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## **Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative Invites Regional Stakeholders to Participate in Inyo National Forest Plan Update**

### **Four public meetings scheduled to support collaborative community input**

**MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIF., Oct. 3, 2014**—In preparation for the next phase of the Inyo National Forest Management Plan Revision Process, the Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative (ESRC) is inviting recreation enthusiasts and regional stakeholders to participate in a series of public meetings scheduled for October and November 2014.

The series will kick off with a general-information meeting on **Tuesday, Oct. 14, in Bishop, Calif., at the Cerro Coso Community College** and continue with a second meeting on **Tuesday, Oct. 28, in Big Pine, Calif., at the Big Pine Town Hall** and a third meeting on **Thursday, Oct. 30, in June Lake, Calif., at the June Lake Community Center**. A meeting to draft a recreation strategy is scheduled for **Wednesday, Nov. 12, in Bishop at the Cerro Coso Community College**. All meetings will be professionally facilitated and are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m.

These four ESRC meetings will be open public forums intended to provide diverse recreationists and stakeholders throughout the Eastern Sierra with an opportunity to collaboratively develop a regional voice representing the area's recreation economy to help inform local, state and federal planning and policy efforts. The meetings will focus on identifying key recreation values in preparation for the anticipated November 2014 release of the preliminary alternatives for the Inyo National Forest's Management Plan Revision process. The efforts of the ESRC are intended to support the Inyo National Forest as it makes its first revision to the Forest Management Plan since 1988.

The public is encouraged to participate in the upcoming meetings to work together to elevate and define the value of recreation for the region and the importance of its appropriate representation in matters of public policy.

The ESRC is looking for regional stakeholder organizations that may be interested in assisting with public outreach efforts. For meeting materials, background information, and details on how to become involved, please visit [www.eastsierrarec.org](http://www.eastsierrarec.org).

### **About Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative (ESRC)**

The ESRC is a grassroots effort launched in 2014 by Eastern Sierra recreation enthusiasts committed to economic diversification and to policies that support sustainable recreation management. Its purpose is to enhance regional recreation opportunities through focused engagement and collaboration with community stakeholders and the gateway communities of the Eastern Sierra.

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