science-based forest and rangeland stewardship in California. The U.S. Forest Service and the State of California commit to maintain and restore healthy forests and rangelands that reduce public safety risks, protect natural and built infrastructure, and enhance ecological habitat and biological diversity. The Parties agree to develop shared tools, coordinated processes, and innovative approaches to increase the pace, scale, and effectiveness of forest and rangeland stewardship in California.

The U.S. Forest Service and the State of California, through the California Natural Resources Agency, make this commitment in accordance with the following provisions.

STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

Restoring healthy forests and rangelands in California will yield both ecological and community benefits. Healthy forests will improve climate resilience and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, safeguard water quality and air quality, protect fish and wildlife habitat, enhance biological diversity, sequester carbon, improve recreational opportunities, and generate good jobs and economic opportunities.

BACKGROUND:

Home to some of the largest, tallest and oldest trees in the world, rich biological diversity, vast watersheds, and spectacular recreation, the grandeur of California's wildlands has captivated generations. California's forests naturally adapted to low-intensity fire, nature's preferred management tool, but Gold Rush-era clearcutting followed by a wholesale policy of fire suppression resulted in the overly dense, ailing forests that dominate the landscape today.

Compounding risks have made it nearly impossible for nature to self-correct. A cycle of catastrophic wildfires, longer fire seasons, severe drought, intense wind, tree mortality, invasive species, and human population pressure threaten to convert conifer forests to shrublands and shrublands to invasive grasses.

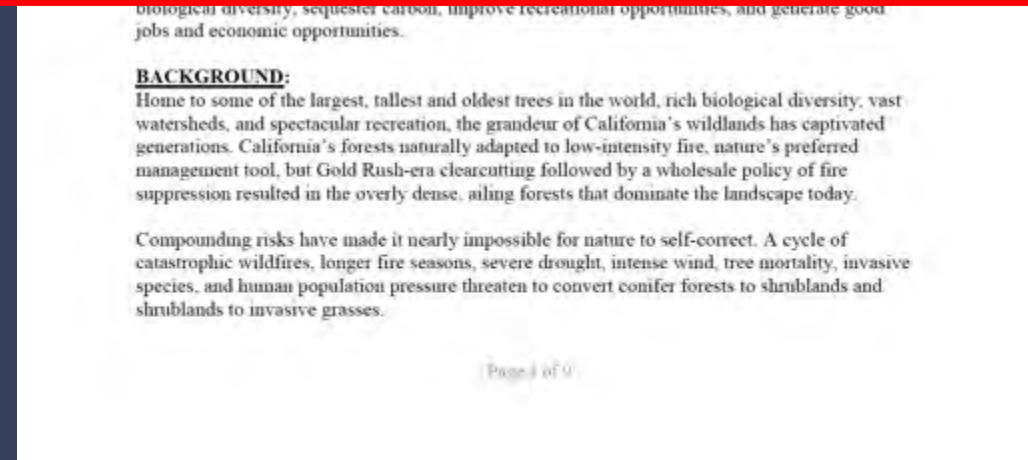
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- 7. Improve Access to Sustainable Recreation:** Foster a range of forest and wildland opportunities that reflect the needs of and better serve California's diverse population. The Parties will pursue mission-appropriate and sustainable recreation opportunities in ways that leverage resources and extend capacity through partnerships and alignment around a shared vision of access and diversity. Examples include improved transportation opportunities, more affordable lodging options, increasing accessible trails and facilities, and targeting low income communities that lack access.



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‘No full time rangers’: Payette and Sawtooth National Forests see trash piling; continue to adjust to federal cuts

The Payette and Sawtooth National Forests both have ranger districts with either only partial hours, or temporarily closed due to staffing shortages.



Credit: Sawtooth National Forest

Author: Abby Wilt
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IDAHO, USA — Following federal cuts impacting ten percent of the Forest Service's workforce nationwide, Idaho districts are also feeling the effects.

In the Payette National Forest, the Supervisor's Office in McCall will stay open, but sales for things like maps or wood permits will only be allowed Wednesday through Friday.

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SAM Magazine—Winter Park, Colo., June 17, 2025—Booking reticence for summer vacations persists while bookings by international visitors from Canada, western Europe, and now Mexico, continue to fall, according to the monthly Market Briefing from Intopia's DestiMetrics. The booking pace at 17 participating mountain destinations in seven western states has declined for six consecutive months, its longest downward streak since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.



"The financial and political turbulence of the past few months continues to have an impact on bookings—even with some good economic news and an uptick in consumer confidence during May," said Intopia senior vice president of business intelligence Tom Foley.

As of May 31, bookings from Canada were down 55.5 percent for the entire summer period, while western Europe was down 35.5 percent. For the first time in months, there was also a decline in bookings from Mexico—down 5.4 percent for the summer. Domestic bookings were up just 1.7 percent for the summer, while the overall booking pace during May for the full summer was down 7.1 percent.

After several post-pandemic summers with consistent year-over-year growth, occupancy for the upcoming summer is sluggish with aggregated occupancy down 1.2 percent by May 31. However, the average daily rate rose an aggregated 3.7 percent, helping to offset those losses for lodging properties—but higher rates are also deterring bookings.

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National Parks scramble to fill top leadership positions, but fix could create more vacancies

The agency is also struggling to recruit staff for front-line positions as the parks hit their busiest season.

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Senior Correspondent

The National Park Service is scrambling to fill top-level leadership positions at posts throughout the country, launching a new initiative to fill dozens of vacant roles that some inside the agency fear will only create new openings at other sites.

Dubbed "Operation Opportunity," NPS is soliciting applications for openings at the superintendent, deputy superintendent and chief of facilities level at a variety of park locations. Due to an ongoing governmentwide hiring freeze, however, the positions are only open to internal applicants within the Interior Department.

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Senate Bill Slashes Critical Park Staff as Summer Crowds Surge Nationwide

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"This bill is an affront to park lovers near and far, and could destabilize the places people go to hike, fish and connect with America's historic and cultural resources." - Daniel Hart, NPCA's Director of Clean Energy and Climate Policy



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Signs to police 'negative' history went up at Manzanar. Historians are nervous.

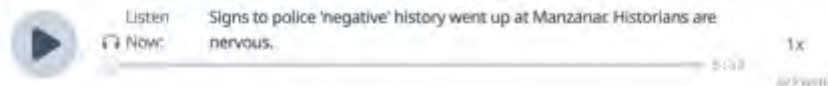
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People of Japanese ancestry wait to board buses that will take them to the prison camp at Manzanar, Calif., 1942.
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By **Olivia Hebert**, News Reporter
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On the orders of the Donald Trump administration, National Park Service employees hung two highly controversial signs this week at Manzanar National Historic Site, a museum examining the property's former role as a prison where the U.S. government incarcerated more than 10,000

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'Censorship:' See the National Park visitor responses after Trump requested help deleting 'negative' signage

The administration asked for help erasing language on park displays that failed to emphasize American grandeur, but visitors have not identified any examples.

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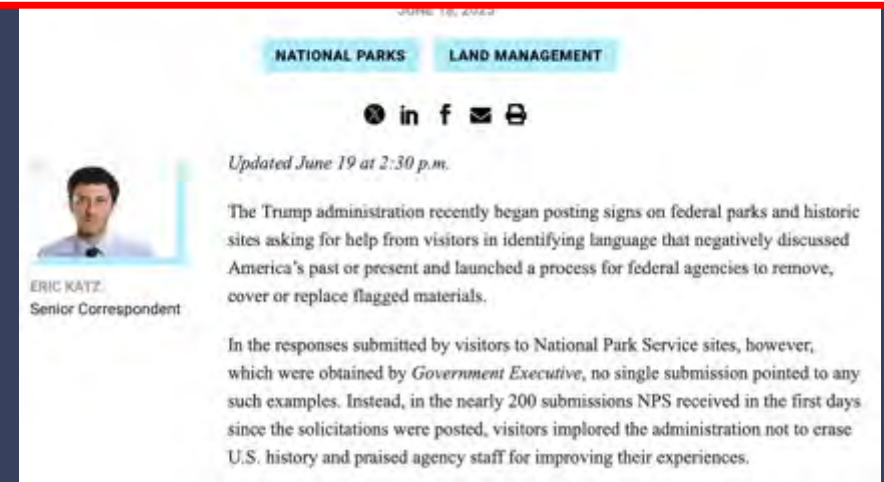
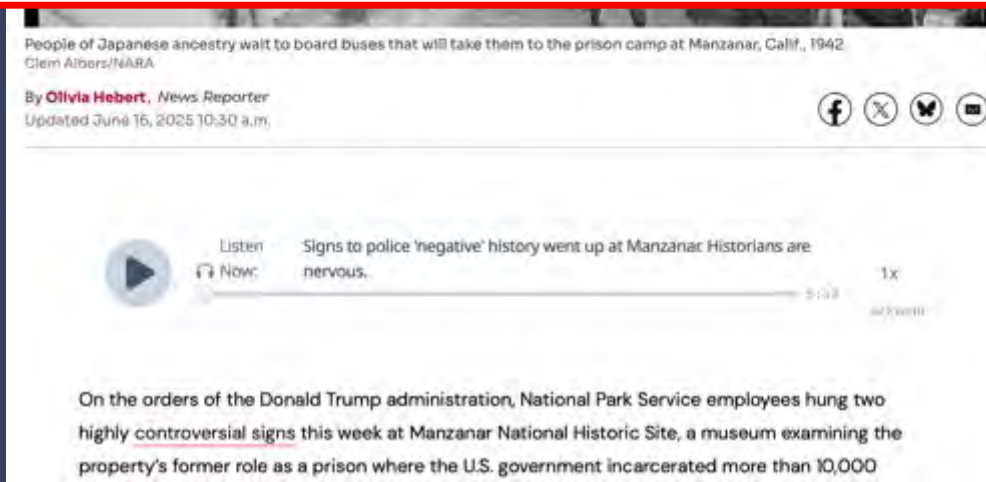
The Trump administration recently began posting signs on federal parks and historic sites asking for help from visitors in identifying language that negatively discussed America's past or present and launched a process for federal agencies to remove, cover or replace flagged materials.

In the responses submitted by visitors to National Park Service sites, however, which were obtained by *Government Executive*, no single submission pointed to any such examples. Instead, in the nearly 200 submissions NPS received in the first days since the solicitations were posted, visitors implored the administration not to erase U.S. history and praised agency staff for improving their experiences.

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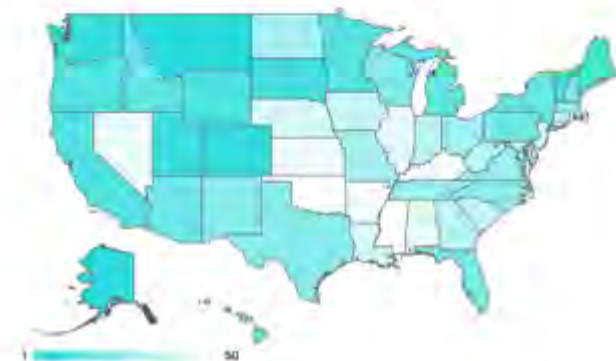
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6	Vermont	57.21	4	11	6
7	South Dakota	55.17	20	13	4
8	Maine	54.84	6	14	15
9	Wyoming	53.79	3	19	3
10	Oregon	53.60	35	5	23
11	California	51.28	46	6	16
12	Minnesota	51.08	39	8	26
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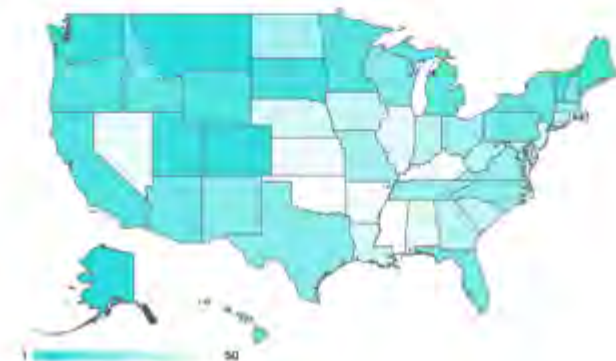
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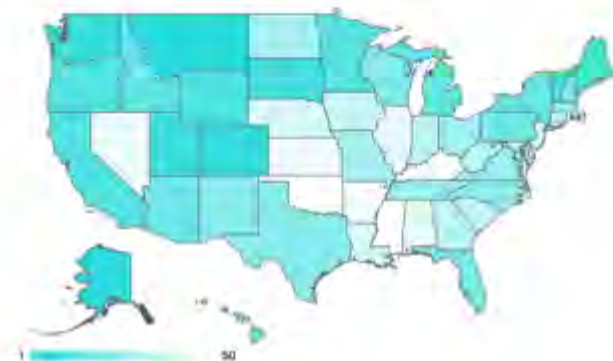
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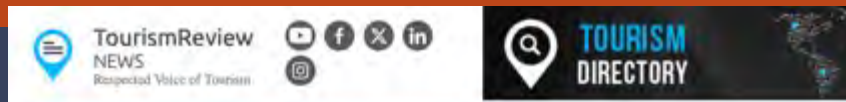


Texas flood highlights deadly climate risk from extreme weather



People search through debris along the Guadalupe River in Hunt, Texas, on July 6, 2025. (Jason Fochtman / Associated Press)

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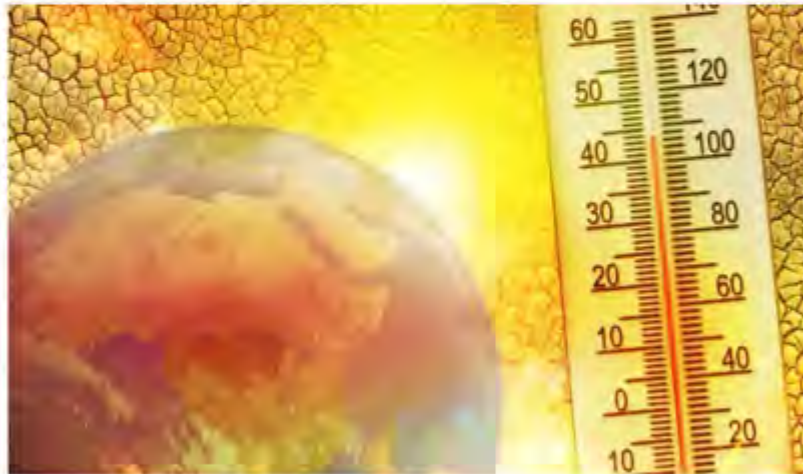


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NATIONAL PARKS

Trump orders higher national park entrance fees, ends Obama-era initiative

By **Sam Mauhay-Moore**, National Parks Reporter
July 5, 2025

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Visitors take in the scenery from Tunnel View in Yosemite National Park, Calif., on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.
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A person is hiking up a steep, rocky trail in a national park. The trail is narrow and appears to be made of dirt and rocks. The person is wearing a backpack and is using a walking stick for support. The background shows a vast, mountainous landscape with a waterfall in the distance.

Casey Beinborn and Eiko Bailey hike up the Navajo Loop Trail in Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, U.S. July 1, 2025. REUTERS/Kaylee Greenlee/File Photo [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)

WASHINGTON, July 3 (Reuters) - President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Thursday to increase entrance fees at U.S. national parks for visitors from other countries, even as his administration seeks to cut national park spending by more than a third.

The additional revenue generated by higher fees from foreign tourists will raise hundreds of millions of dollars for conservation and deferred maintenance projects to improve national parks, the White House said in a statement.

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