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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).

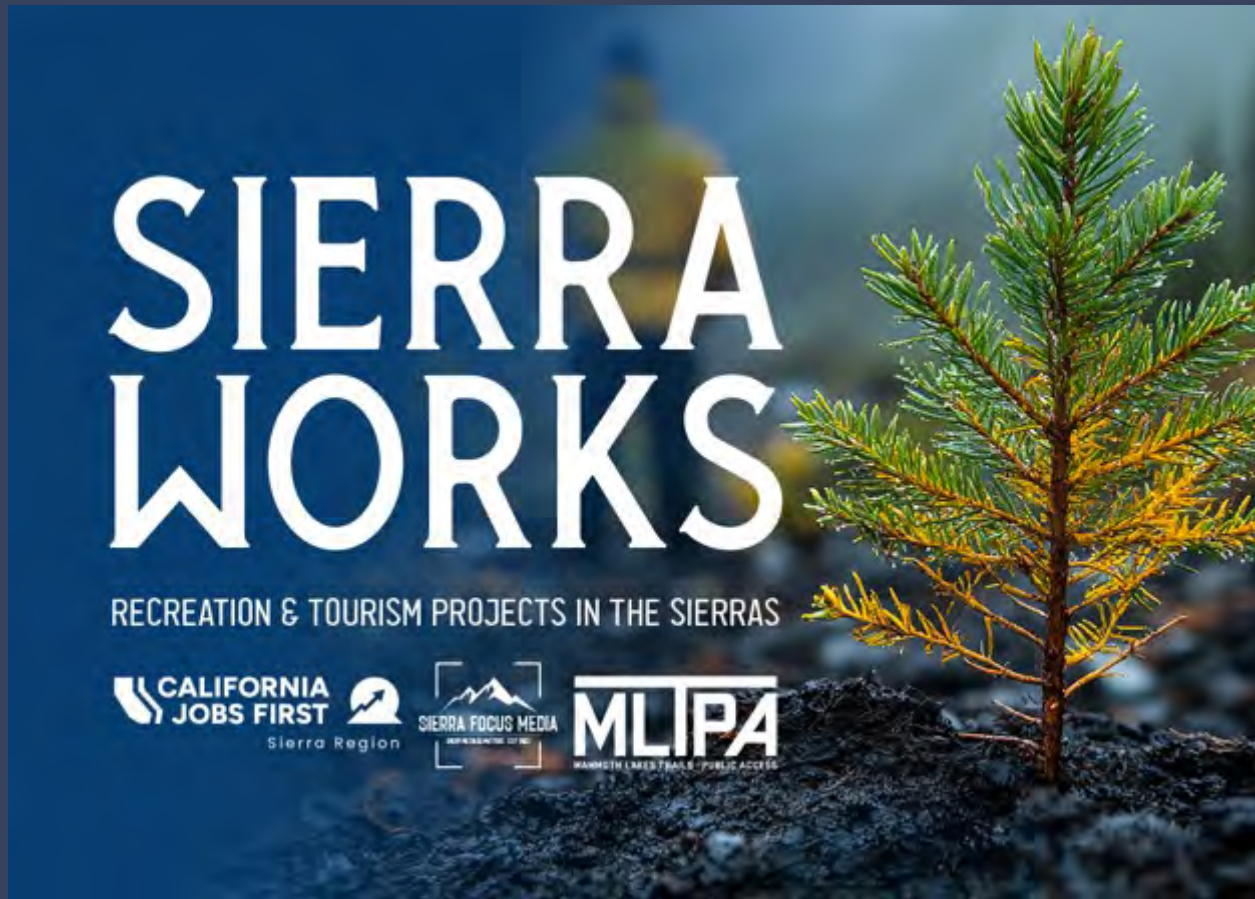
This acknowledgement is an invitation to all organizations, residents, and visitors to recognize the way this history has shaped the present as all parties work together in anticipation of a better future.

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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Sierra Jobs First

Recreation and Tourism Industry Sector

- Role of the ESSRP
- Ongoing Information Sharing
- Preparing for the Recreation and Tourism Working Group

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FEATURED

Cal Fire confirms at least 85 structures destroyed in Lightning Complex fires

Alex MacLean Sep 5, 2025 Updated 19 hrs ago



An ashen lot at the corner of Red Hills Road and Washington Street in Chinese Camp on Friday.

Alex MacLean / Union Democrat

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- Sonora Wildcats football moves to 3-0 after impressive home opener
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- Raiders report: Pass rusher ready for opener after missing all of 2024
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Wildfire near Yosemite National Park tears through historic Gold Rush town

By **Gillian Mohney**, News Editor
Updated Sep 3, 2025 2:19 p.m.



The TCU September Lightning Complex near the town of Chinese Camp, Calif.
Cal Fire Tuolumne-Calaveras

California wildfires

Fast-moving California wildfire destroys structures in historic Gold Rush town

Blaze in Chinese Camp - a town settled around 1850 by Chinese miners - was caused by lightning, authorities say

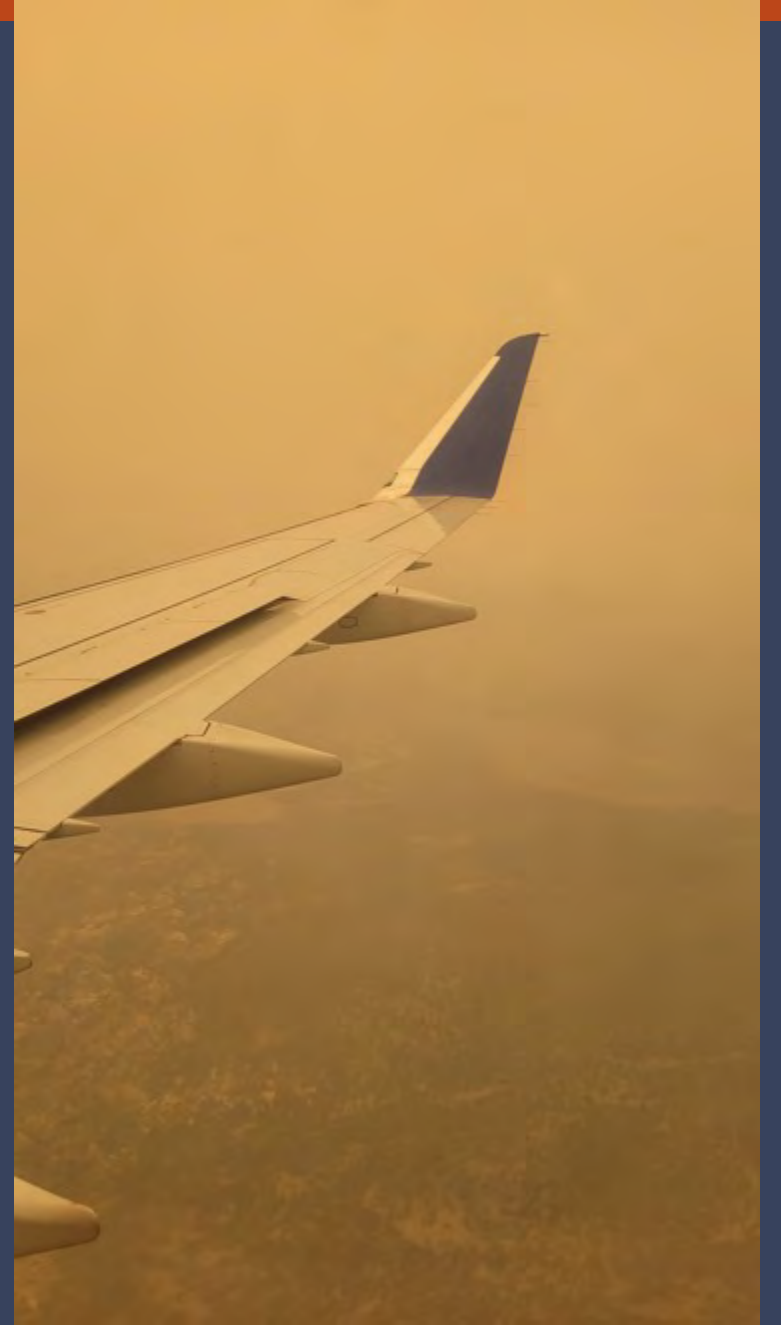


A firefighter sprays water on a property that was destroyed by the wildfire in Chinese Camp, California, on Wednesday, Photograph: Justin Sullivan/Getty Images

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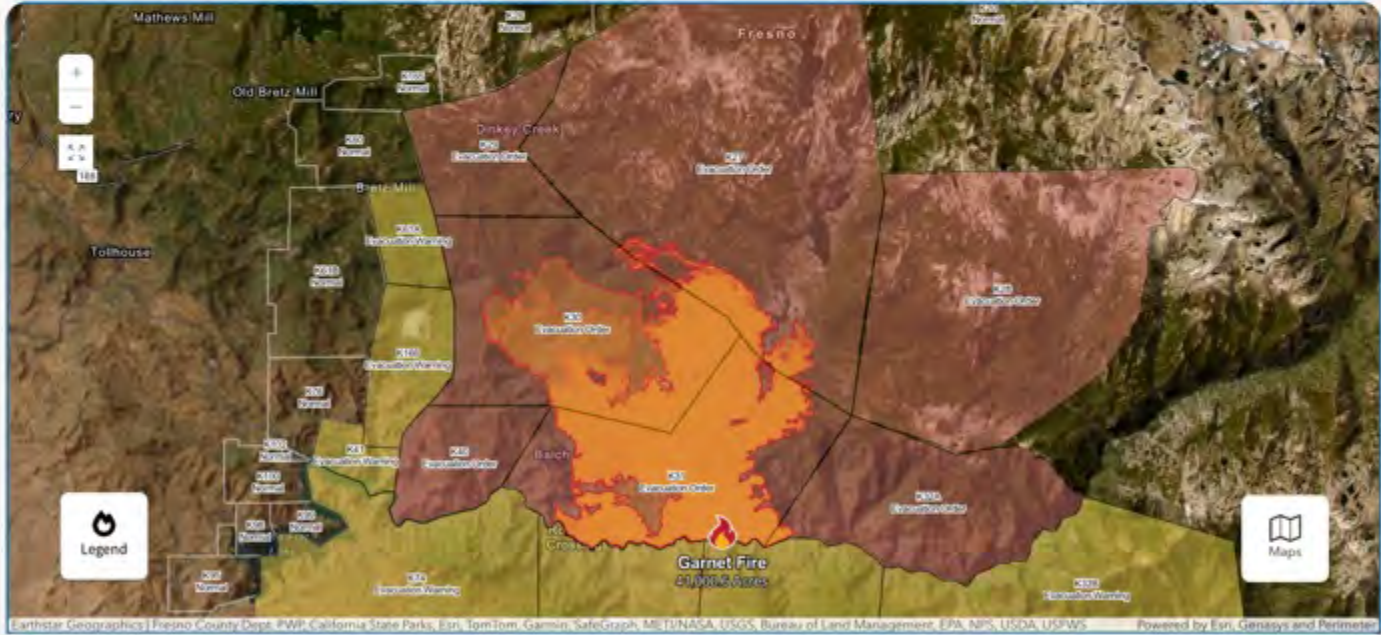


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1 County: Fresno

Not a CAL FIRE incident. Updates will be made as they become available.



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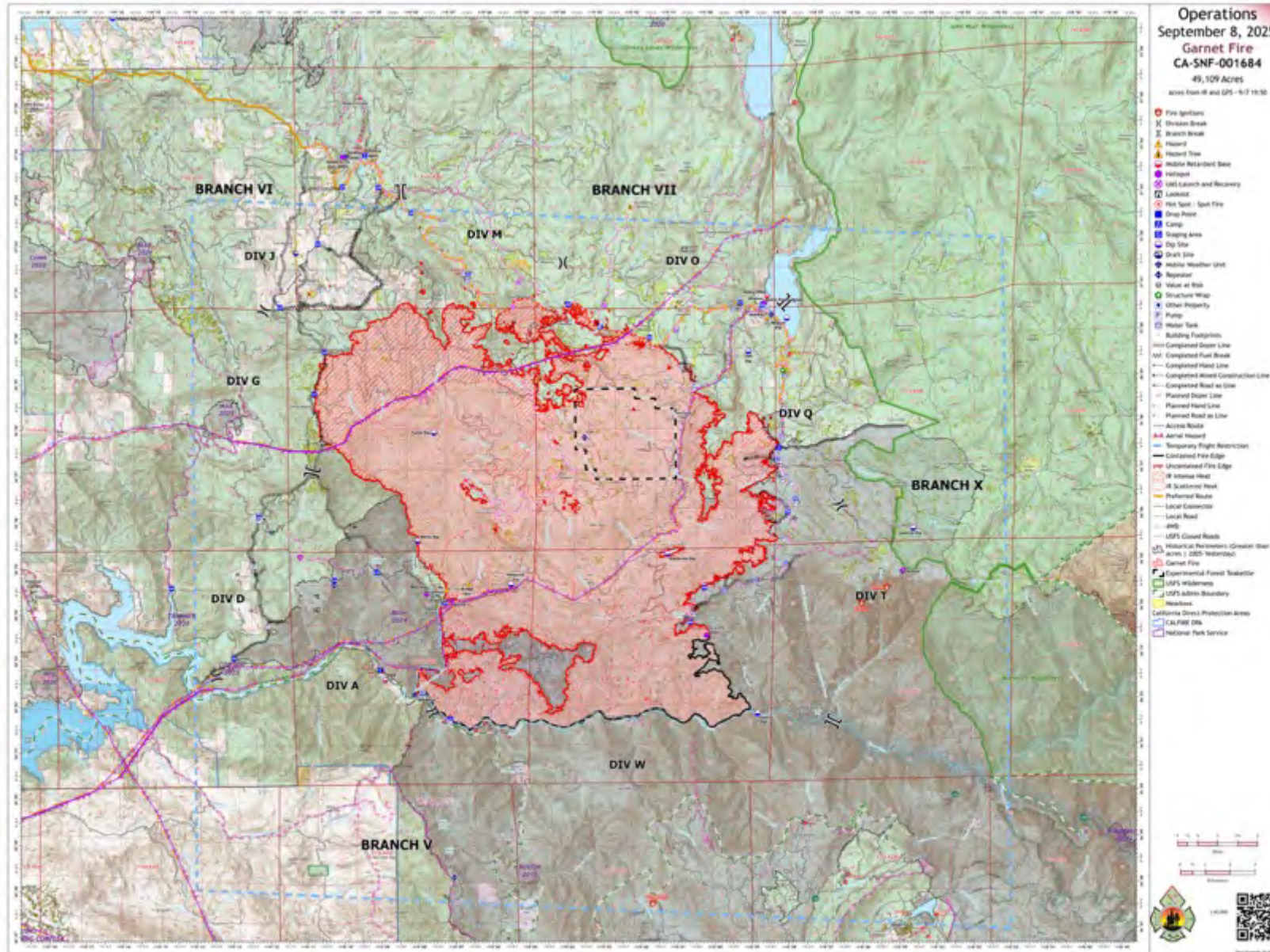
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Lightning

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Garnet Blows Up, and Making California Forestry More Wildfire Resilient.

September 7, 2025 by Zeke Lunder

The Garnet Fire has gobbled about 20 square miles in the past 12 hours. We'll catch you up on where this new growth is happening.

Also, a meandering conversation about the complicated world of California forestry, and the many economic obstacles of pivoting the industry to more wildfire resilient practices.

Lookout Livestream



AI Summary, edited by Zeke.

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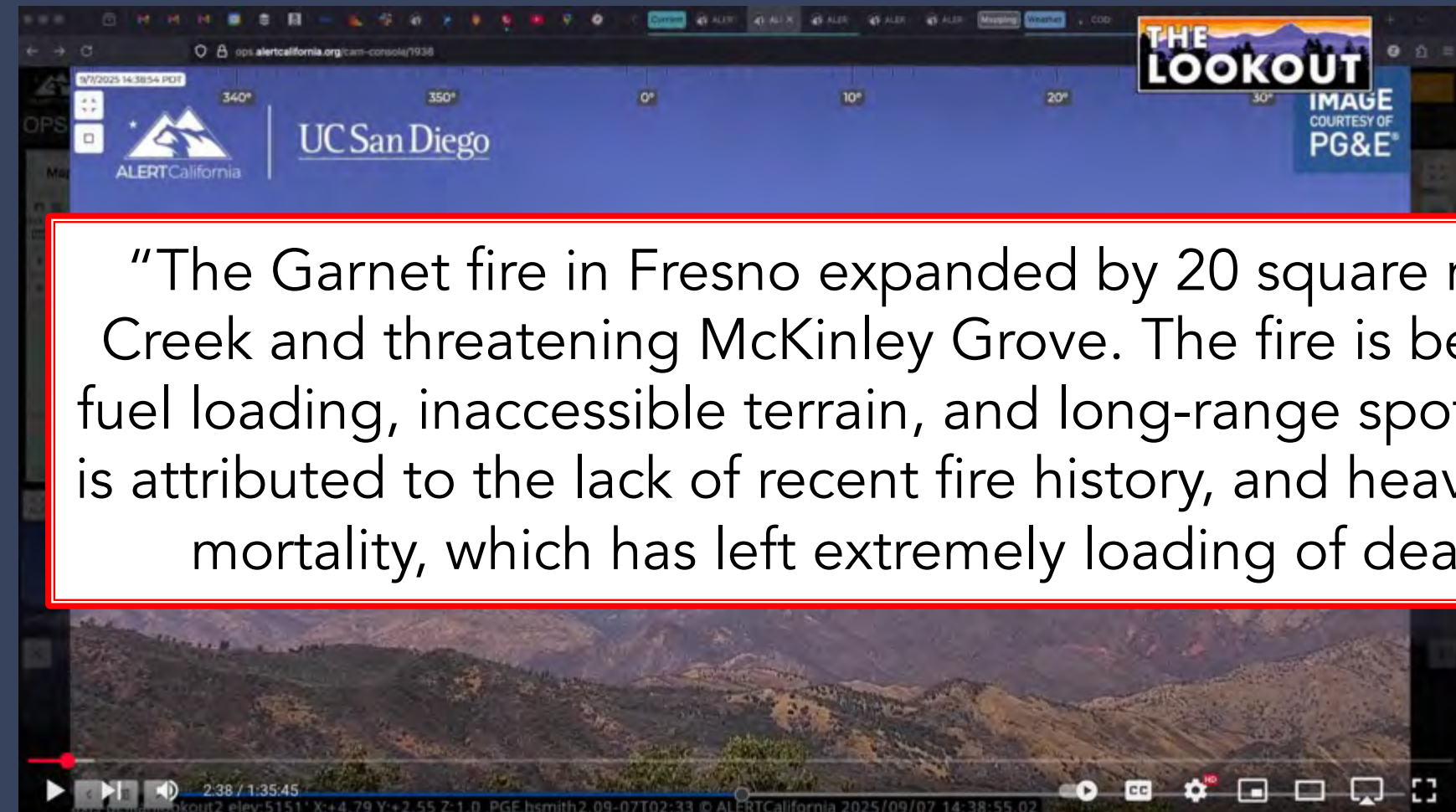
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The Sierra Institute's *Sierra to California All-Lands Enhancement* (SCALE) project is the mechanism for collaboration between collaborative groups working on landscape-scale forest restoration and community improvement across California. This project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

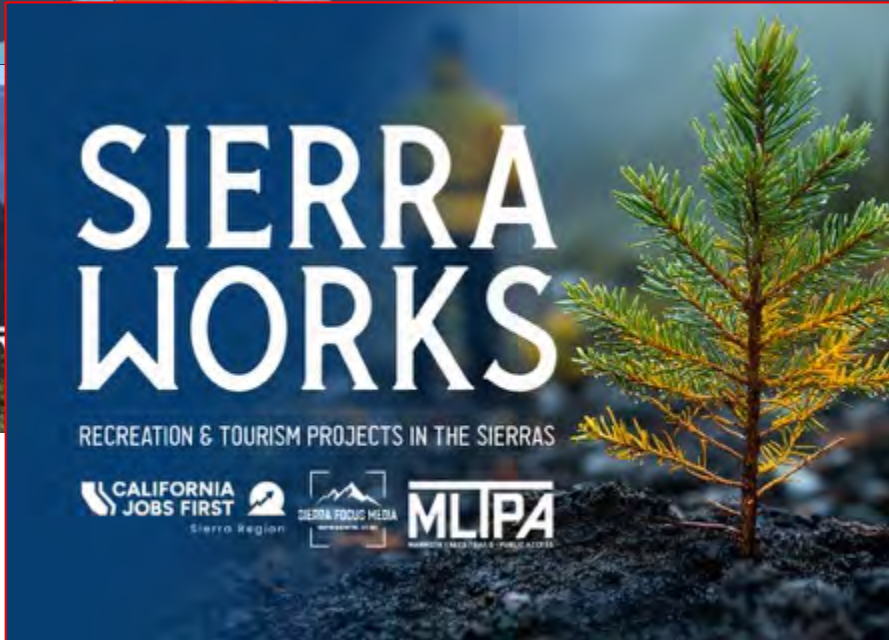
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U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley

- 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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The New York Times

A Surprising (and Easy) Way to Boost Your Attention Span

Being in nature is great for your brain. Experts are trying to figure out why.



Liam Cobb

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Federal Budget Expires on September 30

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Congress races to avoid government shutdown as partisan standoff deepens

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KEY POINTS

- Lawmakers on Capitol Hill have less than four weeks to reach a deal to avoid a government shutdown at the end of September.
- Lawmakers will likely consider a stopgap measure to keep funding going for federal agencies, but even that could face hurdles, as Democrats in the Senate appear uneasy about voting with Republicans to help them clear the 60-vote threshold.
- The partisan blame game has already begun, with House Speaker Mike Johnson saying that a government shutdown would be because "congressional Democrats rejected common sense solutions to fund the government."



The New York Times

OPINION
EZRA KLEIN

Stop Acting Like This Is Normal



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Democrats in Congress have just one move in shutdown fight: Do nothing | Opinion

If the Republicans want total control in approving how our government is funded, let them feel the total consequences as well if the funding runs out.

Chris Brennan
USA TODAY

Sept. 3, 2025, 4:02 a.m. ET



Congress returns as possible government shutdown looms
USA TODAY

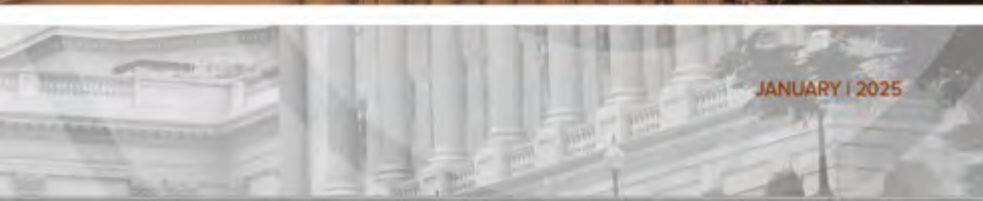
Congress returns as shutdown threat grows amid budget funding deadline

Congress faces a possible government shutdown as Democrats push back on GOP budget cuts and demands.

Imagine being in business with partners who demand complete control over every aspect of budgeting and spending, so much so that they terminate previous financial deals you had mutually agreed upon, without any input from you.

Would you trust those partners?

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2 DAYS AGO

Judge rules White House 'pocket rescission' gambit is illegal

The Trump administration has appealed the decision.

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A 'trust-building exercise': Senate Interior-Environment spending bill advances

The bill's spending would be higher than a House Republican proposal and the Trump administration's budget request.

BY: KEVIN BOGARDUS, GARRETT DOWNS, ANDRES PICON | 07/24/2025 01:29 PM EDT



(Right to left) Senate Appropriations Chair Susan Collins (R-Maine) gaveling in a markup alongside ranking member Patty Murray (D-Wash.) on Thursday. | Francis Chung/POLITICO

Senate Approps News

July 26, 2025 by Sharon

Public Lands

- The bill rejects President Trump's efforts to shortchange America's cherished landscapes and ensures that funding for operations of the National Park System, the National Wildlife Refuge System, National Conservation Lands, and the National Forest System is fully protected at enacted levels.
- The bill provides the funding necessary to maintain personnel at prior year levels and requires the necessary staffing levels to be able to provide visitor services, Tribal consultation, ensure public safety, and carry out the science necessary to respond to growing natural threats and increased visitation.

National Park Service

- The bill provides \$3.27 billion for the National Park Service, including \$2.87 billion for the operation of the National Park System, which is equal to the enacted level and is \$145 million above the level in House Republicans' bill and \$875 million higher than the level requested by President Trump.
- The bill provides the resources to sustain fiscal year 2024 staffing levels—rejecting staffing cuts made since January—and to support a full complement of seasonal staff during fiscal year 2026.
- The bill also provides \$168 million for the Historic Preservation Fund and protects all 433 national park units from being sold off or otherwise eliminated from the National Park System.

Forest Service

- The bill provides \$6.17 billion for the Forest Service, excluding additional funding for the Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve.
- Of this amount, \$3.7 billion is provided for the Forest Service's non-wildland fire management responsibilities and provides sufficient funds to sustain appropriate staffing levels.
- The bill rejects the steep \$1.4 billion cuts to the Forest Service's non-fire budget proposed by President Trump.
- The bill provides funding for the Forest Service to improve forest restoration and fire risk reduction efforts on federal lands and through cross-boundary partnerships.
- It also provides \$175 million for hazardous fuels reduction projects, \$31 million for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, and \$6 million for the Legacy Roads and Trails program to prioritize fish passage improvements and repurposing unnecessary roads as trails.

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Bob Gardner Updates – September 8, 2025

Federal Budget Status – September 30, 2025

- FY 2026 starts Oct. 1, 2025; if none of the 12 FY 2026 appropriations bills have been enacted, Federal Government shuts down (except for essential programs).
- Congress usually enacts a Continuing Resolution to avoid shutdowns, sometimes for a few days if appropriations bills are close to enactment, but more recently for a few months if there has been little progress in resolving bills between the House and Senate versions.
- Final appropriations action has ultimately been achieved using omnibus appropriations bills that contain several of the 12 separate bills; likely for FY 2026 similar to FY 2025.

Federal Land Management Budgets (dollars in millions)

<u>Action:</u>	<u>BLM</u>	<u>NPS</u>	<u>USFS w/o Fire</u>
FY 2025 Estimate	\$1,412	\$3,337	\$3,736
FY 2026 Request:	\$ 936	\$2,116	\$2,136
FY 2026 House Bill	\$1,302	\$3,124	\$3,629
FY 2026 Senate Bill	\$1,375	\$3,270	\$3,739

Did the suspense kill you? It killed these California bills, too



BY LYNN LA

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

SEPTEMBER

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No Hrgs.		1	2	3	4	5	6
No Hrgs.	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Interim Recess	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Interim Recess	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Interim Recess	28	29	30				

Sept. 1 Labor Day observed.

Sept. 2-12 **Floor session only.** No committees may meet for any purpose, except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(12)).

Sept. 5 Last day to **amend** on the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(13)).

Sept. 12 Last day for each house to pass bills. (J.R. 61(a)(14)).

Interim Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

The Senate Appropriations Committee meets during a suspense file hearing at the Capitol Art Space in Sacramento on Aug. 29, 2025. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

The Nature Conservancy

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California Legislature:

It's time to implement

PROP 4

The Nature
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CONTACT LEGISLATORS TO APPROVE PROP. 4 SPENDING PLAN

BY ACWA STAFF AUG 15, 2025 WATER NEWS

SACRAMENTO — ACWA is urging member agencies to sign a coalition letter and contact their legislators in support of a spending plan for Proposition 4, the \$10 billion climate resilience bond approved by voters last year.

The Legislature has delayed implementation of this critical funding despite shovel-ready projects waiting on funding to move forward. If a spending plan isn't approved by Sept. 12, it will be delayed until the 2026 Legislative Session.

Proposition 4 includes \$2.91 billion in funding for nine water-related categories. By law, the Legislature must approve a spending plan in order for state agencies to begin the grant solicitation process. Timely approval of a spending plan would recognize how this bond funding is a critical tool for public agencies to implement crucial projects in their communities. In some cases, delaying implementation of the funding could cause vital infrastructure projects to also be delayed.

An Aug. 14 ACWA [Legislative Alert](#) contains more information and a link for agencies to add their logo to an ACWA letter. Member login is required.

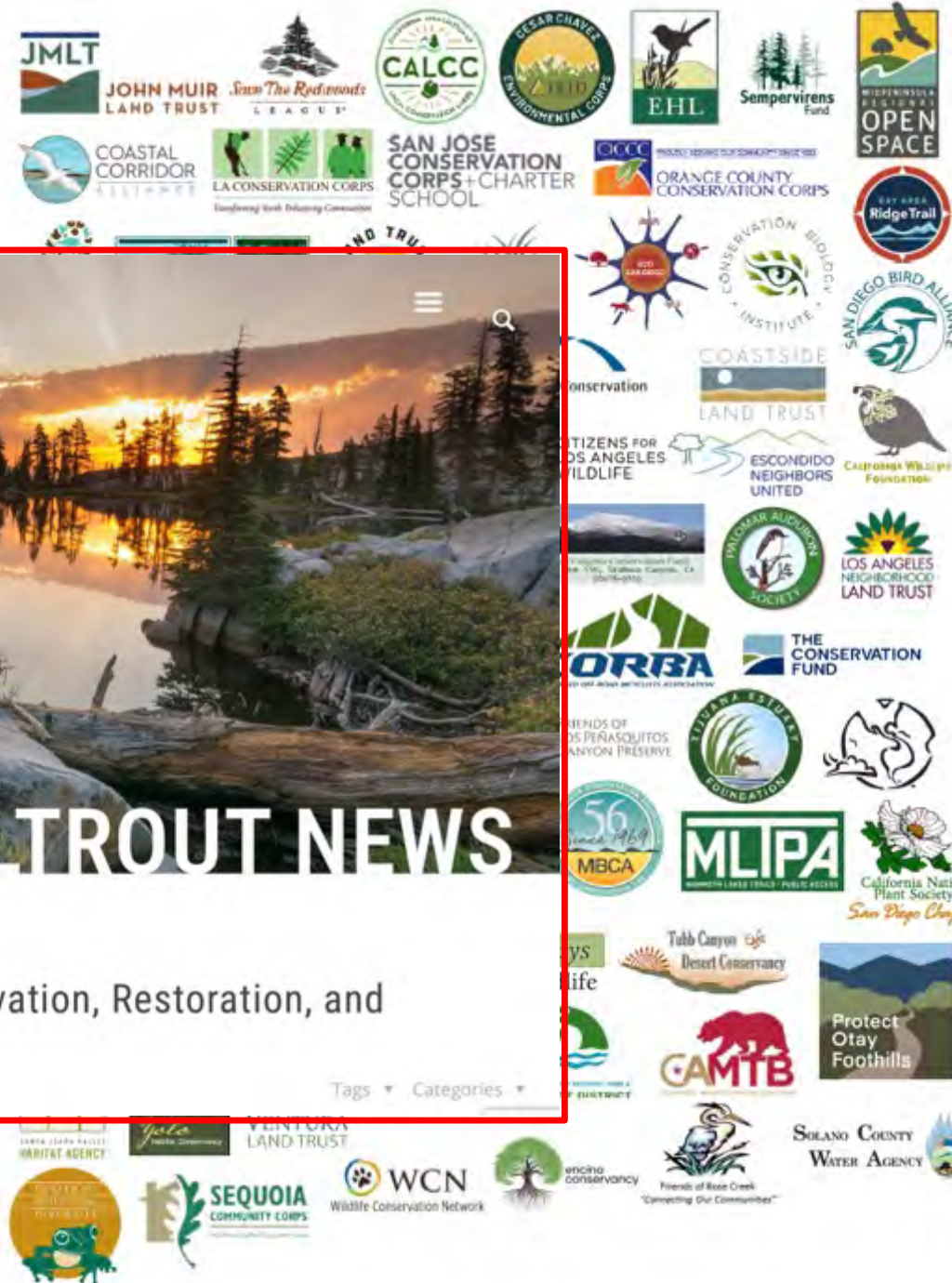


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Prop 4 Funding Sparks Conservation, Restoration, and Economic Growth

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The special session shadow

By CAMILLE VON KAENEL | 09/04/2025 09:00 PM EDT

Presented by Climate Safe Infrastructure Coalition



CAP AND FRAYED: Lawmakers and Gov. **Gavin Newsom** came into the final stretch with a sweeping set of energy priorities, including reauthorizing the state's cap-and-trade program, shoring up the supply of crude oil to refineries, advancing a West-wide electricity grid and reupping a state fund for utilities on the hook for wildfire damages.

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Like every year, lawmakers have retreated to back-room negotiations and political horse-trading to finalize deals before their session runs out. This year, though, the players remain far apart on enough energy and climate issues that it's fueling speculation the negotiations will have to slip to a special session or next year.

With a week to go before the end of the regular session and just three working days before the deadline to have bill text in print, the Senate and the Assembly remain deadlocked over extending the state's signature climate policy, cap and trade. The program's billions of dollars in annual auction proceeds could smooth over disagreements and secure votes, like they did in 2017 — but the sides are too far apart for money to bridge the gap, legislative staffers and lobbyists said Thursday.

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Toolkit: Support Reauthorization of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

Background and What We're Asking

In late June, Governor Newsom signed California's FY 2025–26 budget — and for the first time in years, it included no allocations from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). This signals the Legislature's intent to take up Cap-and-Trade program reauthorization as soon as this summer. The program, which funds the GGRF, is set to expire in 2030.

While the GGRF has historically supported clean energy and transportation, natural and working lands — like forests, wetlands, urban green spaces, farms, and state parks — are a new and critical climate solution. These landscapes could deliver up to 15% of the emissions reductions needed to meet California's 2045 carbon neutrality goals, but only with sustained funding.

We're urging state leaders to reauthorize Cap-and-Trade this year and commit GGRF investments in natural and working lands, directed annually to the California Natural Resources Agency and its departments — including State Parks, the Wildlife Conservation Board, Department of Conservation, Coastal Conservancy, and California Conservation Corps. These investments will drive nature-based solutions like wildfire resilience, habitat restoration, healthy soils, urban greening, and workforce development.

The Legislature is in summer recess through August 17, making this a critical moment to take action.

Here's what you can do today:

1. **Email your state legislators** urging them to reauthorize the GGRF and prioritize nature-based solutions.
2. **Share the message on social media** and tag your legislators to amplify the call for action.

How to Email Your Legislators

Step 1: Find your representatives

Use this tool to locate your State Senator and Assemblymember:

→ <https://www.house.ca/legislature/legislator>

Step 2: Copy and paste this sample message into your email

Subject: Support the Reauthorization of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)

California's resilience to future climate-driven impacts depends on achieving the state's 2045 carbon neutrality goals. While billions of dollars have already been invested, those efforts alone won't get us across the finish line. We must do more.

The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) supports the essential programs that move us towards these climate targets, but it must be reauthorized to prevent its sunset in 2030.

Time is of the essence, and updates to the program are crucial.

California's natural and working lands — including forests, rangelands, wetlands, farms, grasslands, urban green spaces, and state parks — have the potential to contribute up to 15% of the total reductions



needed to meet California's goals. To accomplish this, GGRF investments in nature-based solutions must complement investments in the energy, transportation, and manufacturing sectors.

I urge you to direct GGRF funds annually to the California Natural Resources Agency and its departments — including the Department of Parks and Recreation, Wildlife Conservation Board, Department of Conservation, State Coastal Conservancy, and the California Conservation Corps. These investments are critical to building a climate-resilient California.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your City or Zip Code]

How to Contact Your Legislators on Social Media

Step 1: Access the toolkit

Use our Social Press Kit for sample post and hashtags:

→ [Social Media Toolkit](#)

Step 2: Share and tag

Share posts during summer recess and tag your state legislators.
Find your legislators here → <https://findlegislator.com/california>

Sample Social Posts

Instagram / Facebook / LinkedIn:

Healthy lands reduce wildfire risk, improve air quality, and support thriving communities across California. Our climate future depends on them.

@Your Legislator & @Governor Newsom, please reauthorize the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and invest in proven nature-based solutions: <https://act.calparks.org/a/ggrf2025>.

#ReauthorizeGGRF #ClimateAction

Bluesky:

Healthy lands cut wildfire risk, improve air, and support communities. @Your Legislator + @CAGovernor, reauthorize the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and invest in nature-based solutions: <https://act.calparks.org/a/ggrf2025>.

#ReauthorizeGGRF #ClimateAction

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US Forest Service proposes parking, trail and dispersed camping changes at popular recreation area near Breckenridge

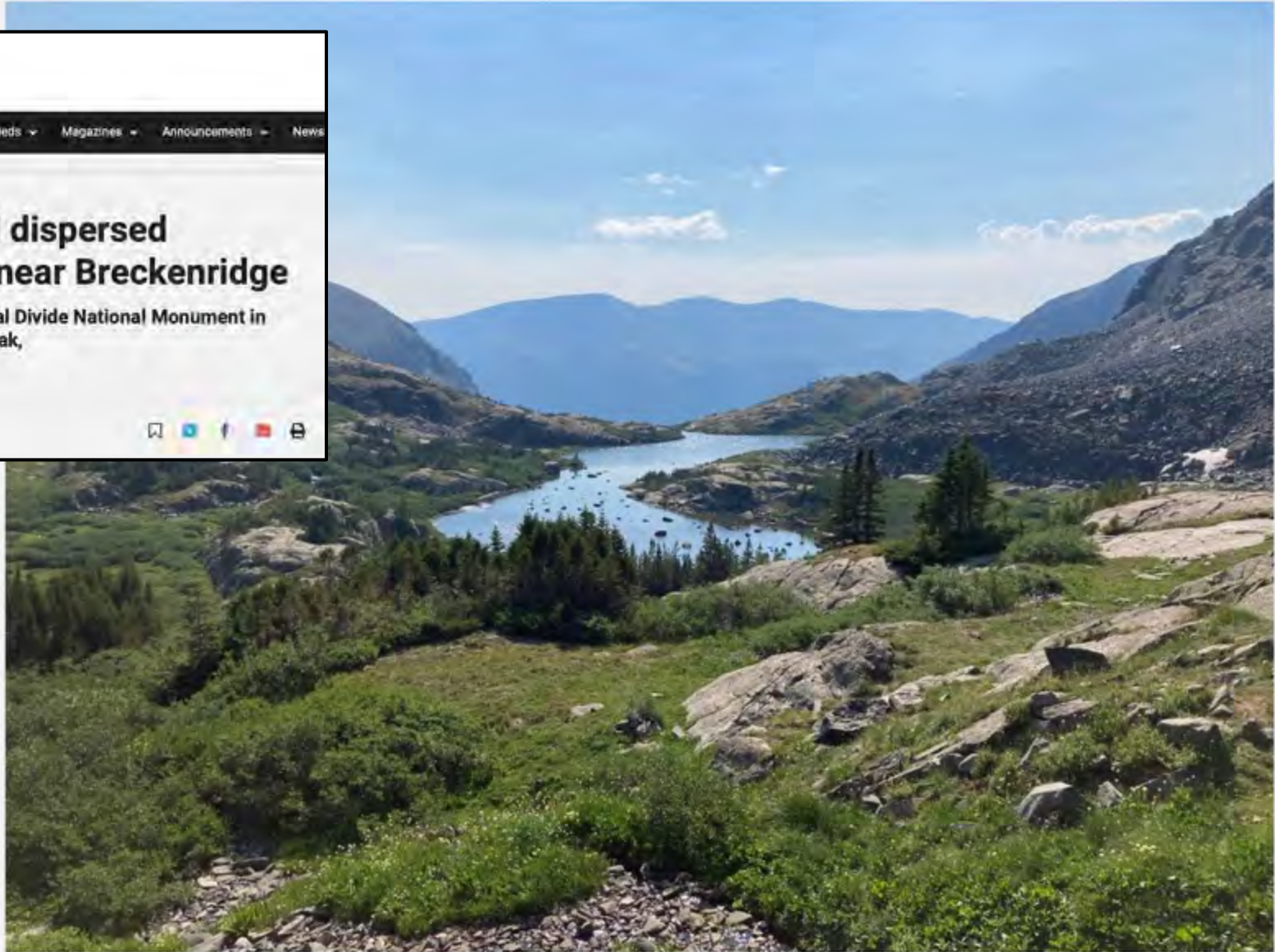
The plan will affect popular areas in the recently established Camp Hale Continental Divide National Monument in Colorado, including Spruce Creek, McCullough Gulch, Blue Lakes and Quandary Peak,

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McCullough Gulch is pictured from the top of the Angler Mountain Trail in fall 2022. The gulch is within the Southern Tenmile area, for which the U.S. Forest Service has a proposed recreation access plan.

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USDA extends reorganization plan comment period to Sept. 30

The department's proposal to spread workforce to five regional hubs has drawn bipartisan criticism.

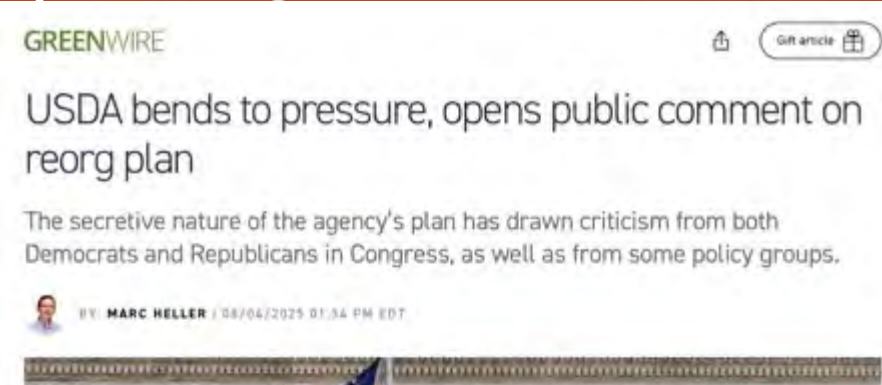


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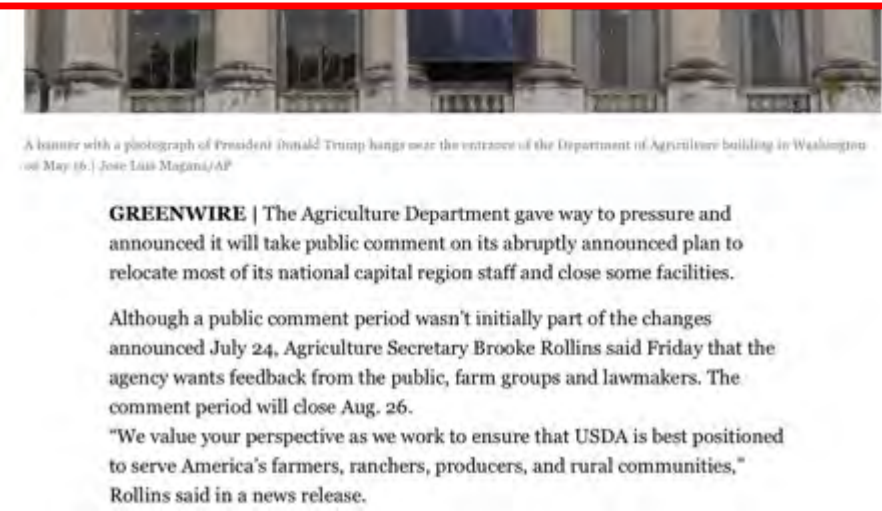


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Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins rolled out a reorganization plan for USDA. | Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP

By JORDAN WOLMAN, MARCIA BROWN and GRACE YARROW
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House axes Biden-era land management plans in 3 states

Republicans said drilling and mining would be hobbled in Alaska, Montana and North Dakota.



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Rep. Julie Fedorchak (R-N.D.) speaking on the House floor in February.

Rep. Julie Fedorchak (R-N.D.) said the Biden administration "ignored all of my state's concerns" with its land use plan. | House Television

E&E DAILY | The House voted Wednesday to strike down a trio of Biden-approved land use plans, arguing they were stifling oil drilling and coal mining.

The votes rolled back plans in three states: Montana, Alaska and North Dakota, under the Congressional Review Act, a fast-track procedure that allows Congress to overturn recent administration actions.

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House Votes to Advance a Mining Road Through the Alaskan Wilderness

The proposed 211-mile industrial road over pristine land would allow a mining company to reach a copper deposit. Critics say it would destroy a fragile environment.

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Wes Siler's Newsletter

Congress Just Voted To Break Public Lands

Republicans flirt with chaos as they move forward with plan to destroy non-partisan, multi-decade plans for land management.



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The first priority for House Republicans upon returning from their Epstein List-lengthened summer recess? It wasn't to reign in the administration's attempts to illegally deport at-risk children, or halt the illegal deployment of combat troops to Chicago. It was a vote to break the system of public land management as we know it, in an attempt to use the resulting mess as an excuse to privatize operations.

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Explore BLM Lands Marked For Potential Sale

onX and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership unveil a first-of-its-kind interactive map showing 6 million acres of Bureau of Land Management lands identified for potential sale across 17 Western states.

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BLM Plans List Over 6 Million Acres for Potential Disposal

This spring, the outdoor recreation community was instrumental in convincing lawmakers to remove provisions from the 2025 budget reconciliation bill that would have led to large-scale public land sales. While it was a major victory, public lands can still be sold through other actions. As pressure mounts to develop the West's open spaces, some policymakers are considering public land parcels as opportunities to expand housing or develop for other purposes.

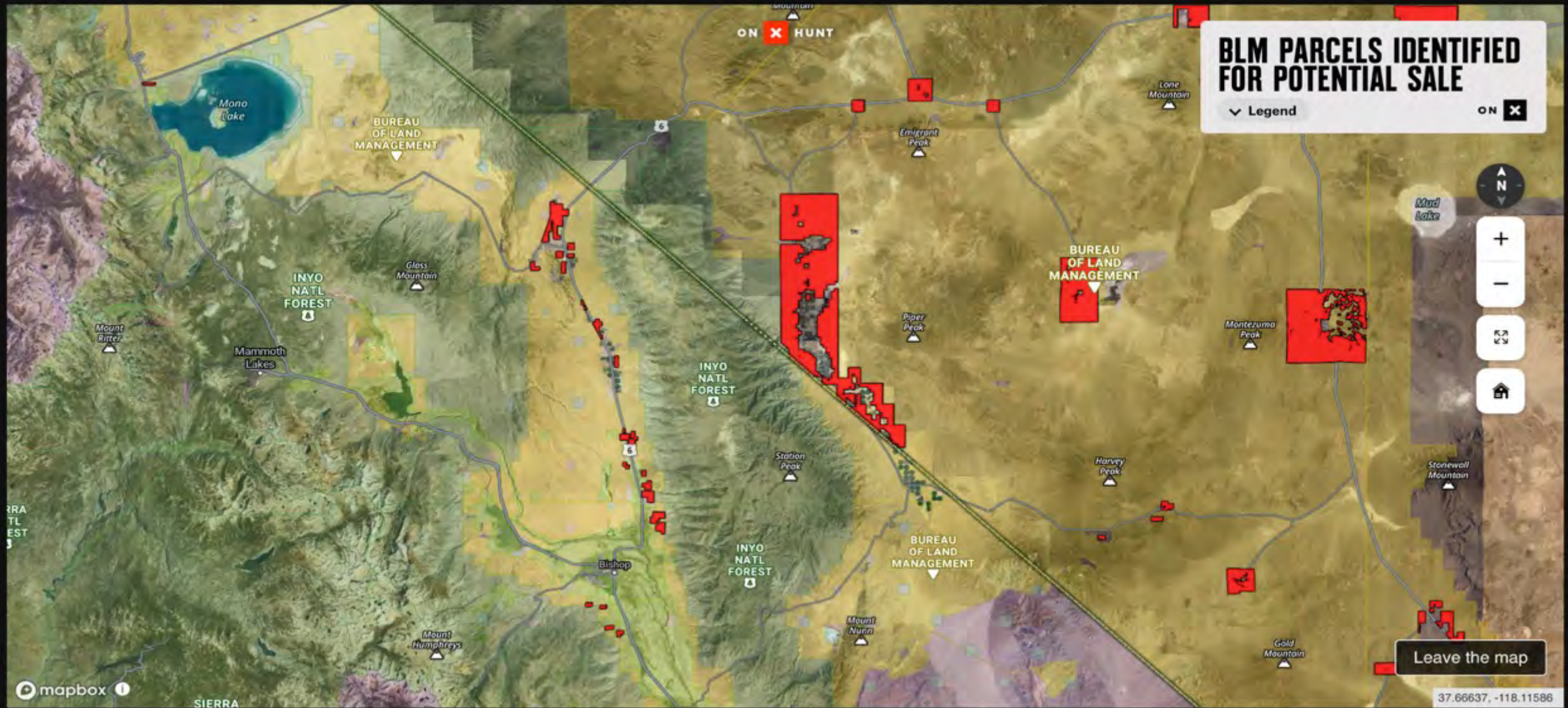
Specific parcels have been quietly flagged for potential sale—or “disposal”—for decades. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officially records these parcels in Resource Management Plans (RMPs), legal documents that guide long-term management decisions. Across more than 160 planning areas, at least **6,086,900 acres** are identified for potential sale in the Western United States.

While public input is part of the RMP process, in many cases the last time the public had an opportunity to weigh in on the value of these lands was decades ago. Over time, the priorities and needs of Western communities changed. Additionally, some BLM offices appear to have taken a more sweeping approach than others when listing lands for potential disposal, which—if carried out through sales—could result in an alarming loss of access in some areas.

To bring transparency to this information, onX and TRCP have created a first-of-its-kind, interactive map spanning Western BLM planning areas in the lower 48 states. This map provides necessary geographic context for where parcels that could be sold are distributed on the landscape, and includes roads, towns, and adjoining public lands. Prior to this map, finding information or data about flagged parcels required searching government databases and documents that are hundreds of pages long. Now it's possible to see at a glance which parcels may be considered for sale.

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This map contains parcels identified in RMPs across 17 Western states—plus a few outliers where data is otherwise sparse. The disposal data was sourced from the BLM, and we're aware that certain plans

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The West Has Changed Since Parcels Were Identified

Many BLM lands were identified for potential sale decades ago through resource management planning. Plan revisions sometimes failed to meaningfully review or reconsider the original lists of parcels, and simply carried the outdated list forward. The populations, economies, and needs of Western communities have changed significantly in recent decades, and these disposal lists should be revisited to better reflect current day realities.



Population Growth

In the last 40 years, the population of the 17 Western states has grown by approximately 78 million people, or more than a 200% increase.

From 2006-2022, the number of visits to BLM lands increased by 46%, according to Outdoor Alliance.



Land Development and Cultural Shifts

As the population has grown, large properties in the West have been subdivided and developed, in many cases cutting off access and leading to fewer people knowing their neighbors and having family ties to landowners on the periphery of towns. Public lands close to population centers are increasingly important access opportunities.



Modern Technology

Thanks to GPS technology, smartphones, digital maps, and a growing demand for outdoor experiences, many public land parcels identified by the BLM for potential sale are easier for the public to discover and safer to navigate. A desire to get off the beaten path is more common as population growth and development of previously open space squeeze recreation.

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California is full of untouched public land. Good luck reaching it

Thousands of acres of public spaces are only accessible with permission from the private landowners who surround those lands.

By **Emma Stiefel**, Staff Writer
Sep 8, 2025

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A locked gate with a "No Trespassing" sign which is regularly circumvented by those trying to get to public lands through private property to hunt or camp outside Lake Berryessa in Napa County.

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We visited four of the country's "crown jewels" and found deep concern for the park system's future among Americans of all political persuasions.



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Trump administration grant funds major repairs at Yosemite National Park

By Leqi Zhong

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Nature's bounty can be felt through the sights and sounds of Yosemite's waterfalls, granite cliffs, wildlife, trees and flowers that come alive in spring. By Craig Kohlruss

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TRAVEL // OUTDOORS

Yosemite National Park sees near-record crowds in 2025

By Aidin Vaziri, Staff Writer

Sep 5, 2025

 Gift Article



Visitors take in the view of Bridalveil Falls in Yosemite National Park on May 20, 2025. The park just wrapped one of its busiest summers in nearly a decade, officials said Friday. Through August, about 2.92 million people entered the park — a 7% jump from the same period last year.

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Even at Yosemite, 'the shadow of Donald Trump is over everything'

Budget cuts left one of America's premier national parks with dozens of fewer staffers than last summer.



Laundry hangs to dry in a residential campground in Yosemite National Park in California on July 18. | Heather Richards/POLITICO's E&E News

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Hundreds of staff at California national parks to unionize amid Trump turmoil

More than 97% at Yosemite and Sequoia & Kings Canyon parks voted to unionize as president enacts major cuts



📷 Visitors take in the scenery from Tunnel View in California's Yosemite national park on 20 May. Photograph: Carlos Avila Gonzalez/San Francisco Chronicle via Getty Images

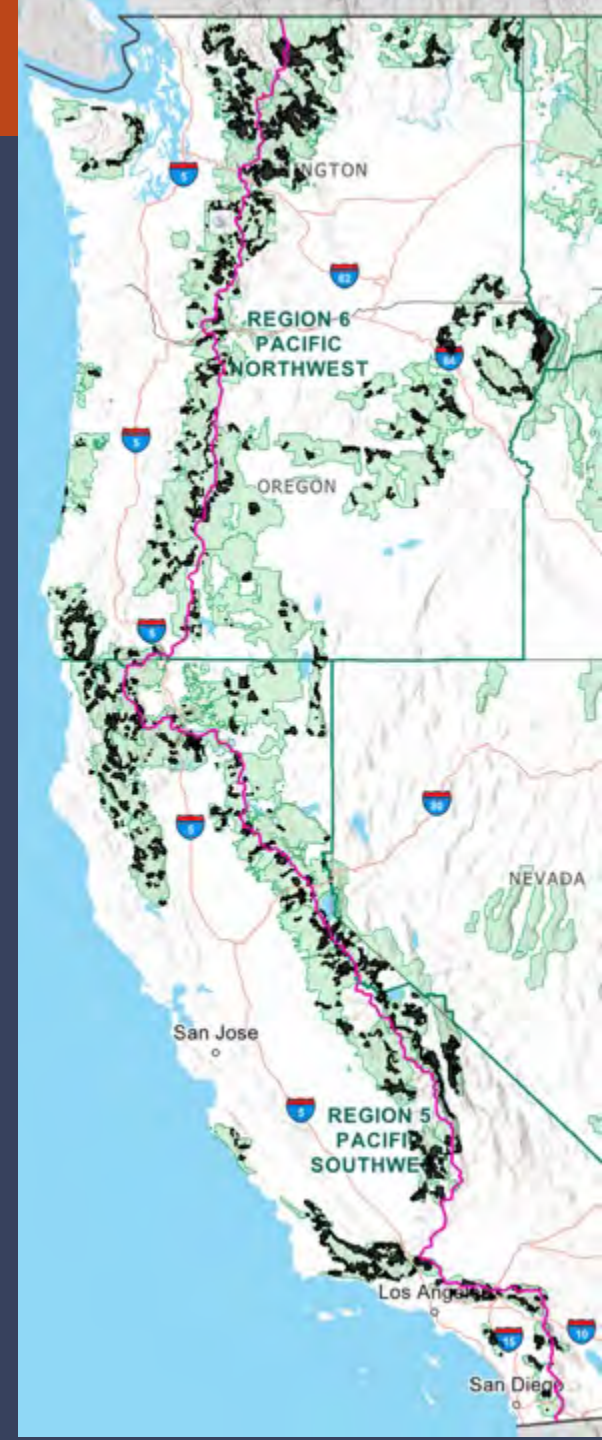
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Dear John,

If you're traveling on the PCT, it's a good bet you are in or have crossed a protected piece of land known as an Inventoried Roadless Area. [View our interactive map to see the Inventoried Roadless Areas along the PCT.](#)

Some **231** miles of the Pacific Crest Trail—just under 9 percent of the PCT's 2,650 miles—run through **71 Inventoried Roadless Areas**. These are large landscapes within National Forests outside of wilderness that are uncompromised by roads, highly used by recreationists and prized for protecting wildlife habitat and clean water.

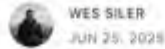


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But all it will achieve is to further break the forest service



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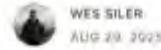


On Monday, agriculture secretary Brooke Rollins announced plans to rescind the Roadless Rule, Clinton-era legislation that protects 58.5 million acres of public land managed by the forest service from development. Where did this come from and why is it happening now? Well, Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), who's making a lot of noise about potentially voting against the budget reconciliation package, has been trying to use federal funds to sell old-growth timber from her state's rainforests to China for decades, and the Roadless Rule is in her way. But like most Trump administration efforts, incompetence may derail their attempt to enable her to do that.

WES SILER'S NEWSLETTER

Stop Freaking Out About The Forest Service Roadless Rule

Destroying our nation's last wild places isn't just evil, it also requires competence



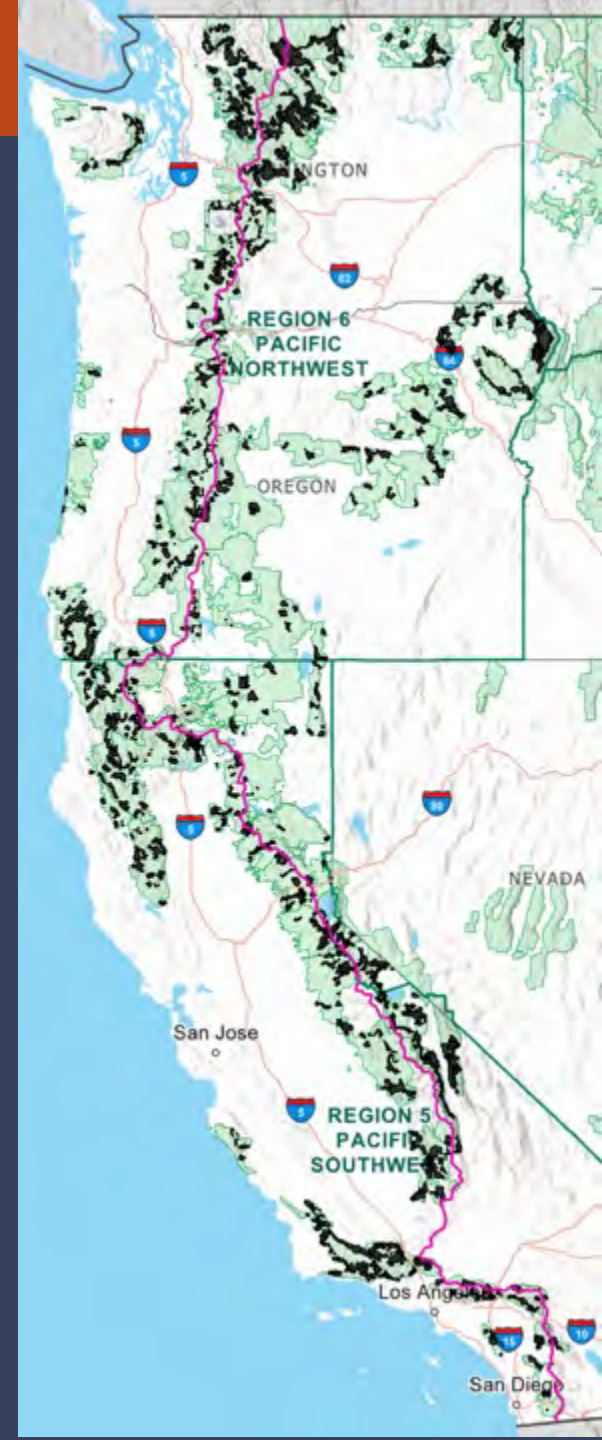
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The Trump administration's decision to rescind the Roadless Rule, and open formerly inaccessible swaths of national forest to logging is making headlines again. And even though this is largely a nothingburger for reasons of gross incompetence, I wanted to take a minute to inject some reason into the panic. Here's a 30-second explanation of why you should stop freaking out.

What's Happening? Back in June, Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins announced plans to scrap the Roadless Rule, Clinton-era policy that protected, as it sounds, areas of national forest that didn't already have roads from new road construction.

Now, USDA has announced its intent to conduct an environmental impact statement, and with that, hold an abbreviated 30-day public comment period.



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The New York Times

We Can Do Something About Stressed-Out Forests

Aug. 31, 2025



Anna Watts for The New York Times

By Robert Bonnie

Mr. Bonnie oversaw the U.S. Forest Service and roadless policy during the Obama administration.

Protect California's Sierra Nevada Roadless Areas Before September 19th

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced its intent to **rescind the 2001 Roadless Rule**, which safeguards 3.9 million acres of wild, undeveloped forests in California — including hundreds of thousands of acres in the Sierra Nevada.

This landmark policy limits new road construction and industrial logging in undeveloped national forest lands, ensuring they remain wild while still allowing for wildfire prevention projects, recreation, and existing road maintenance.

For more than 20 years, the Roadless Rule **has protected** landscapes that are critical for clean water, biodiversity, Tribal cultural resources, and recreation-based economies across our region.

Now, these protections are under threat. The U.S. Forest Service, under directive from the Agriculture Secretary, is **considering removing** Roadless Rule safeguards. If rescinded, these lands could be opened to new road building, logging, and development, fragmenting some of the last intact forests in the Sierra and undermining California's climate and conservation goals.

You have a chance to help stop this rollback. The U.S. Forest Service is accepting **written comments from August 29 through September 19, 2025.**

Please join us in urging decision makers to keep the Roadless Rule intact.

Here's how you can take action:

1. Submit a public comment by September 19th

[Go to the notice posted on Regulations.gov](#) and click on the "Comment" button to submit your letter directly to the U.S. Forest Service. Personal stories are powerful — share how you hike, ski, fish, camp, or connect culturally with roadless areas. You can use [this script](#) to help draft your message.

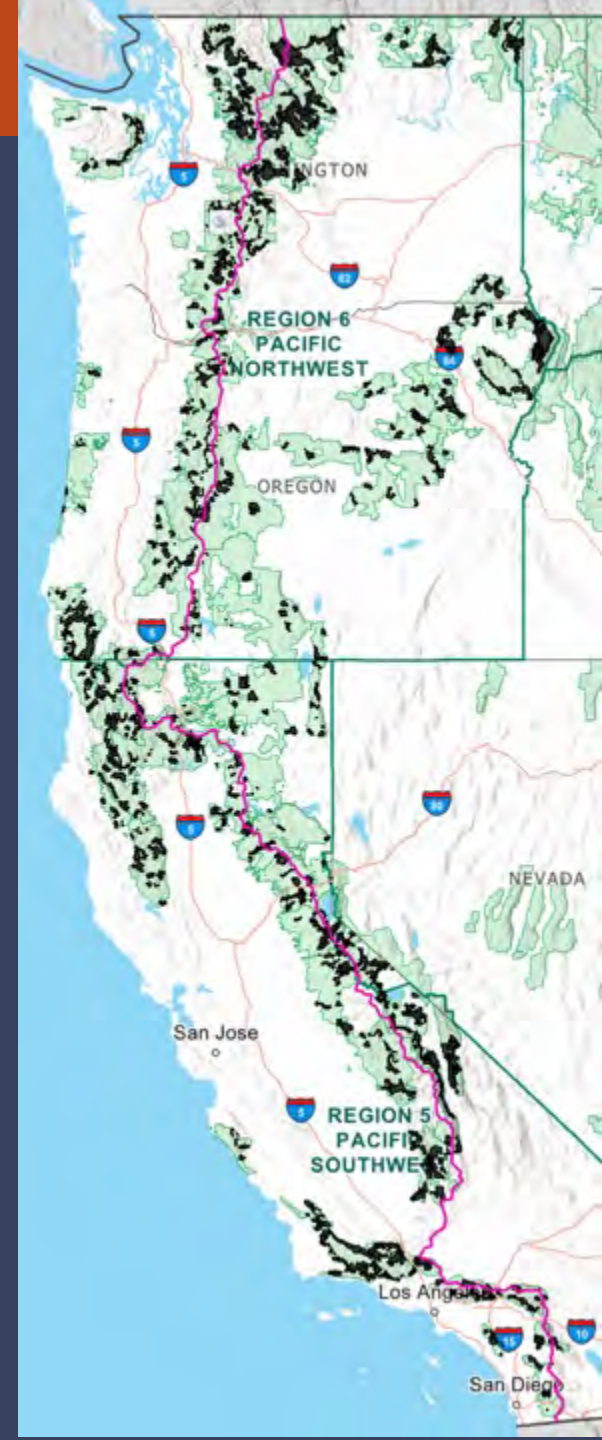
2. Share your concern with your U.S. Representative

Legislators need to hear that their constituents overwhelmingly support keeping roadless protections in place. Find your representative [here](#) and email their office. You can use [this script](#) to help draft your message.

3. Elevate this issue publicly

Share this alert on social media with your own photos or stories of roadless areas. Like, share, and comment on posts about the Roadless Rule — every interaction boosts visibility and spreads awareness.

4. Circulate an action alert with your network



Bob Gardner Updates – September 8, 2025

Roadless Rule

- The Forest Service Roadless Rule, initially established in 2001, prohibited road construction, reconstruction, and timber harvesting on nearly 60 million acres of inventoried roadless areas within National Forests to protect wild landscapes.
- Rescinding the 2001 Roadless Rule is intended to return decision making for road construction, road reconstruction, and timber harvesting in inventoried roadless areas to local officials, in conjunction with Forest-level land management planning.
- In August 2025, the USDA Forest Service announced plans to rescind the rule, intending to allow local officials more flexibility in managing these areas and return control to state and forest-level planning.
- The proposed rule, accompanied by a draft EIS, is expected by March 2026, along with a request for additional public comment. The final rule, EIS, and record of decision are expected to be released in late 2026.

OPINION

POSTCARDS FROM A WORLD ON FIRE

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Sea snout (more formally known as marine mucilage) is a slimy mess of organic matter that loves warming waters. Turkey collected 94,784 cubic feet of it from the Sea of Marmara in one week in June.



In June the temperature in Jacobabad was over 126 degrees Fahrenheit, with humidity. Being outdoors in that kind of heat can cause organ failure or even death within a few hours.



MANGO BRUSCHETTA?

Photographs by Leonardo Colaninzi/The New York Times

Happenings of Interest

CLIMATEWIRE



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Europe lost an area the size of Cyprus to wildfires this year

More than 1,900 fires have been sparked across the EU, scorching a record 3,806 square miles.

BY BLOOMBERG | 09/06/2025 06:06 AM EDT

CLIMATEWIRE | Patricia Lamela was driving back to the Galician town of Larouco in northwest Spain when she got the call. It was Aug. 13, just before 7 p.m. local time, and a neighbor told her there was a fire in the forest.

Lamela, the mayor of Larouco, wasn't surprised by the news. The area around her small village of less than 500 residents had been baking at temperatures above 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) for over two weeks amid one of the [longest and hottest heat waves](#) on record in Spain. Weeds and bushes that had thrived during a particularly wet spring dried up and became fuel to the fire. The absence of people cleaning and maintaining the forest in one of Spain's least populated regions meant a [large blaze](#) was only a matter of time.

With her hand still on the steering wheel, Lamela notified regional authorities and asked for help. Then, she called the clerk to get the town's only fire truck ready and asked a nephew to post a message on the village's WhatsApp group calling for volunteers.

"For the first few hours, it was just us neighbors and our truck," she said. "The regional government and their resources were fighting fires elsewhere."

Within hours the Larouco Fire became the [biggest on record](#) in Galicia, burning through more than 116 square miles. The town was not alone in its misery, as dozens of similar blazes were erupting across Spain and Portugal over mid-August, overwhelming authorities and leaving officials struggling to coordinate extinguishing efforts across dozens of agencies and departments, according to multiple accounts by local politicians, firefighters and neighbors who all fought the flames themselves.

Beyond the Iberian Peninsula, it's been a similar tale of destruction in Europe. This year, more than 1,900 wildfires have sparked across the EU, scorching a record 3,806 square miles — an area larger than Cyprus, according to satellite estimates from the EU's [European Forest Fire Information System](#).

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Wright dismisses global climate efforts: 'Silly'

Energy Secretary Chris Wright said he would promote natural gas during his upcoming trip to Europe.



BY SARA SCHONHARDT | 09/06/2025 06:11 AM EDT



Energy Secretary Chris Wright, seen here at the White House last month, called global net-zero emissions targets "a crazy, bad idea." Mark Schiele/Reuters/AP

CLIMATEWIRE | Energy Secretary Chris Wright called an international agreement to cut planet-warming emissions "impossible" and "crazy" and said he planned to tout the benefits of natural gas on an upcoming trip to Europe.

"The Paris Agreement is silly," Wright told a group of reporters Friday following remarks at the Council on Foreign Relations. "To agree to get to net zero 2050, it's just a crazy, bad idea. No. 1, it's impossible, and to try to even nudge in that direction just makes everyone poorer and makes their lives worse."

Happenings of Interest

E&E NEWS PM

Trump EPA regional boss resigns

Josh Cook is leaving his post overseeing the agency's Pacific Southwest regional office after less than six months on the job.



BY HANNAH NORTHEY | 09/02/2025 04:09 PM EDT



Josh Cook was EPA Region 9 administrator. | Francis Chung/POLITICO, LinkedIn

E&E NEWS PM | President Donald Trump's pick to lead EPA's Region 9 office — stretching from the Southwest to Guam — has resigned after less than six months on the job.

Josh Cook, a veteran California GOP staffer and consultant, confirmed in an email that he has stepped away from his post at EPA, which he started on March 18.

ENERGYWIRE

Trump EV freeze is showing signs of thawing

Nonprofits and states are piling into a battle to unfreeze billions of dollars in funds under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program.



BY DAVID FERRIS | 08/04/2025 06:21 AM EDT



An electric vehicle charges at an EVgo fast-charging station in Detroit on Nov. 16, 2022. | Paul Sancya/AP

ENERGYWIRE | One White House attack on clean energy is generating serious legal pushback: a freeze on billions of federal dollars meant to create a network of electric vehicle charging stations.

First, in June, a judge ordered the Department of Transportation to resume funding the program for 14 states that had sued to get the money unfrozen. Last month, the judge admitted a herd of new plaintiffs, making it more likely that the program will resume nationwide.

Happenings of Interest

GREENWIRE

Appeals court says EPA can recover 'green bank' funds

The ruling helps clear the agency's way for clawing back billions of dollars the Biden administration had wanted to use for green lending.



BY: JEAN CHEMNICK | 09/02/2025 01:01 PM EDT



EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin speaks during a June 11 policy announcement at EPA headquarters. | Francis Chung/POLITICO

GREENWIRE | A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that EPA may void \$20 billion in climate law grants that have been under contract for a year.

The ruling by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit would allow EPA to claw back the balance of those grants now held in frozen accounts at Citibank. But the court barred EPA from removing the funds for one week after its opinion was issued to allow plaintiffs to petition for appeal.

CLIMATEWIRE

In Hawaii, new tourism tax aims to offset costs of climate change

The "green fee," which takes effect Jan. 1, 2026, will fund environmental projects, such as beach restoration or the removal of fire-prone grasses.

BY: BLOOMBERG | 08/07/2025 06:09 AM EDT



Wilting palm trees line a property destroyed by wildfire in Lahaina, Hawaii, on Dec. 8, 2023. | Lindsey Watson/AP

CLIMATEWIRE | As Hawaii nears the second anniversary of the Maui fires — which scorched 17,000 acres of residential and commercial buildings, cultural landmarks, and vegetation, causing \$5.5 billion of damage — its government is turning to tourism to mitigate future climate-related disasters.

A new "green fee," proposed by Gov. Josh Green (D) and passed through the Legislature on May 2, is now the first of its kind in the country. It aims to raise some \$100 million each year by marginally hiking tourism levies — from 10.25



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Climate Change

- Climate Health Emergency Act of 2025 (H.R. 4493): Introduced in the House in July 2025, it is a legislative proposal to address climate change.
- Polluters Pay Climate Fund Act of 2025 (S. 25): This Senate bill proposes taxing major polluters to fund climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, with a specific focus on benefiting environmental justice communities.
- Climate Change Financial Risk Act of 2025 (H.R. 2823): Introduced in April 2025, this bill requires the Federal Reserve to assess the financial risks associated with climate change.
- H.Res. 568: A house resolution introduced in July 2025, which recognizes climate change as a significant threat to public health and calls for coordinated efforts to address its impacts.

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THE COLORADO SUN

Colorado mountain towns see a rare summer slump in visitors as statewide tourism slows

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Justin N. Froyd - Sep 8, 2025 0



Hawaii is poised to be the first state in the U.S. to enact a green tax specifically on tourism. Starting in 2026, stays at hotels, vacation rentals, and even cruises will have a bit extra tacked on. This tax, adding 0.75% to the current Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT), aims to generate around €85 million a year.

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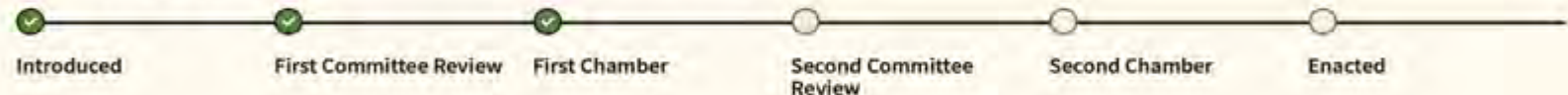
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AB 518: Low-impact camping areas.

Session Year: 2025-2026 House: Assembly

Current Status: IN PROGRESS (2025-09-02: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.)



Summary

Bill Text

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Analysis

Version: Amended Senate (8/29/2025)

Existing law, the Special Occupancy Parks Act, establishes requirements for the construction, maintenance, occupancy, use, and design of special occupancy parks. Existing law defines special occupancy park to mean a recreational vehicle park, temporary recreational vehicle park, incidental camping area, or tent camp.

This bill would specify that, for purposes of that act, a special occupancy park does not include a low-impact camping area, as specified, that is located in a county that has enacted an ordinance, as specified, authorizing low-impact camping and meeting specified requirements. The bill would impose specified requirements on owners of private property offering low-impact camping area sites and on online hosting platforms. The bill would define a low-impact camping area to mean any area of private property that provides for the transient occupancy rental of a temporary sleeping accommodation, as defined, for recreational purposes that is not a commercial lodging facility. The bill would specify that a low-impact camping area is not a special occupancy park if, among other things, it meets certain requirements, including compliance with applicable local requirements relating to waste disposal and quiet hours, as specified. The bill would require that a county that has authorized low-impact camping to take specified actions, including, among others, to establish a registry of low-impact camping areas, as specified: specified, and to notify the Department of Housing and Community Development of the county's choice to authorize low-impact camping areas. The bill would also require all state and local eviction processes applicable to a special occupancy park to apply to a low-impact camping area.

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Call to Action: Tell your State Legislators to vote YES on AB 518

Context: Getting outside is crucial to our way of life, rural economies, and well being as Californians. But every year public lands campsites are more competitive and expensive than the year before. That's why [California Assembly Bill 518 \(AB 518\)](#) is so important. The bill will unlock opportunities for landowners across the state to share their private land for public recreation, increasing outdoor access and equity. Join us and thousands of landowners and campers across the state by emailing your state legislators to ask them to support this bill.

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Subject: Vote Yes on AB 518!

Hello,

As a resident of your district, I am writing to ask that you please vote YES on AB 518.

I love camping, but finding a campsite can be impossible. Between competition, overcrowding, and the closure of thousands of campsites on public land across California this summer, it's never been harder to get outside. Low-impact camping is an affordable and safe way to get more people outside, support rural landowners, and bolster rural economies. Please vote YES on AB 518.

Thank you,

[Your Name]



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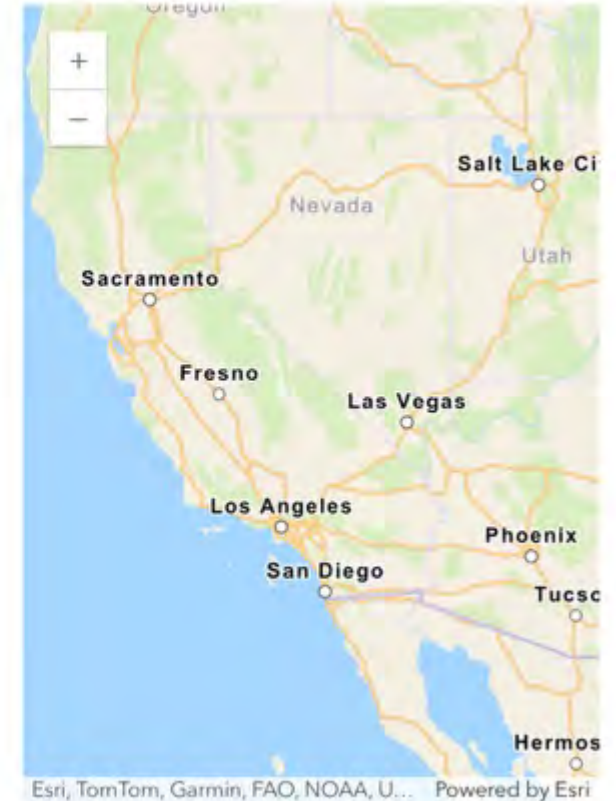
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Tourism Was Already Plummeting Under Trump. Now the U.S. Is Raising Visa Fees on Visitors

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by **Chad de Guzman**
REPORTER



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Tourism

- Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act (H.R. 4276): Introduced in July 2025, this bill seeks to authorize grants for Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to improve their tourism infrastructure and visitor experiences.

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Wildlife Conservation Board Awards \$21.7 Million in Grants to 16 Habitat Conservation and Restoration Projects

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Grants Will Protect Nearly 14,000 Acres, Including Rare Peat Fen Wetland in Humboldt County

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‘First of its kind’: Suburb near LA flips open space to giant bike park

The city is spending millions to reshape hundreds of acres

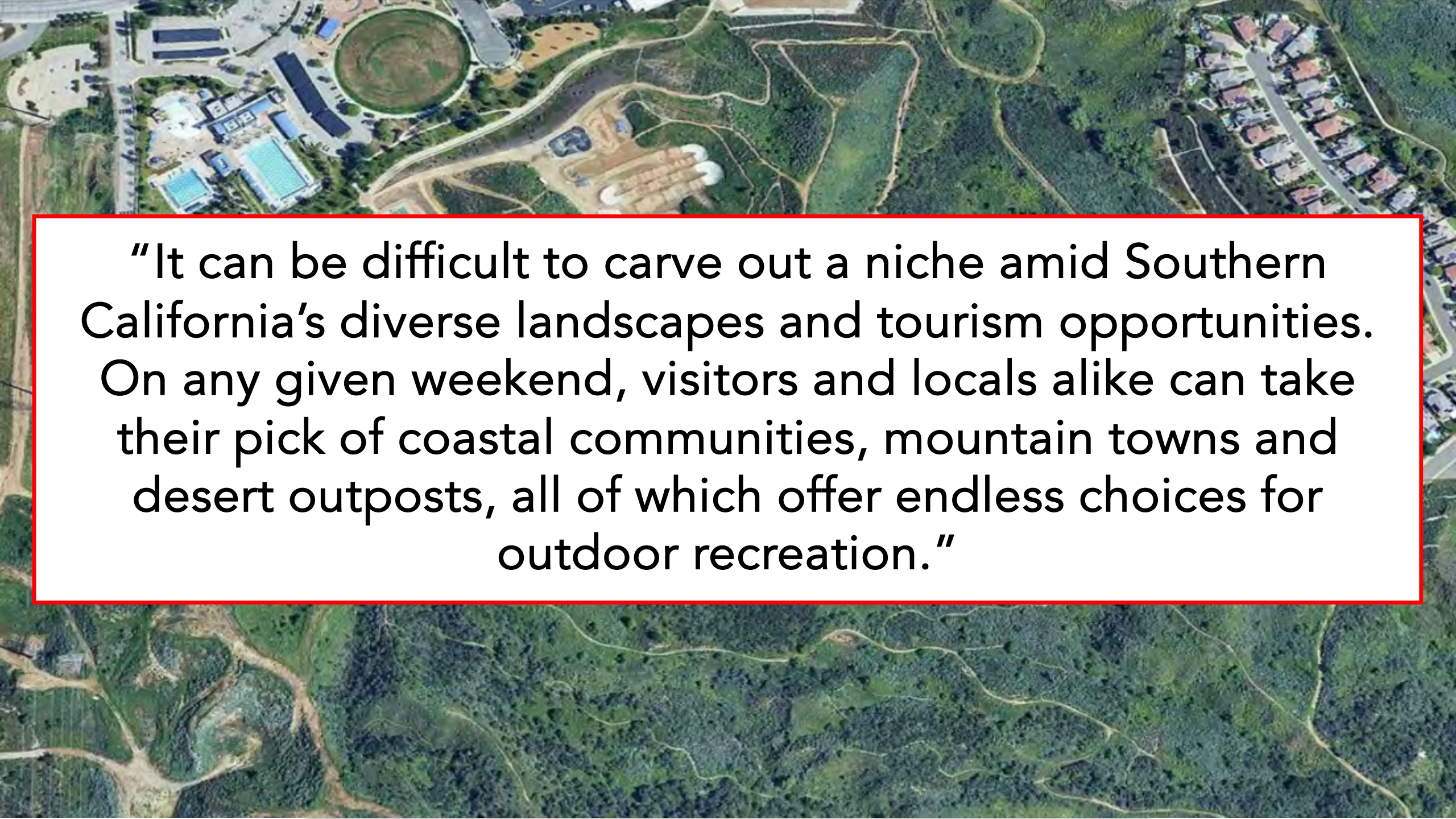


FILE: Aerial shot of Santa Clarita, Calif., on a beautiful autumn evening.
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By **Erin Rode**, Contributing LA Outdoors Editor
 Aug 28, 2025





An aerial photograph of a park or recreational area. In the upper left, there's a circular green field, possibly a baseball field, surrounded by a fence. Below it are two rectangular swimming pools with blue water. To the right of the pools is a large, irregularly shaped area of green grass and trees. In the upper right, there's a residential neighborhood with houses and streets. The bottom half of the image shows a dense, green forested area with winding paths.

"It can be difficult to carve out a niche amid Southern California's diverse landscapes and tourism opportunities. On any given weekend, visitors and locals alike can take their pick of coastal communities, mountain towns and desert outposts, all of which offer endless choices for outdoor recreation."

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College degrees don't offer the job security they once did. Is blue-collar work the answer?



"Everyone needs a welder," says Chabot College student Ellen Lahey. "The job's not going to leave anytime soon."

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By **Summer Maxwell**, Editorial Intern

Aug 22, 2025

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New California dam removal could restore a river — and destroy a community

By **Kurtis Alexander**, Staff Writer

Aug 9, 2025

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The Scott Dam at Lake Pillsbury in Lake County will come down if Pacific Gas and Electric Co. wins approval to remove it. The dam's removal will free the Eel River but destroy the vacation community around the lake.

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Moccasin, Calif., is a town in the Sierra Nevada that is owned by San Francisco.
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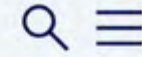
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MOCCASIN, Tuolumne County — At the base of a steep grade in the [Sierra Nevada](#) off a highway that leads into Yosemite National Park is an unincorporated community with 63 people and not much else. There's no grocery store or gas station in Moccasin, but it has a stately pink powerhouse and a quaint row of Spanish Colonial-style cottages topped with red-tiled roofs. The lawns are lush and the air smells of mountain pine. When a neighbor drives by, usually in a white utility truck, it's all but guaranteed they'll flash you a wave.

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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

California to team up with other states, Canada on firefighting amid federal cutbacks

By Kurtis Alexander, Staff Writer

Sep 5, 2025

Gift Article



A Cal Fire firefighter puts water on a hotspot during this week's 6-5 Fire, part of the TCU September Lightning Complex, near Chinese Camp. The state of California is joining a regional partnership to share firefighting equipment and personnel.

Stephen Lam/S.F. Chronicle

As the U.S. Forest Service makes cuts that threaten to hobble federal firefighting capabilities, California is entering into a pact with other western states and parts of Canada to beef up regional firefighting forces.



Follow wildfires across the state

Latest updates on wildfires burning across Northern and Southern California

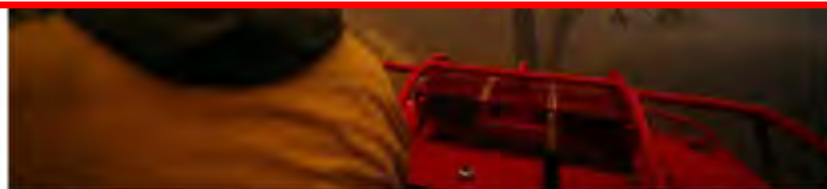
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📷 A firefighter in New Jersey's Wharton state forest during a fire this spring. This year has already 31% more fires than average. Photograph: AP

Gabrielle Canon

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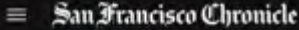
the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

Reorganization Proposals—Wildland Fire Management.—The Committee appreciates the Administration's goal of reducing waste and improving efficiency across Federal agencies. The Committee supports the Administration's efforts to improve forest health, enhance wildfire resilience, and strengthen the capacity of the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) to manage land and fight wildfires. The Committee acknowledges the importance of investing in sustainable land management practices, particularly in increasing timber production, reducing hazardous fuels, and ensuring a robust and stable Federal firefighting workforce.

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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Here's what's really going on at the Forest Service as wildfire season ramps up

By [Kurtis Alexander](#), Staff Writer
Sep 2, 2025

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Firefighters with the U.S. Forest Service prepare to cut a fire line around the Gifford Fire in Central California. The Forest Service has lost thousands of employees this year, prompting concern about the agency's firefighting capabilities.

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Firefighter

California Extends Timeline for Some On-the-ground Work Eligible for Streamlining, While Continuing Progress to Fast-track Critical Wildfire Projects

Following Governor Newsom's [Emergency Proclamation on wildfire](#), the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) have already approved over 100 critical fuels reduction projects spanning tens of thousands of acres across the state, moving at record pace while also ensuring environmental protections are being upheld.

Recognizing that reducing wildfire risk to landscapes and communities may require multiple stages of treatments, California recently extended regulatory suspensions to allow qualifying longer-term fuels reduction projects up to five years from commencement to complete on-the-ground work. This includes projects that have been awarded funding from the following state grant programs:

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Tour & Meeting – Canceled

September 3 & 4, 2025

Shaver Lake, Fresno County

Due to nearby wildfire activity, the SNC's September Governing Board meeting and field tour have been canceled. Action items will be considered at SNC's next meeting in December.

Materials

- [Tour Agenda](#)
- [Meeting Agenda \(pdf\)](#)
- [Meeting Packet \(pdf\)](#)

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Bob Gardner Updates – September 8, 2025

Federal Wildfire Management

- Proposed President's Budget consolidation of wildfire agencies into Dept. of Interior not included in either House or Senate Appropriations Bills.
- U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study regarding the proposed creation of a consolidated Fire Service within DOI to assess: Reaching proposed timber targets
 - Continued cohesion between wildland fire management and the hazardous fuels reduction program
 - Continued use of the available red card-certified workforce
 - How this new consolidated Service differs from the role the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) already plays to coordinate fire response
 - Evaluate the extent to which states, localities, and Tribes were consulted regarding plans for the creation of this new Fire Service and consider what impact this transfer may have on these critical stakeholders.

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Project Updates

- 34 contracts executed and underway
- Project descriptions available on SierraJobsFirst.org

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST Sierra Region			
SIERRA JOBS FIRST CATALYST PROJECTS AND DESCRIPTIONS			
Updated: Aug. 20 2025			
This list includes executed contracts as of August 20, 2025 and will be updated as additional contracts are finalized. Project descriptions in italics are in draft form, awaiting approval from project leads.			
Project Name	Project Lead	Counties Served	Project Description
Viability Study for a Tree and Native Plant Nursery	Alpine Business Collaborative	Alpine, Mono, Inyo, El Dorado, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Lassen	The study is to determine the feasibility of a tree and native plant nursery in Alpine County that would provide seedlings for forest restoration for the eastern Sierra and western Great Basin. If a nursery is shown to be viable the next stage would be to interview agencies or organizations to construct and operate the facility.
Tri-County Economic Impact Analysis of Recreation in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties	Alpine County	Alpine, Inyo, Mono	This project aims to conduct a comprehensive Economic Impact Study to guide sustainable recreation management and development in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties. The study will analyze recreational patterns, assess cost-benefit impacts, and provide actionable recommendations to optimize resource use while balancing economic, ecological, and community benefits.
Pathways to Prosperity Initiative	Amador Trail Stewardship	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne	The Pathways to Prosperity Initiative is a collaborative effort to create vibrant, connected communities across the Sierra region by planning and advancing trails, multimodal routes, and recreation enhancements. Rooted in a shared vision of healthy, thriving towns, the initiative brings together local governments, organizations, and residents to design infrastructure that supports active lifestyles, boosts local economies, and strengthens connections between people and places. By improving safety, accessibility, and connectivity, Pathways to Prosperity aims to link neighborhoods, small businesses, parks, and cultural destinations. The result will be a network of pathways that foster outdoor recreation, encourage tourism, and enhance

- Coming soon: individual project pages

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Tri-County Economic Impact Analysis of Recreation in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties



Amount	Lead Organization	Primary	Coordinating Agency	Cooperating Agencies & Partners
\$204,050	Alpine County	Alpine County Mono County Inyo County Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG)	Alpine Mono Inyo	Sierra-wide Recreation & Tourism Land Use & Science Physical Infrastructure Small Business & Entrepreneurship Workforce Development & Education

Project Description

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Partners



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Project Contact: [Christine](#) - Alpine County

Recent News from Tri-County Recreation Impact Analysis

• [Alpine County Economic Development Authority Announces Results of Economic Impact Study](#)

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California Jobs First: Implementation Awards Announced

REGIONAL INVESTMENT INITIATIVE



\$80M

Awarded to **11** projects across
7 regions supporting **23,000**
jobs in the following sectors:



Aerospace & Defense



Agtech & Farm Equipment



Bioeconomy



Life Sciences



California Jobs First: Implementation Round 2 Funding

- RFP and Errata posted on business.ca.gov
- Same requirements/eligibility
- Expedited timeline
 - Notice of Intent: November 5, 2025
 - Pre Application: December 3, 2025
- Office Hours for Q&A
 - [September 9, 2025 at 2 pm](#)
 - [September 25, 2025 at 1 pm](#)



California Jobs First: Strategic Sectors

Strengthen



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California Jobs First: Project Financing Webinars

Webinar Dates:

- Sep 11, 2025
- Oct 9, 2025
- Nov 3, 2025
- Dec 11, 2025



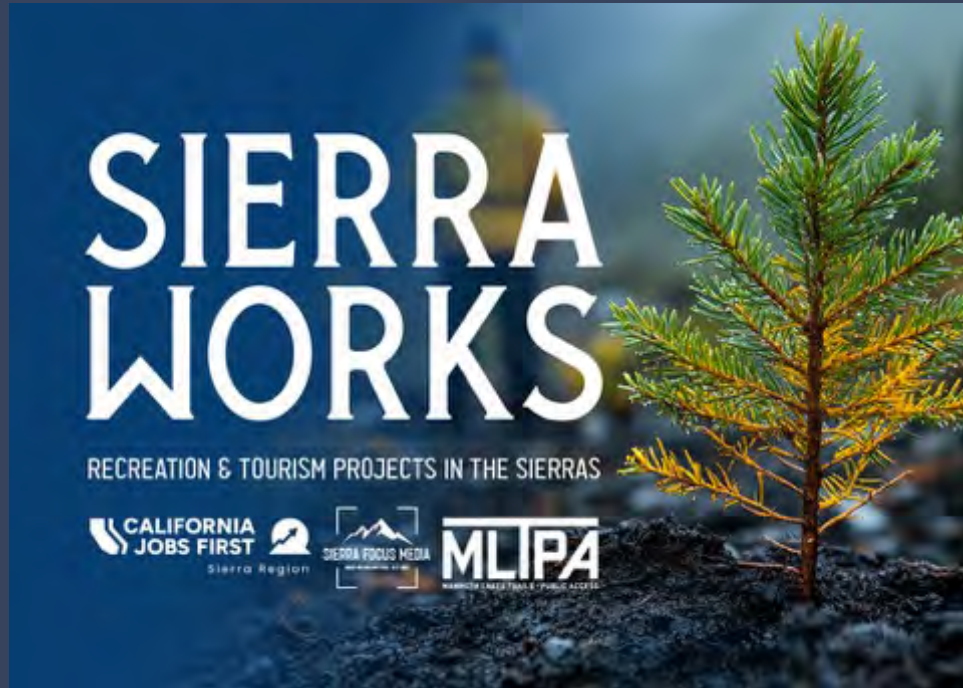
Register for the next webinar of the series: Tax Increment Financing Tools

This next session in the Project Financing Series will explore how Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts can support high-impact economic development projects. Guest speakers Larry Kosmont and Joseph Dieguez of [Kosmont Companies](#) — a nationally recognized leader in economic development, public-private finance and real estate development projects involving government and private sector partnerships — will share insights from their work helping communities evaluate and implement TIF districts. A live Q&A session will follow the presentation.

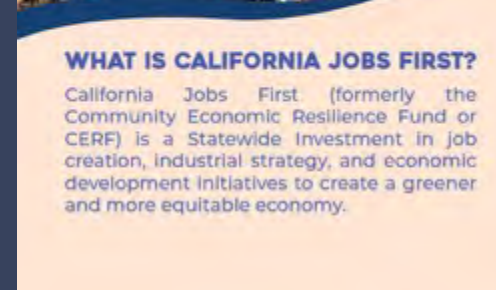
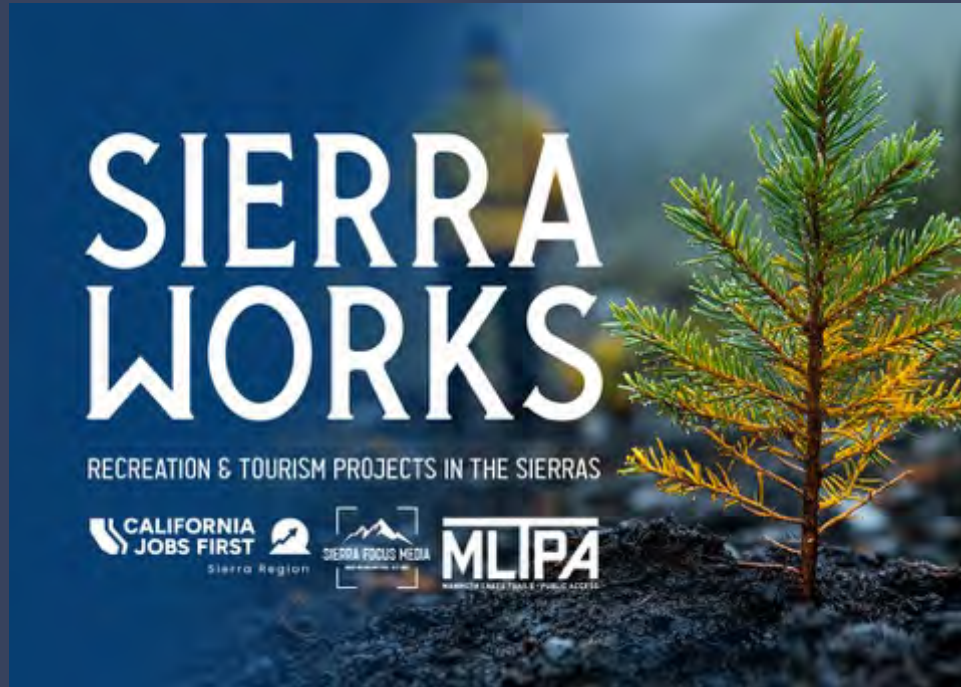
Thursday, September 11 | 11-12 PM

Register Here

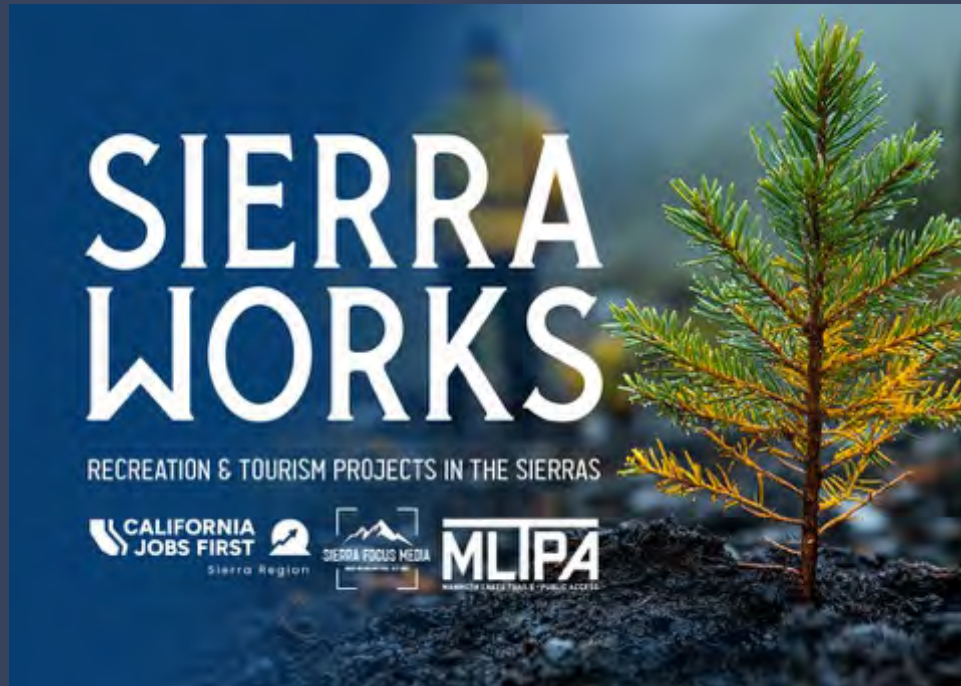
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WORKING GROUPS

We are convening collaborative Working Groups to bring together partners, industry leaders, and community stakeholders to exchange ideas, align projects with resources, and drive impactful solutions for all industries in the Sierra region. This is an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, share expertise, and help shape the future of our local economy. Sign up today to get involved and be part of the conversation!

HEALTHCARE



REC & TOURISM



NATURAL & WORKING LANDS



AGRICULTURE



SECTOR DEFINITIONS

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM

This sector includes natural and cultural attractions, arts, outdoor activities, events, and historic sites. Sustainable tourism leverages these assets to drive jobs and growth while balancing economic, social, and environmental impacts.

NATURAL & WORKING LANDS

This sector covers forest and watershed management, timber harvest, cultural burning, and supply chain development. Prioritizing these lands reduces wildfire risk, improves air and water quality, and centers tribal knowledge.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

This sector builds local food systems through regenerative farming, efficient land use, and food sovereignty. It spans production, processing, distribution, retail, consumption, and waste recovery.

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

This sector strengthens access to facilities, providers, and services while creating stable healthcare jobs. Investments in infrastructure, workforce training, and equity ensure care for rural, tribal, and underserved communities.

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FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS

SOCIAL AND CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE

A strong social and civic infrastructure network, including childcare, transportation, food security, and general social services, is the backbone of our communities.

LAND USE AND TENURE

Land use and tenure balance property rights with community priorities to improve quality of life. Collaboration among local, tribal, and government partners creates roadmaps for prosperity and resource stewardship.

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Modernized physical infrastructure, including water, sewer, telecommunications, broadband, and transportation, is essential for a sustainable economy.

SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Supporting small businesses drives job creation and economic diversity. Access to capital, technical assistance, and vibrant downtowns help local ventures thrive.

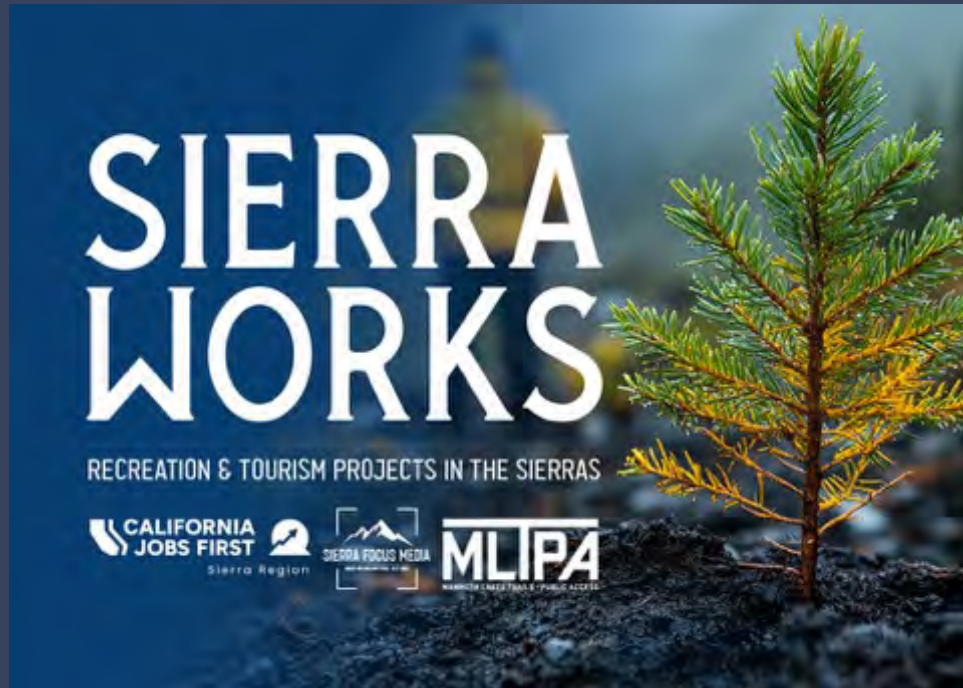
HOUSING AND PLACEMAKING

Housing covers the building, ownership, and management of homes, shaping quality of life. Placemaking engages communities in designing public spaces that foster connection and belonging.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

A cradle to career approach ensures equitable access to education and training for all community members from primary, secondary, higher, and vocational education to employment.

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Tuesday, Sept. 9 | Presummit Site Visits

Before the Summit, join us for a series of **Catalyst Project tours** across the Eastern Sierra. This is your chance to see projects in action, meet local leaders, and learn about on-the-ground work shaping regional economic development.

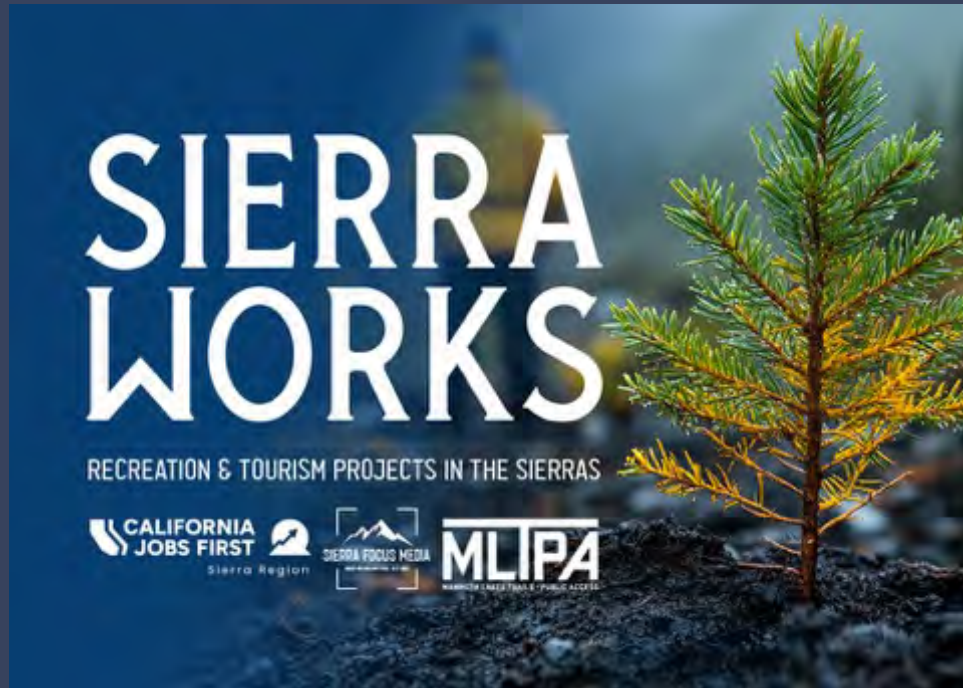
Schedule:

- **12:00 PM | Coldwater Campground (Mammoth Lakes, CA)**
Hosts: John Wentworth & Chris Buehrer
- **2:00 PM | Eastern Sierra Business Resource Center (Bishop, CA)**
Hosts: Elaina Kabala & Meryl Picard
- **3:00 PM | Food Sovereignty Program (Bishop, CA)**
Host: Milo Vella
- **4:00 PM | Chipmunk Canyon Site Visit (Bishop, CA)**
Host: Elaine Kabala
- **5:00 PM | Blue Heron Farm + Towns to Trails Route Alignment (Wilkerson, CA)**
Host: Rachel Kulchin

RSVP To Participate

Tour is open to the public but space is limited. Please RSVP to let us know that you are coming!

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Wednesday, Sept. 10 | Summit Agenda

Officially kicking off with Coffee, Free Breakfast Burritos, & Cross Industry Collaboration. Discussions will be centered around our economy's past, present, & future.

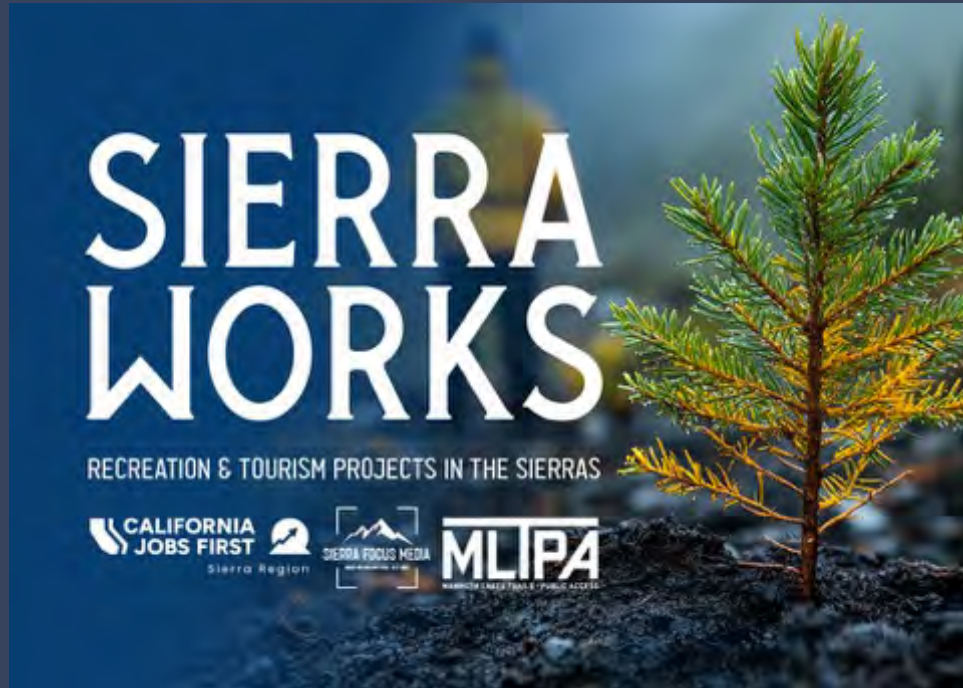
Where: Cerro Coso Community College, Bishop, CA

When: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



- **9am Meet & Greet**
 - Complimentary Breakfast Burritos from Rolling Chef
 - *Catalyst Projects are invited to bring materials to leave at the "Project Corner" to share project information, event/newsletter sign up sheets, contact information, collaborative asks/offers, and more about their projects.*
- **10 am Welcome**
 - Orientation to Jobs First
 - Review of where we've been, where we're going
- **10:20am Project Updates**
 - TED Talk style presentations from a Sierra Jobs First Catalyst Funded Projects
- **11am Future State**
 - **Elaine Kabal**, Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, and **Alex Bloom**, Central Sierra Economic Development District
 - CSEDD/ESCOG Core Areas of Focus
 - Panel and Q&A
 - Lunch and next steps
- **12pm Lunch in Bishop**
 - We encourage attendees to enjoy lunch at a local restaurant! Recommendations will be provided at the event.

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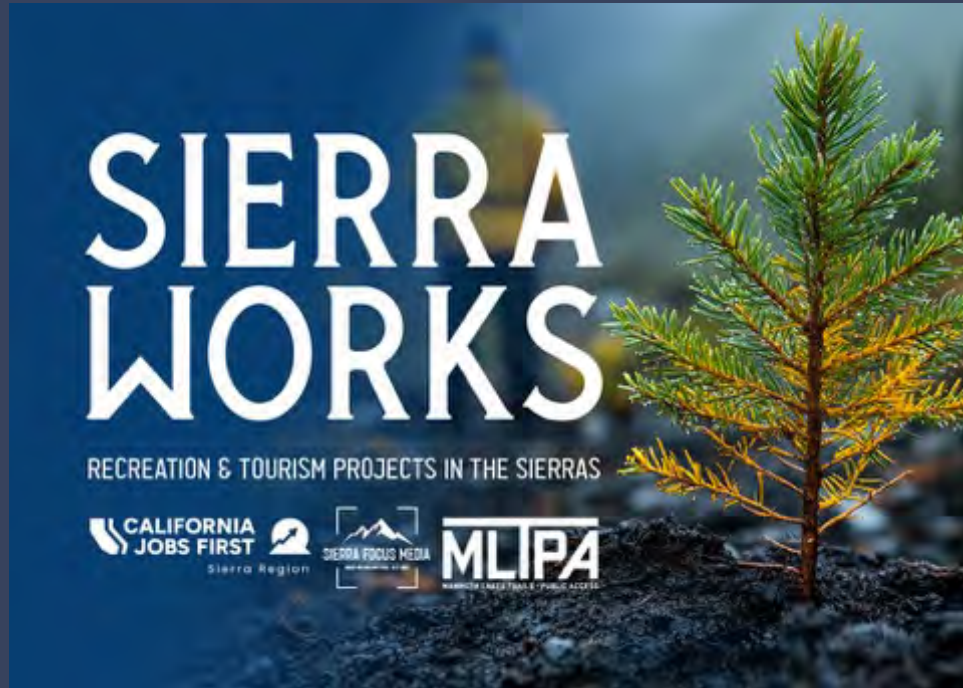
Thursday, Sept. 11 | Sierra Health Industry Partnership

Be part of a high-impact regional gathering focused on **aligning healthcare, education, and workforce priorities across the Sierra**. This no-cost, public event has limited space.

- Mono County Civic Center – 1290 Tavern Rd, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
- 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

[RSVP](#) Here

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Friday, September 12 | Sierra Jobs First Governing Council

In-person meeting of the Sierra Jobs First Governing Council and Industry Sector Coordinators. The meeting will be open to the public but space is limited.

- Mono County Civic Center – 1290 Tavern Rd, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

[RSVP here](#)

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WELCOME TO THE SIERRA REGION

SEVEN COUNTIES. ONE STRATEGY.

We are working to build a community-led, climate-forward economy that works for everyone in our region, particularly those from disadvantaged communities.



FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS

WHAT ARE THE FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS OF JOBS FIRST?

Foundational Elements capture projects that support the inherent conditions in the region that must be addressed if economic prosperity for all is to be realized. The foundational economic elements supporting the region's competitiveness include workforce development and skills, physical infrastructure, social and civic infrastructure, community health, placemaking, housing, and land tenure and land use.

The Sierra Jobs First strategic approach focuses on fortifying the region's economic foundations through targeted initiatives. This involves addressing critical areas such as enhancing access to capital, advancing workforce development, and creating a conducive environment to diversify and drive sustainable growth across diverse, under-represented industry sectors, including manufacturing, technology, and services.

HOUSING AND PLACEMAKING

Housing encompasses the building, usage, ownership, and management of homes, which is critical in shaping quality of life. Placemaking, a process that involves engaging community residents in planning, designing, and managing public areas, is a key element in creating spaces people love and feel connected.

LAND USE AND TENURE

Effective land use and tenure involve managing property rights and usage to benefit local priorities and improve quality of life. Collaborative efforts among local communities, including federal, state, tribal, and utility land managers, will achieve mutual goals supported by a land exchange or divestiture roadmap. This cooperation will drive local prosperity and resource stewardship.

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Modernized physical infrastructure, including water, sewer, telecommunications, broadband, and transportation, is essential for a sustainable economy.

SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs is crucial for economic diversification and job creation. Providing technical assistance, access to capital, and fostering vibrant downtown cores will promote local ventures and create a sense of place.

SOCIAL AND CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

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COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

WORKING GROUP SIGN-UP



SECTOR DEFINITION

The Community Healthcare sector focuses on ensuring the region's residents' access to high-quality jobs in a stable or growing healthcare sector while breaking down healthcare barriers and addressing access challenges in our rural, remote region.

It ensures the region has sufficient healthcare resources, including facilities, providers, and services. Investing in healthcare infrastructure, expanding workforce development programs, and enhancing services can ensure equitable healthcare for all, including tribal members, isolated communities, and disinvested youth.

SECTOR SNAP SHOT

While healthcare represents approximately 9.3% of regional employment, the SFJ region employs roughly 40% fewer healthcare workers as a percentage of total workers than statewide averages. This indicates a need and opportunity to grow high-road jobs in the region with suitable investment, training, and support. In addition to training, the region needs investment in new treatment facilities, medical transportation, and long-term resident care options.

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CATALYST AWARDED PROJECTS

Hybrid EMS Training Program
Beyond Limits Education

Sierra Region Community Health Worker
& Promoter Program
Indusium Public Health Services

TIHP Mobile Dental Clinic
Toiyabe Indian Health Project

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NATURAL & WORKING LANDS

WORKING GROUP
SIGN-UP



SECTOR DEFINITION

The Natural and Working Lands sector includes forest management practices like ecological restoration, forest thinning, prescribed fire, cultural burning, grazing, non-industrial timber harvest, watershed management, and reforestation. It also involves developing supply chains, such as environmental planning, licensed timber operators, logistics, and wood utilization facilities.

Prioritizing natural and working lands reduces wildfire risk and improves water and air quality while emphasizing tribal engagement and traditional ecological knowledge.

SECTOR SNAP SHOT

Natural and working lands are a critical industry sector in the region. The sector has a location quotient of 2.27, indicating it has more than twice the expected employment compared to statewide numbers. Forestry, mining, and environmental quality programs have higher location quotients, indicating these positions have higher representation ratios than the rest of the State.

However, to align with State initiatives and work toward a more sustainable economy, industries like forestry, agriculture, waste management, and environmental quality programs must attract new education and training opportunities. Mining represents less than 1% of jobs in the region and shows a projected 10-year decline.

INDUSTRY COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

CATALYST AWARDED PROJECTS

Eastern Sierra and Western Great Basin Tree Nursery Feasibility Study
Alpine Biomass Collaborative

Regional Training Center Feasibility Project
Columbia College

CHIPS Growth and Infrastructure Initiative
CHIPS & Chicken Ranch Ranchlands Board of Mt. View

Building Climate Resiliency in the Central Sierra Region
Central Sierra Resource Conservation District

The Sierra Nevada Alliance Natural and Working Lands Careers Initiative
Sierra Nevada Alliance

Tuolumne County Programmatic CEQA Development for Wildfire Fuel Management
Tuolumne County, Administration Office

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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

WORKING GROUP
SIGN-UP



SECTOR DEFINITION

The Sustainable Agriculture sector includes building local and regional food supplies, expanding regenerative agriculture, and maximizing limited land resources to create an integrated system that benefits both people and the land. A key initiative of this sector is also promoting food sovereignty, specifically for Indigenous community members in our region.

Food sovereignty refers to the right to healthy, culturally appropriate, and ecologically produced food. Components of this sector include production, processing, distribution, retail, consumption, and waste recovery.

SECTOR SNAP SHOT

The high level of employment in food and beverage retail operations underscores the importance of building connections with other sectors, such as sustainable tourism, to generate a more significant regional impact. Most agricultural employment in the region is concentrated in food and beverage retail and beverage and tobacco product manufacturing. There is limited employment in traditional crop and animal production, possibly due to the influence of the climate and topography of the Sierra region. However, on-site research indicates a growing interest in expanding this sector through collaborative efforts on tribal land use, non-profit food hub ventures, and establishing value-added processing facilities.

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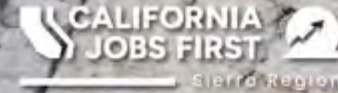
CATALYST AWARDED PROJECTS

The Blue Heron Project Feasibility and Development Project
Blue Heron Project

Central Sierra Regional Compost Systems Planning Project
California Alliance for Community Composting

Remaking the Eastern Sierra Food System
Eastern Sierra Farm Fresh

Central Sierra USDA Meat Processing Facility Feasibility Study
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SUSTAINABLE REC & TOURISM

WORKING GROUP
SIGN-UP



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 SNAP SHOT

Sustainable rec and tourism dominate the regional economy and represent nearly 25% of all employment. This sector is broad in scope and includes everything from lodging to outdoor recreation, arts and cultural attractions, food service, and some retail operations.

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.

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CATALYST AWARDED PROJECTS

Tri-County Recreation Economic Impact Study
Pyg, Mono & Alpine Counties

Pathways to Prosperity: A Regional Multimodal Safety and Recreation Initiative
Aravador Trail Stewardship

Sierra Regional Arts Organization Collaborative Network
Mariposa County Arts Council, Inc. @ Sierra Nevada Alliance

Chipmunk Canyon Existing Conditions Analysis
ESCCO

Sustainable Mobility Partnership Program
Northstar Bicycle Coalition

Eastern Sierra Education and Recreation Jobs Creation
The Mammoth Lakes Trails & Public Access Foundation

Eastern Sierra Regional Campground Improvements and Jobs Creation
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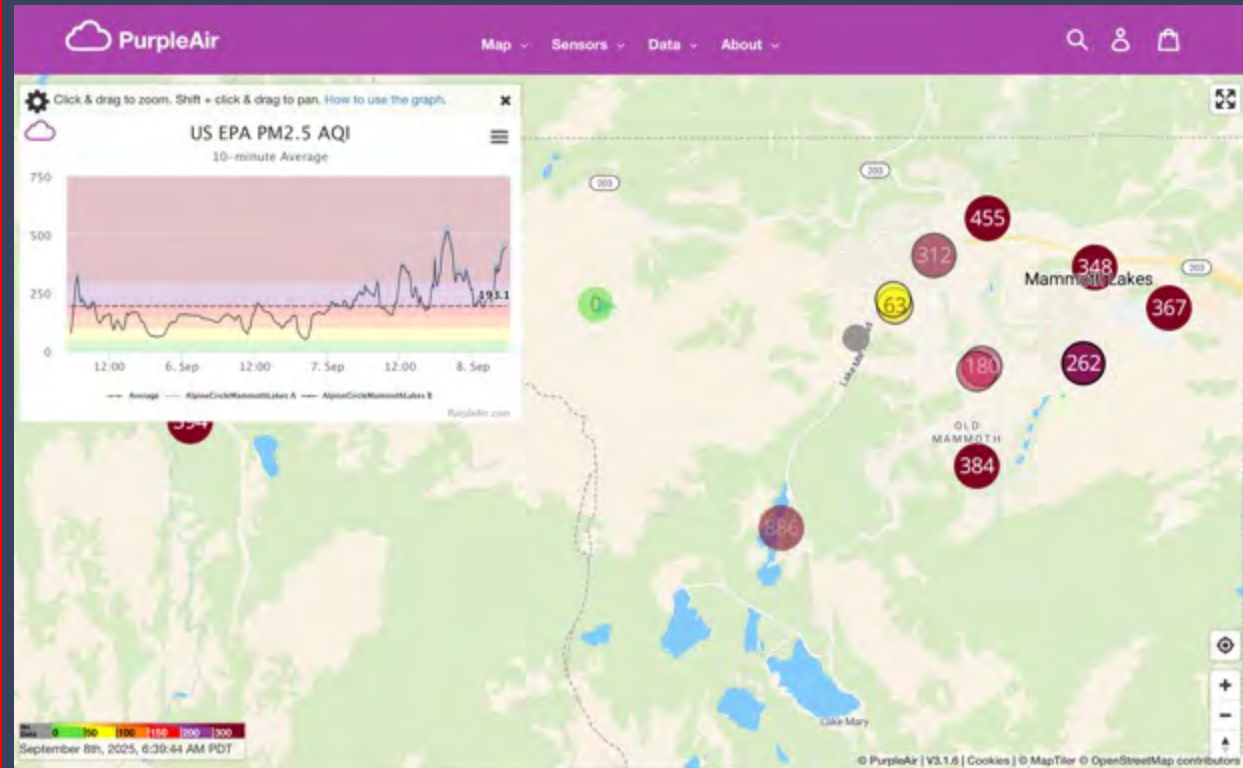
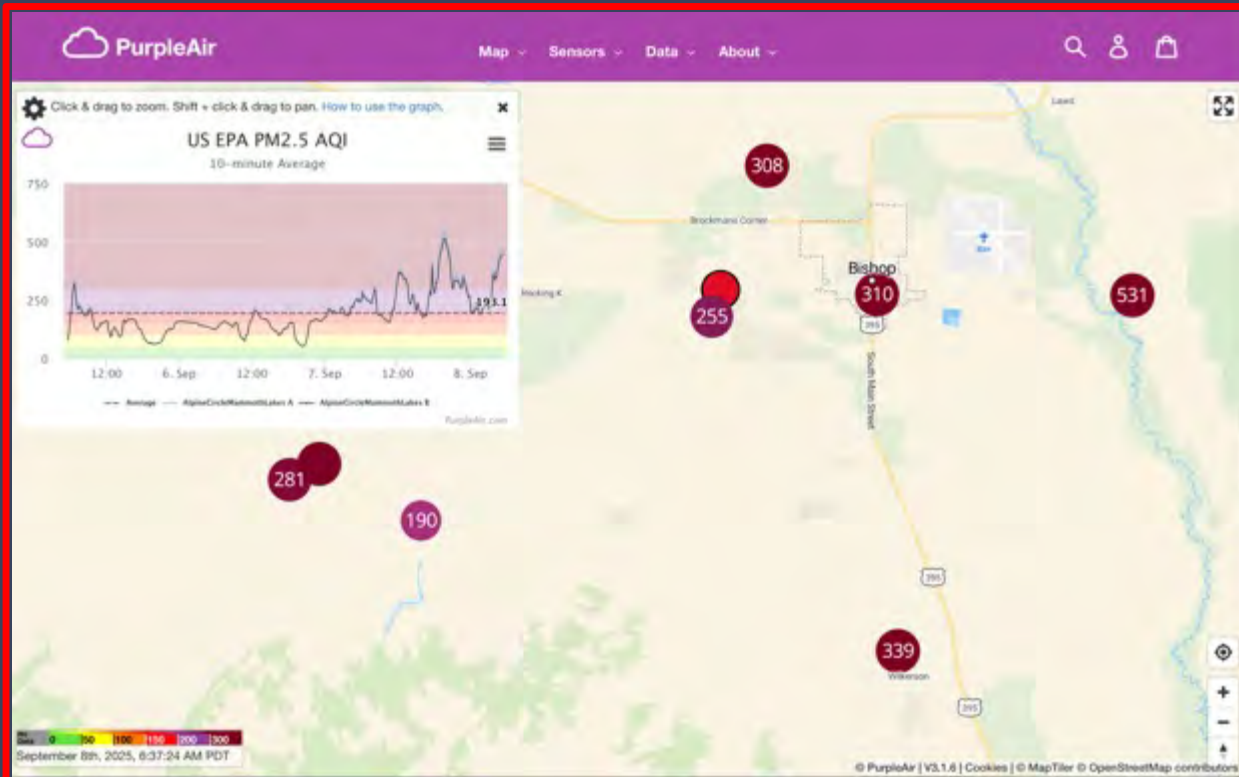
The Collaborative Sustainable Recreation Assessment
Sierra Nevada Alliance

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Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce

Creative Reuse Community Arts Center of Tuolumne County
Tuolumne County Arts Alliance

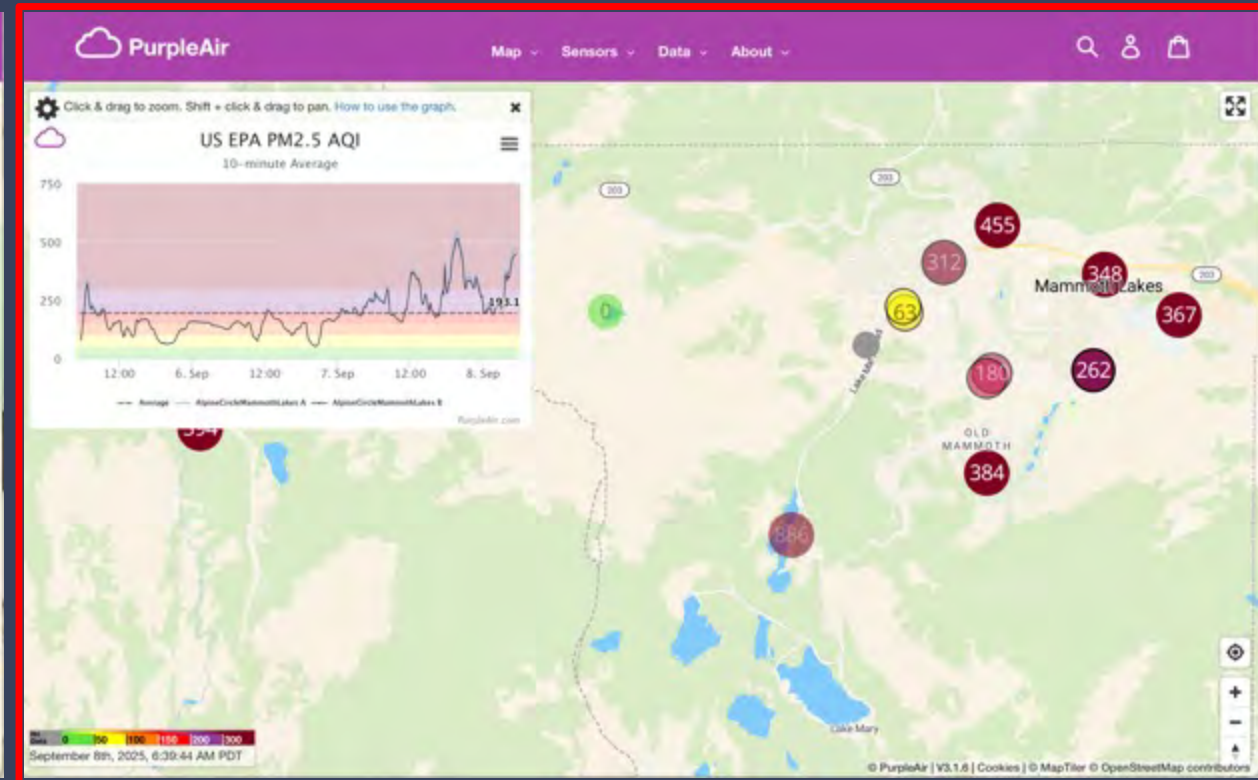
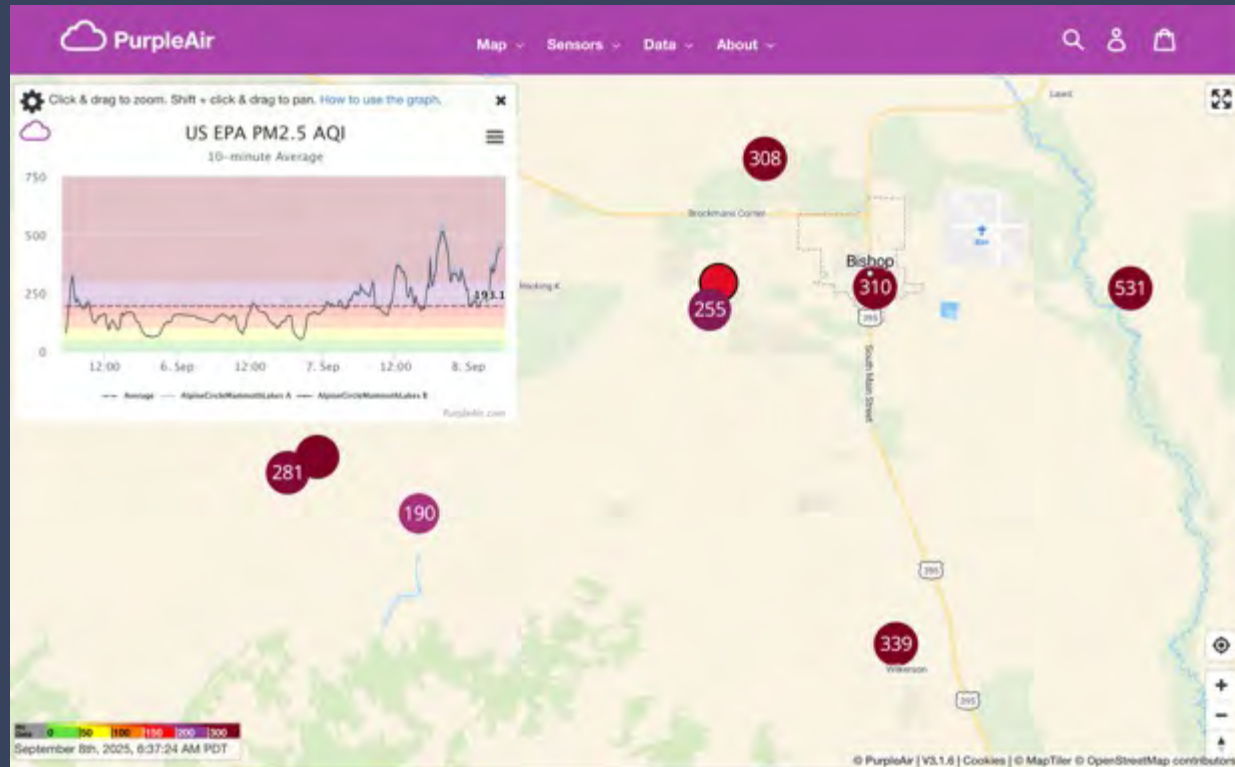
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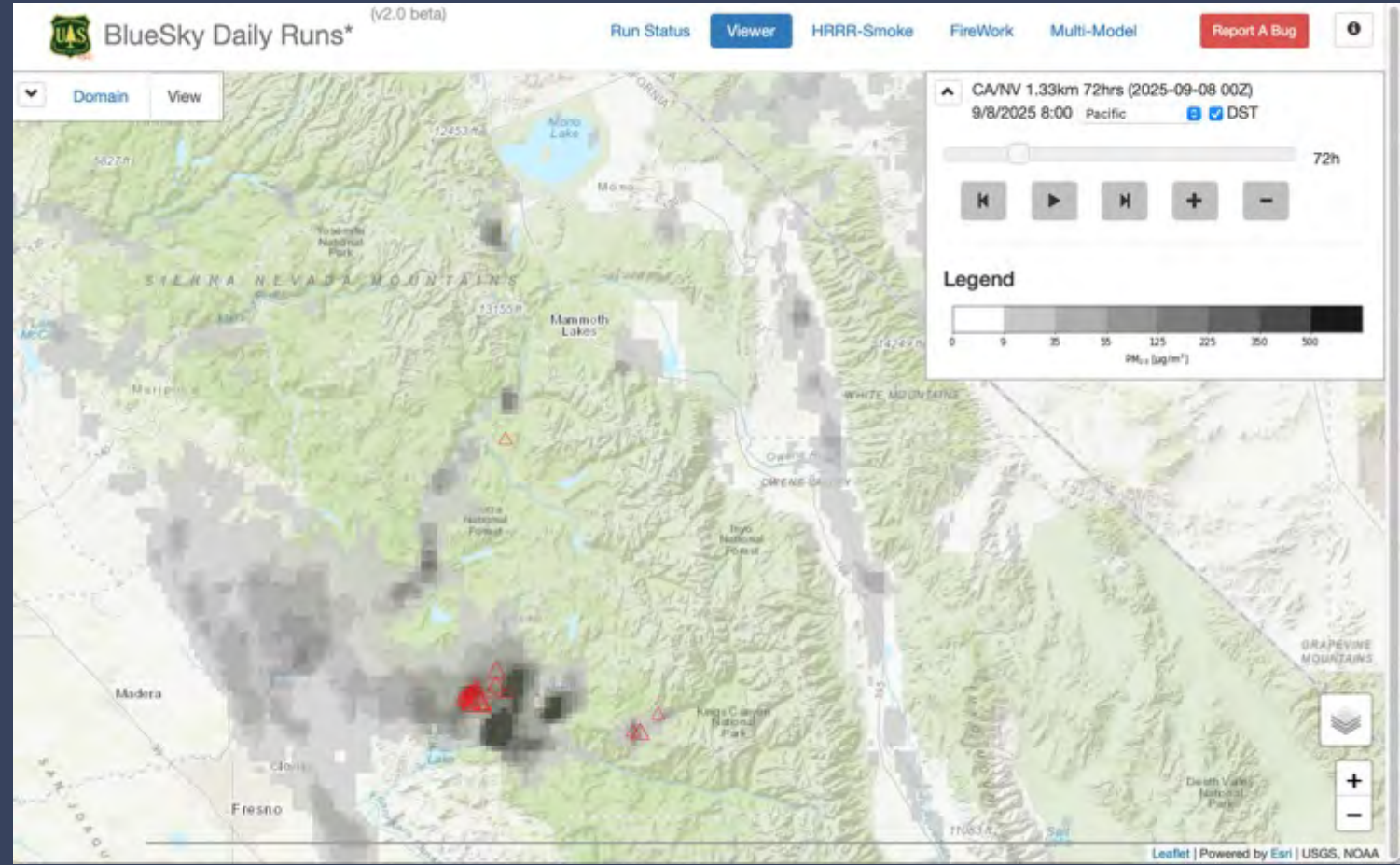
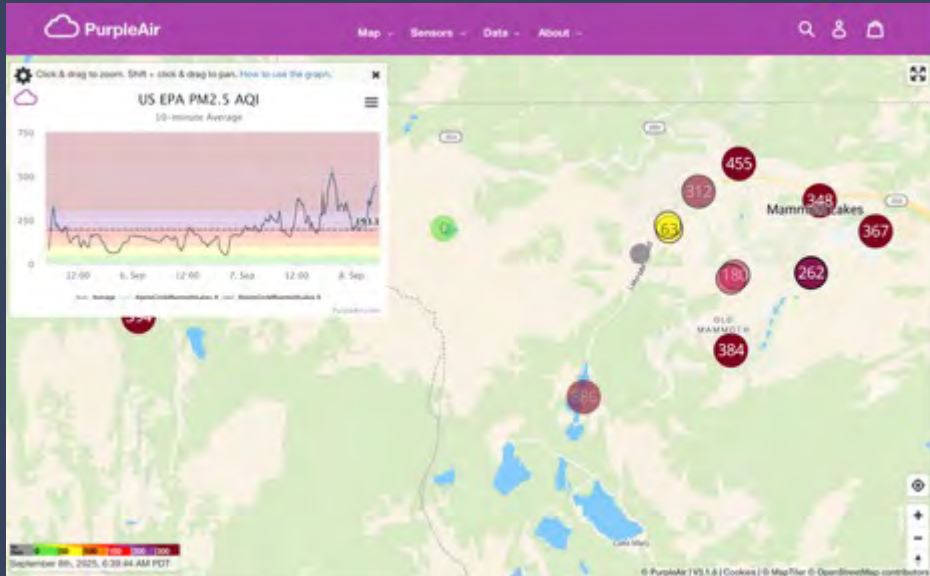
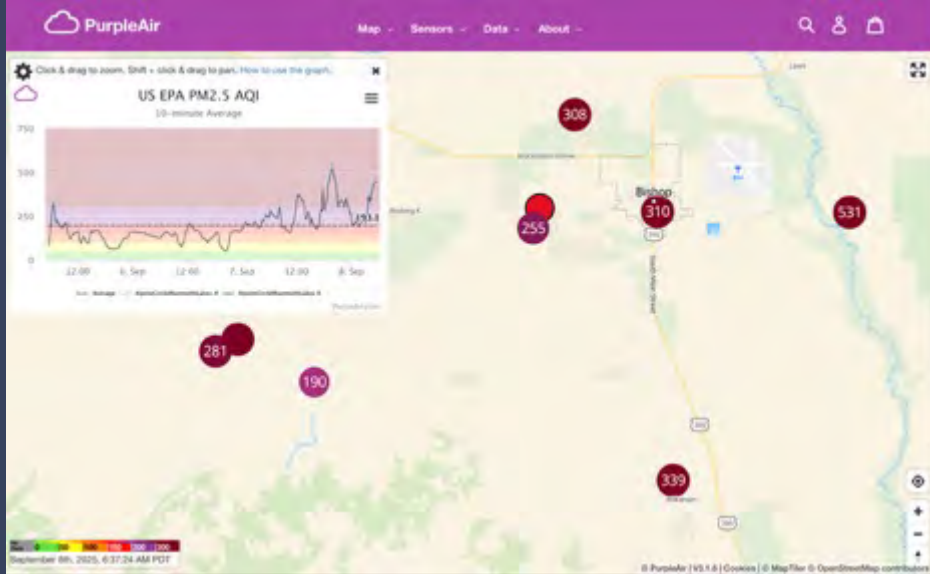
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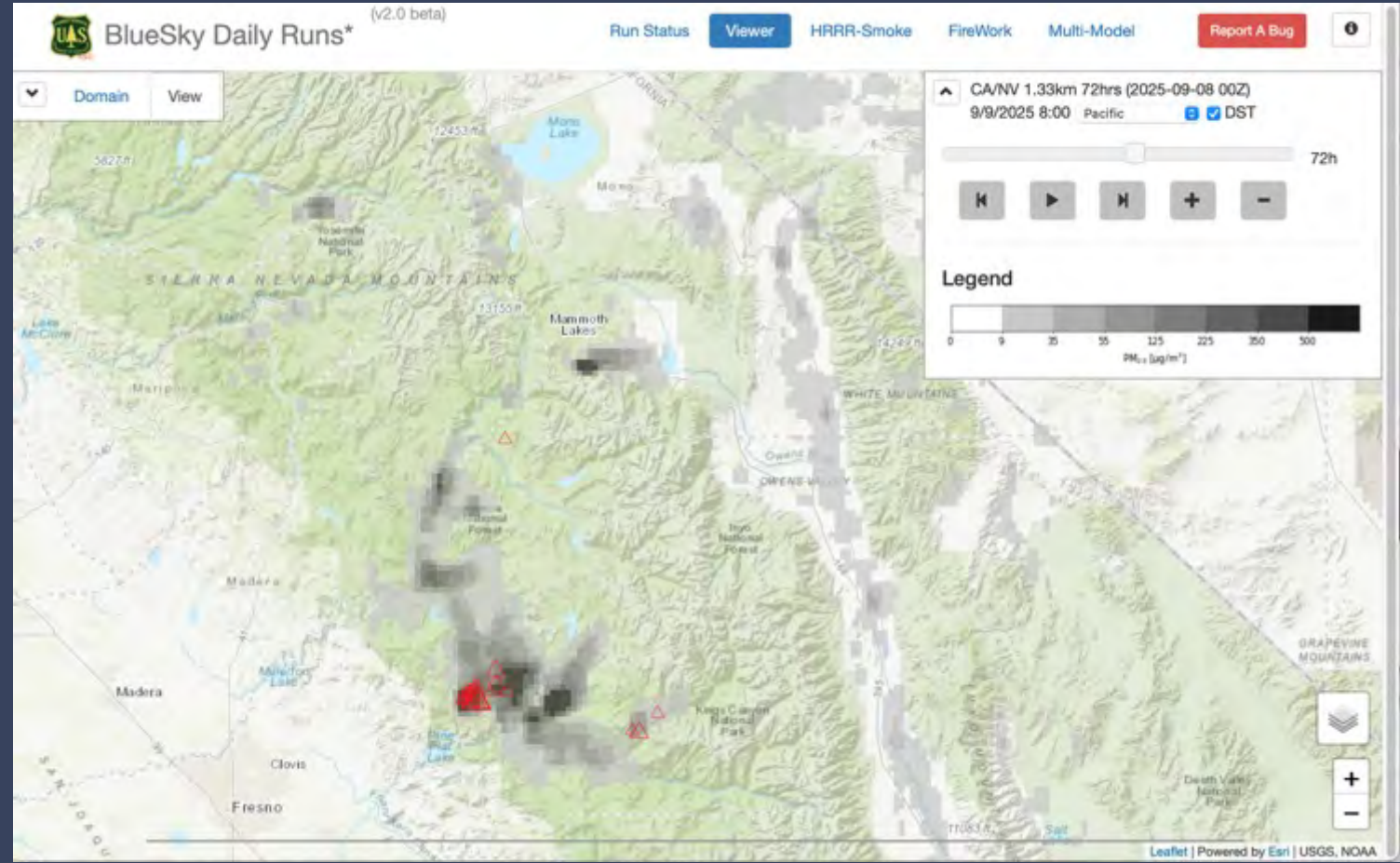
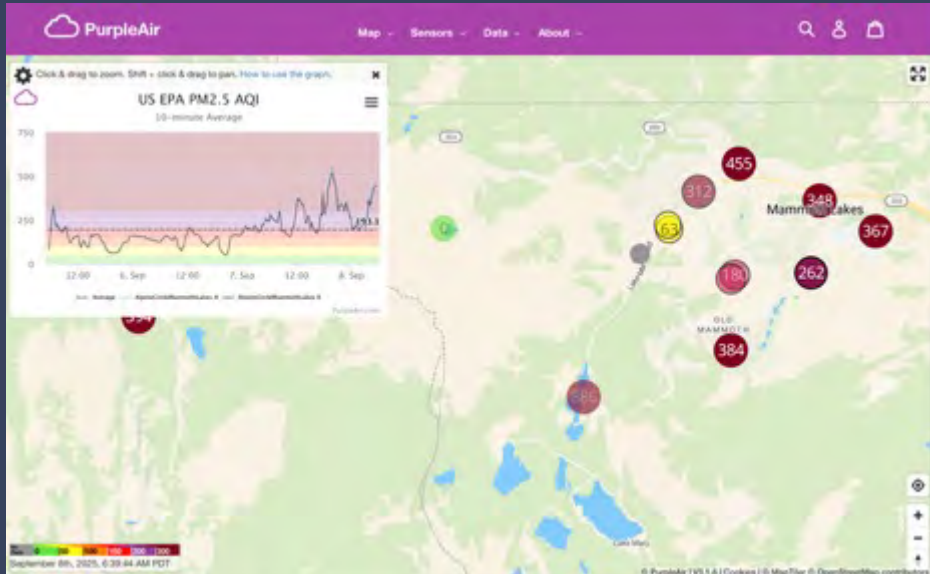
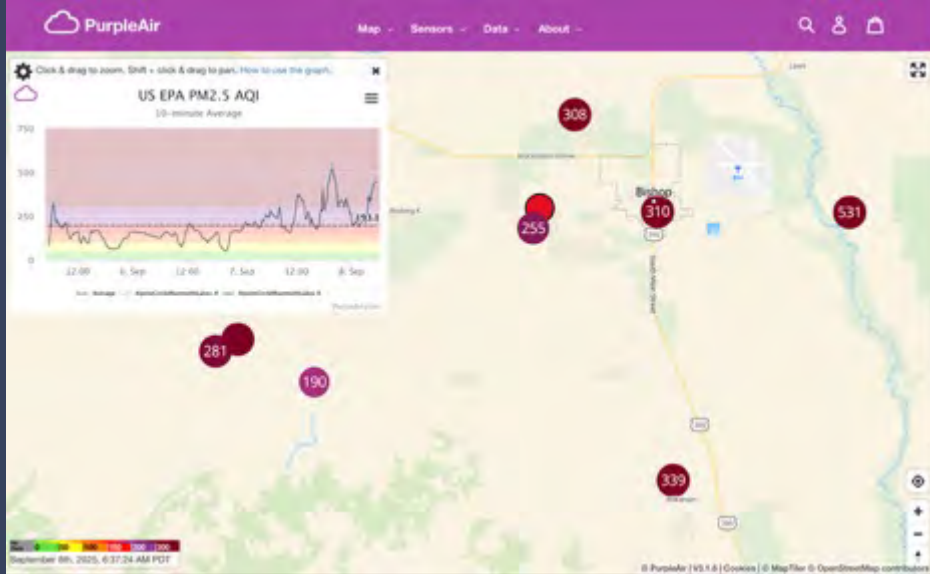
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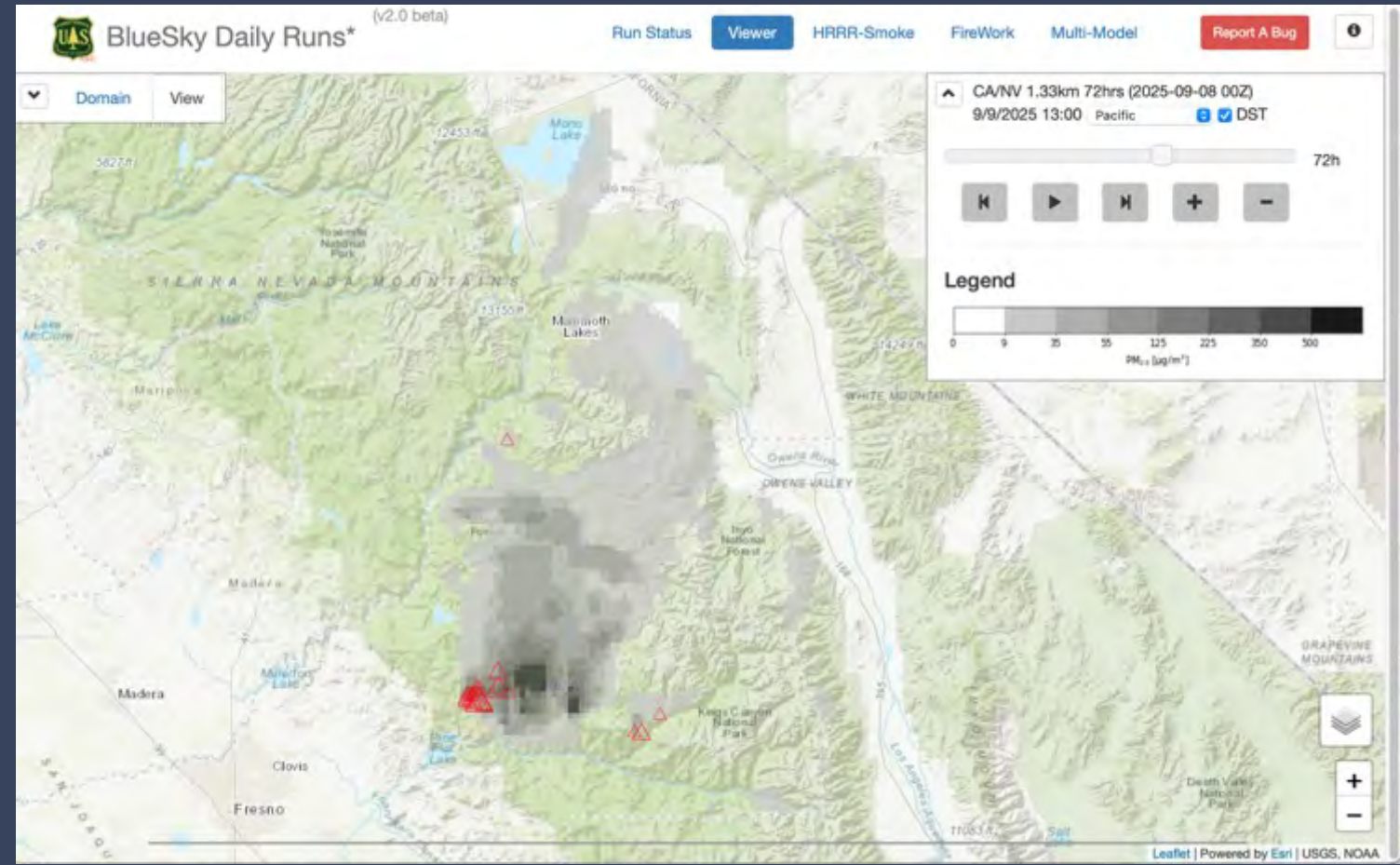
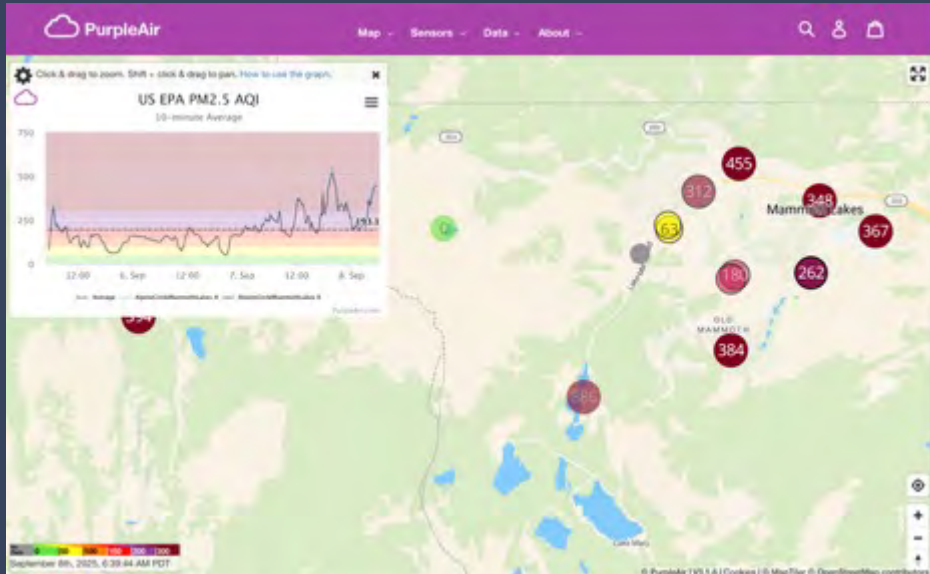
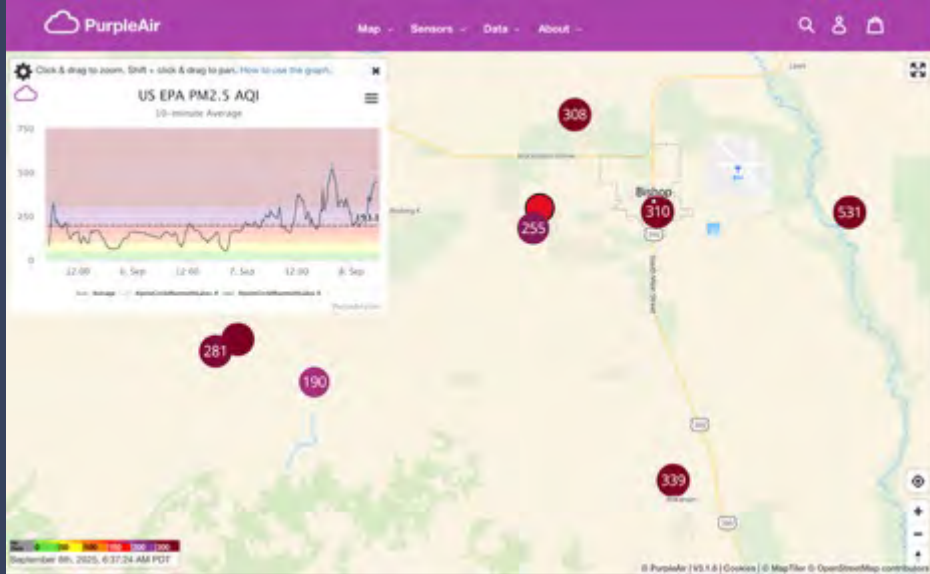
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INDIAN TERRITORY

Changing the world through eco-cultural tourism of the
Great Basin



NEVADA'S
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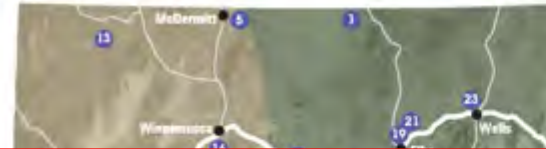
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- 5 Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
- 6 Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- 7 Confederated Tribes of Goshutes
- 8 Las Vegas Paiute Tribe
- 9 Lovelock Paiute Tribe
- 10 Moapa Band of Paiutes
- 11 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- 12 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- 13 Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
- 14 Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
- 15 Walker River Paiute Tribe
- 16 Winnemucca Colony Council
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- 18 Yomba Shoshone Tribe
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NEVADA'S INDIAN TERRITORY



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- 4 Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe

"I can set up an in person meeting with Ben Rupert ... he lives in New Mexico but he's often on travel for his indigenous tourism work throughout CA and NV. He's extremely passionate, knowledgeable, and a good person who is well-versed in working with Tribes, federal & local governmental agencies, and other NGO entities in the planning and execution among all of these key groups." - Travis Nabahe Tribal Coordinator, SBC

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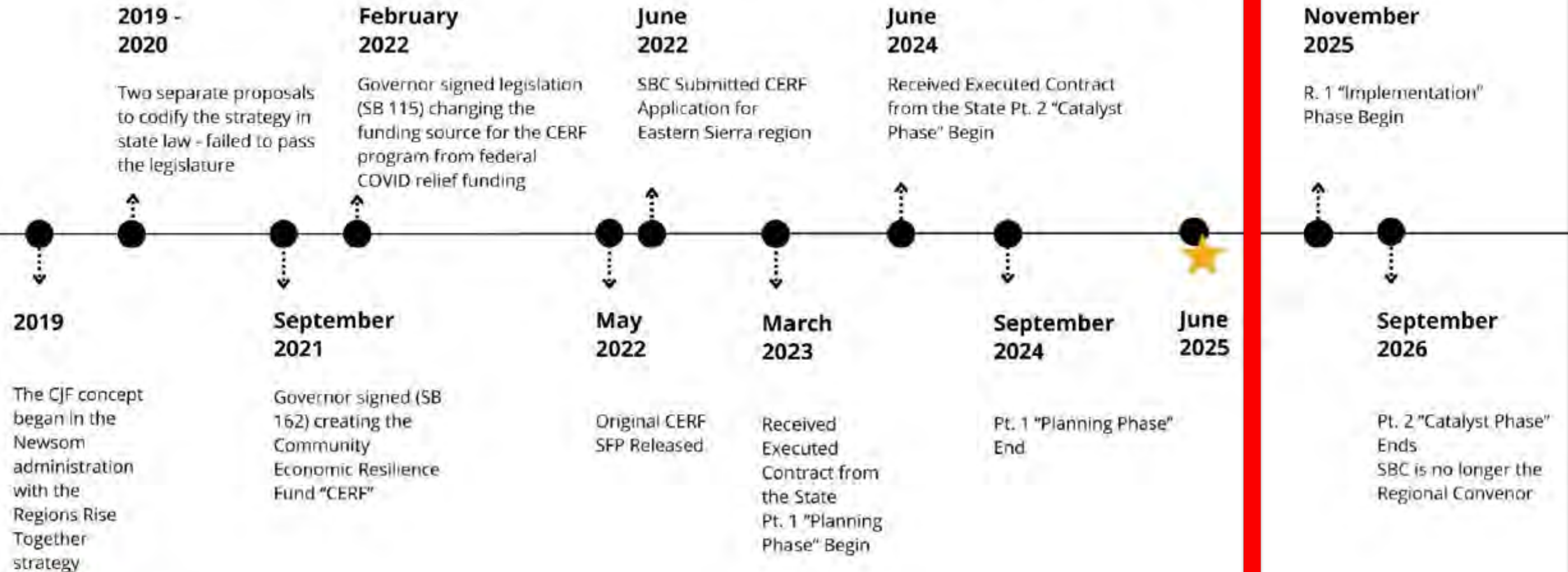
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California Jobs First Program



SJF Collaborative Transition Planning

September 1, 2026

"Sierra Jobs First and the Sierra Business Council's role as the convener and fiscal agent ends in September 2026. Today we want to start working on a transition plan."

- *Governing Council Meeting June 27 in Sonora*

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 sjfadmin@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.



ANDREA STEWART, RESEARCH & POLICY ANALYST

Andrea is a policy analyst with a career dedicated to working at the intersection of environmental justice and human rights, including many years of living and working in the West Bank on questions of law and ethics. Andrea is adept at navigating diverse social and political landscapes. A JD candidate residing in Mammoth Lakes, Andrea combines her legal expertise with a deep understanding of policy development and a passion for fostering a more just and equitable Eastern Sierra. She analyzes federal, state, and local policies

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, Technical Assistance Update

Updates

- Funding observations
- Policy Updates
- Opportunities to shape policy:
 - Sept. 10th, 9am-1pm
 - All Industry Working Group
 - RSVP: www.sierraworks.org





“Cohort of Practice”



CA JOBS FIRST - TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION COHORT

AGENDA 09/05/2025

- **Welcome/Check-in**
- **Field Notes**
- **Presentations – Session Three**
 - **Inland SoCal**
 - **HipCamp**
- **“Rays of Sunshine”**
- **Adjourn**



CA JOBS FIRST - TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION COHORT

Regional Collaboration in the Coachella Valley

CVAG & CVCC Projects

Billy Morrow

Program Specialist II

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Sept 5, 2025



CA JOBS FIRST - TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION COHORT



Low-impact camping on private lands

Opportunities and
challenges

California Jobs First

September 2025



IV. Rays of Sunshine

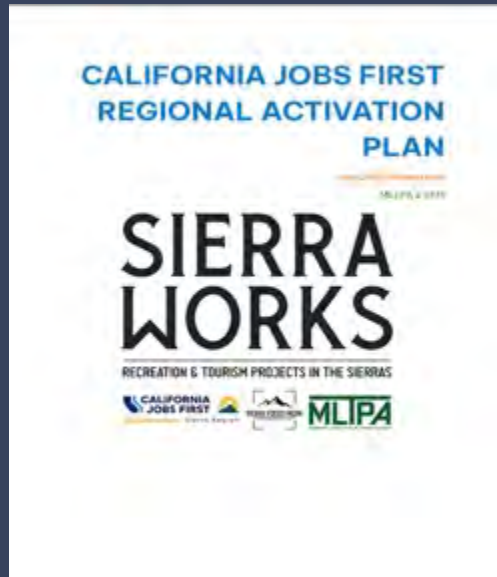
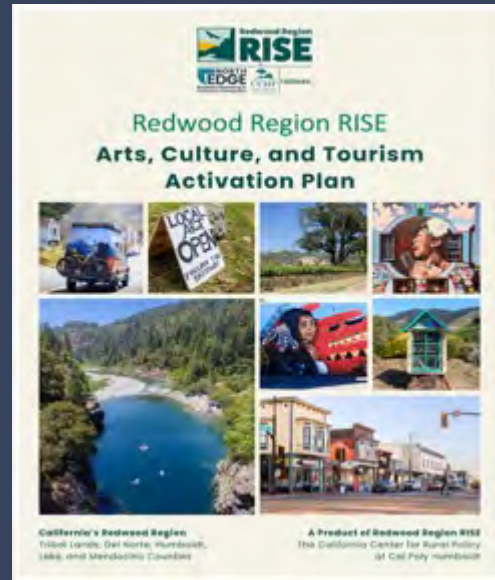
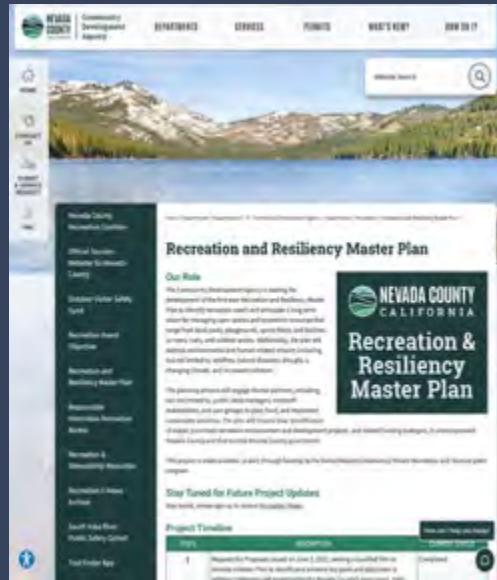
California Outdoor Recreation Partnership
BaseCamp - October 22-24, Carmel Valley

California FORWARD Economic Summit
October 21-23, Stockton

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California Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Statewide Cohort



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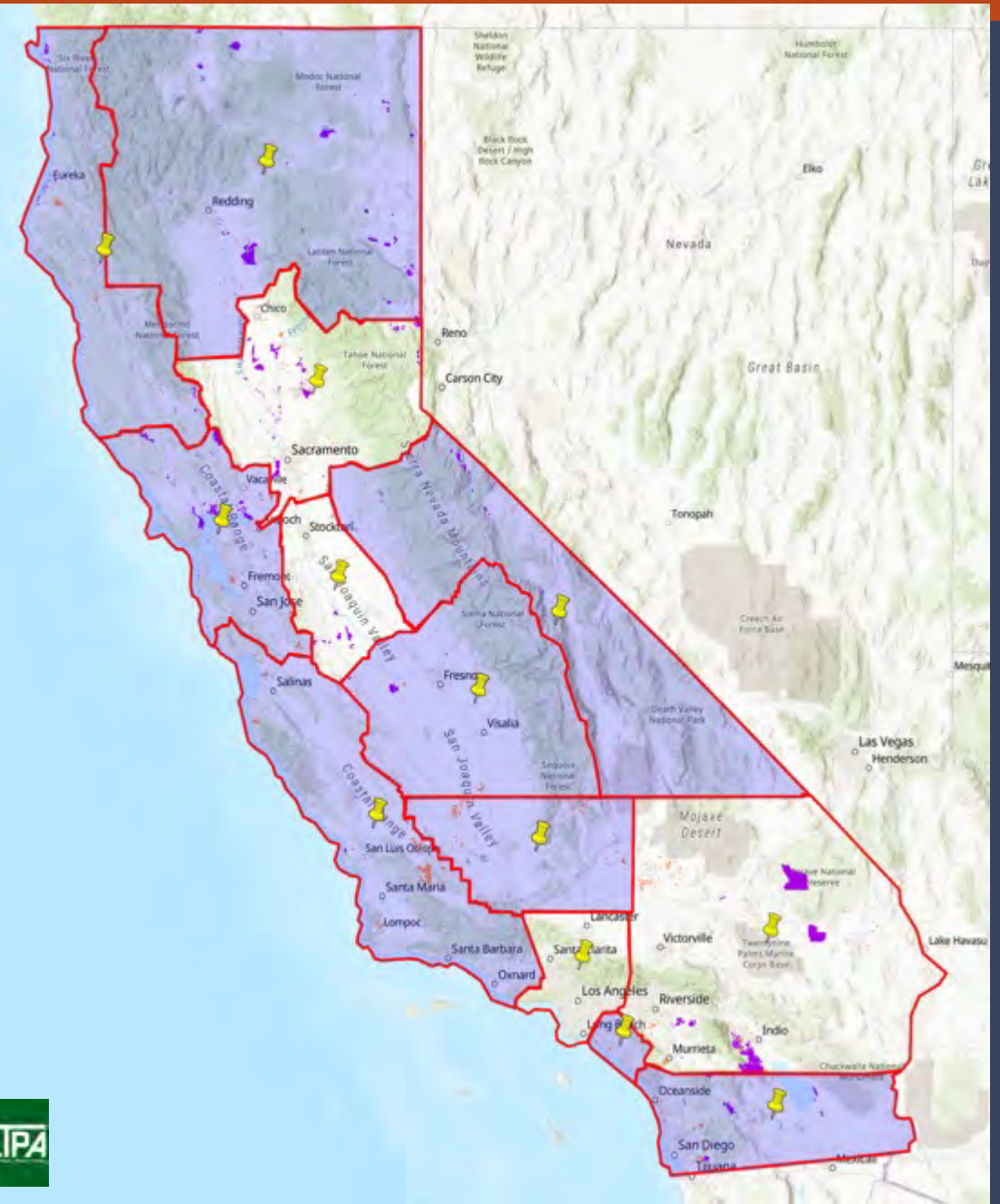
Distinct Regional Economies Informed by Unique Natural Resources & Community Assets

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



CA JOBS FIRST - TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION COHORT

NEXT MEETING
October 3, 1:30 PM

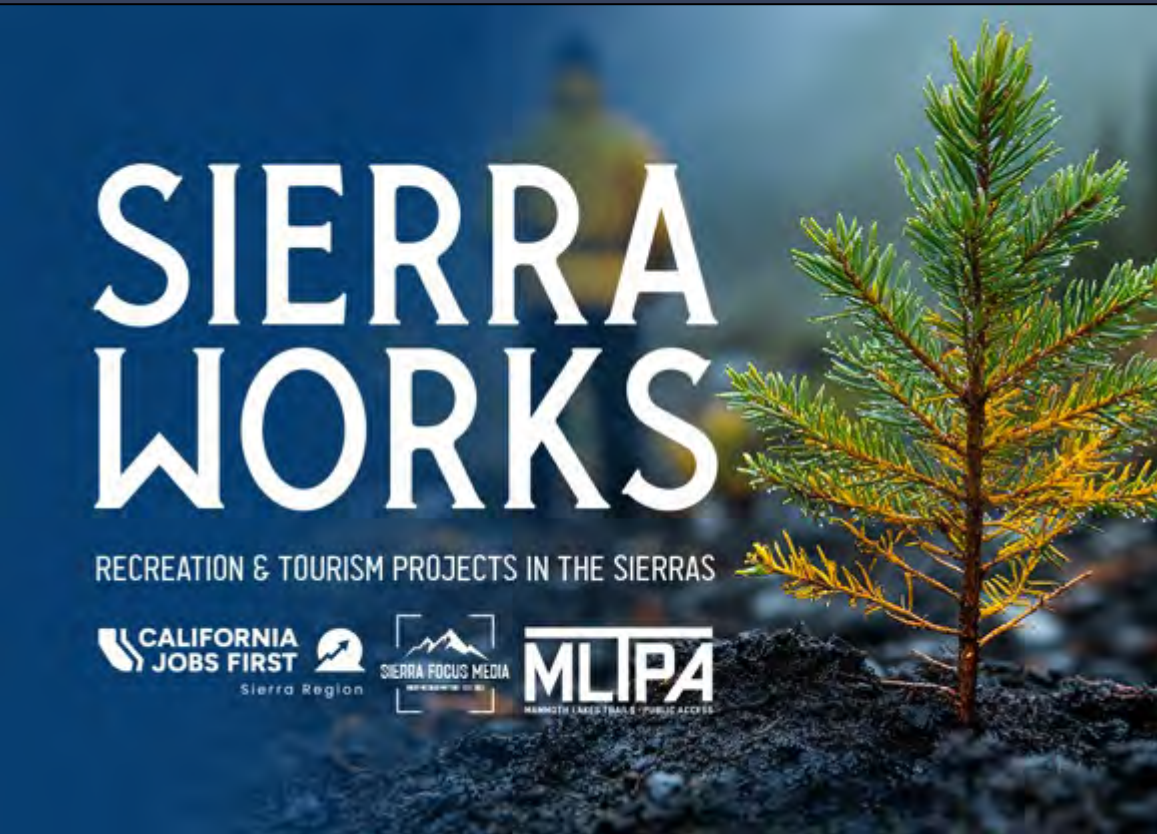


Source: Visit California

Sierra Jobs First: "Catalyst Projects" - Recreation & Tourism

Projects

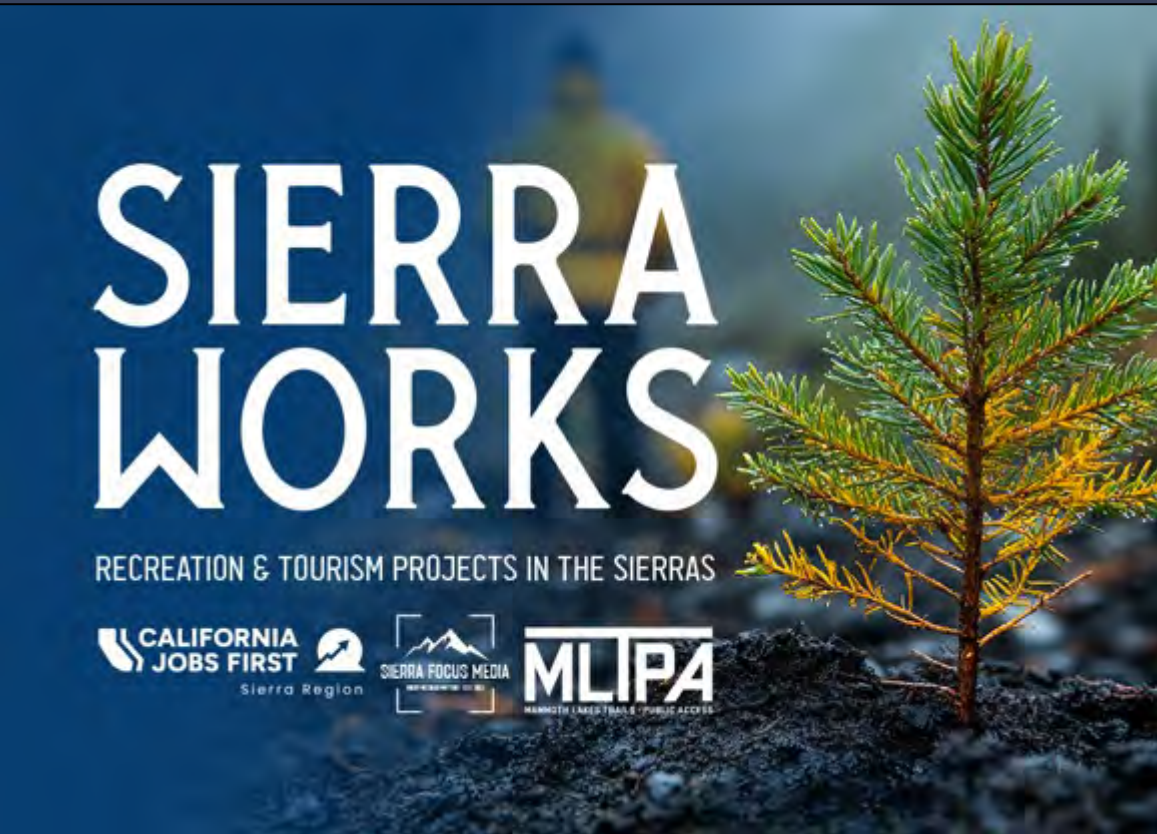
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- Contracted via "Other" sectors
- "Walk-On" Projects
 - Projects that did not apply for Catalyst funding, but qualify for Technical Assistance



Sierra Jobs First: "Catalyst Projects" - Recreation & Tourism

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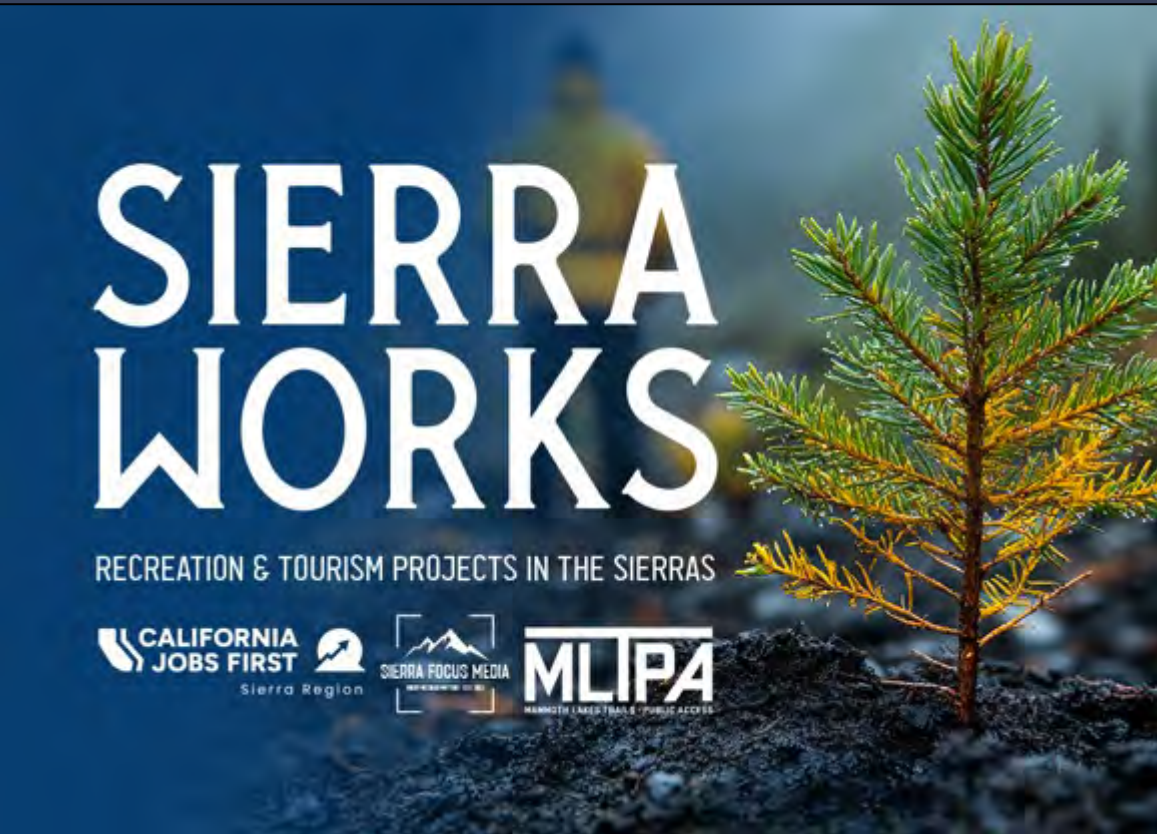
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Sierra Jobs First: "Catalyst Projects" - Recreation & Tourism

1	Alpine County	Tri-County Recreation Economic Impact Study
2	Amador Trails Stewardship	Pathways to Prosperity: A Regional Multimodal Recreation Initiative
3	Eastern Sierra Artists	Sierra Regional Arts Organization Collaborative Network
4	ESCOG	Chipmunk Canyon Existing Conditions Analysis
5	MLTPA	Eastern Sierra Regional Campground Improvements & Jobs Creation
6	MLTPA	Eastern Sierra Regional Education & Recreation Jobs Creation
7	MLTPA	Eastern Sierra Regional Trail System & Jobs Creation
8	Motherlode Bicycle Coalition	Sustainable Mobility Partnership Program
9	Sierra Focus Media	Sierra Sourced
10	Sierra Nevada Alliance	The Collaborative Sustainable Recreation Assessment
11	Tuolumne County Arts Alliance	Creative Reuse of Creative Arts Center Tuolumne County
12	Tuolumne County CDD	Jamestown Specific Plan and Toolkit for Town Center Revitalization

Sierra Jobs First: "Other" and "Walk-On" Projects

Catalyst Awarded "Other" Sector Projects

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|---|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | ESCOG | Business Catalyst Program |
| 2 | ESCOG | Eastern Sierra Regional Collaborative (ESRC) Capacity Incubator |
| 3 | Eastern Sierra Foundation | Investing in our Shared Future |

Catalyst "Walk-On" Projects

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|---|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Bishop Area Climber's Coalition | Bishop Climbing Ranger Program |
| 2 | Bishop Area Climber's Coalition | Pine Creek Vault Toilet |
| 3 | Bishop Area Climber's Coalition | Buttermilks Recreation Plan |
| 4 | Motherlode Bicycle Coalition | Run/Bike/Hike Day |
| 5 | Motherlode Bicycle Coalition | A Cyclist Guide to Bike Central Sierra |

Sierra Jobs First: "Catalyst Projects" - Recreation & Tourism



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CALREC VISION
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Recreation and Tourism Cohort
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EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PARTNERSHIP
RECREATE RESPONSIBLY CALIFORNIA
TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN
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SUSTAINABLE RECREATION AND TOURISM INITIATIVE
RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE
EASTERN SIERRA RECREATION COLLABORATIVE

Projects Tracked



Project Description: As part of the Industry Sector Coordinator Team for Recreation and Tourism, we partner with our colleagues at [Sierra Focus Media](#) to collaborate with all of the projects listed below to support their development through the Catalyst phase of Sierra Jobs First, ensuring alignment with the [Sierra Jobs First Strategic Plan](#). Our goals are to provide technical support and to identify funding resources for these Catalyst projects to bring them to life through their ultimate implementation. The individual projects listed below are subject to change as some project contracts are still pending. Once all contracts are fully executed, the Sierra Jobs First team at Sierra Business Council, which serves as the fiscal agent and regional convener for the California Jobs First Sierra region, will publish project updates, including the exact amount of the catalyst award received by each awardee on [SierraJobsFirst.org](#) and in the [Sierra Jobs First newsletter](#). Through those resources, you can find information on all of the awarded Catalyst projects, not just those in the Recreation and Tourism sector. We encourage you to check back to this page for updates on the Recreation and Tourism projects as we actively engage with these projects and drive progress in the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism sector, and to reach out to MLTPA and Sierra Focus Media at sfadmin@mltpa.org for more information. If you have questions about any of the Catalyst awards across all sectors, including project descriptions, award amounts, lead organizations, and/or counties/industries/foundational elements addressed, or if you are an awarded project with questions about contracting, invoicing, reporting, or need other administrative help, please reach out to your assigned Sierra Jobs First team liaison directly, or to the general Sierra Jobs First team at jobsfirst@sierrabusiness.org. As it becomes available, you can click on the project's title below to view additional project information.

Recreation & Tourism Catalyst Projects



CHIPMUNK CANYON EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

The project will develop an existing conditions analysis of the unauthorized trail network to inform required environmental review, determine feasibility of a formal trails network, identify and plan for recreation amenities, and engage Tribes and interested communities to in a conceptual rec plan.



CREATIVE REUSE OF CREATIVE ARTS CENTER TUOLUMNE COUNTY

This project will collect donated materials from businesses to divert from landfills and offer maker workshops focused on STEAM/STEM education. It includes leasing a larger site, hiring educators for underserved communities, and a manager to structure the business.



EASTERN SIERRA REGIONAL CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS & JOBS CREATION

This project aims to collect donated materials from local businesses otherwise to go to landfill; utilize maker workshops to provide access to resources for STEM and STEAM focused learning and exploration for all ages; and hire necessary professional capacity.



SIERRA JOBS FIRST - RECREATION AND TOURISM - CATALYST PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Information for this Sierra Jobs First Recreation and Tourism Project is current as of August 20, 2025 and will be updated as additional information becomes available.

To view the complete list of Catalyst projects approved by the Sierra Jobs First Governing Council on March 24, 2025, [please click here](#).

PROJECT NAME

- Eastern Sierra Regional Trail System & Jobs Creation

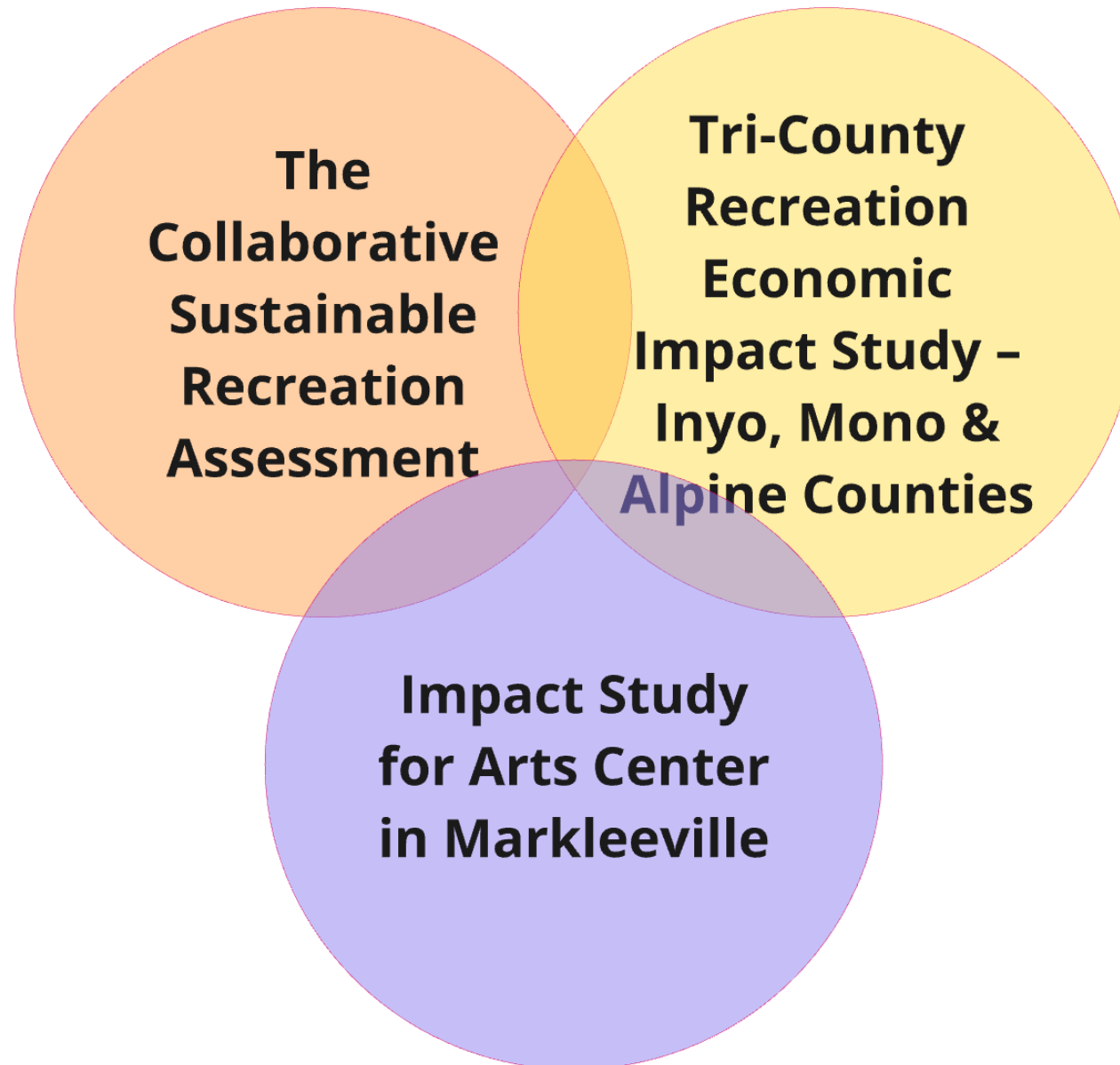
LEAD PROJECT APPLICANT

- MLTPA

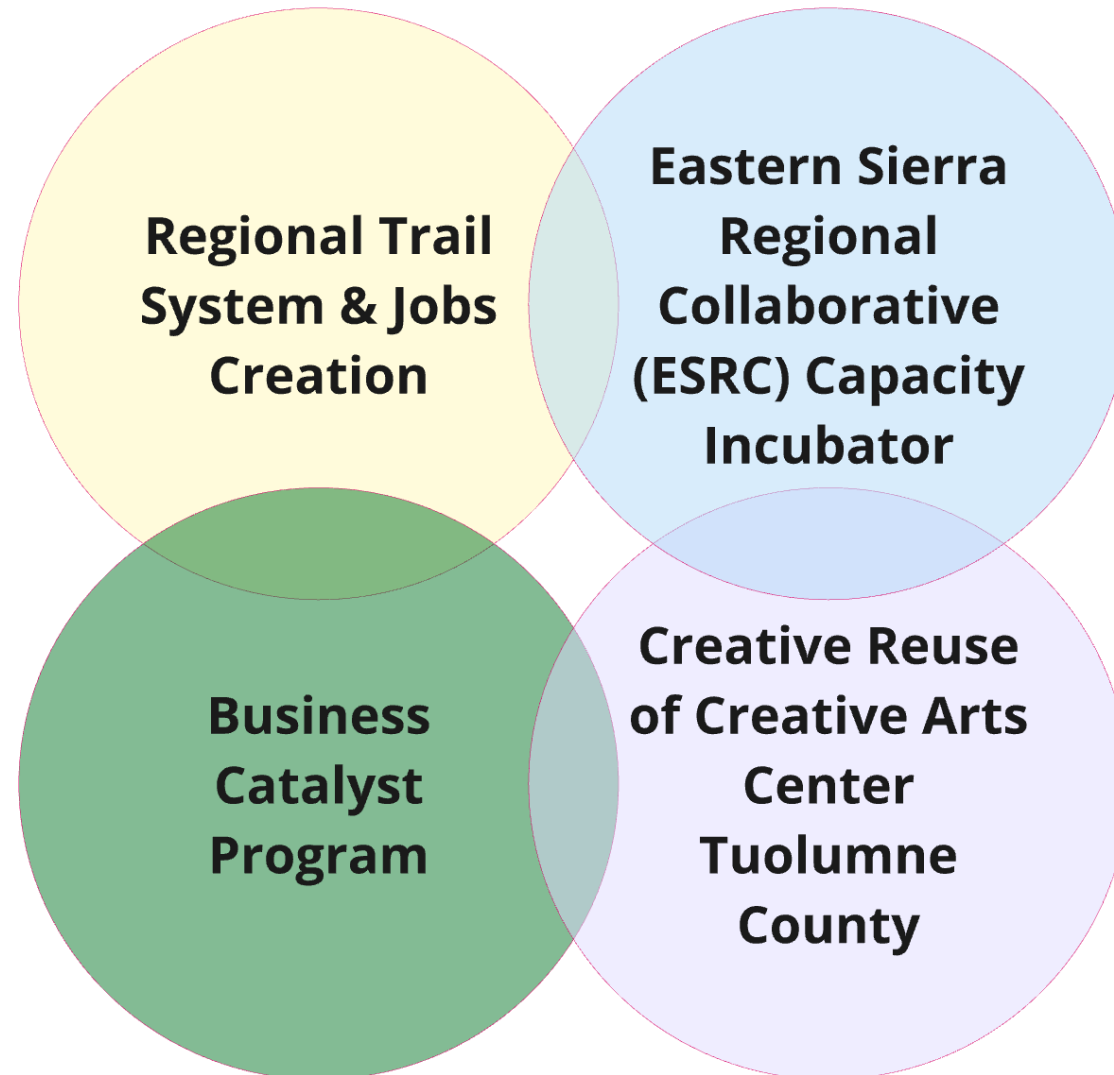
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- MLTPA is developing the Westside Towns to Trails Plan as a key component of a future Eastern Sierra regional trail system. This plan will complement the Eastside Towns to Trails Plan as finalized by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG), which together, may one day form a cross-Sierra trail network linking gateway communities to public lands and each other through outdoor recreation. The Westside Trails Plan focuses on four counties in the California Jobs First Sierra Region, identifying opportunities for trail and infrastructure connectivity between communities, adjacent public lands, and ultimately to three eastside counties via northern Alpine County. Using the same methodology as the Eastside Towns to Trails plan, the Westside Towns to Trails Plan evaluates existing inventoried trail and system road infrastructure, maps potential alignments, works with community stakeholders, and identifies environmental planning needs. The plan also explores opportunities to extend the network into the Central San Joaquin Valley Jobs First Region, including Tulare, Fresno, and Madera counties, as well as Yosemite National Park. This work enhances regional recreation access, supports sustainable tourism, and promotes economic development by improving connectivity across diverse California landscapes, and all through the renewed utilization of existing infrastructure.

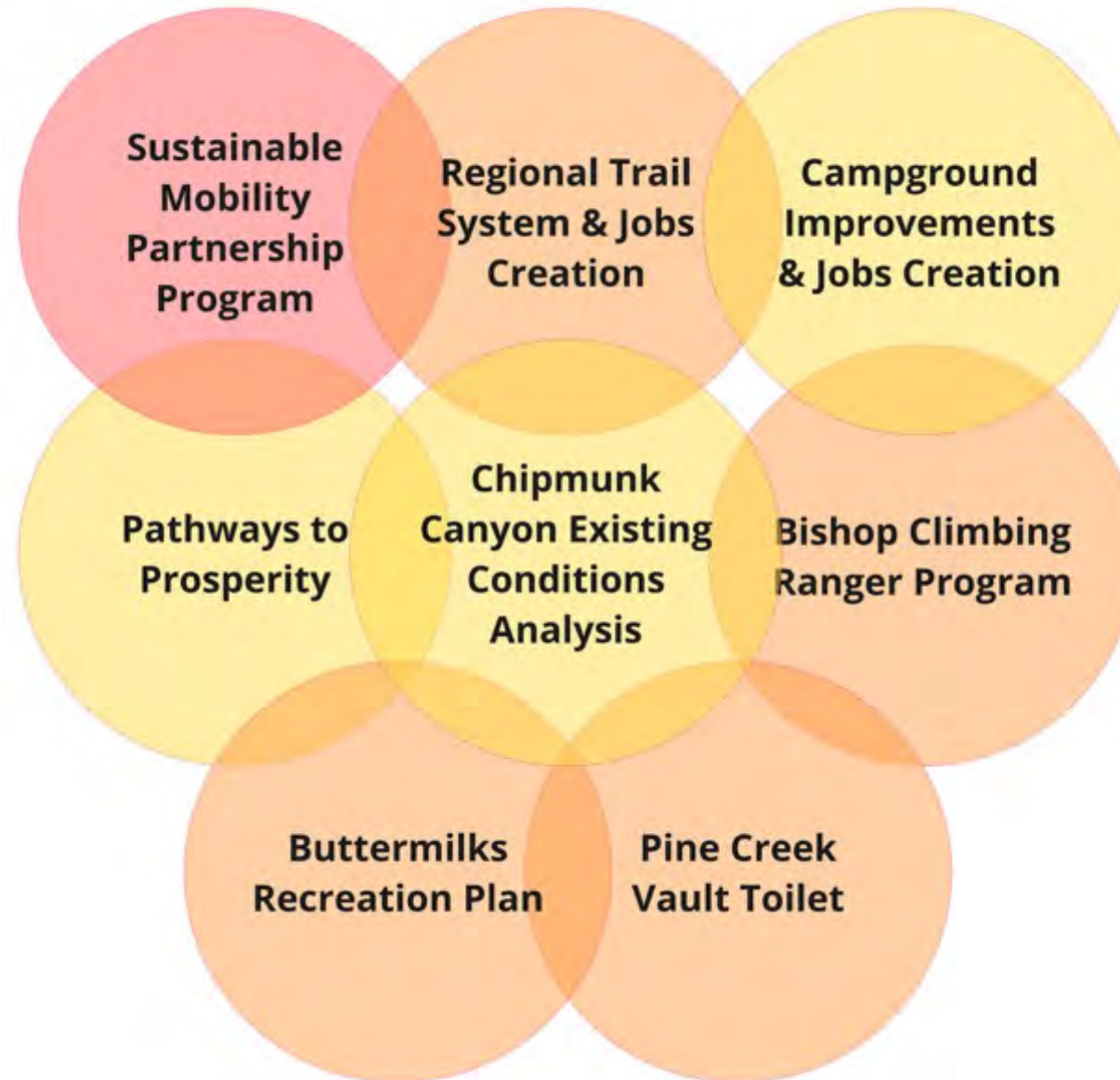
Regional Economic Impact Studies



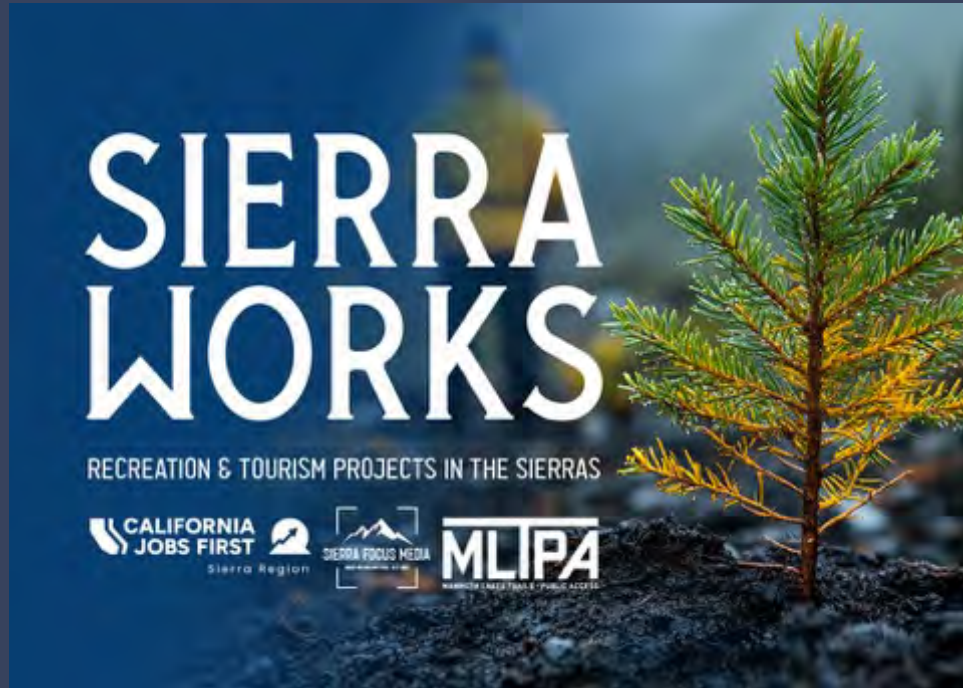
Environmental & Climate Resilience in Creation



Regional Trail Systems & Infrastructure



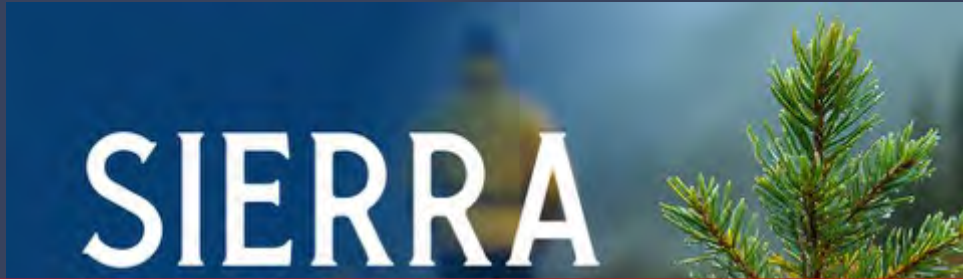
Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Project Updates



Recreation and Tourism Working Group

- October 20, 2025
- November 17, 2025
- January 19, 2026
- February 16, 2025
- March 16, 2025
- April 20, 2026
- May 18, 2026
- June 15, 2026
- July 20, 2026
- August 17, 2026





Recreation and Tourism Working Group

- October 20, 2025
- November 17, 2025

Where will we be on
October 1, 2026?



- May 18, 2026
- June 15, 2026
- July 20, 2026
- August 17, 2026



California Wildfire and Recreation



MAKE AMERICA RAKE AGAIN



California Wildfire and Recreation



Inland Empire Regional Meeting

SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2025

The Inland Empire Community Foundation and the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District are hosting the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Regional Meeting September 4 at the University of Redlands in San Bernardino County. A remote attendance option will be available via Zoom.

The meeting on September 4 will highlight the 2025 Action Plan and issues of regional importance. We will kick off the day with refreshments and a resource fair.

On September 5, Task Force partners will host field tours offering immersive opportunities to better understand the critical landscape health and wildfire resilience work being done in the region.

September 4 – 5
Orton Center
University Of Redlands
DIRECTIONS

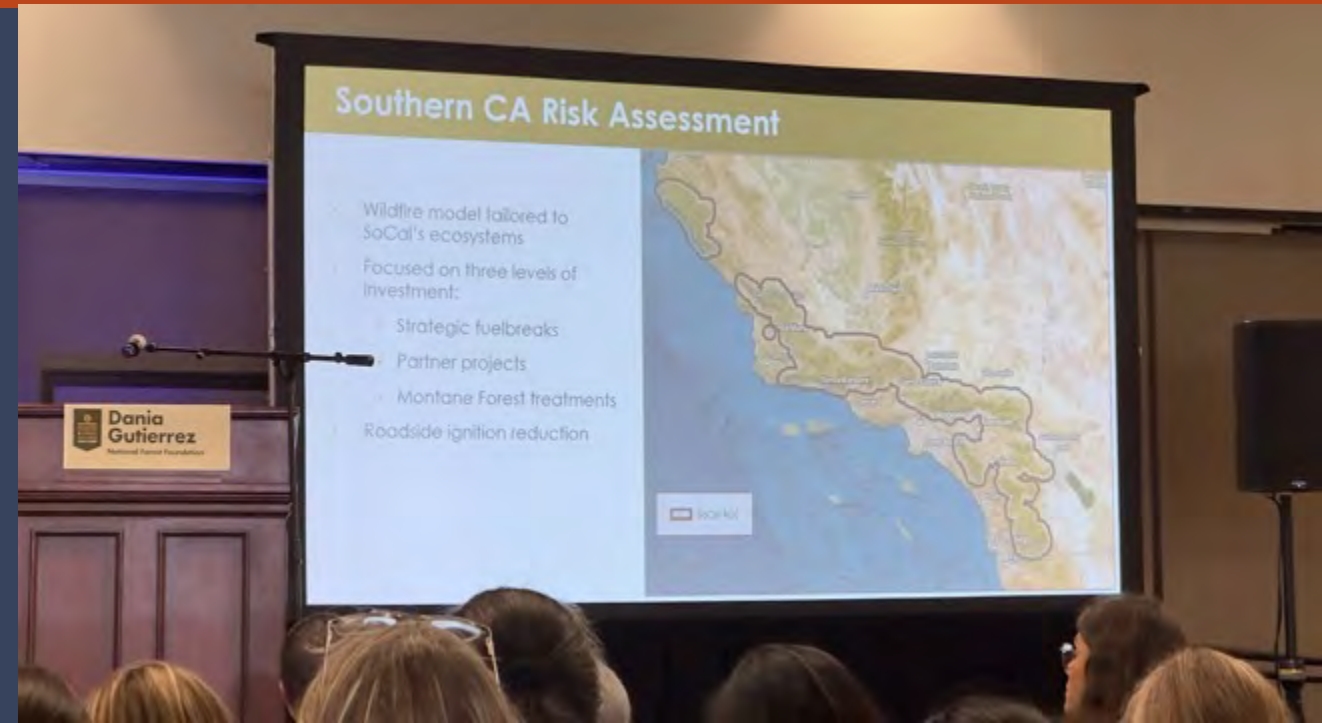


RESOURCES

- SEPTEMBER 4 MEETING REGISTRATION
- SEPTEMBER 4 ZOOM REGISTRATION
- SEPTEMBER 5 FIELD TOUR REGISTRATION
- AGENDA

		CA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL MEETING			Sept. 4, 2025
Thursday, September 4, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM In person: Orton Center, University of Redlands Online: Zoom					
8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Resource Fair & Check in Welcome & Opening Remarks	Local Partners & Displays Wade Crowfoot, CA Natural Resources Agency Jason Kulken, U.S. Forest Service Adrienne McCormick, U. of Redlands Michelle Decker, IE Community Foundation Joe Tyler, CAL FIRE			
10:45 AM	Director's Report	Patrick Wright, Task Force			
11:15 AM	Wildfire Resilience in the Inland Empire: Collaborative Efforts Producing Results State, federal, and nonprofit partners will highlight the Inland Empire's unique landscape and discuss how partnerships and fuels treatments boosted wildfire preparedness and response in the 2024 fire season.	Moderator: Kathy Peterson, SCIRP Dania Gutierrez, National Forest Foundation Shane Littlefield, CAL FIRE San Bernardino Unit Danelle Hamson, San Bernardino National Forest			
12:15 PM	Lunch				
1:10 PM	Optional Video Screening: 2024 Success Stories	U.S. Forest Service			
1:30 PM	Southern California's Roadmap to Resilience: Regional Strategies and Partnerships Regional leaders will highlight how cooperative agreements and partnerships are turning strategies into action on protecting communities, reducing ignitions, and restoring landscapes.	Moderator: Jeff Heys, USFS Michael O'Connell, Irvine Ranch Conservancy Lisa Worthington, Caltrans Heather Dyer, San Bernardino Valley Muni. Water Sal Reyes, San Bernardino National Forest			
2:40 PM	BREAK				
3:00 PM	Tracking, Funding, and Measuring Progress in Southern California Experts will explore how new approaches are broadening funding sources and shifting wildfire resilience tracking from acres to outcomes.	Moderator: Dania Gutierrez, National Forest Fdn. John Battles, UC Berkeley Joe Rannery, Vibrant Planet Matt Sloggy, USFS Pacific SW Research Station Nick Wobbrock, Blue Forest Will Madrigal, Jr., Climate Science Alliance			
4:10 PM	Closing Remarks	Executive Committee			
5-7:00 PM	Reception	Sustainable University of Redlands Farm			
Friday – September 5, 2025					
Field Tours		Click for Details			

California Wildfire and Recreation



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**THE
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THREAT
IS REAL.**

Our Solution...

**California's
Joint Strategy
For Sustainable
Outdoor Recreation
& Wildfire Resilience**

**Adopt It
NOW!**

Photo: Outdoors

Sustainable Wildlife & Habitat Management for People

WILDLIFE'S JOINT STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION & WILDLIFE RESILIENCE

RESEARCH AND TOOL DEVELOPMENT FOR WILDLIFE AND HUMAN RESILIENCE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION



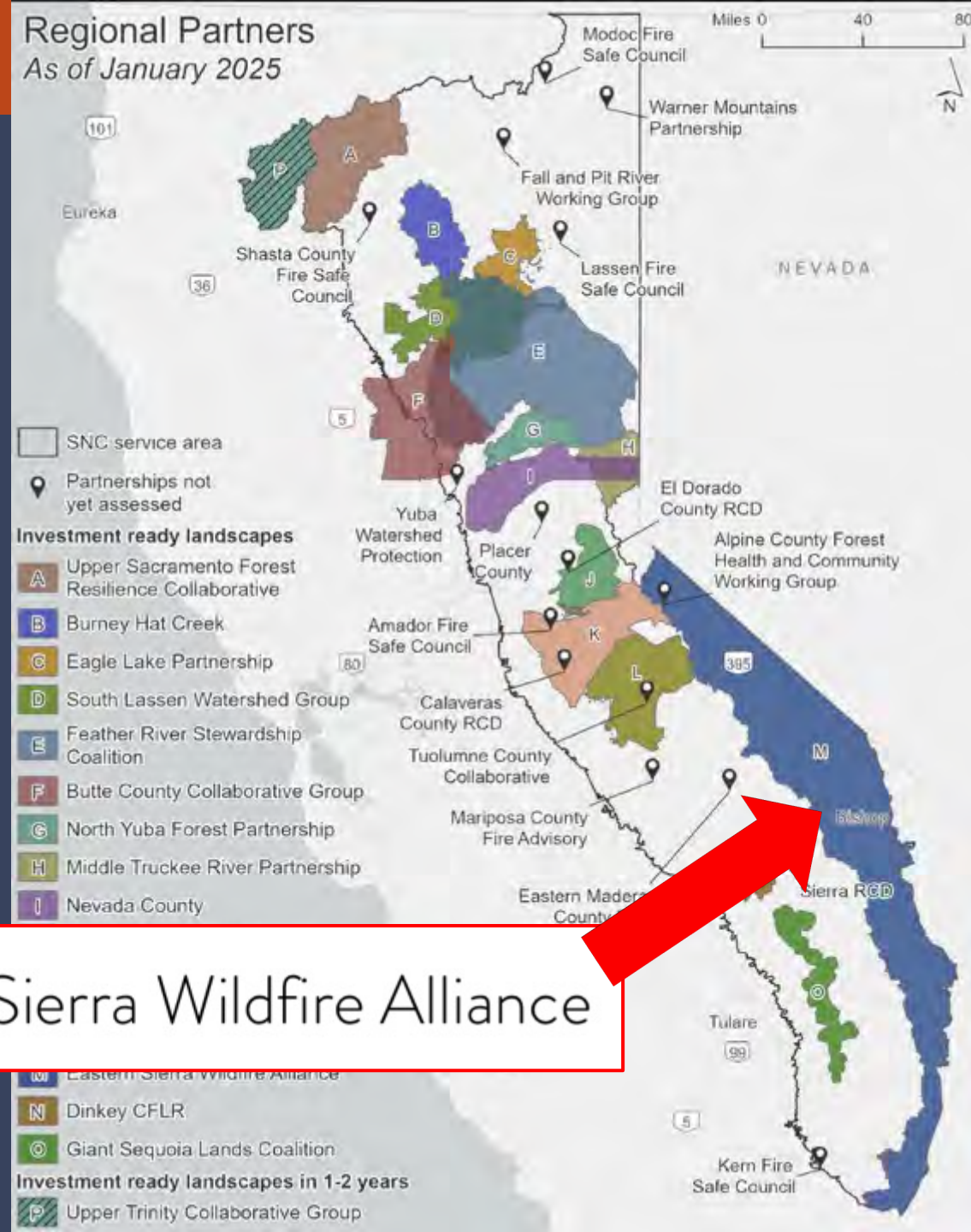
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NOW**

This matters to you.

50% of Oncologists in 2014 will be 10th Specialties graduates.

California 100 First is a statewide economic framework that calls for building regional economies rooted in local strengths. In many communities, outdoor recreation is that strength. Investing in trails, campgrounds, and public access creates job opportunities, impacts visitors, and keeps small businesses thriving.

California Wildfire and Recreation



Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance

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Upcoming Meetings

Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Meeting
Thursday, September 18th, 2025

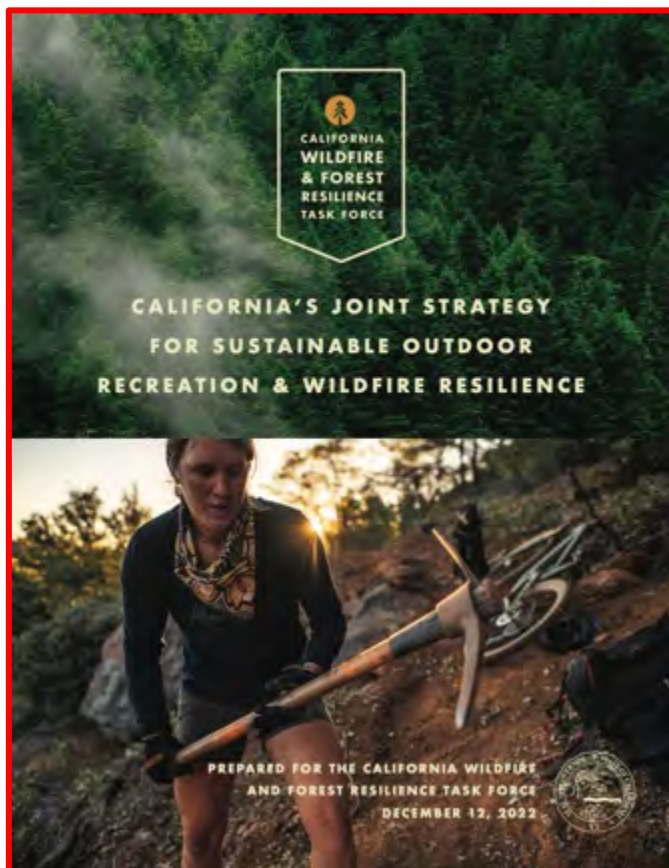
More information to follow

[Contact Us](#)

Update the Wildfire & Forest Resilience Action Plan



Joint Strategies 2025 Deliverables



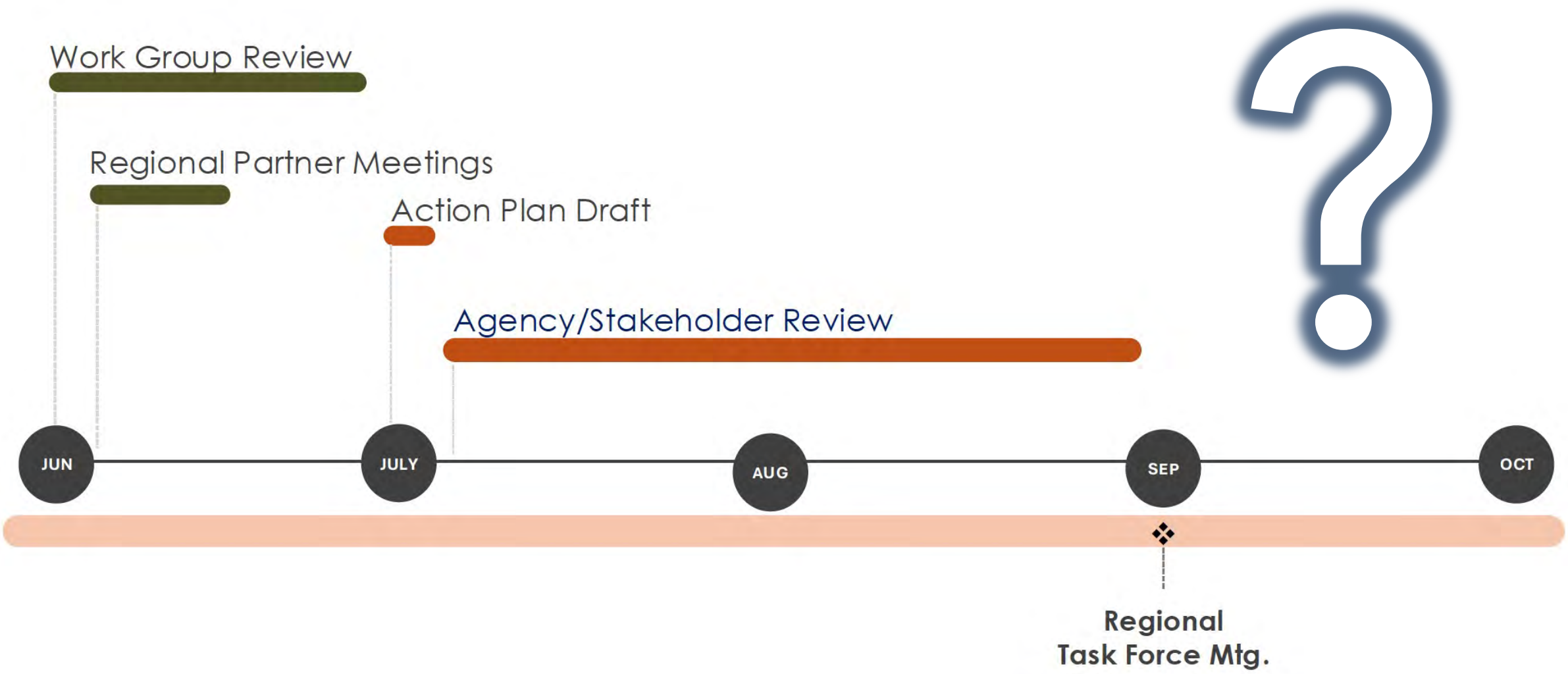
Science and Data



- Science Synthesis and Forest/Range Assessment
- Interagency Treatment Tracker
- Million Acre Modeling and Benefits Assessment
- Core Reporting Metrics



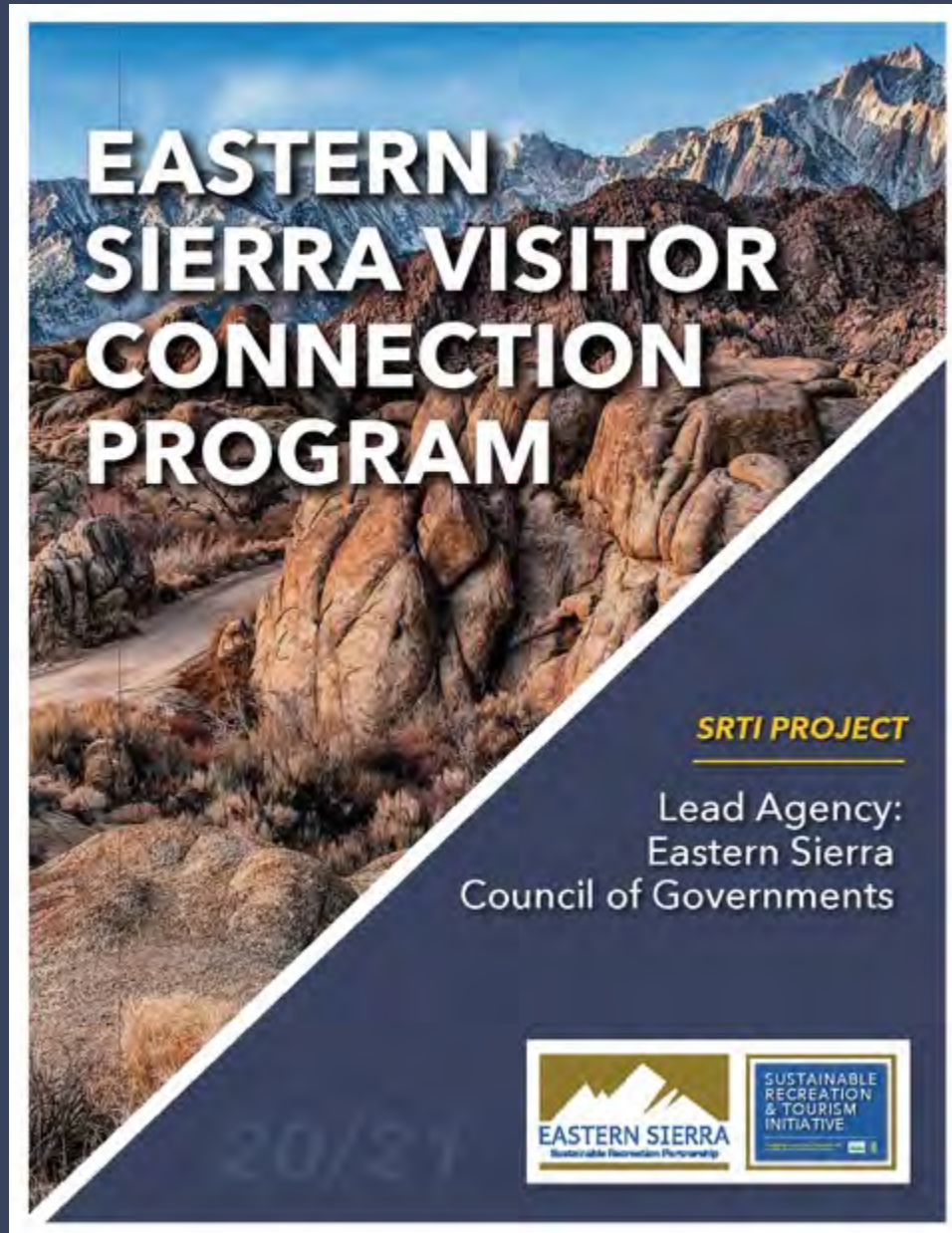
2025 Action Plan Schedule



California Wildfire and Recreation



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MARKETING CONTENT STRATEGY



VCP FIRE - SEASON 2

MAY - OCTOBER 2025



Date: Mar 25, 2025

Goals and objectives: "Ignite Awareness"

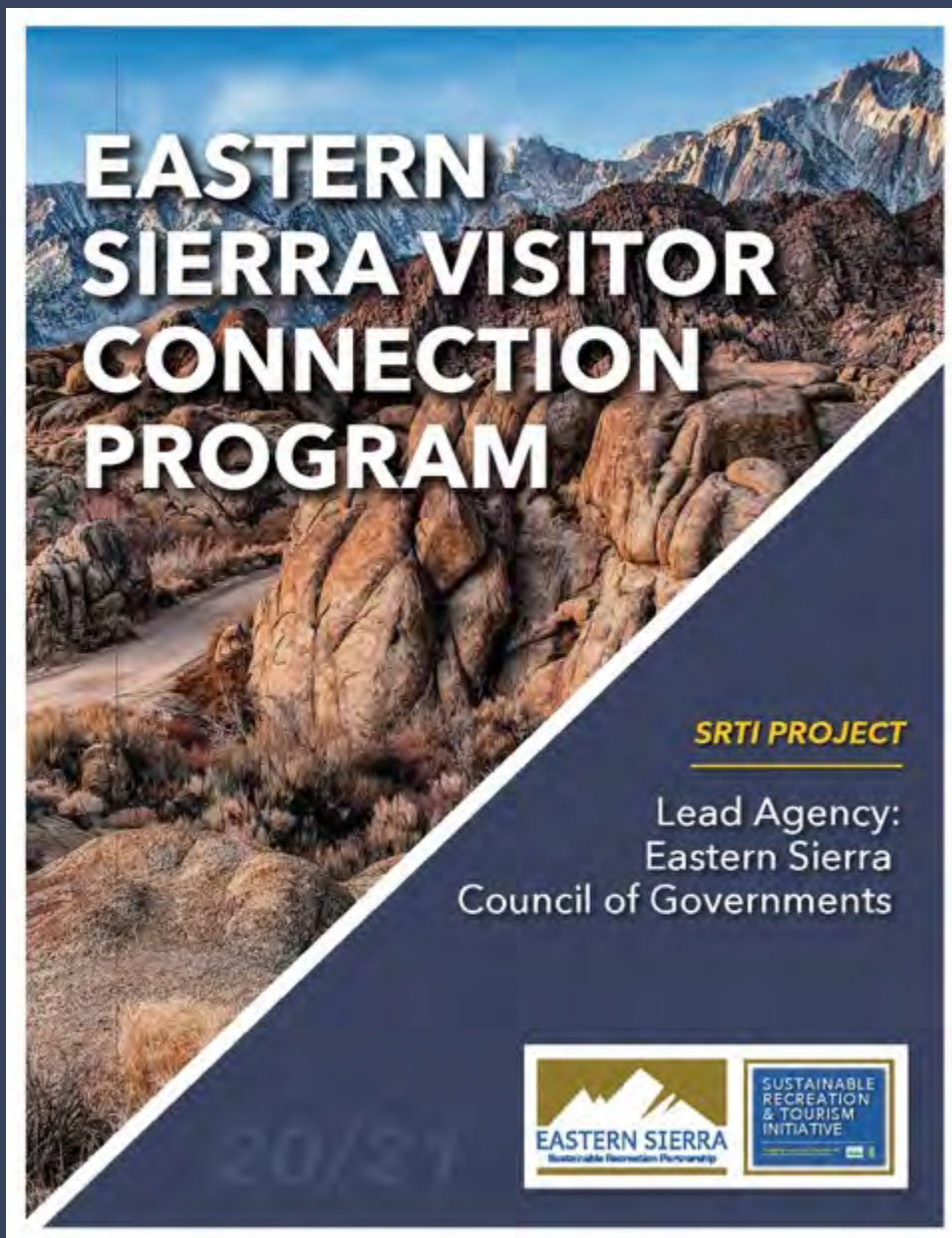
Create objectives that align with broader business goals. Separating them into primary, secondary, and long-term will provide focus and strategic direction. Here's an example:

- 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



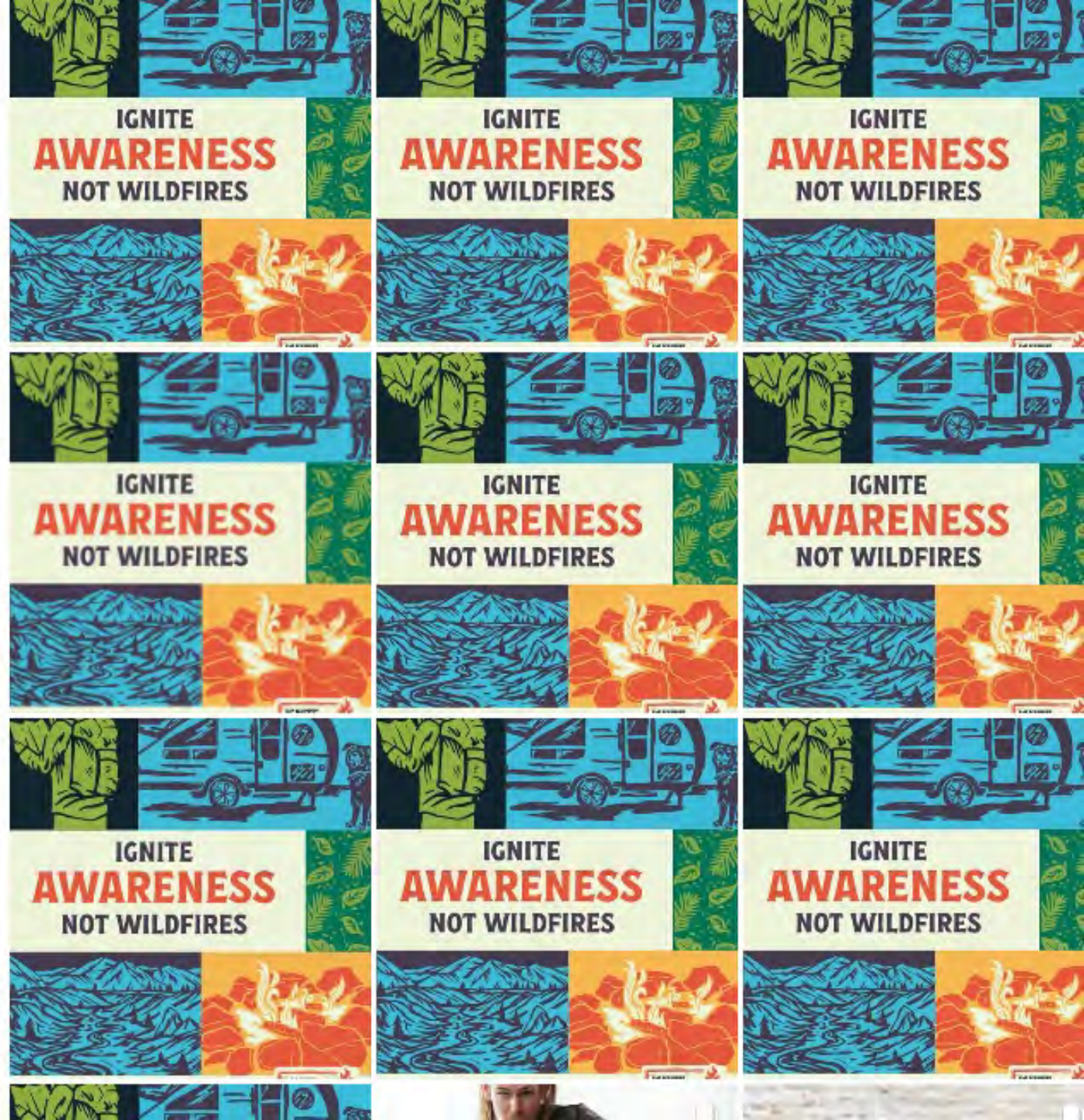
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Golden Mussel Threat



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Eastern Sierra Mussel Prevention Collective to Launch Pilot Program This Labor Day Weekend to Protect Local Waters from Invasive Species

EASTERN SIERRA, Calif. - (August 26, 2025) – A new coalition of federal and state agencies, and local governments, the Eastern Sierra Mussel Prevention Collective, announced today that it will establish two watercraft inspection and decontamination (WID) stations over Labor Day weekend. This pilot project is a proactive effort to protect the region's pristine lakes and rivers from the rapidly spreading threat of aquatic invasive species (AIS), including the recently detected Golden Mussel.

The Eastern Sierra Mussel Prevention Collective is a joint effort between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the U.S. Forest Service, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Southern California Edison, Mono County, and Inyo County.

The two WID stations will operate over the busy holiday weekend to intercept boaters and other watercraft users traveling into the Eastern Sierra. The stations will be located at:

- Mono Basin Visitor Center in Lee Vining.
- Diaz Lake, just south of Lone Pine.

The schedule for the stations will be as follows:
Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

The goal of this pilot program is to develop a framework and test logistics for WID stations in 2026 in not only these two locations but possibly others.

The primary purpose of this initiative is to prevent the spread of Golden Mussels and other AIS. The Golden Mussel, which was first detected in the U.S. in California in October 2024, poses a significant and evolving threat to the region. These mussels have rapid growth rates, can colonize a wide range of surfaces, and have been known to clog vital infrastructure, including

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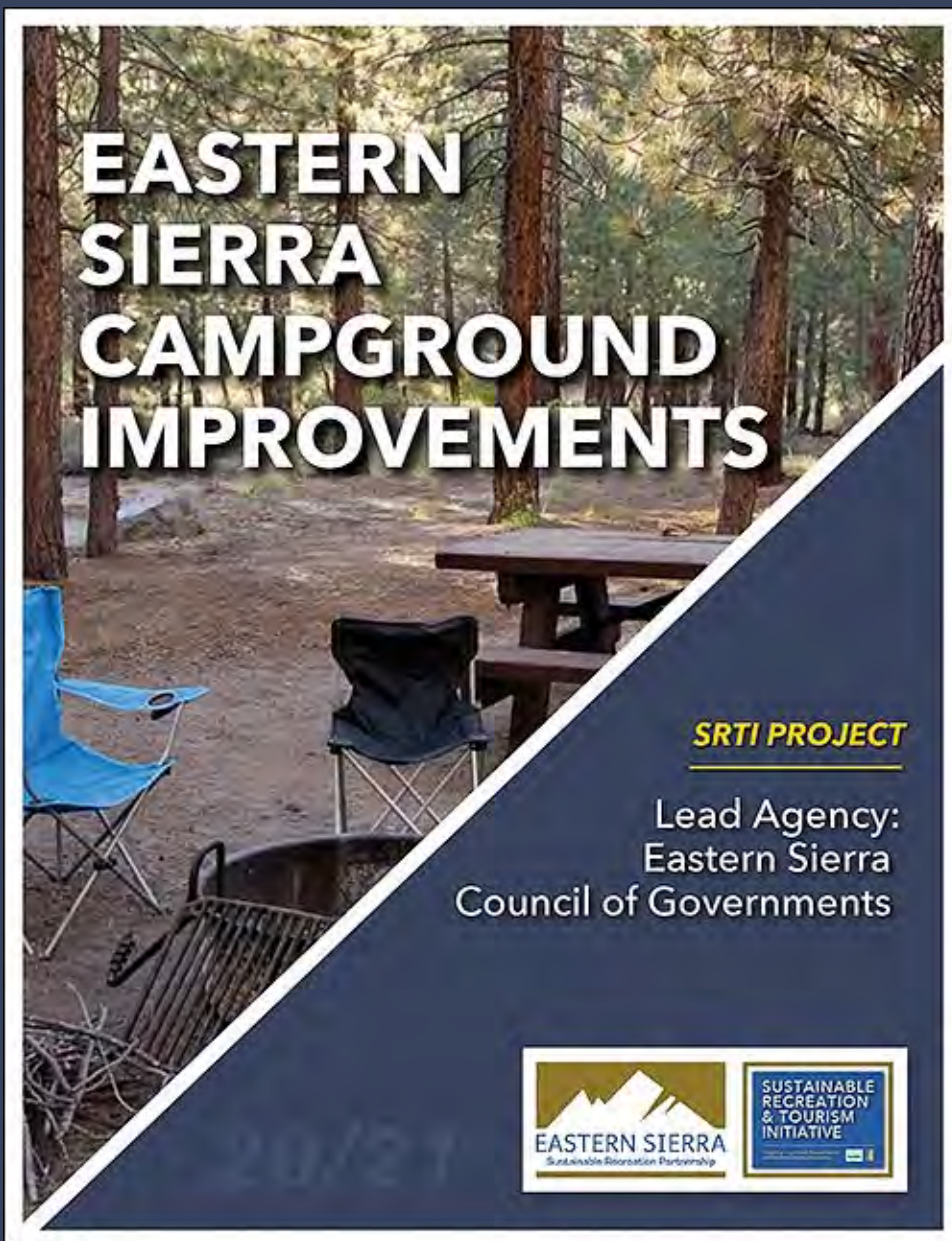
VISITOR CONNECTION PACKAGE

A Framework
for the Development
and Implementation of
a Regional Voice for
Sustainable Recreation
in the Eastern Sierra



Funding for this project has been provided by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, an agency of the State of California, under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) and in support of the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program.

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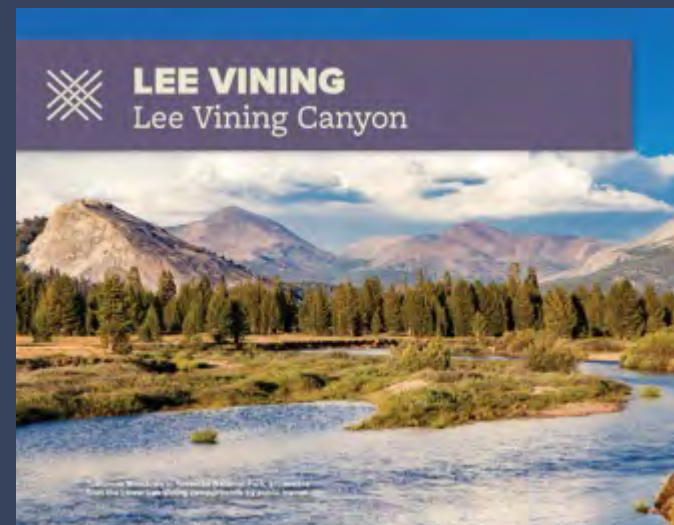
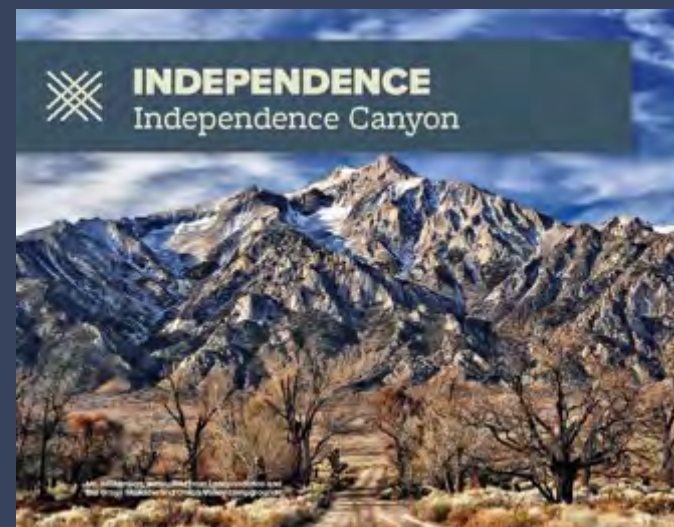
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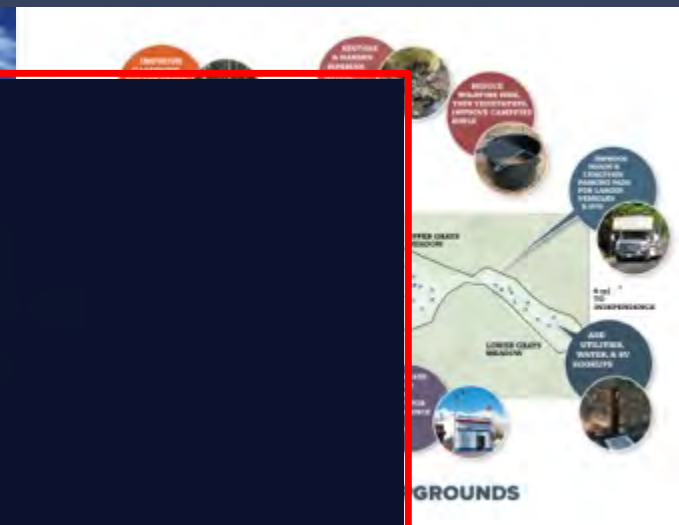
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PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER
February 11, 2025



LEE VINING CANYON CAMPGROUNDS

MLTPA Sustainable Recreation Projects

USDA Forest Service			FS-5000 (9/15/04) (10/04) OMB No. 0598-0177 EPA 650/1-0001
MODIFICATION OF GRANT OR AGREEMENT			PAGE 1 OF 1
1. U.S. FOREST SERVICE GRANT/AGREEMENT NUMBER: 24-CS-11050400-006	2. RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR GRANT OR AGREEMENT NUMBER, IF ANY:	3. MODIFICATION NUMBER: 1	
4. NAME/ADDRESS OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNIT ADMINISTERING GRANT/AGREEMENT (unit name, street, city, state, and zip + 4): Inyo National Forest, 351 Pacu Ln., Bishop, CA 93514		5. NAME/ADDRESS OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNIT ADMINISTERING PROJECT/ACTIVITY (unit name, street, city, state, and zip + 4): Same	
6. NAME/ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR (street, city, state, and zip + 4, country): Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, PO Box 100 #432, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546		7. RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR'S HHS SUB ACCOUNT NUMBER (for HHS payment use only):	
8. PURPOSE OF MODIFICATION			
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:	This modification is issued pursuant to the modification provision in the grant/agreement referenced in item no. 1, above.		
☒	CHANGE IN PERFORMANCE PERIOD: extend to June 30, 2027		
☒	CHANGE IN FUNDING: add \$435,000		
☒	ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES: correct cooperator address		
☒	OTHER (Specify type of modification): additional scope item		
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9. ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR DESCRIPTION OF MODIFICATION (add additional pages as needed): see attached			
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Agreements Financial Plan (Short Form)					
Financial Plan Matrix:	Note: All columns may not be used. Use depends on source and type of contribution(s).				
	FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS		COOPERATOR CONTRIBUTIONS		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
	Noncash	Cash to Cooperator	Noncash	In-Kind	
COST ELEMENTS	(e) Total				
Direct Costs					
Salaries/Labor	\$6,290.00	\$392,875.50	\$100,000.00	\$12,844.80	\$512,010.30
Travel	\$0.00	\$2,579.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,579.04
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies/Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other					\$0.00
Subtotal	\$6,290.00	\$395,454.54	\$100,000.00	\$12,844.80	\$514,589.34
Coop Indirect Costs		\$39,545.45	\$0.00		\$39,545.45
FS Overhead Costs	\$0.00				\$0.00
Total	\$6,290.00	\$434,999.99	\$100,000.00	\$12,844.80	
Total Project Value:					\$554,134.79
Matching Costs Determination					
Total Forest Service Share =			(f)		
(a+b) ÷ (e) = (f)			79.64%		
Total Cooperator Share			(g)		
(c+d) ÷ (e) = (g)			20.36%		
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Innovative Finance for National Forests Program



Project Description: On May 11, 2020, MLTPA was advised that a partnered grant application with the Inyo National Forest, the Inyo National Forest Foundation, and the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities was awarded to support development of recreation infrastructure and capital improvements for the Inyo National Forest Campground project.

infrastructure, as local campgrounds are not meeting the needs of contemporary recreationists. The project has the potential to leverage non-federal capital resources for management improvements, and may serve as a replicable model for recreation infrastructure and capital improvements on public lands. Addressing the campgrounds' need for revenues from visitors, enhance revenues to local communities, diversify business opportunities, and all while protecting natural resources and adapting and promoting resilience to climate change. On October 11, 2021, the [U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities](#) announced \$2.2 million in additional grant funding for eleven awards to support development of finance models that seek to leverage private sector capital to support resilience of the National Forest System and surrounding lands, and \$376,811 was awarded to [Quantified Ventures](#) to continue work on the Inyo National Forests Campground project.

August 15, 2025: Grant Deadline for NFF Grant



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organizations in a project to work with them. That works well. To avoid providing leadership in the project manager's Staff Office, he is serving as architecture for the delivered Societies (NNPA), fully-conscious of a campground extension that they have erected. All Landscapes successfully led the national Park Service in USFS policy, pressing of a new NF capacity in Construction. However, the complete construction, even NF, to unlock with army as to how (E) will respond.

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METS Compensated Cardiovascular Dysfunction - County Portal

The six project campgrounds are managed by a concessionaire under a Granger-Trye Act special use permit. This authority allows for advance payment of improvement costs, "considered fee offsets," by the permittee against future revenue. The Trye Act expands the permittee to contribute \$3 million to construction of improvements to the campgrounds. The permittee is also permitted to complete the improvements. The concession permit includes several additional facilities, increasing revenue available for campground project construction and allowing for the advance purchase of five new vault toilets identified in the Schematic Plans, funded by the project to date, an additional \$600,000 value. The first pages and the signature page of the application and construction permit are included in the exhibit and the permit form is included in Trye Act application as the "payor letter of support." The balance of the permit includes confidential/proprietary information that cannot be shared publicly.

1948 *Reviewing*
Hawthorn

Financing and/or upfront capital will not be required for this project.

IPAF Europe
www.ipaf-europe.org

Six active campgrounds on the Inyo National NF have been identified to serve as the project's PICs, including

OMB 0598-0217
FS-1500-17B

USFS Agreement No. _____

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"Hi John, current status is that the request to approve the agreement modification is at the departmental level. Not really sure who that would be..."

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From: Horvat, Chelyssa Chelyssa.Horvat@mail.house.gov
Subject: RE: ESSRP - Final Agenda + Low-Res Presentation for July 7, 2025
Date: July 7, 2025 at 5:18 PM
To: johnwentworth@mltpa.org
Cc: Vasquez, Natalia Natalia.Vasquez@mail.house.gov



Hi John,

Thank you for having Congressman Kiley on today. He really enjoyed his time with the ESSRP!

If you can provide more information for Natalia and I about the campground that is waiting for \$400,000 to be reauthorized, we would be happy to look into that issue.

Also, please feel free to share our contact information with any groups that may be

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Congressman Kiley)

Please, also, don't hesitate to reach out to us should you like to have Congressman Kiley on an ESSRP meeting again in the future!

Regards,

Chelyssa Horvat

Chelyssa Horvat
District Director
U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley, CA-03
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6. NAME/ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR (street, city, state, and zip + 4, county): Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, PO Box 100 #432, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546		7. RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR'S IHHS SUB ACCOUNT NUMBER (For IHHS payment use only):		
8. PURPOSE OF MODIFICATION				
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:	This modification is issued pursuant to the modification provision in the grant/agreement referenced in item no. 1. above.			
☒	CHANGE IN PERFORMANCE PERIOD: extend to June 30, 2027			
☒	CHANGE IN FUNDING: add \$435,000			
☒	ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES: correct cooperator address			
☒	OTHER (Specify type of modification): additional scope item			
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Justification for Modification

24-CS-11050400-006 Inyo Campground Improvement Project

Initial agreement funds: \$163,654 GAOA from FS, \$206,671 from cooperator

Modification funds: \$435,000 GAOA from FS, \$112,845 from cooperator

The cooperator has completed the initial scope items in this agreement to provide engineering surveys and schematic designs for the renovation of six Inyo NF campgrounds. These campgrounds are long overdue for redesign and renovation to meet the needs of current visitors and to improve resilience to natural disturbances like floods and wildfires. The modification will fund the next step in the project. The cooperator will prepare a construction document package and construction cost estimate ready for bidding.

If this modification is not approved, the six campgrounds will continue to degrade, deferred maintenance costs will continue to accumulate, and the public will be unable to fully access and enjoy their public lands due to the physical limitations of the campgrounds (such as: inadequate fire clearances, parking spaces too small for modern vehicles, not meeting accessibility guidelines, campsites too small for larger families, campsites not level or comfortable, restrooms outdated, and roads too narrow for RVs and emergency vehicles). **In addition, \$2,000,000-\$4,000,000 in new local economic activity will be forgone annually if the campgrounds are not upgraded and do not meet the needs of current visitors.**

Additional Scope Item

Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) shall:

Hire, supervise, and manage a contracted landscape architecture firm that will provide a bid ready construction plan set and construction cost estimate for six campgrounds, based on the schematic designs provided in item B, that is ready for bid. Plan set to include: cover sheet, index, accessibility plan, demolition, layout and materials, dimensions and profiles, grading and drainage, restoration, details and notes.

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Shavati Karki-Pearl – Senior Administrative Analyst- Recreation



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Other Events & Important Dates

Under the Redwoods: Sempervirens Fund Webinar Series

In this webinar series, Sempervirens invites experts and thinkers to join them to explore our magnificent redwood forests, what makes redwoods so special, why they thrive here and nowhere else in the world, and what they mean to us in our lives. **Webinars are the last Tuesday of each month (January - October) from 1 - 2 PM PT.**

- [Register for the July 26th Webinar:](#) Researching Redwoods, Michael Jones, Ph.D., Univ. of California
- [Learn more >>](#)

Winter Wildlands Alliance Grassroots Advocacy Conference

September 11-14th, 2025

With climate disruption, agency underfunding, and mounting pressure on our public lands, this year's conference will explore how we can build more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable systems for the future. Expect dynamic workshops, engaging panel discussions, shared meals, and plenty of time for music and outdoor fun in the spirit of "summer camp for winter advocates."

- [Learn more and register here.](#)

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MLTPA Foundation, P.O. Box 100 PMB #432, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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Plotlines by Lindsay Gucker

Tracing the patterns of land, food, and community
through the lens of farm design and culture.

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PLOTLINES BY LINDSAY GUCKER

Why does a single peach cost \$2 at the farmers' market?



LINDSAY GUCKER

AUG 02, 2025

This question undoubtedly pops into the minds of local farm stand customers as they salivate over the plump, blushed orbs carefully perched in baskets beneath a sign reading "\$10/quart." Eying each quart with a quick mental tally to see which basket overflows the most, the shopper discovers each juicy peach costs about \$2. At first glance, this price is hard to reckon with, but let's travel through the life of this peach to see if it's fair.

From High Desert to High Peaks

This peach, nestled among its fuzzy companions, finds itself in Mammoth Lakes, California, nearly 7,900 feet above sea level in the middle of July. It was picked by hard-working hands from a tree on a farm about 50 miles southeast, outside Bishop, California. The tree bearing this peach has been tended to for over a decade, using great care and organic practices to produce the succulent treats ready for harvest. In a single day, it was plucked from the tree, joined flats of other peaches, plums, and nectarines, carried to the harvest barn, and loaded into a van with other fresh produce for the 4,000-foot climb to the weekly summer farmers' market in Mammoth.

Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

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

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2025 @ 3:30