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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.



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



Mono County

- Marcela Rose – *Sustainable Recreation Coordinator*



Mammoth Lakes Recreation

- Kim Anaclerio — *Program Director*



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- Crystal Medhurst - *Community Wildfire Resilience Outreach & Education Coordinator*



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- Keri Davis - *Sharp Ends Designs*

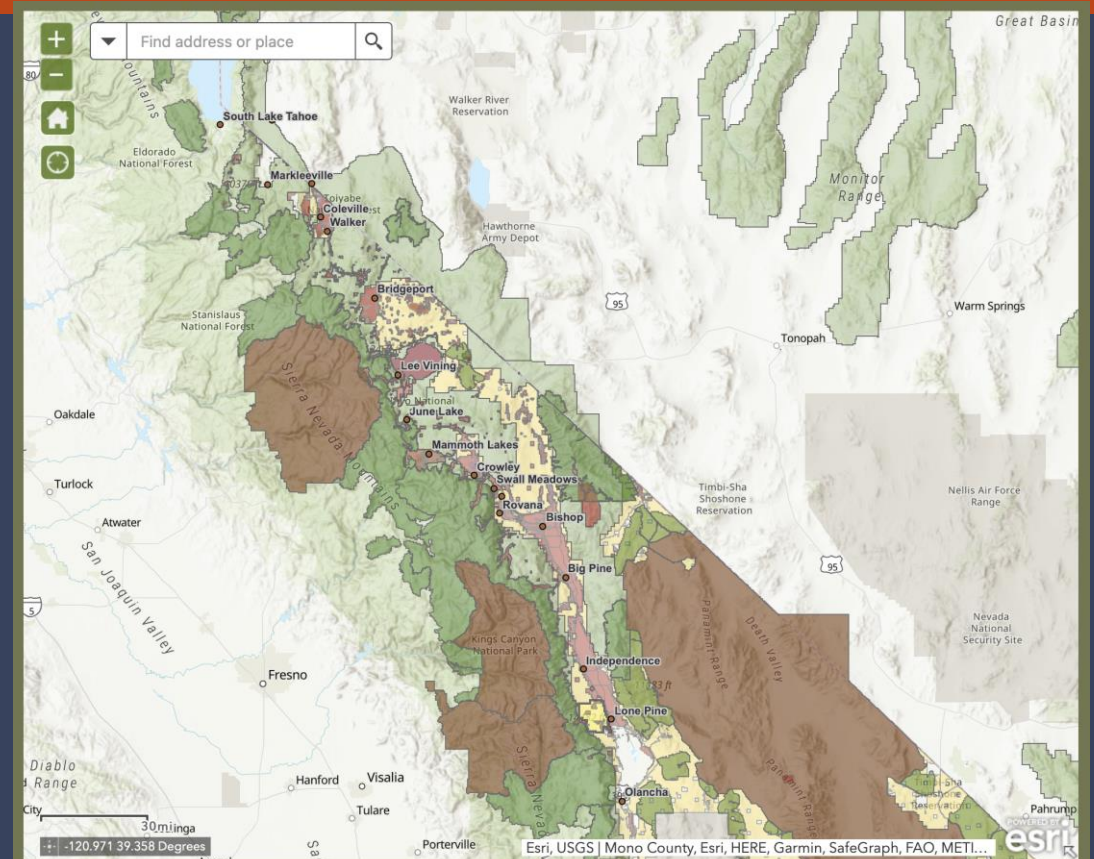
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FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT: [CLICK FOR MORE INFO](#)

CAMP LIKE a PRO in the Eastern Sierra



DOWNLOAD THE CAMP LIKE A PRO APP
(CAN BE USED OFFLINE)



Please click anywhere on this interactive map for more details on land ownership, current policy/restrictions, and other useful information

	Campground		Picnic Area		No Dispersed Camping
	Visitor Center		Park		Wilderness Areas
	RV Park (Hookups)		Boat Launch		Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
	RV Dump		Day Use Area		National Park Service
	Trailhead		Airport		U. S. Forest Service

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DISPERSED CAMPING MITIGATION: CAMP LIKE A PRO

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- Expanded temporary and permanent waste management, including public restrooms and trash collection;
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VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM

The SRTI's Visitor Connection Working Group developed a strategy to connect with Eastern Sierra visitors throughout the region using messages of sustainable recreation and stewardship. The resulting Visitor Connection Program is a system for communicating with visitors and residents in-person, digitally, and with signage and kiosks. The program will:

- Identify and coordinate regional face-to-face communication opportunities;
- Build, develop, and maintain a regional website;
- Create turnkey content for digital outreach with social media assets, newsletters, and emails;
- Create a regional handbook with a training program for frontline employees;
- Coordinate signage and pop-up information kiosks;
- Develop a strategic messaging plan; and
- Research the visitation audience to maximize messaging efficacy.

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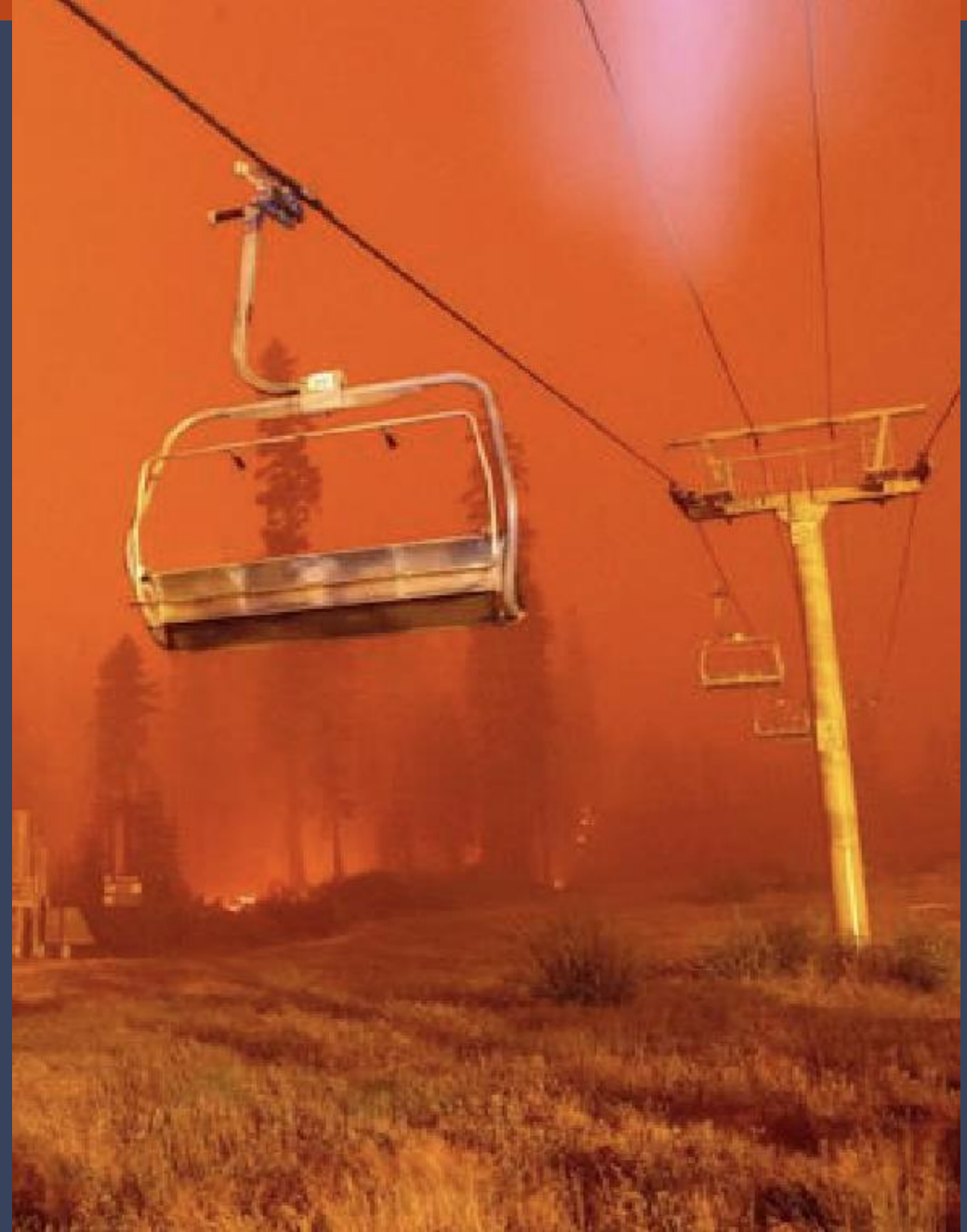
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THE SACRAMENTO BEE

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Snowiest winter ever? Storms push California to deepest snowpack in at least 40 years

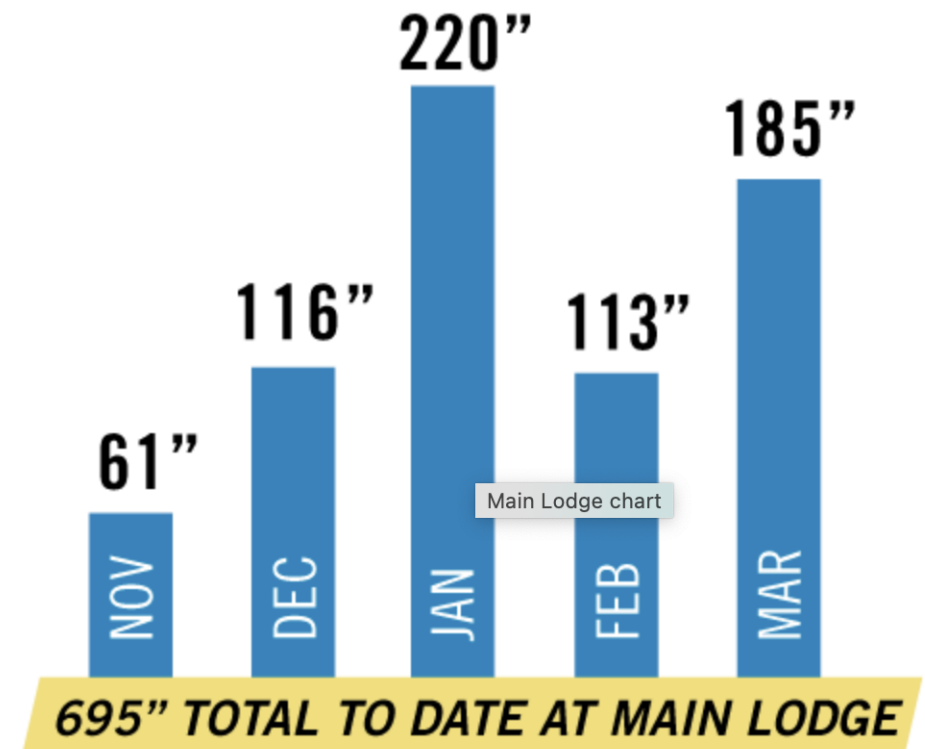


Sean de Guzman, California Department of Water Resources manager, right, walks on the snow after he and his team conducted the fourth Phillips Station snow survey of the season on April 3, 2023. HECTOR AMEZCUA hamezcua@sacbee.com

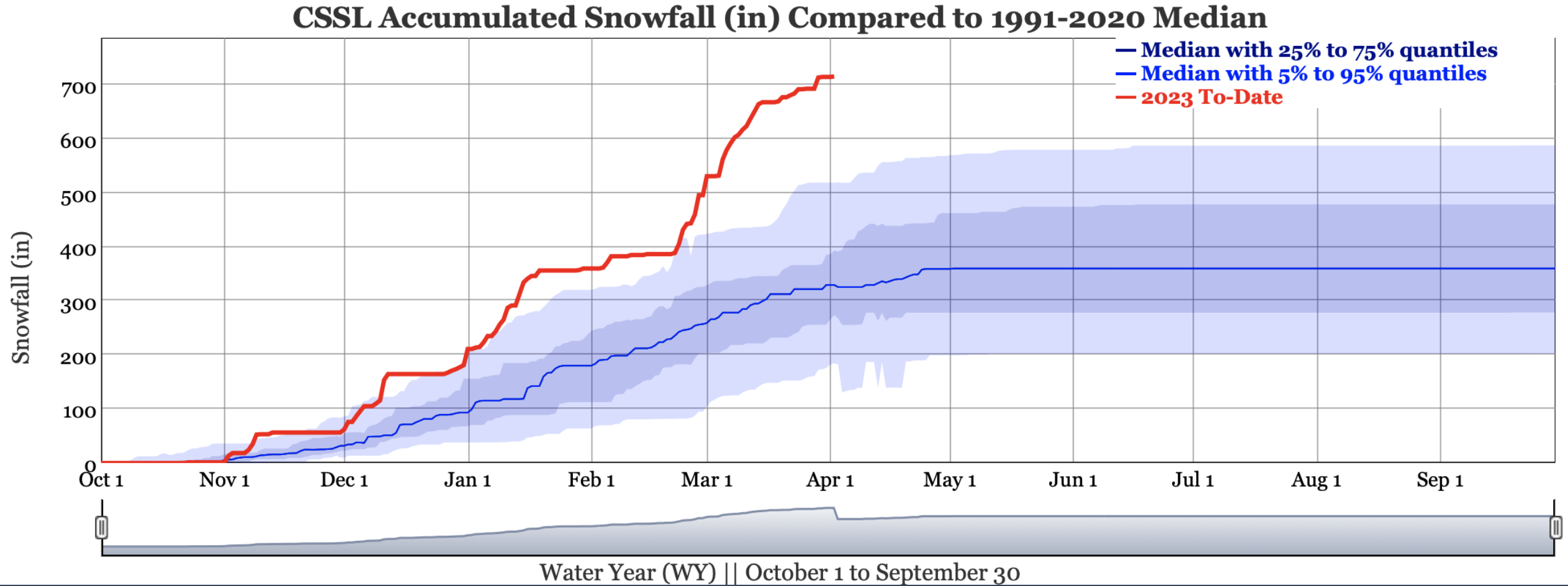


MAMMOTH RUNS DEEP

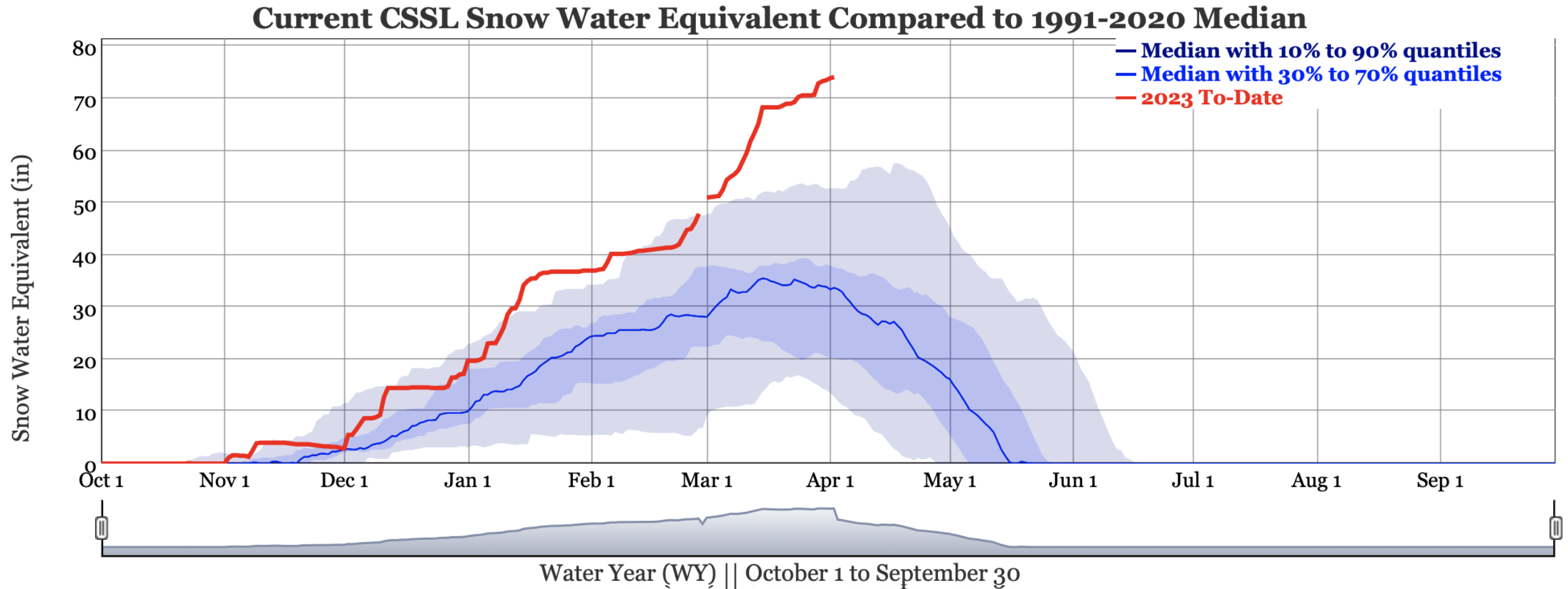
The 22/23 season at Mammoth will go down in history as the stuff of legends. Overnight, we received 28" of new snow and have officially broke the [all-time record for season snowfall](#) with a whopping 695". Now get ready for record-breaking fun. We're sitting on the deepest base depth ever recorded at Main Lodge which means the spring skiing and riding is going to be as good as it gets. Get ready to shred into summer too – Mammoth will be open daily through at least the end of July.



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Monster avalanche buries major California highway, cutting off these Sierra communities for weeks

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This is looking at how much the previous record has been exceeded.
Every Southern Sierra station so far is setting a new record.

Station.....Percent above previous record

Mammoth 8000'	15%
Rock cr 3	8%
Rock cr 2	1%
Rock cr 1	10%
Bishop Lk	16%
Minaret 2	26%
Crabtree Mdw	18%
Sandy Mdw	17%
Ramshaw	5%
Mammoth pass	21%
Cottonwood Lk	3%
Sawmill	3%
North Lk	7%
East Paiute	18%
Big Pine 3	Pending
Big Pine 2	Pending



John Dittli (freelance photographer)

3.3K friends • 284 mutual



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STAFF REPORT

To: ESCOG Joint Powers Authority
From: Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Staff
Subject: Award Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreational Planning Initiative Planning Services Contract
Meeting date: February 10, 2023
Prepared on: February 6, 2023
Attachments: A) Alta Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreational Planning Initiative Proposal

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ANALYSIS:

The proposal received from Alta Planning + Design Inc includes conceptual recreation plan development, trail implementation, signage implementation, parking and dispersed camping implementation, and NEPA compliance to



BUTTERMILK
INFRASTRUCTURE &
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INITIATIVE (BIRPI)

The Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative (BIRPI) will improve existing recreation infrastructure, create a focused recreation plan for the Buttermilk Bouldering Area, and develop a long-term conceptual recreation plan for the Buttermilk Project Area. The infrastructure and planning efforts will enhance the resilience of recreation amenities and natural resources in the Owens watershed.

In the Buttermilk Bouldering Area, the BIRPI will replace and/or install toilets to address the immediate needs of human sanitation. The collaborative planning effort will identify opportunities to develop a formalized system of trails, signage, kiosks, and durable soft surface parking.

In the Buttermilk Project Area, the long-term recreation planning effort will work with stakeholders to identify needs for future recreation improvements.

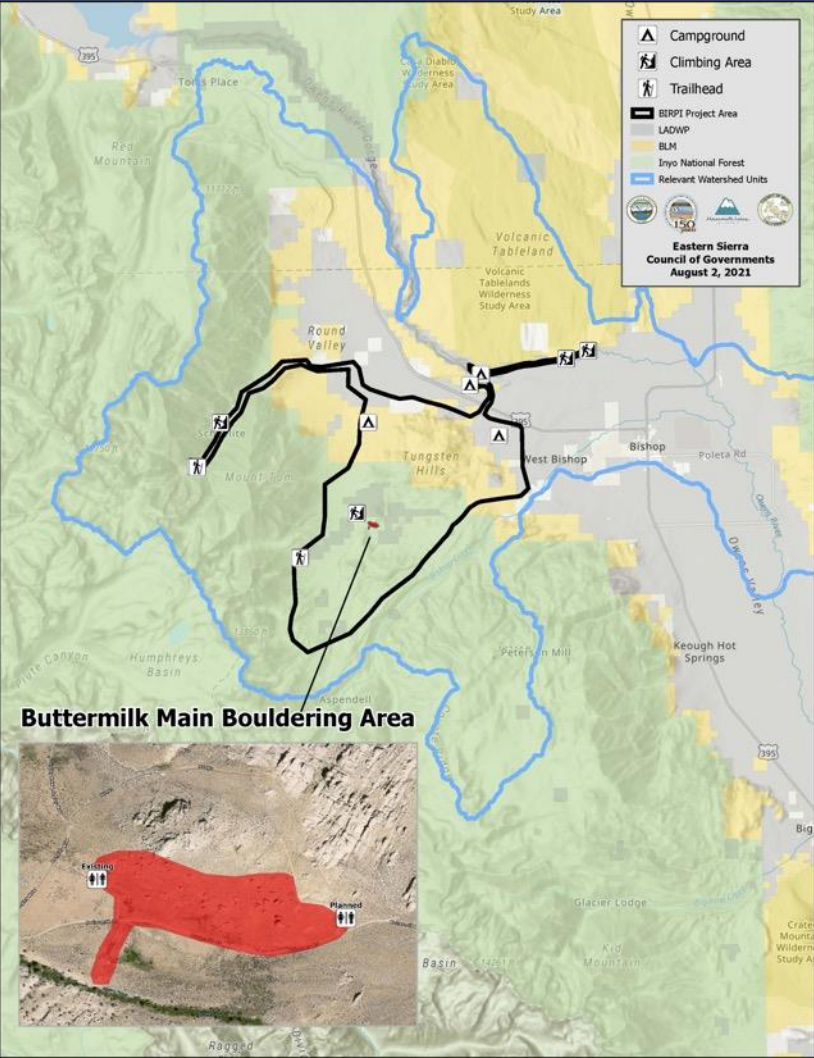


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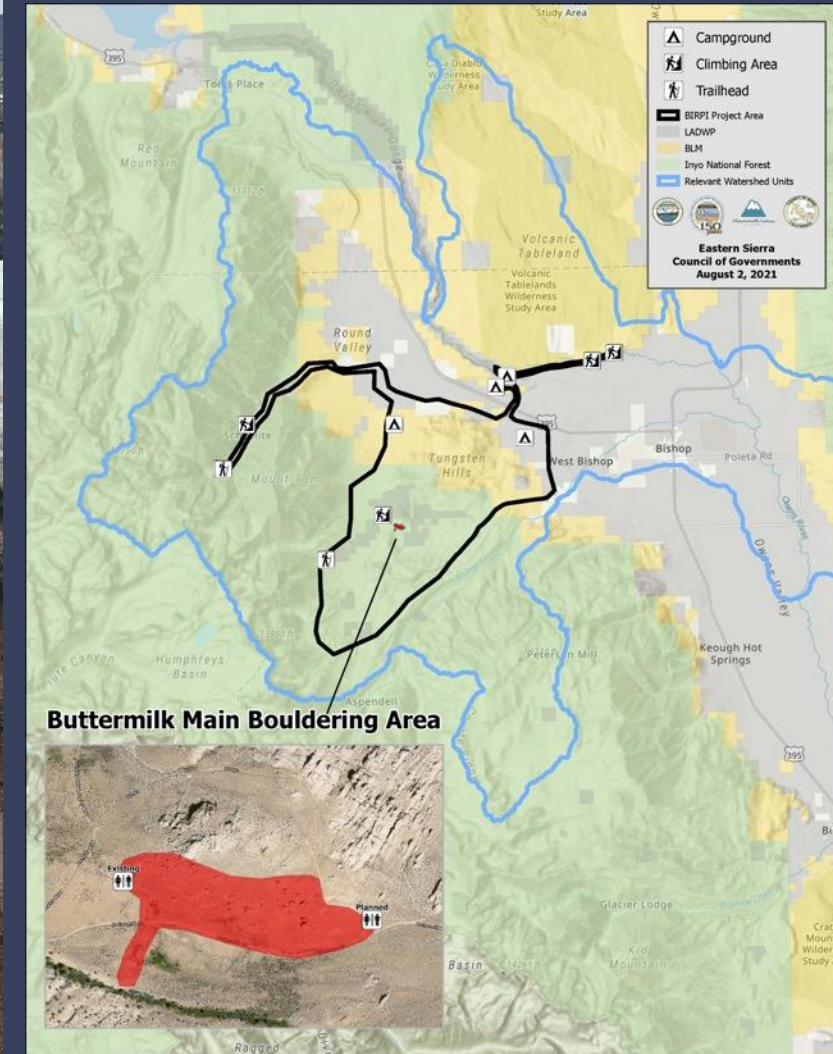
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Los Angeles Times

‘We’ve lost the aqueduct’: How severe flooding threatens a Los Angeles water lifeline

For more than 100 years, the Los Angeles Aqueduct has endured earthquakes, flash floods and dozens of bomb attacks as it wends and weaves through the canyons and deserts of the eastern Sierra Nevada.

But earlier this month, record storms accomplished the unthinkable when floodwaters undermined a 120-foot-long section of aqueduct in Owens Valley, causing its concrete walls to crumble.

“We’ve lost the aqueduct!” a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power inspector told his superiors by cellphone. As he spoke, chocolate-colored runoff and debris undercut the aqueduct just west of Highway 395 and the community of Olancho.

It was the first time in history that the 200-mile aqueduct had been breached by extreme weather, threatening water deliveries to 4 million ratepayers in Los Angeles.



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As snow records fall along the eastern Sierra Nevada, fears loom over impending snowmelt



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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good morning all,

I wanted to send a reminder that our April water briefing is tomorrow (Tuesday) at 10:30 PDT. We have lots to talk about with a huge snowpack and finally some signs of warmer and drier conditions around the corner.

See the webinar link and phone number below.

Hope you can join. If not, we will send out the slides and a recording.

Best,
Tim

NWS Reno Briefing Room

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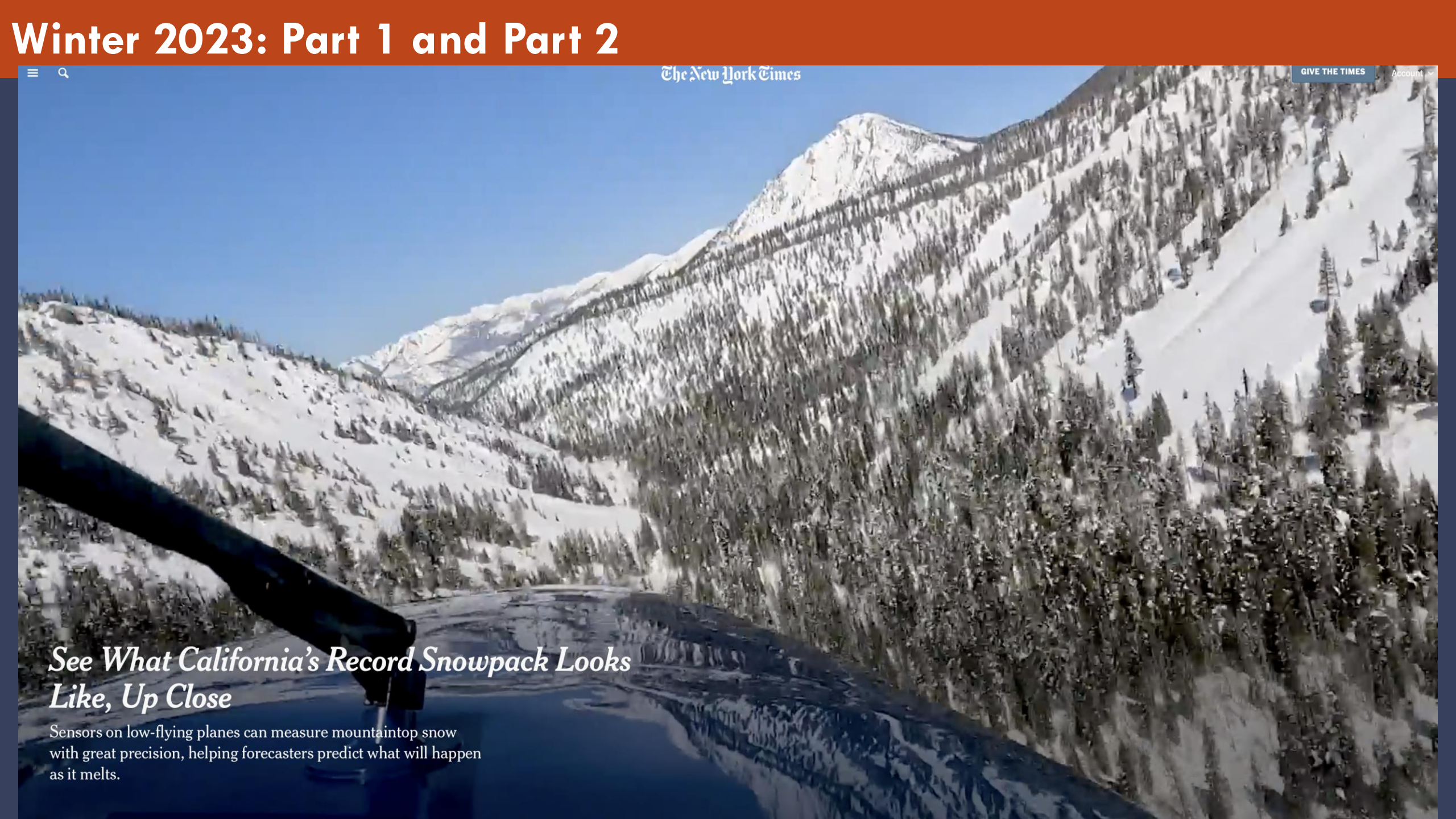


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Mammoth Voices This Week:

The Great Melt

**A roundtable discussion with
John Wentworth (Mayor),
Jeff Dozier (Distinguished
Professor & Snow
Hydrologist, Mark Busby
(General Manager MCWD)
and Clay Murray (Operations
Superintendent MCWD)**



See What California's Record Snowpack Looks Like, Up Close

Sensors on low-flying planes can measure mountaintop snow with great precision, helping forecasters predict what will happen as it melts.

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Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

March 1, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
State of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

We write to urgently request that you declare a State of Emergency to assist in the response to the massive snowstorms that have impacted California's mountain communities. Over the past few days, the state has experienced an unprecedented surge of winter storms that have engulfed California, spanning the San Bernardino, Sierra Nevada, and San Gabriel Mountains. The magnitude of these weather systems has placed a severe strain on local governments' ability to swiftly respond and protect public health and safety.

The historic winter storms that began on February 22, 2023 and are still ongoing have resulted in a multitude of blocked roads, stranded or trapped residents and visitors, collapsed buildings, and have left thousands of homes and businesses without electricity or access to critical lifesaving resources including fuel, medications, doctors, and even basic resources such as groceries. Access to local critical infrastructure has been cut off in many places, including in the unincorporated town of Crestline, where employees are struggling to reach the wastewater treatment facility.

San Bernardino County has declared a local state of emergency due to the exceptional snowfall the county has received. While this has provided additional resources to residents, including an emergency hotline and a shelter for those who are stranded away from their homes, more assistance is desperately needed, including additional snowplows, crews, equipment, medical supplies, and emergency support.

We are grateful for the work of the county public works department and CalTrans crews who have been working tirelessly to clear access to key routes for first responders to reach those who are stranded and need access to medical attention. It is critical that we act quickly to supplement those efforts. Additional state resources can and must play a critical role in helping our fellow Californians recover from this surge of storms and regain access to essential infrastructure projects such as water sanitation plants and power plants. An emergency declaration will help these communities return to normalcy as quickly as possible.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN MANAGER OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 2.48.060 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code appoints the Town Manager as the director of emergency services and provides the authority for the Town Manager to proclaim a local emergency if the Town Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.48.070 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code empowers the Town Manager to request the Town Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in accordance with Government Code section 8630; and

WHEREAS, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by the Town Manager, the Town Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager of the Town of Mammoth Lakes made findings as a result of extreme winter snowstorms that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the Town, as a result of the severe weather and snow accumulations. The impact of the winter storms has and will create hazardous and unsafe conditions within the Town of Mammoth Lakes with potential damages to structures, stranded motorists, increased traffic accidents, damages to public infrastructure and equipment, and unsafe roadways; and

WHEREAS, due to the severity of the extreme winter snow storms and below normal temperatures, the Town of Mammoth Lakes has received over 26 feet of snow recorded at Mammoth Mountain's Main Lodge (9,000 ft.) during January and February 2023 with additional snow and cold temperatures forecast in March.

Now Therefore, The Town Manager of the Town of Mammoth Lakes does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the Town as follows:

1. The storm events and snow accumulations on roofs has resulted in threats to the structural integrity of buildings, causing damages to utility connections, deflections resulting in water damages; and

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Town-wide Snow Trucking Operations Continue

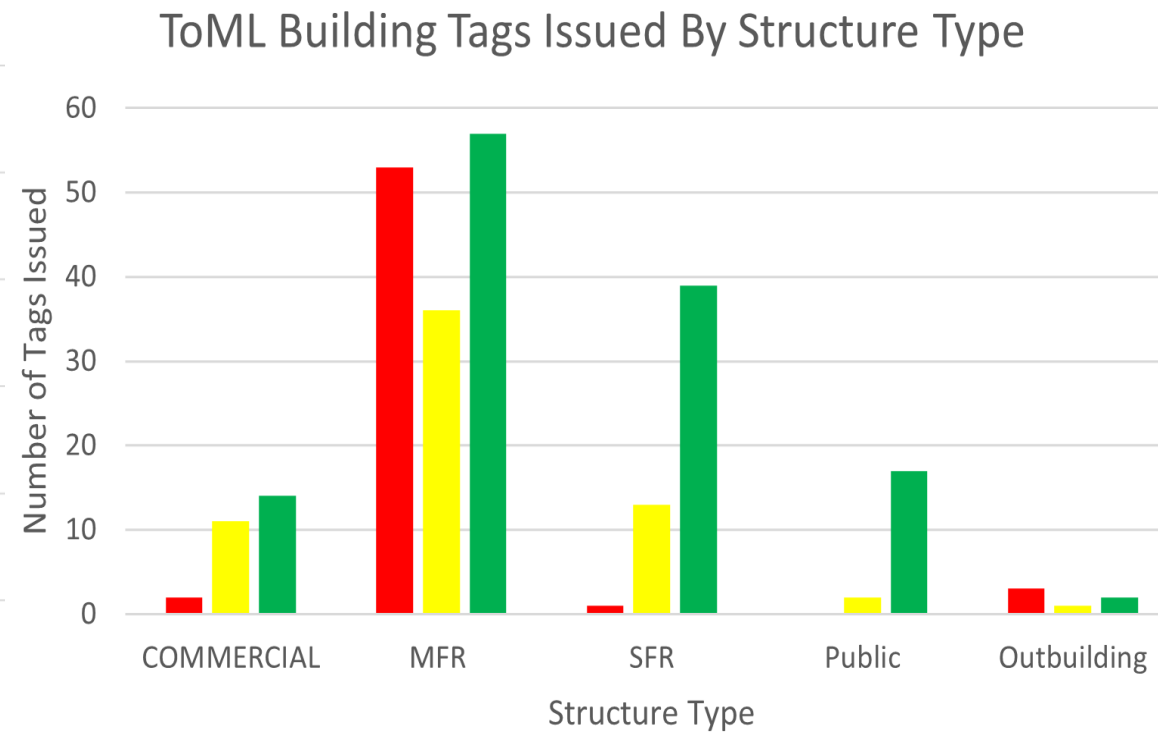
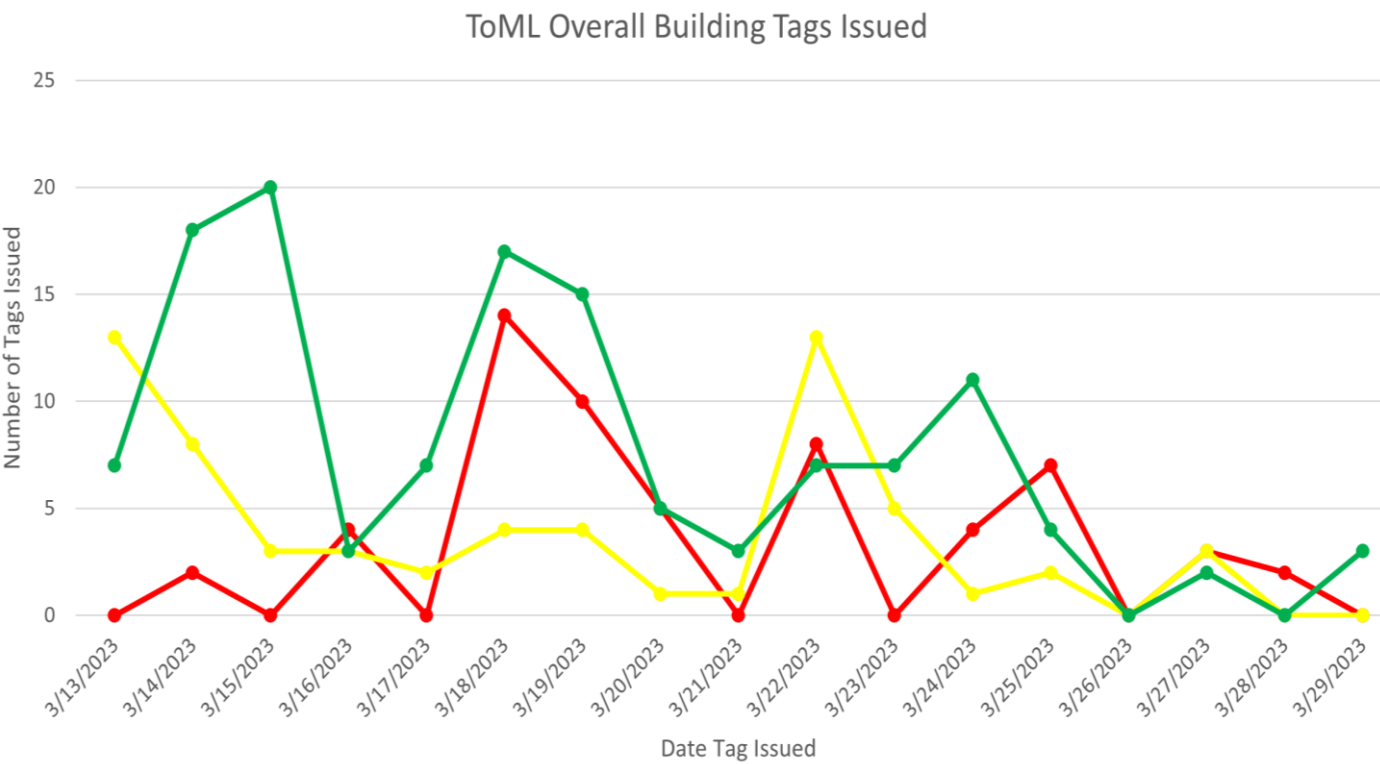
- With support from the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the Town has been conducting snow trucking operations to widen streets throughout Town to allow access for emergency vehicles and improved access and visibility for residents.
- Since March 27, over 1,800 loads of snow have been removed from our streets.
- The fleet of trucks removing snow this weekend will expand to over 40, with 3 loaders, blowers and several support vehicles to assist with trucking operations.
- If you're wondering where the Town has dedicated its trucking efforts - there are lots of factors! Our most important input is from our road crew, the team that has been pushing and blowing snow around the clock all winter long. They have identified the most problematic areas for them to keep open. We prioritize safety, which means providing Police/EMS access to all parts of Town, maintaining bus routes, widening the most trafficked roads, and creating snow storage for spring storms where there is none left. Each section of road presents unique challenges and we are working with all of our teams to find creative solutions.



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PROPANE SAFETY

WARNING: Buried propane lines and regulators are an imminent threat to life and property. To mitigate threat, lines and regulators must be cleared of snow and ice where propane enters the home.

It is important that snow and ice be cleared from your propane pipes, valves, regulators, and tanks. DO NOT bury your tank or the connection to your house from snow from your roof or when removing snow with equipment. **Heavy accumulations of snow or ice falling on tanks, regulators, meters, piping, or valves may cause damage that could result in a gas leak.** BE ALERT – if you smell gas immediately put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire. LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY, and from a neighbor's home or other nearby building away from the gas leak, call 9-1-1. DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUILDING OR THE AREA until it is safe to do so.

LIFE-SAFETY RESOURCES

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has posted propane safety information and snow management resources on the homepage of the [website](#) under the “Quick Links” tab. Resources include: a [NEW propane safety video](#), [Essential Propane Safety Information for High Snowfall Areas](#), the Winter Storm Damage Assessment Form, Snow Removal Emergency Fund, Return to Occupancy information, heavy snow load information, a list of engineers/designers, and the ReadyMono [website](#) for up-to-date storm information and resources.

Be safe and BE AWARE!



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Stress Awareness Month

April is National Stress Awareness Month. The goal of this designation is to raise awareness of the negative impact of stress. There is no single definition for stress, but the most common explanation is physical, mental, or emotional strain or tension. While not all stress is bad, long-term stress can have harmful impacts on physical and mental health.

It's critical to recognize what stress and anxiety look like, take steps to build resilience and manage job stress, and know where to go for help.

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Winter Storms & Stress



The recent winter storms that have impacted the area can majorly affect stress and anxiety levels. Weather stress and anxiety can impact your life heavily. There are many ways that you can work to reduce your stress levels when it comes to inclement weather. Feelings of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) are common when it comes to major storms, feeling isolated, lost, and unsure of what's to come. Here are some ways to combat stress around storms:

Be Prepared

Being prepared for any natural disaster can provide comfort when a storm comes. Having an emergency plan for evacuation and shelf-stable and nonperishable food can bring peace of mind. [READY.Mono.ca.gov](https://ready.mono.ca.gov) is our local portal for all emergency responses, and [Ready.gov](https://ready.gov) has resources for starting to gather emergency materials and creating a plan. Mono County has steps to prepare your Emergency Backpack with items to help last you a few days in case of a major disaster.

Limit Media Exposure

While it may seem that you should stay on top of the news in case anything significant happens, limiting the time you spend looking at it is important. This is especially true if you are around children. Too much media exposure can elevate stress levels. Stay informed to be aware, but keep yourself from getting consumed.

Support Others

Chances are you are not alone in your feelings of stress regarding storms. Make sure to reach out to friends, family, and neighbors to ensure they are doing well. Reaching out to others can help with feelings of isolation and provide a support system. Checking in on children is essential as they may need extra support following a major storm or natural disaster.

Winter 2023: Situational Awareness and Context





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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

CALOES

- Jeff Adams - *Assistant Chief, Special Ops and HazMat Fire and Rescue*

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Partner + Utilities Updates in Alphabetical order

- ☐ Alpine County
- ☐ BLM
- ☐ CALTRANS
- ☐ City of Bishop
- ☐ HT National Forest, USFS
- ☐ Inyo County
- ☐ Inyo National Forest, USFS
- ☐ *Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)*
- ☐ Mono County
- ☐ National Park Service
- ☐ *Southern California Edison (SCE)*
- ☐ Town of Mammoth Lakes

ESSRP 230403

- **Welcome**
 - **What is the ESSRP**
 - ♦ <https://www.essrp.org>
 - ♦ Review the critical documents of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership
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 - **Situational Awareness and Context: Part 1 and Part 2**
 - ♦ Mammoth Mountain Biggest Season on Record
 - ♦ <http://links.mail.mammothmountain.com/servlet/MailView?ms=OTM0MzAzOQS2&r=MjkyMDc5NDk0MTQS1&j=MTcwMDc1ODk4MgS2&mt=1&rt=0>
 - ♦ Central Sierra Snow Lab
 - ♦ <https://cssl.berkeley.edu>
 - ♦ Monster avalanche buries major California highway, cutting off these Sierra communities for weeks
 - ♦ https://www.sfchronicle.com/california/article/avalanche-highway-395-mono-lake-17839823.php?utm_source=marketing&utm_medium=copy-url-link&utm_campaign=article-share&hash=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc2ZjaHJvbmJjbGUuYy29tL2NhbmGlb3JuaWEvYXJ0aWNsZS9hdmFsYW5jaGUtaGlnaHdheS0zOTUtbW9uby1sYWtlLTE3ODM5ODIzLnBocA==&time=MTY4MDUzMdDk3MDI0Nw==&rid=NDkyNTU5NGUtNDkyNi00YjEwLTkwYjktZmNiNmQ2OGZiMzcy&sharecount=Mg==
 - ♦ John Dittli Facebook Page
 - ♦ <https://www.facebook.com/john.dittli>
 - ♦ LA Times We've lost the aqueduct': How severe flooding threatens a Los Angeles water lifeline
 - ♦ <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2023-03-25/eastern-sierra-flooding-threatens-los-angeles-water-lifeline>
 - ♦ LA Times: As snow records fall along the eastern Sierra Nevada, fears loom over impending snowmelt
 - ♦ <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2023-03-11/fears-loom-over-coming-snowmelt-in-eastern-sierra-nevada>
 - ♦ Mammoth Voices Mammoth Voices This Week: The Great Melt
 - ♦ Thursday, April 6, 12-1 pm
 - ♦ Join Zoom Meeting
 - ♦ <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83592185807?pwd=qjY2SjNldEFpQ3pwbXVaL1crcFBMZz09>
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 - ♦ "Governor Newsom Proclaims State of Emergency in 13 Counties Due to Winter Storms, Activates California Guard"
 - ♦ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2023/03/01/governor-newsom-proclaims-state-of-emergency-in-13-counties-due-to-winter-storms-activates-california-guard/>
 - ♦ Congressional Engagement
 - ♦ Rep. Kiley
 - ♦ <https://d12t4t5x3vyizu.cloudfront.net/kiley.house.gov/uploads/2023/03/23-03-01-Emergency-Letter-to-Newsom-on-Snow-Emergency-Final.pdf>
 - ♦ <https://kiley.house.gov/newsletter>

What Sierra hikers can expect this summer after California's onslaught of storms

The High Sierra is buried in snow. That will have major impacts on the summer hiking season.



Mark Elmore of Virginia hikes through snow on the Mist Trail in Yosemite National Park in 2021. This year, so much snow fell that the park closed for an extended stretch. It is reopened now.

STATE: CERF “Community Economic Resiliency Fund”

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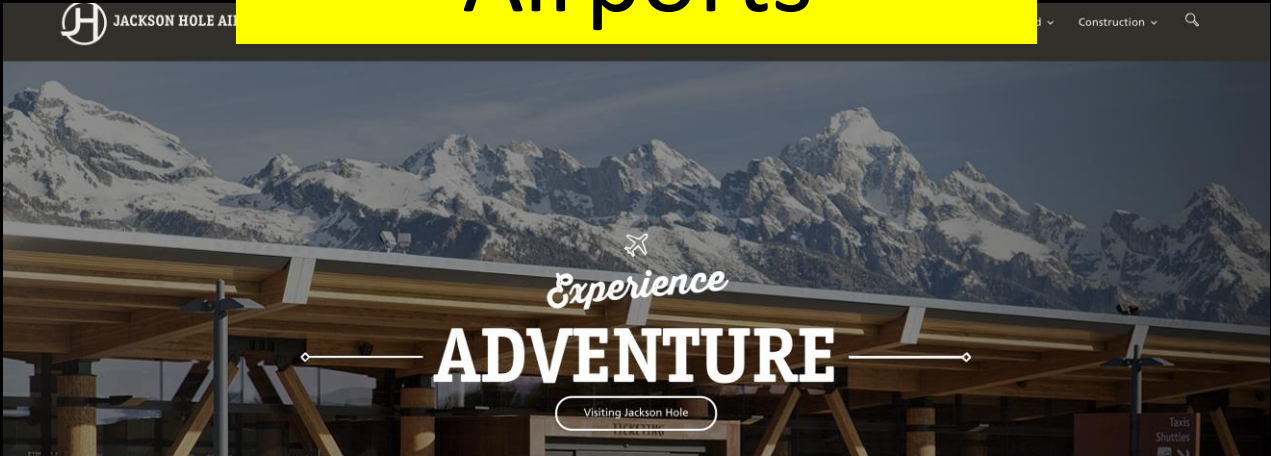
FED: CEDS “Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy”

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Our Regional Economic Prosperity

Airports



Jackson Hole Airport receives \$3 million FAA grant

by **Buckrail @ Lindsay**
April 14, 2021

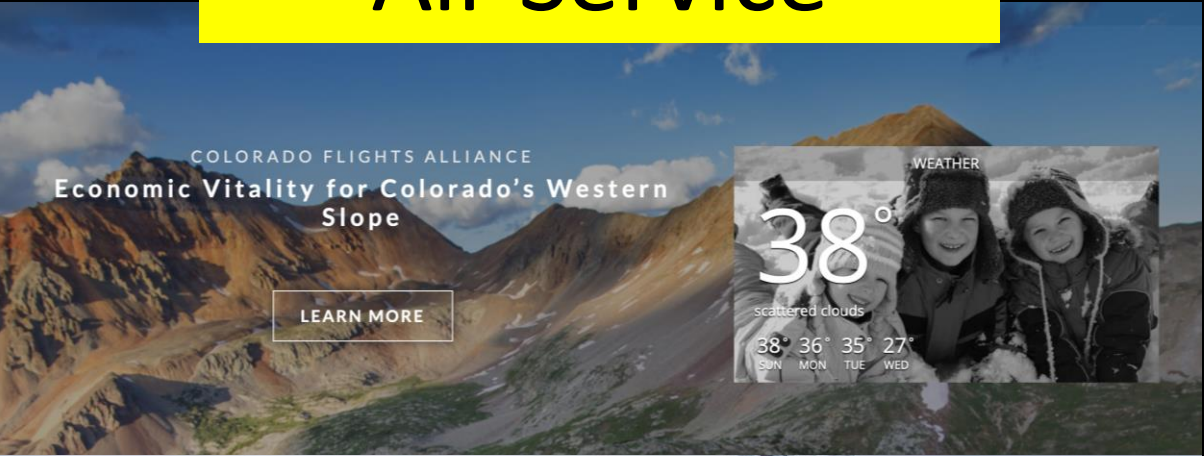



LIVE STIO'S
SNOW REPORT

AVAILABLE JOBS

JRG	Focus Group Participant, The Jury Research Group Today Part time
	Accountant, Cumming Capital Management 1 day ago Full time
	Automotive Service Advisor, Performance Tech 1 day ago Full time

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COLORADO FLIGHTS ALLIANCE
Economic Vitality for Colorado's Western Slope

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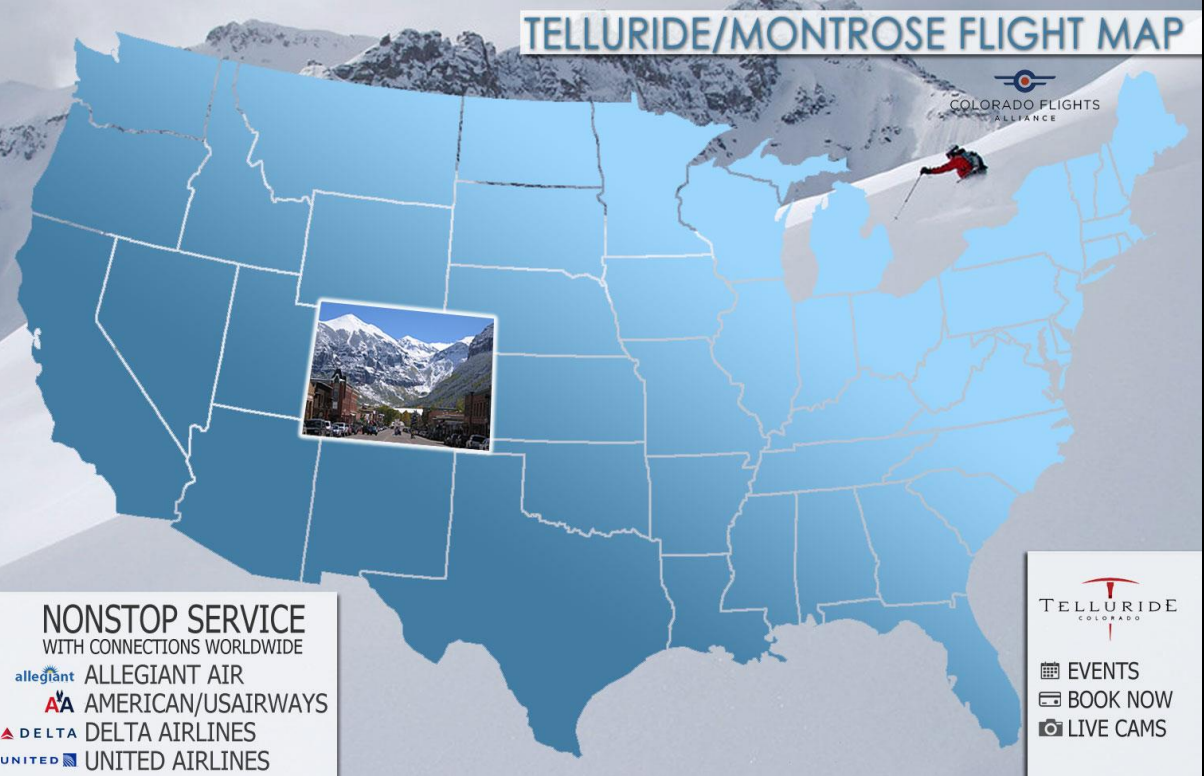
WEATHER

38°

Scattered clouds

38°	36°	35°	27°
SUN	MON	TUE	WED

TELLURIDE/MONTROSE FLIGHT MAP



COLORADO FLIGHTS ALLIANCE

 ALLEGIANT AIR
 AMERICAN/USAIRWAYS
 DELTA DELTA AIRLINES
 UNITED UNITED AIRLINES


EVENTS
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Mammoth Lakes TBID Workshop - Wednesday April 5 @ 4:00

Mono Inyo Air Working Group (MIAWG) – Meeting April 7 @ 3:00

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> Eastern Sierra Pace and Scale Accelerator

> Town-To-Trails Plan

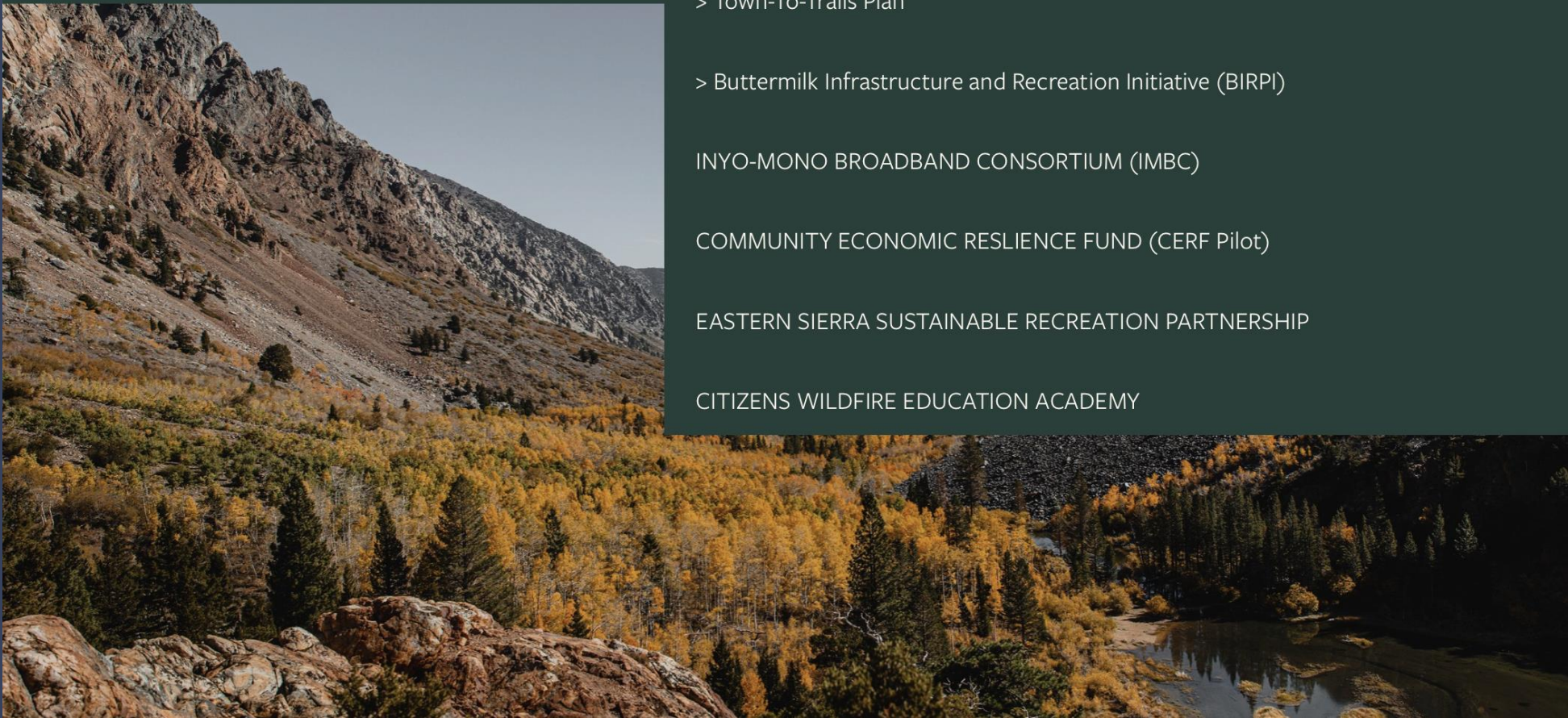
> Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Initiative (BIRPI)

INYO-MONO BROADBAND CONSORTIUM (IMBC)

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCE FUND (CERF Pilot)

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Winter 2023: Part 1 and Part 2



STAFF REPORT

To: ESCOG Joint Powers Authority
From: Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Staff
Subject: Award Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreational Planning Initiative Planning Services Contract
Meeting date: February 10, 2023
Prepared on: February 6, 2023
Attachments: A) Alta Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreational Planning Initiative Proposal

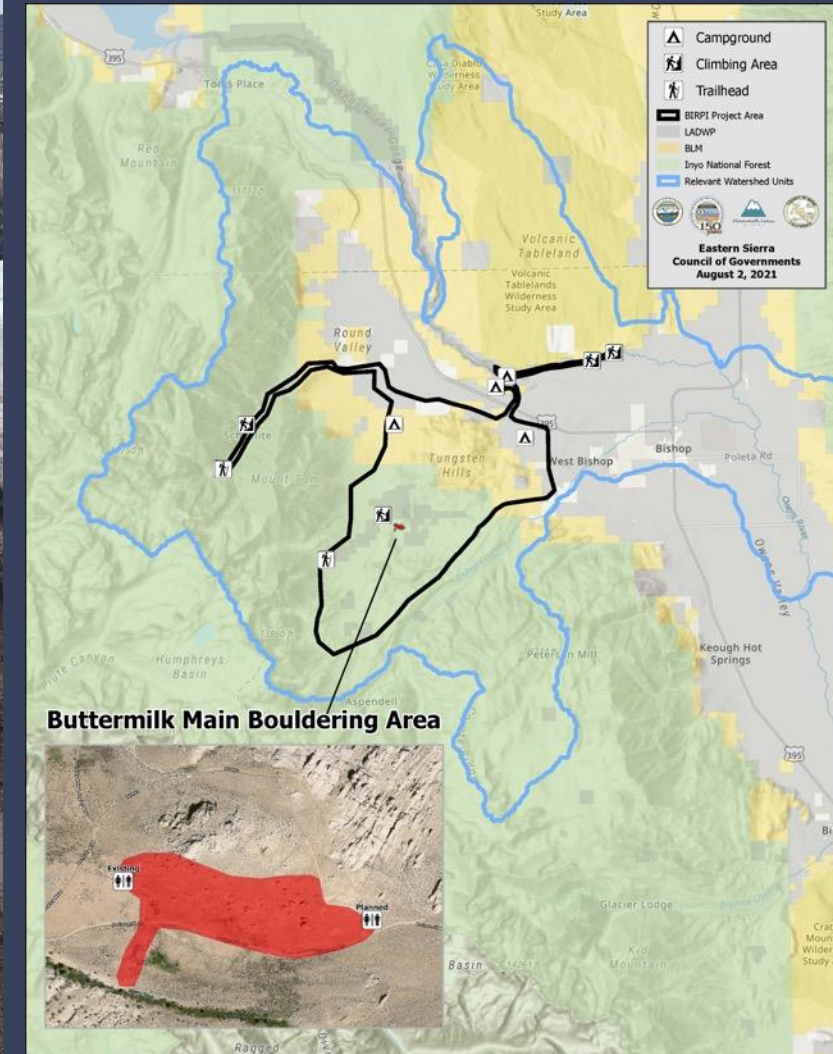
BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

On August 6, 2021, the ESCOG submitted a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in support of projects identified in the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative for regional recreation improvements, specifically for infrastructure improvements and recreation planning in the Buttermilk recreation area west of Bishop. The Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative (BIRPI) will be implemented in two phases: the first phase will be to procure a double vault toilet to replace the existing vault toilet at the bouldering area and the second phase will be to develop a high level recreation plan for the greater Buttermilk area.

The ESCOG posted a Request for Proposals (RFP) on January 13, 2023 for twenty-one days, which was advertised in The Inyo Register. The ESCOG received one proposal from Alta Planning + Design, Inc. The proposal meets the qualifications for the scope of work and the cost proposal is within the budget for the project.

ANALYSIS:

The proposal received from Alta Planning + Design Inc includes conceptual recreation plan development, trail implementation, signage implementation, parking and dispersed camping implementation, and NEPA compliance to



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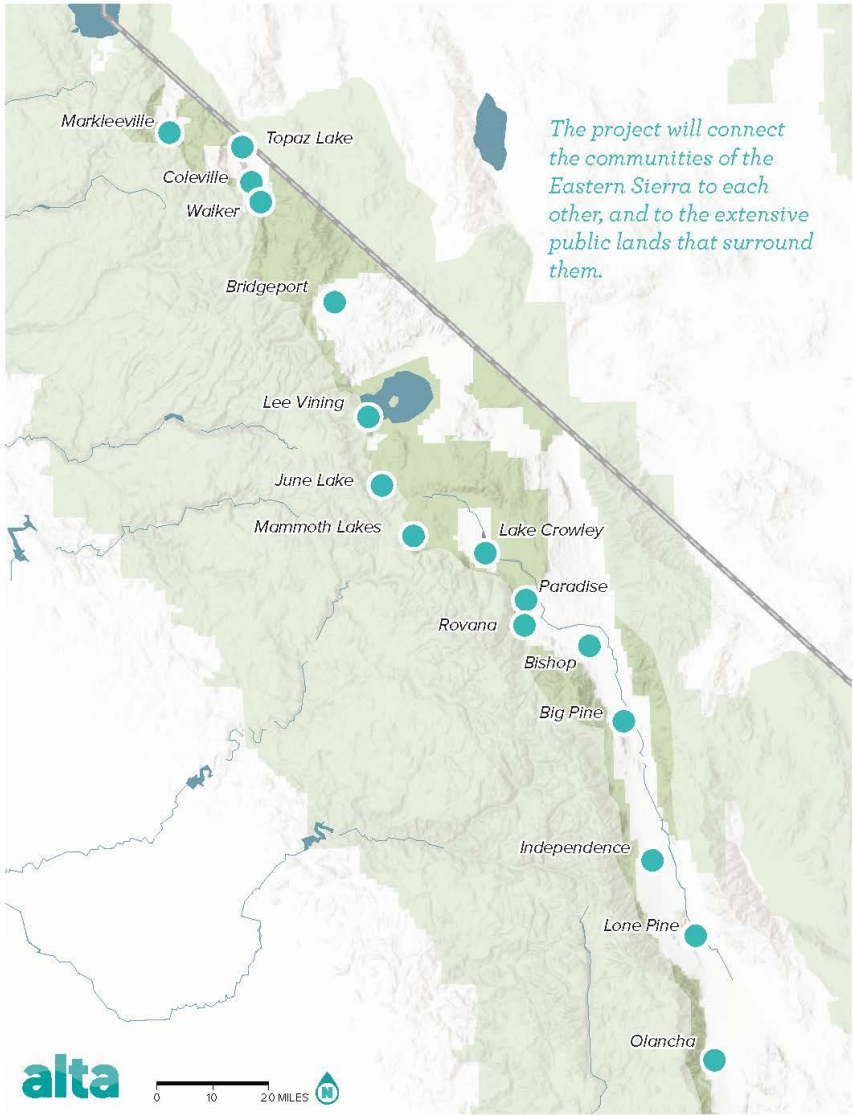


TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Trails Planning Services for the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022
PREPARED BY ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN, INC.
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
MAMMOTH LAKES TRAILS AND PUBLIC ACCESS FOUNDATION



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January-March

Pre Production

- Website
- Logo/Blaze
- Data Inventory
- Baseline Maps
- Gap Analysis
- Field Verification

April-June

Collaborative Planning Initiation

- Recruitment/Coordination
- Kickoff Meeting
- County Meetings
- Agency Coordination

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Agency and Tribal Partners Kickoff Meeting

April 10th, 2023 3-5pm | Via Zoom

- Tri-County Convening
- Registration



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Goals:

- Connect Eastern Sierra communities through a public-lands experience
- Enhance strong partnerships that already exist throughout the region
- Establish implementation roadmap
- Define long term management roles / responsibilities between federal and local partners
- Articulate economic benefit to communities
- Enhance a variety of recreational opportunities
- Commit to ecosystem stewardship (direct to land managers)
- Develop strategies for climate-adaptive planning
- Identify shovel-ready gap closures for pilot projects

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Key Agreements

Trails Routes and Users

- Inter-town connections?
- Formalize existing use trails?
- Any obvious gaps?
- Implement as we go?
- Motorized access?

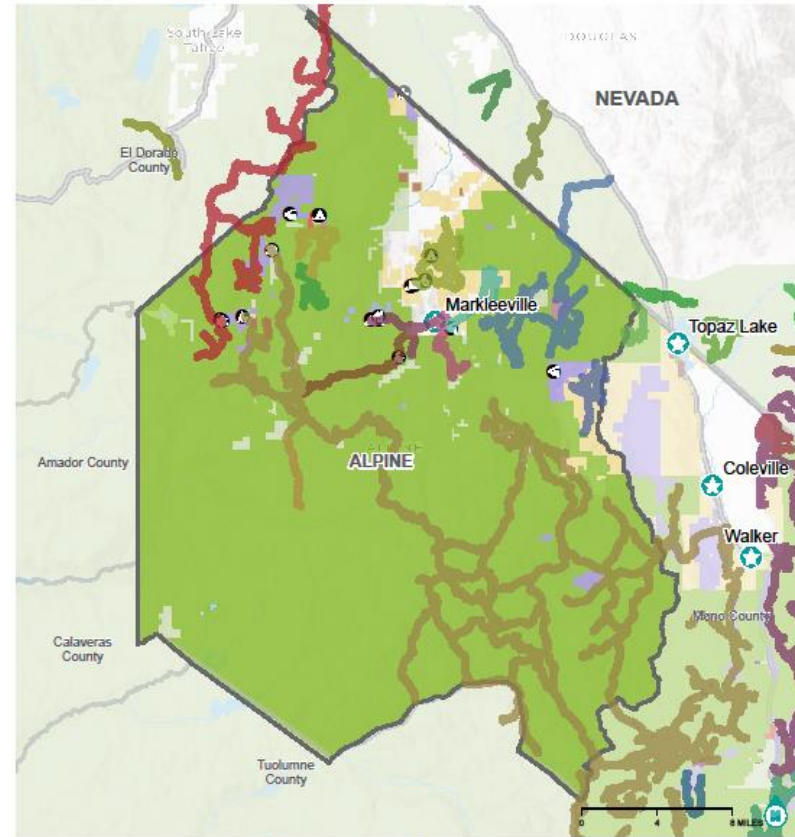
Management and Roles

- Easements?
- Ownership boundaries?
- Service agreements?
- Clarify roles and responsibilities?
- Establish cross-jurisdictional maintenance and stewardship standards?

Identity

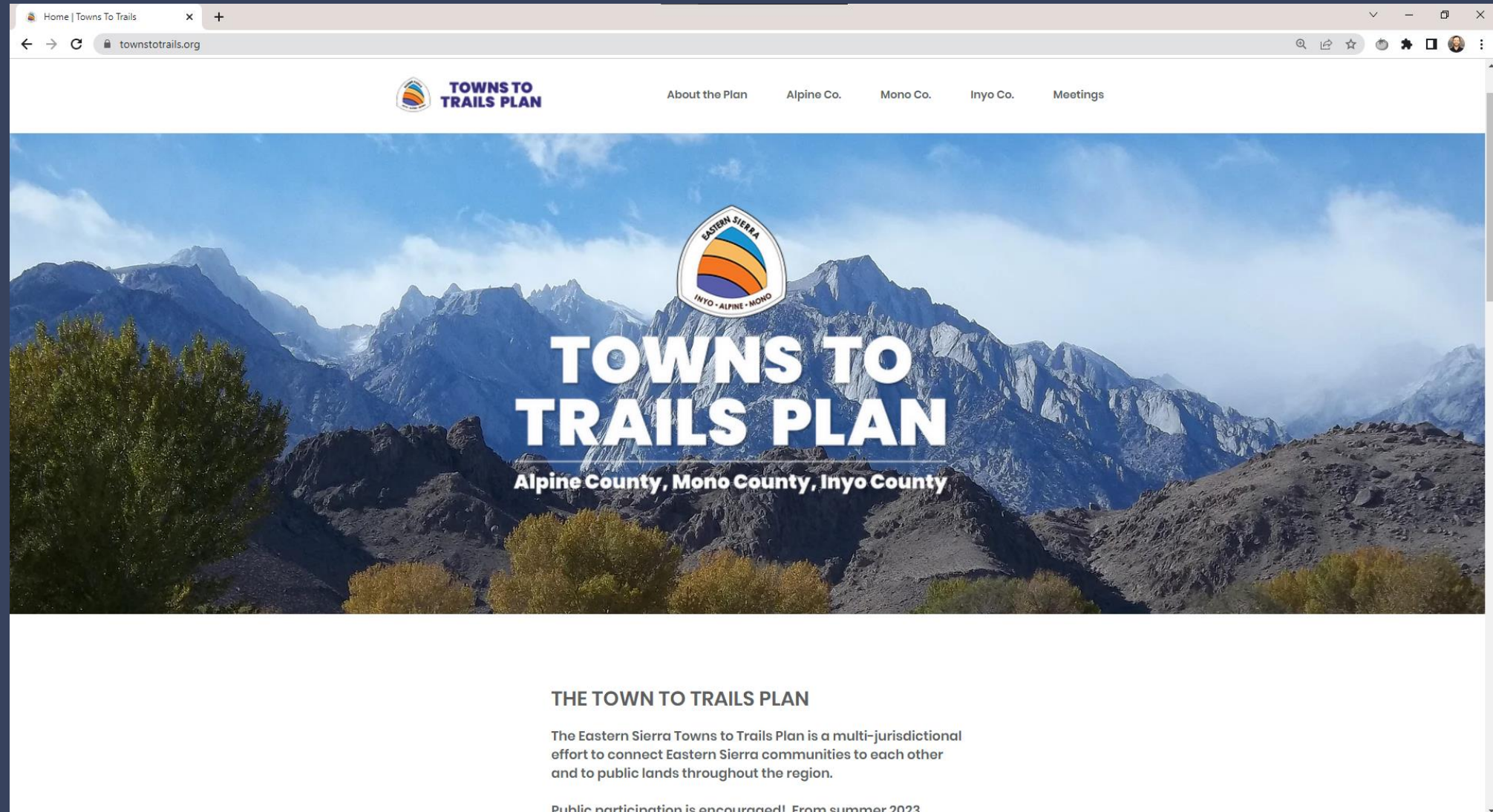
- Cross-agency trail standards?
- Land owner/ agency logos on signage?
- Establish graphics and signage implementation guidelines?
- Front country v back country trail identity?

Mapping and Analysis

**alta**

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Project Website and Branding Update



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EASTERN SIERRA CLIMATE & COMMUNITIES RESILIENCE PROJECT

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The Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) sets forth to plan for ecological forest restoration on approximately 56,000 acres of Inyo National Forest lands surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Our goal is to outline, through the Business Plan, a **structure that can finance campground improvements** and other projects that benefit the Eastern Sierra by **drawing on the broader benefits** those projects provide to other stakeholders.

Quantified Ventures' CURRENT PRIORITIES

- **MLTPA/QV “Campground Improvement Pilot Project” Renderings Report**; *Timing: Complete by end of April*
- **Master Challenge Cost-Share Agreement between the Inyo NF and the ESCOG**; *Timing: TBD, August estimated*
- **Inyo NF Campground Prospectus for Concessionaires**; *Timing: Bid period ends May 22, August estimated for permit approval*
- **Great American Outdoors Act funding for campground design and engineering**; *Timing: TBD*
- **Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant for campground design and engineering**; *Timing: Grant awards in June, with contracting work estimated in summer/fall 2023*
- **Potential Emergency Relief Funding**; *Timing: Unknown*

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

Thank You - !

**Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting
Monday May 1, 2023 @ 3:30 PM**