

SIERRA JOBS FIRST - RECREATION AND TOURISM - CATALYST PROJECT INFORMATION

Information for this Sierra Jobs First Recreation and Tourism Project is current as of August 25, 2026.

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 Education & Recreation Jobs Creation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- The Education & Recreation Catalyst Project directly followed the recommended actions in A Changing Climate | Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra, a report prepared by the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative (SRTI) and the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP). This project aimed to build regional workforce capacity by giving community college students real, on-the-ground work experience in outdoor recreation, forestry, and natural resource management. MLTPA led the effort, convening a Project Coordinator from Cerro Coso Community College with Columbia College. Through a pilot course at Cerro Coso, MLTPA helped pair students with internship and eventual job opportunities at public agencies and local organizations across the Eastern Sierra. Our partner at Cerro Coso Community College developed the curriculum and academic structure through its Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Forestry, Climate, and Conservation degree pathways, which already build in internships and applied coursework. The college is now expanding that work with Mono County, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Kern County Fire, and Cal Fire, placing students in experiential learning roles that come with both academic credit and a real shot at future employment.



LEAD ORGANIZATION

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COUNTY OF IMPACT

- Mono
- Inyo
- Tuolumne

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Please visit the MLTPA Education & Recreation Project page for future updates.
 - <https://mltpa.org/our-work/sierra-jobs-first-1/sierra-jobs-first-mltpa-projects/recreation-education>