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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

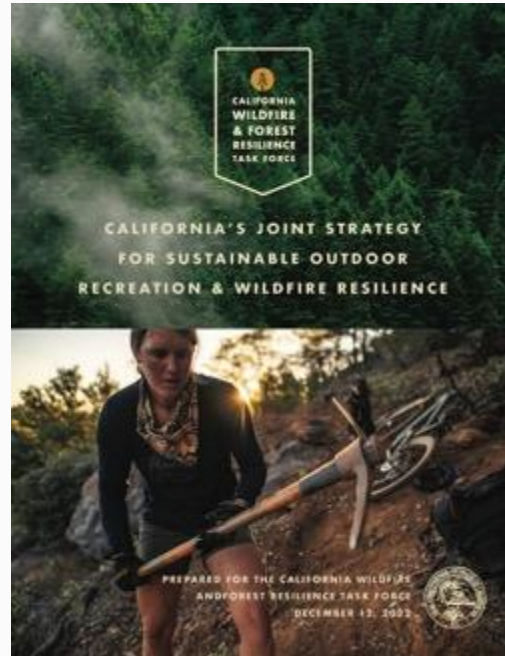


“A public/public partnership between tribal, local, state, and federal government agencies and a regional voice for sustainable outdoor recreation in California.”



Town of Mammoth Lakes

- Andrew Mulford – *Trails Program Manager*



Washington Office, USFS

- Nora Campbell – Associate National Recreation Planner; Recreation, Heritage, Volunteer Resources



City of Los Angeles

- Steve Baule – *Mayor's Office of Energy and Sustainability*

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Monday July 3 - ?, 2023 @ 3:30 PM

Monday July 9 - ?, 2023 @ 3:30 PM

Explainer

California's Climate Whiplash

The state broke snowfall records after three of its driest years ever. Now floods wreak havoc. These swings are the new normal—and they're very hard to manage.

April 17, 2023



Chairlifts buried under snow at Mammoth Mountain, California, in March 2023 | Peter Morning/Mammoth Mountain

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What are Californians Doing About... Weather Whiplash?

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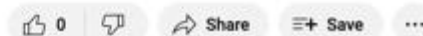
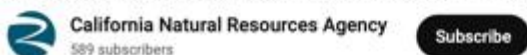
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What are Californians doing about...Weather Whiplash?



Why a majority of Californians are expecting 'weather whiplash' in near future

Jack Lee June 2, 2023 Updated: June 2, 2023 2:03 p.m.
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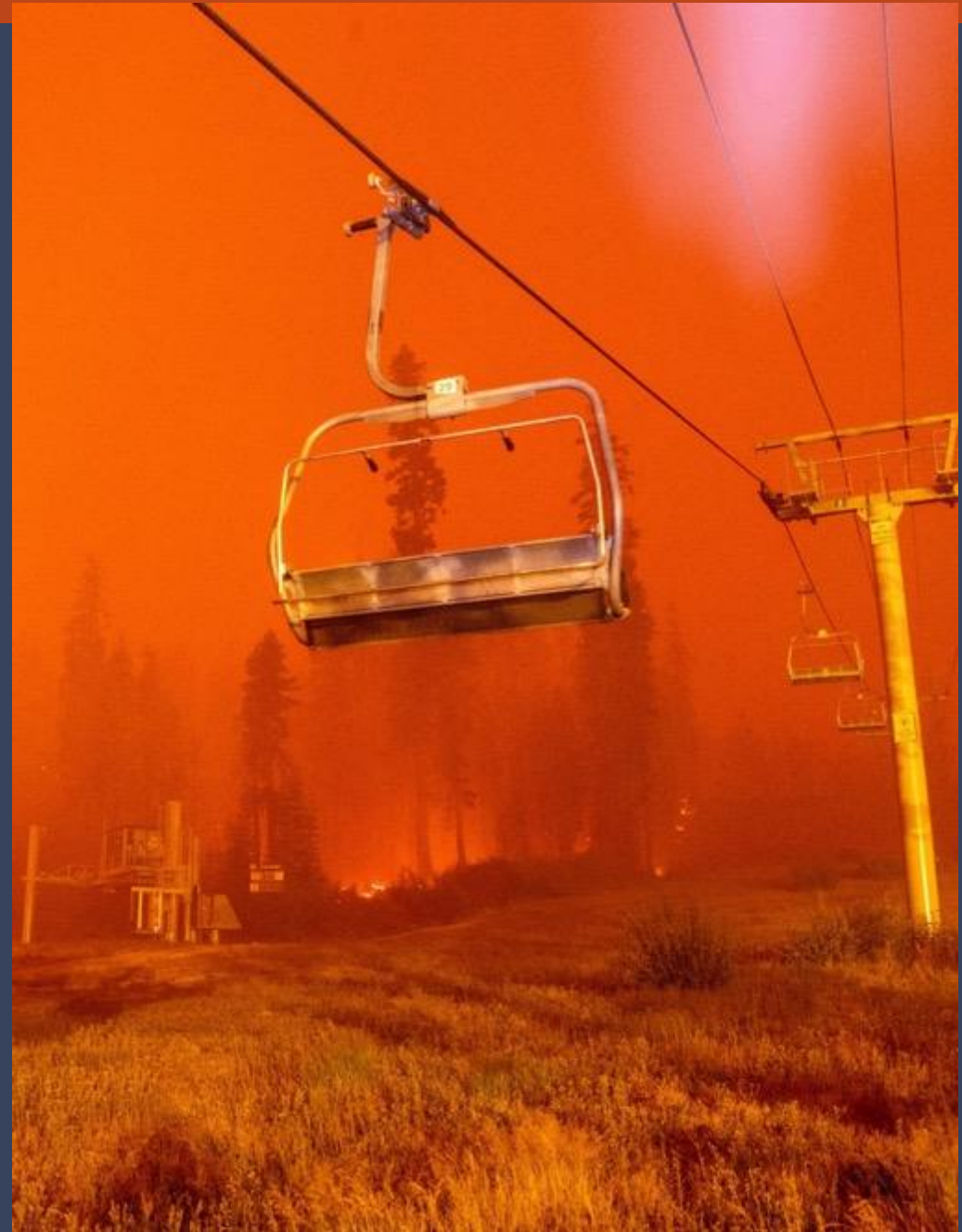
Luis Marines clears his driveway of debris in Pajaro (Monterey County) in March, nearly three weeks after a levee breach flooded the town.

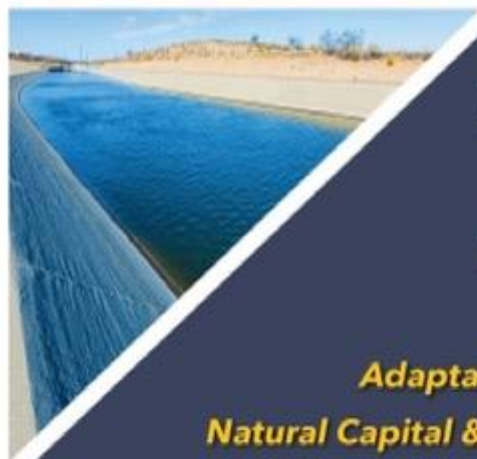
Brontë Wittpenn/The Chronicle

Nearly a third of Californians were personally impacted by this year's [unusually wet weather](#), finds a [new poll](#) by the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies.

The vast majority of those polled expect that [extremely heavy rains](#) and snowstorms, sandwiching [severe droughts](#), will become even more commonplace in the near future.

The Climate





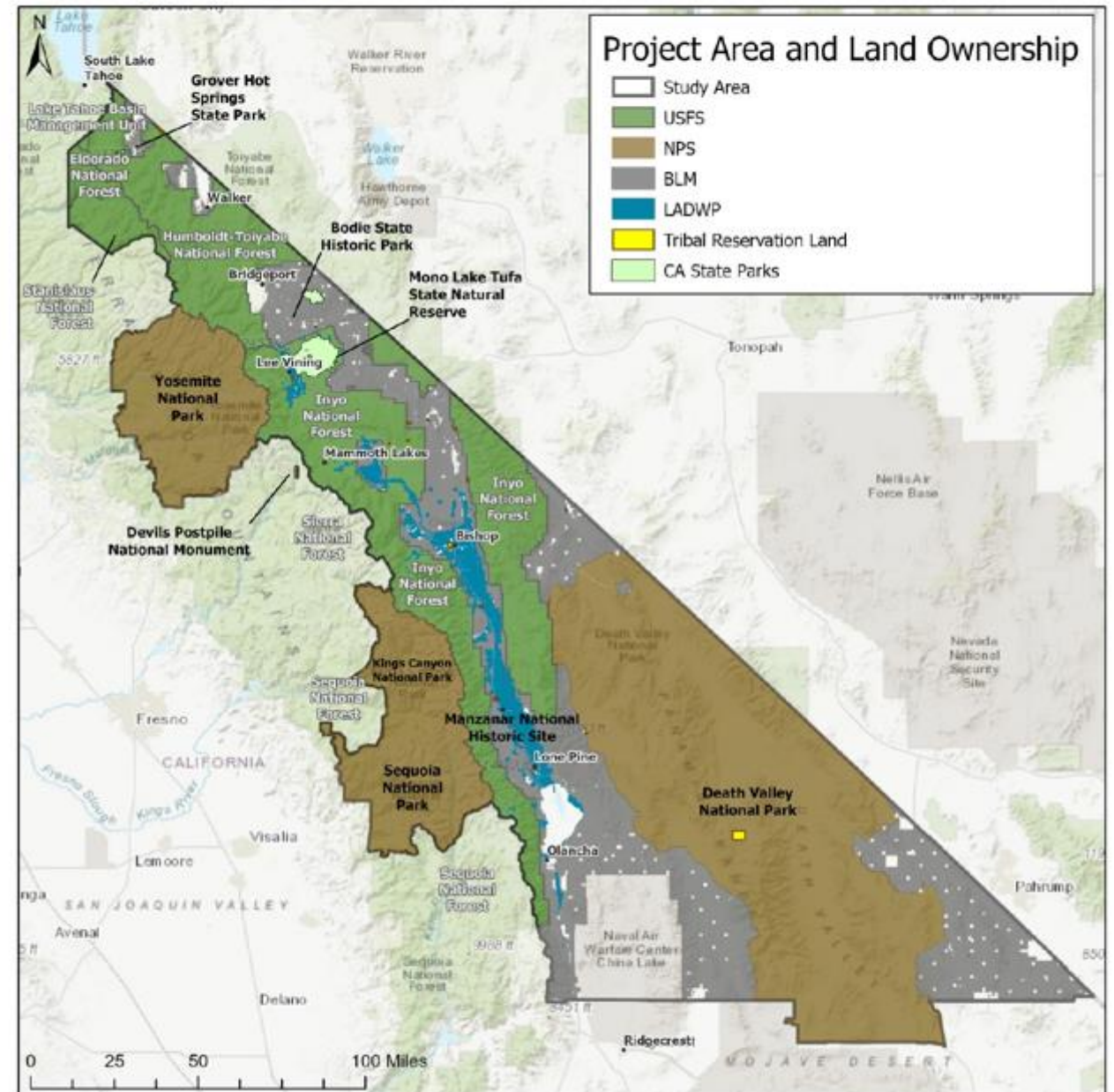
A CHANGING CLIMATE VULNERABILITY IN CALIFORNIA'S EASTERN SIERRA

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Natural Capital & Ecosystem Services Analysis
Recommended Actions



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Figure 1. The Study Area



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Published: May 11, 2023

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- \$125 million to support preparedness, response and recovery related to the 2023 storms – funding shifted from drought contingency to flood contingency to address the weather whiplash California is facing;
- \$75 million to support local flood control projects;
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- \$25 million for potential additional disaster relief and response costs in this fiscal year to address immediate impacts;

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Governor Newsom Eases Drought Restrictions

Published: Mar 24, 2023

WHAT TO KNOW: Climate change has made California's dry and wet spells more extreme and unpredictable – after the three driest years on record, recent rain and snowfall have dramatically changed conditions in many parts of the state. The state has also advanced actions to boost storage and supply. Today's action eases drought emergency provisions that are no longer needed while maintaining others to support impacted communities statewide.

Harnessing water captured and stored from recent storms, the state also announced a major increase in expected State Water Project deliveries to local agencies – now an anticipated [75% allocation](#).

YOLO COUNTY – Governor Gavin Newsom today rolled back some drought emergency provisions that are no longer needed due to current water conditions, while maintaining other measures that support regions and communities still facing water supply challenges, and that continue building up long-term water resilience. Amid climate-driven weather whiplash, the state has taken action to boost water supplies through groundwater recharge, stormwater capture, reservoir storage, and more.

Today's action comes as the state announced [increased water deliveries](#) to 29 public water agencies that serve 27 million Californians, now expecting to deliver 75% of requested water supplies – up from 35% announced in February, and the highest since 2017.

While recent storms have helped ease drought impacts, regions and communities across the state continue to experience water supply shortages, especially communities that rely on groundwater supplies that have been severely depleted in recent years. Today's order is responsive to current conditions while preserving smart water measures:

- Ends the voluntary 15% water conservation target, while continuing to encourage that Californians make conservation a way of life;
- Ends the requirement that local water agencies implement level 2 of their drought



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Big Oak Flat Road is closed; no access to most of Yosemite via Highway 120 from the west

Big Oak Flat Road is closed west of Merced Grove; there is no access to Yosemite via Hwy 120 from the west (except to Hodgdon Meadow and Hetch Hetchy) until June 10. Yosemite Valley and other areas of the park are accessible via Hwys 41 and 140.

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Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road are closed for the winter

Tioga Road (continuation of Highway 120 through the park) and Glacier Point Road are closed for the season due to snow. They will both reopen later than usual this summer. Call 209/372-0200 (then 1, 1) for road conditions and tire chain requirements.

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DANGER



Rivers are surprisingly swift, cold, and dangerous. Stay back from flowing water!

Rivers and creeks in Yosemite are at or near flood stage. Stay out of rivers and creeks. Stay away from rock adjacent to rivers; wet rock is extremely slick. Do not cross bridges that have water flowing over them.

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Approximately 15 miles from the Crane Flat Tioga Gate



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Tuolumne Meadows: 80% of housing structures have been badly damaged





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2023 Emergency Run-off Response

This webpage contains all LADWP updates for run-off management. Click the link for the latest posted news releases.

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Area Closures

-last updated 4/28/23-

Avoid waterways - swift, high-flowing water could lead to potentially hazardous conditions. LADWP urges members of the public recreating in the Eastern Sierra to abide by all public agency's safety advisories and closures.

CLIMATE AND WEATHER

How El Niño Could Influence Next Winter In California, The West

By Jonathan Erdman · April 25, 2023



At a Glance

- An El Niño is expected to develop by summer, and last into next winter.
- This warmer water near the equator in the Pacific Ocean can affect weather patterns thousands of miles away.
- Among the impacts could be a wetter winter in California and parts of the West.



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El Niño is likely returning, bringing danger for California and the world. 'We need to be prepared'

By Hayley SmithStaff Writer May 19, 2023 Updated 10:01 AM PT



The return of strong El Niño conditions could mean a second wet winter for California, among global impacts. Here a man pushes his stalled car from the southbound 101 Freeway in Montecito during a heavy downpour in early January.

(Michael Owen Baker / For The Times)

It's Earth's original disrupter — a recurring climate pattern so powerful that it can drive global average temperature to record highs, and generate both cliff-crumbling storms and crop-destroying droughts across the planet.

Now, after a long hiatus, El Niño is showing signs of a strong return in 2023.

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2023 SNARL Spring Seminar Series:

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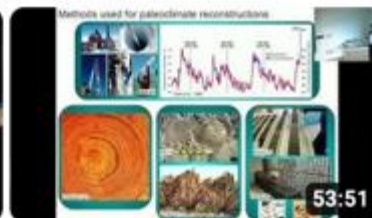
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BACKGROUND

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Circulation Draft: Agency Review

- ☐ Bureau of Land Management
- ☐ CALTRANS
- ☐ National Park Service
- ☐ U.S. Forest Service
- ☐ Alpine County
- ☐ ESCOG - February 10
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- ☐ Inyo National Forest, USFS
- ☐ Mono County
- ☐ National Park Service
- ☐ Town of Mammoth Lakes

Region 5 FS Agreement No. 18-CS-11050400-019

Region 4 FS Agreement No. 18-CS-11041700-054

NON FUNDED CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT

Between
MONO COUNTY,
 AND THE
TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA,
 And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION,
INYO NATIONAL FOREST
 AND
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION,
HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

This NON FUNDED CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT is hereby made and entered into by and between Mono County, California and the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, hereinafter referred to as "The Cooperators," and the USDA, Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Inyo National Forest and Intermountain Region, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service," under the authority: the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-154, and as amended.

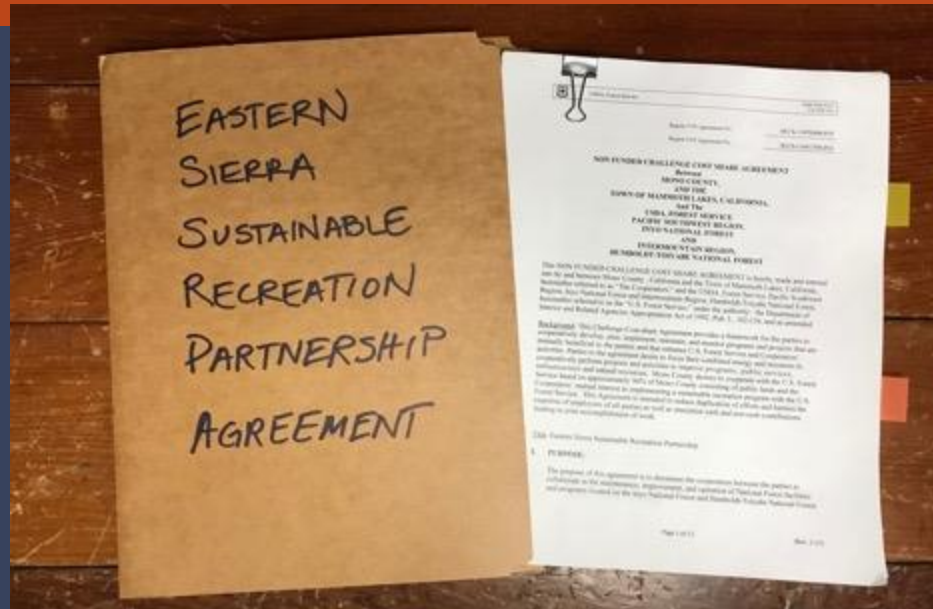
Background: This Challenge Cost-share Agreement provides a framework for the parties to cooperatively develop, plan, implement, maintain, and monitor programs and projects that are mutually beneficial to the parties and that enhance U.S. Forest Service and Cooperators' activities. Parties to the agreement desire to focus their combined energy and resources to cooperatively perform projects and activities to improve programs, public services, infrastructure and natural resources. Mono County desires to cooperate with the U.S. Forest Service based on approximately 94% of Mono County consisting of public lands and the Cooperators' mutual interest in implementing a sustainable recreation program with the U.S. Forest Service. This Agreement is intended to reduce duplication of efforts and harness the expertise of employees of all parties as well as maximize cash and non-cash contributions leading to joint accomplishment of work.

Title: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to collaborate in the maintenance, improvement, and operation of National Forest facilities and programs located on the Inyo National Forest and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

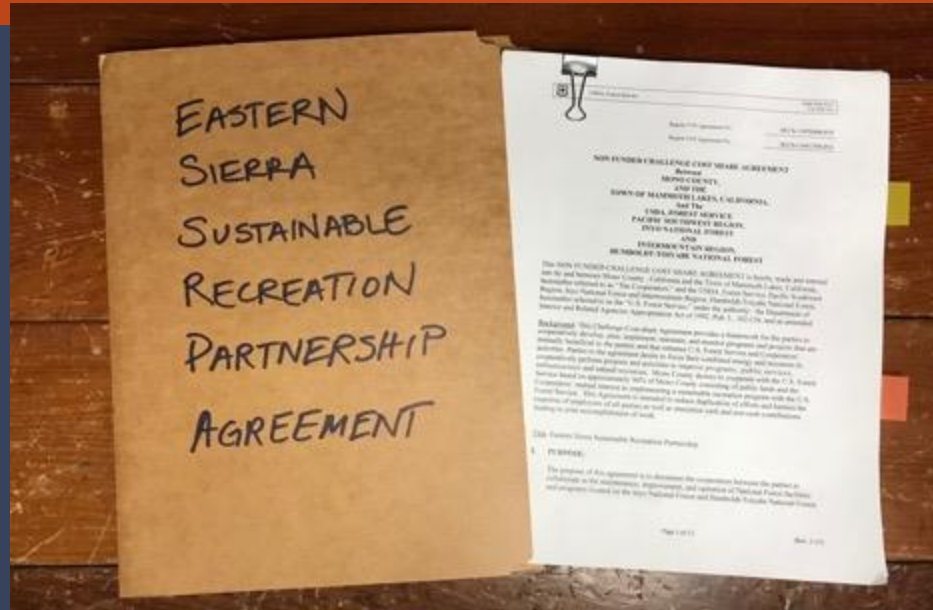
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Original Signatories – July, 2018

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NON FUNDED CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT
Between
MONO COUNTY,
AND THE
TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA,
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION,
INYO NATIONAL FOREST
AND
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION,
HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

This NON FUNDED CHALLENGE COST SHARE AGREEMENT is hereby made and entered into by and between Mono County, California and the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, hereinafter referred to as "The Cooperators," and the USDA, Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Inyo National Forest and Intermountain Region, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service," under the authority: the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-154, and as amended.

Background: This Challenge Cost-share Agreement provides a framework for the parties to cooperatively develop, plan, implement, maintain, and monitor programs and projects that are mutually beneficial to the parties and that enhance U.S. Forest Service and Cooperators' activities. Parties to the agreement desire to focus their combined energy and resources to cooperatively perform projects and activities to improve programs, public services, infrastructure and natural resources. Mono County desires to cooperate with the U.S. Forest Service based on approximately 94% of Mono County consisting of public lands and the Cooperators' mutual interest in implementing a sustainable recreation program with the U.S. Forest Service. This Agreement is intended to reduce duplication of efforts and harness the expertise of employees of all parties as well as maximize cash and non-cash contributions leading to joint accomplishment of work.

Title: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties to collaborate in the maintenance, improvement, and operation of National Forest facilities and programs located on the Inyo National Forest and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

Current Partners

1. Alpine County
2. BLM
3. CALTRANS
4. City of Bishop
5. HT National Forest, USFS
6. Inyo County
7. Inyo National Forest, USFS
8. Mono County
9. National Park Service
10. Town of Mammoth Lakes

DRAFT May 11, 2023

ESSRP MOU

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- G. PARTIES intend to memorialize their agreement and intentions with this MOU.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the PARTIES agree as follows:

What's Different / Why Now

- ☐ A simple MOU to accommodate present and future partners including tribes.
- ☐ Establishment of the ESCOG as a Joint Powers Authority and its "Sustainable Recreation and Ecosystem Management Program"
- ☐ Completion of pre-COVID 19 NPS "Rivers Trails and Conservations Assistance Grant"
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- **Decision making process for the ESSRP is being developed through a governance process. David Griffith has offered to provide some examples.**
- **Consider a provision for non-participating members.**



SUSTAINABLE RECREATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

EASTERN SIERRA VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM

SRTI PROJECT

Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments



- A regional voice for Sustainable Recreation and Stewardship in the Eastern Sierra
- 21st-century regional recreation identity for the Eastern Sierra
- Extensive stakeholder collaboration
- 28 representatives from regional organizations
- 8 facilitated meetings over 14 months



SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE

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DISPERSED CAMPING MITIGATION: CAMP LIKE A PRO

In response to an unprecedented influx of dispersed camping activity in the summer of 2020 driven by the COVID-19 pandemic, and associated risks of human-caused wildfire, concerned citizens, land managers, business owners and elected officials came together to develop and implement “Camp Like A Pro” programs focused on education, enforcement, stewardship, and infrastructure. Funding for this project will build upon programs implemented in the summer of 2021:

- Expanded digital and analog outreach to dispersed camping enthusiasts;
- Expanded temporary and permanent waste management, including public restrooms and trash collection;
- Improved wayfinding and educational signage and kiosks;
- Reduced instances of human-caused wildfires by sharing fire-prevention information and enforcement;
- Continued investment in and building of a culture of stewardship and sustainable recreation in the dispersed camping community.

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Mono County



ECOSYSTEM STEWARDSHIP
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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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REGIONAL RECREATION CAPACITY



FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments





Tribal Consultation Sub Committee

- **Lesley Yen, Inyo National Forest**
- **Jeff Griffiths, Inyo County**
- **New Members / Next Steps**

- **Antelope Valley Indian Community** (Jerome Fredericks, Chair)
- **Bishop Paiute Indian Tribe** (Tilford P. Denver, Chair + Gloriana Bailey, Tribal Administrator)
- **Bridgeport Indian Colony** (John Glazier, Chair + Debbie Painter, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer)
- **Fort Independence Tribe of Paiute Indians** (Carl Dahlberg, Chair + Alisa Lee, Vice Chair)
- **Kawaiisu Tribe of the Tejon Indian Reservation** (David Laughing Horse Robinson, Chairperson)
- **Kern Valley Indian Community** (Robert Robinson, Chairman + Julie Turner, Secretary)
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- **Timbi-sha Shoshone** (George Gholson, Chairman)
- **Tubatulabals of Kern Valley** (Robert Gomez, Chairman + Darrell Garcia, Vice Chair)
- **Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe Benton Paiute Reservation** (Shane Saulque, Chair)
- **Walker River Paiute** (Amber Torres, Chairwoman)
- **Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California** (Serrell Smokey, Chair)
- **North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California** (Fred Beihn, Tribal Chairperson)

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Why the new Colorado River agreement is a big deal — even if you don't live out West

The Colorado River is drying up. California, Arizona, and Nevada have finally agreed on a plan to help save it.

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Lake Mead, the largest reservoir along the Colorado River, has been shrinking due to climate change and overconsumption of water, exposing boats like this one.
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Last summer, the [Colorado River system](#) was headed toward collapse. Its reservoirs were at historic lows and sinking dangerously close to "dead pool," at which point water can no longer pass downstream through the dams.

Tuesday Top of the Scroll: California emerges as big winner in Colorado River water deal



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Monday's historic Colorado River agreement represents a big win for California, which only months ago was embroiled in a bitter feud with Arizona, Nevada and four other Western states over how to dramatically reduce their use of water supplies in the shrinking river. The proposition, which came after months of tense negotiations, would see the three states in the Colorado's lower basin conserve about 3 million acre-feet of water from the river by 2026 — a 14% reduction across the Southwest that amounts to only about half of what could have been imposed by the federal government had the states not come to an accord. ... Though some details have yet to be disclosed, the plan would see the majority of the cuts, about 1.6 million acre-feet, come from California. The remainder would be split between Arizona and Nevada, with the former taking the lion's share of those losses.

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- The Hill: [California, Arizona, Nevada offer landmark drought deal to use less Colorado River water — for now](#)
- Nevada Current: [Colorado River states reach an agreement, but not a solution](#)

Arizona Restricts Phoenix Home Construction Amid Water Shortage



(Reuters) – The state of Arizona on Thursday restricted future home-building in the Phoenix area due to a lack of groundwater, based on projections showing that wells will run dry under existing conditions.

The action by the Arizona Department of Water Resources stands to slow population growth for the Phoenix Active Management Area, home to 4.6 million people and one of the most rapidly expanding areas of the United States.

The state's recently concluded analysis projected a water shortfall of 4.86 million acre feet (6 billion cubic meters) in the Phoenix area over the next 100 years.

In response, the state said it will deny new certificates of Assured Water Supply, which enable home construction.

Arizona has imposed such restrictions on other areas, and not all of greater Phoenix requires a certificate, but experts said the measure was certain to slow

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Devil's Castle forms the backdrop for the wildflowers blooming in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah in 2017. Bekee Hotze/Forest Service file photo

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FACT SHEET: Proposed Public Lands Rule

The proposed Public Lands Rule would establish a framework to ensure healthy landscapes, abundant wildlife habitat, clean water and balanced decision-making on our nation's public lands. The proposal would uphold the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) multiple use and sustained yield mission, ensuring the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. By putting conservation on an equal footing with other uses, the proposal would help guide responsible development while safeguarding important places for the millions of people who visit public lands every year to hike, hunt, camp, fish, and more.

This proposal comes at a pivotal moment, as our public lands face new and growing challenges. Climate change is driving unprecedented drought and increasingly intense fires, a loss of wildlife, and an influx of invasive species. At the same time, public lands face growing pressure as recreation increases and development on private land disrupts habitat. This proposal would ensure the BLM is able to respond to these pressures, managing for healthy lands today so that it can deliver its multiple use mission now and in the future.

What would the proposed Public Lands Rule do?

1. Promote restoration of our lands and waters.

- Consistent with the historic investments made through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, the proposal would direct land managers to identify landscapes and develop plans for restoration, prioritizing places based on land and water health, partnership opportunities, and benefits to local communities, among other factors, with opportunities for public input.
- The proposal would establish consistent frameworks for interested parties to pursue restoration on public lands, including through conservation leasing. Under a conservation lease, an external entity could propose to enter into an agreement with the BLM to help achieve restoration or mitigation outcomes on public lands. For example, a non-profit organization could put people to work restoring mule deer or elk habitat and, through a conservation lease, be assured the work could take hold and flourish. The proposal does not contemplate BLM requiring leasing; rather, it is something an outside entity would request.
- Conservation leasing is also an important tool for compensatory mitigation, which compensates the public for the impacts of development on public land through investments in restoration and other mitigation measures. The conservation leasing provisions in the proposal come, in part, in response to feedback from state, local, and industry partners who requested a reliable path to pursue compensatory mitigation on public lands to facilitate development projects.

2. Provide for balanced, responsible development.

- To support informed decision-making, the proposal would broaden the use of land health standards beyond BLM's grazing program while providing more information as the public weighs in on management decisions. Incorporating land health standards and guidelines into land management is a best practice employed by state and federal land management agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service.
- By using land health assessments and building conservation decisions into the land management process, the proposal would enable the BLM to better work with local communities and developers to identify appropriate places to site projects and deconflict development proposals.
- The proposal would ensure BLM management decisions continue to be guided by science and data. The BLM would use existing data collections and new information to identify trends and implement adaptive management strategies.

3. Conserve the best intact, healthy landscapes.

- The proposal is pragmatic, directing the BLM to conserve what's already in good shape. It would call on the BLM to maintain intact lands to help support wildlife, migration corridors, and ecosystem function. The proposal follows explicit direction in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) to protect and preserve lands in their natural condition, where appropriate.
- The proposal would support President Biden's vision for locally driven and locally led conservation, enabling communities, through the land management planning process, to help identify lands for restoration and protection and to provide input on where development may be appropriate.
- The proposal would provide consistent and clear direction to ensure BLM is appropriately managing important historic, cultural, and scenic resources and complying with FLPMA's direction to prioritize protection and designation of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.

What won't the proposed rule do?

- The proposal does not change the BLM's multiple use mission – indeed, it will ensure the BLM's ability to deliver it in the future. Energy development, mining, grazing, timber, outdoor recreation, and other uses will continue.
- The proposal does not undermine any existing valid rights or require the use of conservation leasing.
- The proposal does not impede development on public lands. It will help facilitate responsible development through informed planning that deconflicts uses, while providing a path for developers to pursue compensatory mitigation.
- The proposal does not change the existing land management planning process; rather, it will create more opportunity and tools for local communities to shape the management of their public lands.

What's next?

This proposal reflects the beginning of an important conversation with BLM's partners and stakeholders. Public involvement through this rulemaking process is crucial to ensure the BLM is making appropriate land management decisions on the ground.

We want to hear from you. To learn more about this proposed rule, or to provide comment, please visit <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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Bureau of Land Management Makes Sweeping Changes to Public Lands Management in Proposed Rule

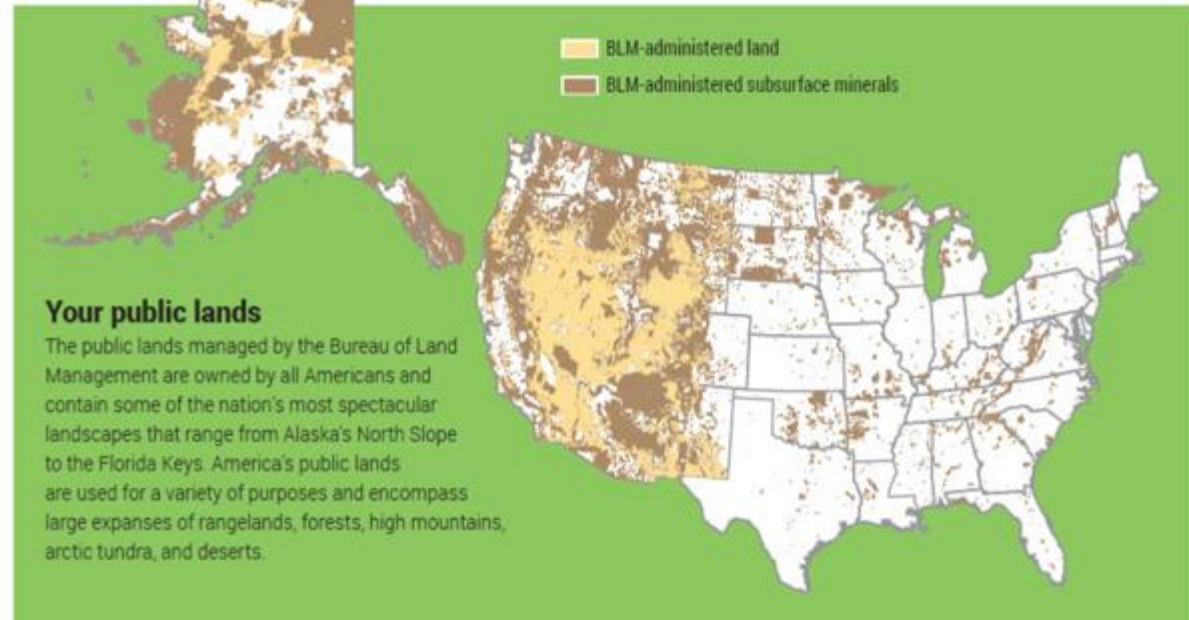
The BLM's land management decisions are guided by the [Federal Land Policy and Management Act](#) (FLPMA) of 1976. FLPMA created the "agency's multiple-use and sustained yield mandate to serve present and future generations." The multiple uses, as defined under FLPMA section 103, include but are not limited to: recreation, range, timber, minerals, watershed, wildlife and fish, natural scenic, scientific, and historical values. Under FLPMA, the BLM is directed to inventory public lands and create management plans that implement the multiple-use and sustained-yield mandate. The BLM is also [directed by FLPMA](#) to promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act. The regulatory authority is the authority the BLM is exercising in the promulgation of the current proposed rule.

The [proposed rule](#) includes four major changes to the existing regulatory scheme utilized by the BLM. The first is the placement of "conservation" on equal footing with the other multiple uses that BLM land is managed for by clarifying that conservation is a "use" under FLPMA. Conservation in the [context of the proposed rule](#) encompasses management of renewable resources designed to achieve desired future conditions through protection, restoration, and any other types of planning, permitting, and program decision-making. The second is authorizing the use of conservation leases to allow other individuals to dedicate BLM lands to conservation. The third alteration is a revision of the existing regulations that provided a framework for establishing Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC): the new rule prioritizes the creation and management of these areas. The fourth change expands the framework for making land health assessments to allow for informed management decisions on BLM lands: the existing regulation limits land health assessments to grazing lands only.



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Spectrum: Partisan Bill (Democrat 23-0)

Status: (*Engrossed*) 2023-06-01 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
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ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 1567

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February 17, 2023



Senator Allen Proposes Climate Resiliency Bond Measure For 2024 Statewide Ballot

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

SACRAMENTO – Following his introduction of Senate Bill 867, a state general obligation bond to address California's desperate need for expanded climate resiliency and natural resources protection, Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) issued the following statement.

"Climate change is evident all around us, having brought with it monumental threats ranging from unbridled sea-level rise to record-breaking wildfires. With the support of my legislative partners, I authored SB 867 to provide crucial investments that build upon the foundational \$10 billion spent in recent state budgets. The bond funding will also ensure continued mitigation of the climate impacts we already see along with preparation for the additional challenges to come for agriculture, water supply, forests,



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Passed Senate
May 31, 2023



Passed Assembly



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SB 867

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Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024.



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Outdoors for All

We believe in the right of all Californians to have access to recreational opportunities, and enjoy the cultural, historic, and natural resources found across the state.

While California tackles important global challenges, a critical challenge confronts the state's communities: Too many Californians cannot access the state's parks, beaches, and outdoor spaces, or the state's array of museums and cultural and historical sites. While many Californians get outside into nature frequently, millions never have the opportunity. Given this, **the state needs to expand all Californians' access to parks, open space, nature, and cultural amenities.** This priority requires reshaping funding and programs to expand opportunities to enjoy these places.

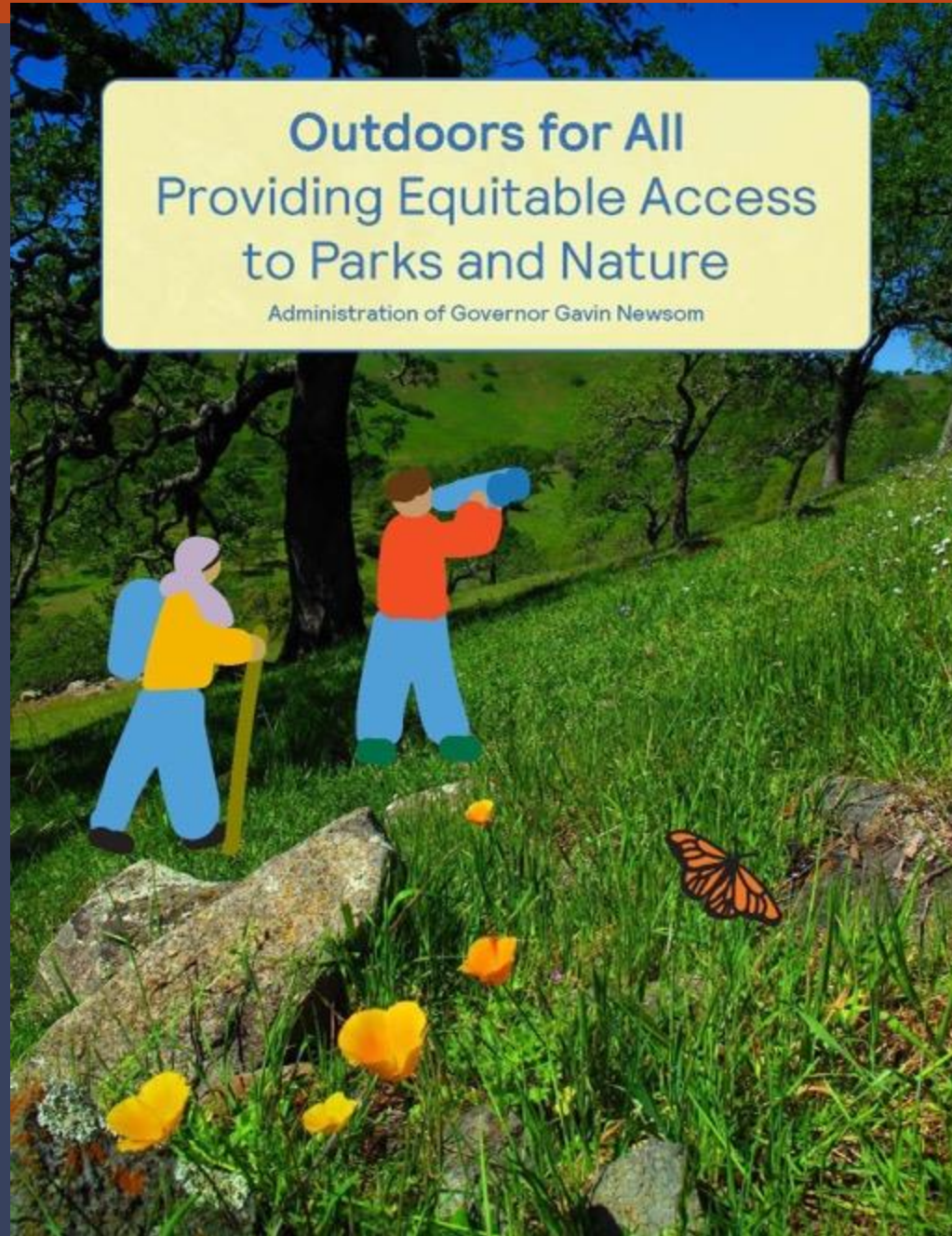
Championed by Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the Outdoors for All initiative is focused on equitably expanding outdoor access to all Californians through focused investments in open space infrastructure, outdoor programming, and improvements to state systems. These efforts seek to undo deeply ingrained inequities, and preserve the cherished natural, cultural, and tribal resources as the fight against climate change intensifies. Additionally, the Outdoors for All initiative further advances two other Agency priorities, [Nature Based Solutions](#) and [30x30](#), by investing in California's public lands and natural resources.

RESOURCES

- [Outdoor for All Factsheet](#)
- [Speaker Series: Outdoors for All \(video\)](#)
- [California State Parks Adventure Pass](#)
- [Get Your L.A Ram Sports License Plate](#)
- [Youth Community Access Grant Program](#)

Outdoors for All Providing Equitable Access to Parks and Nature

Administration of Governor Gavin Newsom



What does it mean to be outdoors?

People enjoy the outdoors in a beautiful variety of ways. Expanding access to the outdoors and nature in California means supporting a wide breadth of outdoor activities across the state.



Outdoors for All Vision



1. Everyone can regularly access and experience the outdoors while feeling a sense of belonging, and that they are safe and welcome.
2. Everyone can visit the outdoors without financial burden.
3. Outdoor spaces reflect and celebrate the diversity and vibrancy of California's many communities, cultures, and histories.
4. Stewards of outdoor spaces represent California's diversity. Everyone who desires to do so can pursue careers and leadership roles in outdoor recreation, natural resources, and restoration professions.
5. Everyone is inspired to better care for California's lands and waters and protect the health of their communities and ecosystems.

Outdoors for All Priorities



1. **Establish spaces for people and nature to thrive** by creating and maintaining more high-quality outdoor spaces, of all shapes and sizes, especially in park-limited places.
2. **Foster belonging** in the outdoors through policies and programs that build a welcoming and inclusive culture.
3. **Connect people and the outdoors** by improving information and transportation.
4. **Co-create with communities** through frequent and meaningful tribal consultation, and community engagement, with attention to frontline communities.
5. **Build equitable career pathways and a representative workforce** by improving opportunities for all Californians to enter and sustain outdoor recreation, natural resources, and restoration professions.
6. **Align Funding to achieve Outdoors for All** in partnership with federal, state, and non-governmental entities.

Outdoors for All Principles

1. Embed Equity and Environmental Justice into Outdoor Spaces
2. Strengthen Partnerships with California Native American Tribes
3. Build and Grow Lasting Collaboration
4. Integrate Outdoors for All Across All Government
5. Improve Access in a Clear and Tangible Way



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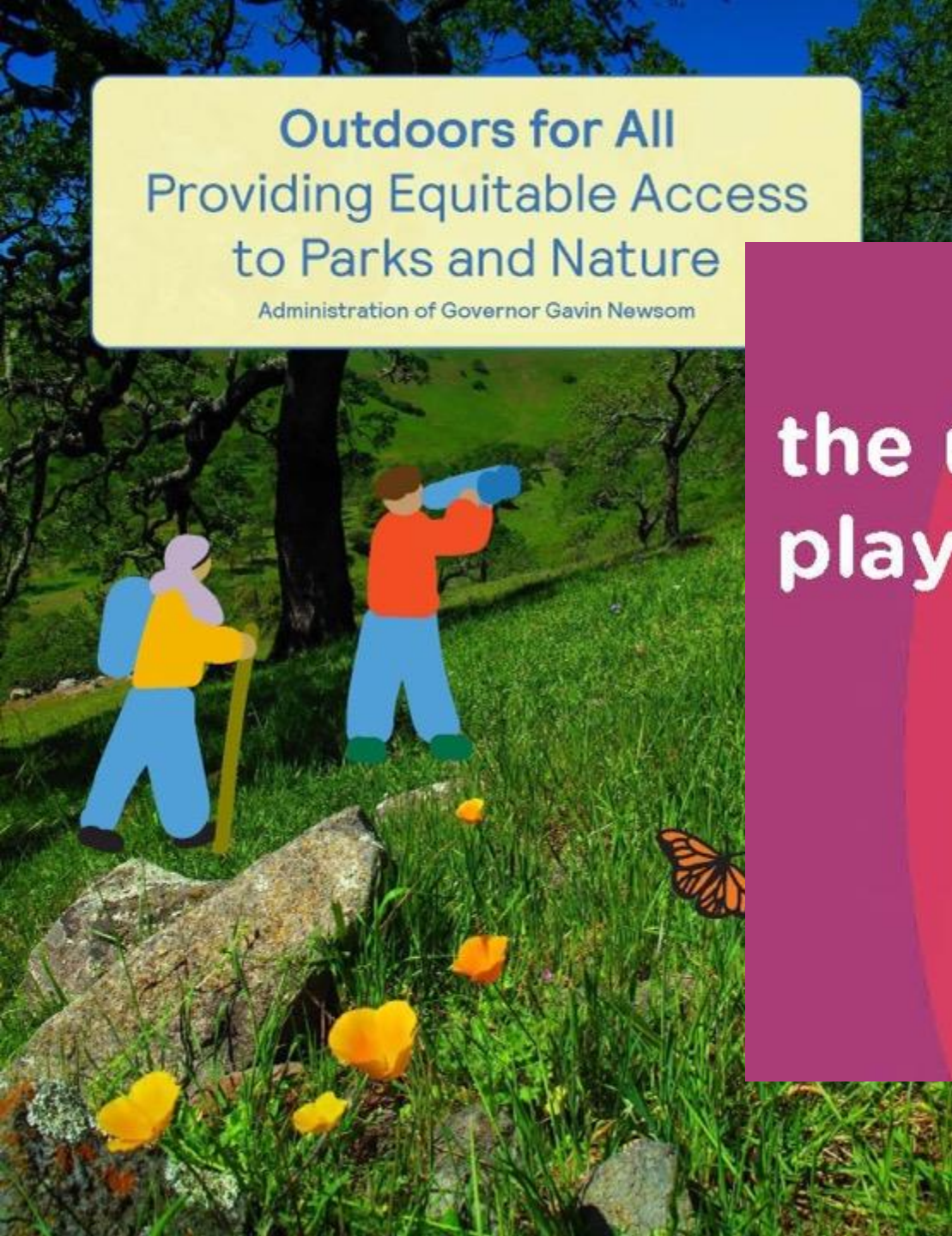


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**Our Next
Chapter**





Hi Recreate Responsibly California Coalition members,

We had an exceptional presentation this week by Katherine Toy, Deputy Secretary for Access at the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), about the recently published draft Outdoors for All Strategy. This strategy serves as a framework for alignment of state initiatives across various departments, aiming to enhance access to outdoor recreation with the goals of improving public health, civic spaces and the sense of belonging in the outdoors, and the outdoor recreation economy. Thank you to Deputy Secretary Toy for sharing this vital work and inviting us to comment on it!

CNRA is accepting comments on the draft Outdoors for All Strategy until July 18, 2023 at 5 p.m.

- [Read the draft Outdoors for All Strategy.](#)
- Submit your comments by email to outdoors@resources.ca.gov with the subject line: Outdoors for All – Public Comment

Now, for some resources shared by our Coalition members at the meeting:



STATE: CERF

“Community Economic Resiliency Fund”

2023



Save The Date - CERF Kickoff Friday June 16th

Please join us Friday June 16th for our CERF Kickoff celebration and first HRTC (and subcommittees) meeting. We will be hosting simultaneously in **two** separate locations, the Mother Lode Job Training Center in Sonora **and** the **Inyo County Consolidated Office Building** (changed.) In-person attendance at one of the two locations is ***strongly*** encouraged for this first meeting, but a hybrid option is available upon request and we will record all discussions. Lunch and refreshments provided.

all positions are filled. If you know of possible candidates who can fill the open positions indicated in the link below, please forward them our application link or have them contact us directly.

[PRELIMINARY HRTC APPOINTMENTS](#)[HRTC SELECTION CRITERIA](#)



FED: CEDS “Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy”

2023

Recent Tour & Meeting

May 31 – June 1, 2023

Chester, CA

May 31—A field tour to explore issues and activities related to wildfire recovery and community resilience in the Dixie Fire footprint in Plumas County.

June 1—Governing Board meeting to consider \$22.5 million in forest resilience, land conservation, and recreation grants.

Materials

- [Tour Agenda](#)
- [Meeting Agenda \(pdf\)](#)
- [Meeting Packet \(pdf\)](#)
- [Agenda Item 8a. IS/MND Public Comment and Response \(pdf\)](#)
- [Meeting Presentation Slides \(pdf\)](#)

Public Comment

Public comments may be given in-person during our Governing Board meeting or submitted in advance no later than **May 26, 2023**.



Board Meeting Agenda

May 31 & June 1, 2023 – North Central Subregion – Chester, CA

Board Meeting

June 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (End time is approximate)

*Chester Memorial Hall
225 Gay Street
Chester, CA 96020*

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of March 2, 2023, Meeting Minutes (ACTION)
4. Board Chair's Report
5. Executive Officer's Report (INFORMATIONAL)
 - a. Executive Officer Update
 - b. Administrative Update
 - c. Policy & Outreach Update

6. Consent Agenda

A consent agenda groups non-controversial items before the Board into a single agenda item. Recommendations will ordinarily be acted on without discussion. If any Boardmember, staff member, other interested party, or member of the public requests discussion of a consent item, it may be removed from consent and taken up in the agenda order, or in an order determined by the Board Chair.

Directed Grant Program Award Recommendations

The Board may take action to make determinations under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and award grants to the following projects.

a. #1465-RT

Almanor Rail Trail Planning project in Plumas County in the amount of \$232,491 to Almanor Recreation and Park District with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

b. #1581-RT

Kennedy Meadows Area Planning Grant project in Tulare County in the amount of \$59,248 to Friends of the Inyo with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

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California's 30x30 Initiative

CONSERVING 30 PERCENT OF OUR LANDS AND WATER BY 2030

Regional Updates



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Inbox - GOOG...entworth@mltpa.org

May 25, 2023 at 12:46 PM

[SN 30X30] CA Budget Update & Call to Act TODAY — call into Assembly Budget & Senate Budget Sub 2 TODAY

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Please see Kim Delfino's email below. As she mentioned, things are moving fast in Sacramento right now with the budget. **Actions to take today:**

Call into the Assembly Budget Committee TODAY.

Call 877-692-8957 / Access Code: 1850 1100

The Assembly Budget Committee announced their budget outcomes — [LINK HERE TO THE BUDGET OUTCOMES](#) — late yesterday (See the outcomes starting at page 66). The Committee is meeting TODAY AT NOON (now) to hear the outcomes and take public comment. Please call in to express your disappointment that the committee did not restore the budget cuts to much of the 30x30 funding. We don't know when they will be taking public comments but info on how to call in provided below in Kim's email.

In a nutshell, the budget committee approved the full cuts to WCB (including the \$79 M from the Cascade and High Sierra Upper Watersheds Program), to all Conservancies, State Coastal Conservancy, CDFW's veg mapping, CalFire's monitoring, and Dept. Of Conservation's Climate Smart Lands Program. The committee did restore the following funding: \$10 M to the Recreational Trail and Greenways Program ; \$50 M to Salton Sea ; \$127 M to Urban Greening ; \$14.5 M to CDFA's Pollinator Habitat Program ; \$75 M to Extreme Heat and Community Resilience at OPR ; \$204 M to the Statewide Parks Program.

Please call into the Assembly Budget Committee TODAY and make the following points in the 1-2 minutes you might get to speak:

1. Thank you for the restoration of funding to urban greening, access to outdoors, and extreme heat programs and for rejecting the Administration's trailer bill proposals to reduce environmental protections and community engagement.
2. However, we were very disappointed to see that the Committee did not restore any funding to most of the key programs for 30x30 and climate resilience.
3. We urge restoration of funding for science such as finishing vegetation mapping and monitoring.
4. We urge restoration of funding for land conservation and restoration including funding for the WCB, the State Coastal Conservancy and state conservancies.
5. We urge restoration of funding for capacity building programs such as the Dept. Of Conservation's climate smart lands program.

Call into the Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 this afternoon either at 1 pm or after the Senate Adjourns.

Call 877-226-8163 / Access Code: 6948930

The Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 issued their final agenda and outcomes this morning. You can find it here: [HERE](#).

The Senate appears to have taken a slightly different approach than the Assembly. They are proposing to reduce the climate solutions funding by \$3.7 B, shift \$2.3 B to other funds, delay \$1.5 B and shift \$2.1 B to a climate bond. The details have been delayed to whatever comes out in a 3 party agreement. They also proposed to fund vegetation mapping slightly differently: 2023-24 - use \$10 M of CDFW's unspent cannabis tax funds and delay \$10 m to 24-25. They also rejected the Administration's proposed trailer bill language that would have impacted the environment and community engagement (e.g., the drought/flood TB, Western Joshua Tree TB, and infrastructure TBs).

Please call into the Senate Budget Subcommittee hearing with the following talking points:

1. Thank you for putting forward a framework for restoring some of the critical funding for 30x30 and climate resilience and for rejecting the Administration's trailer bill proposals to reduce environmental protections and community engagement.
2. We also thank you for putting forward a solution of securing funding to finish statewide vegetation mapping.
3. As you move forward into the three party negotiations, we urge restoration of funding for land conservation and restoration including funding for the WCB, the State Coastal Conservancy and state conservancies.
4. We also urge restoration of funding for capacity building programs such as the Dept. Of Conservation's climate smart lands program.

Kim will be working on an updated budget letter that will go out tomorrow for signature with the deadline of getting sign ones by Tuesday evening.

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Regional Updates

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 - **ESCOG Next Meeting – June 15 in Mammoth Lakes**
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TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

Alpine County, Mono County, Inyo County

ESSRP June 2023 Update

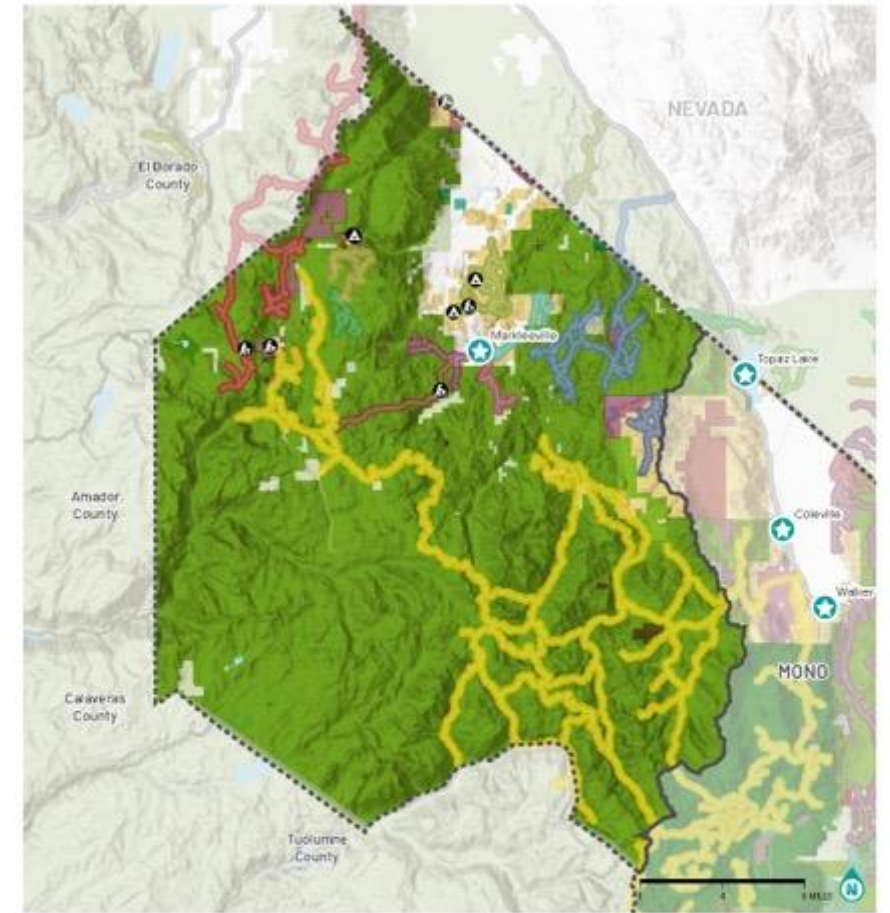
Collaborative Planning

April – June 2023

- Team and Partnership Establishment
- Stakeholder Kickoff
- Data Collection/Verification

July – December 2023

- Existing Conditions
- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
- Potential Gap Closures
- Pilot Projects



TOWN TO TRAILS
OVERVIEW

ALPINE COUNTY

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- Other Parks and Openlands
- Recreation Sites
- Campground
- Trailhead / Access Point
- Private Land Owners
- USFS
- Other Land Owners
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- Non-Governmental Organizations
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- County / Regional Agency Land

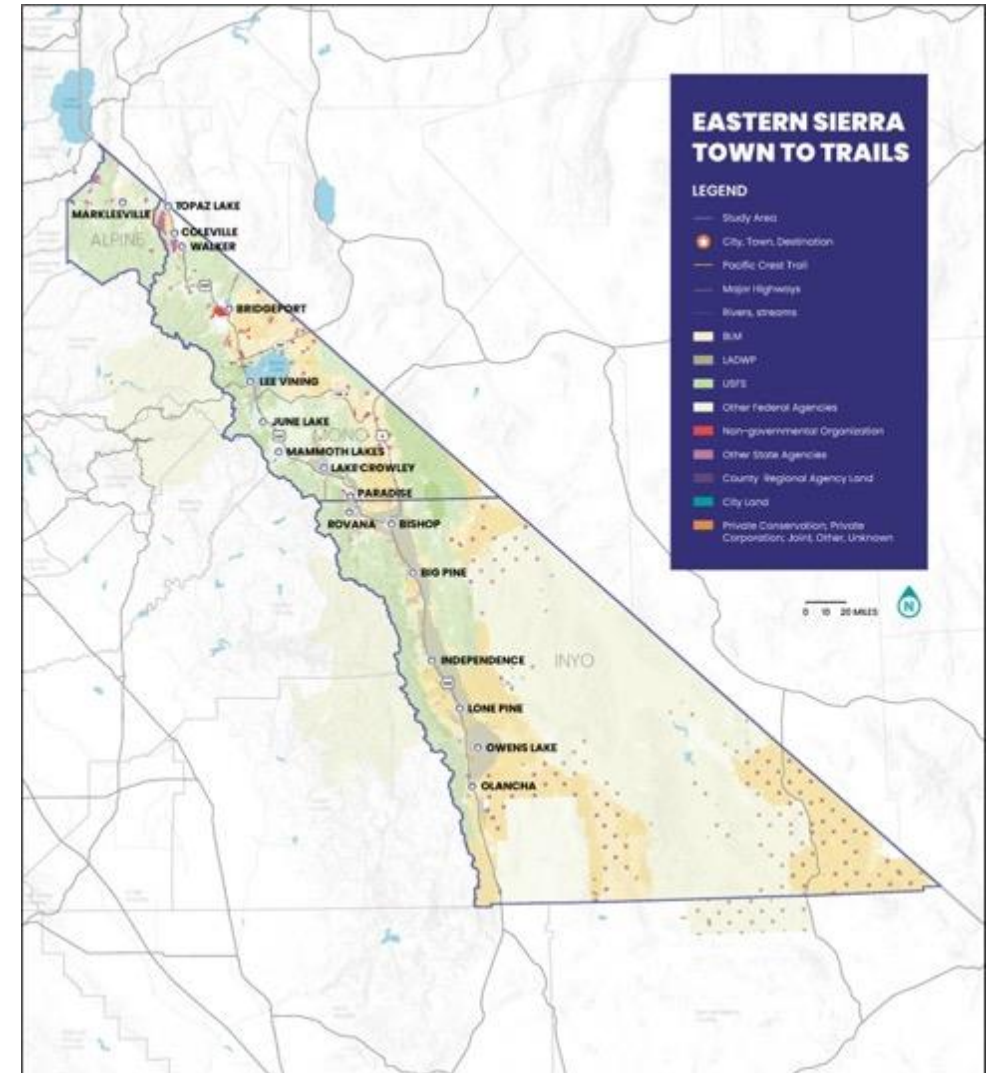
County Stakeholder Kickoffs

Discussion

- Scheduling
- Expectations

Mapping

- Easy Wins
- Priority Projects
- No-go Areas/Trails
- Gaps Partners *Want* Closed



County Stakeholder Kickoffs

June Coordination

- Alpine County: Thursday June 22, 9:00-11:00AM, Web
- Mono County: Monday June 12, 1:00 -3:00PM, Mammoth
- Inyo County: Wednesday June 14, 830 – 1030AM, Bishop

Timeline





EASTERN SIERRA CLIMATE & COMMUNITIES RESILIENCE PROJECT

ABOUT THE ESCCRP

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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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Partner Updates – In Alphabetical Order

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

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday July 3 - ?, 2023 @ 3:30 PM