



REGULAR PARTNER MEETING



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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.”



Inyo National Forest

- Wilfred J. Nabahe - *Tribal Relations Program Manager, Inyo NF*



Mammoth Lakes Tourism

- Sarah Winters - *Director of Marketing, Mammoth Lakes Tourism*



Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

- Ann Logan - *Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District*

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Congressman Kevin Kiley

- U.S. representative for California's 3rd congressional district since 2023
- Tri County Fair
 - August 31 – September 3

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Visit California /JLL

- Bethanie DeRose – *Senior Vice President Global Tourism & Destination Advisory JLL's Hotels & Hospitality Group*
- August 20 – August 27

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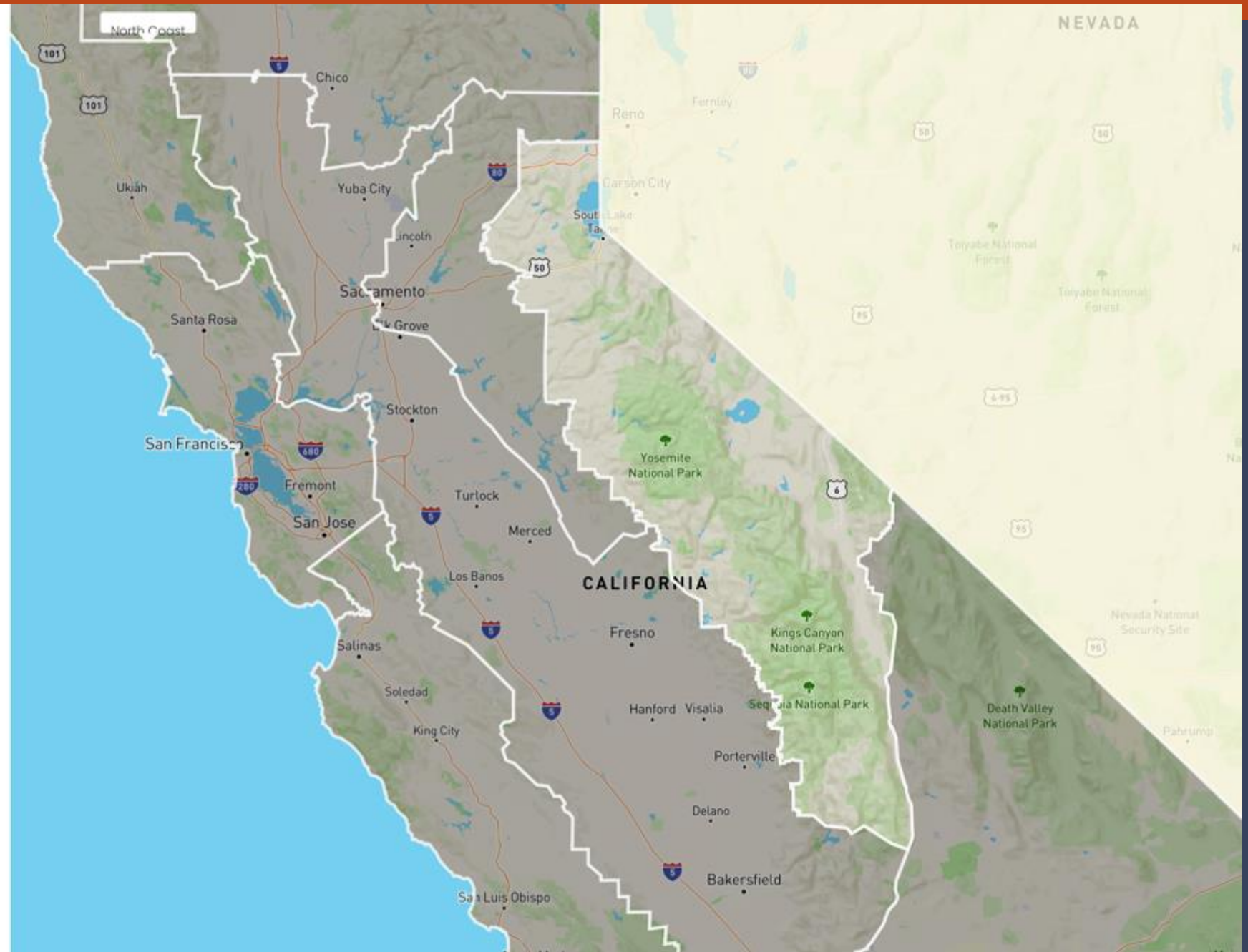
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High Sierra visit California



Snow-covered peaks in winter, gushing waterfalls in spring, wildflower meadows and glistening lakes in summer, vibrant colors in fall—this is a land of dramatic and wild beauty. World-class mountain resorts circle turquoise-blue Lake Tahoe. Mammoth Lakes offers epic skiing and endless high-altitude delights. Yosemite National Park, a World Heritage Site, is more beautiful than you can imagine and absolutely worth a visit. Whether you hike a mountain, ski the steeps, or lounge in a hot tub beneath a canopy of stars, you'll find your perfect getaway.



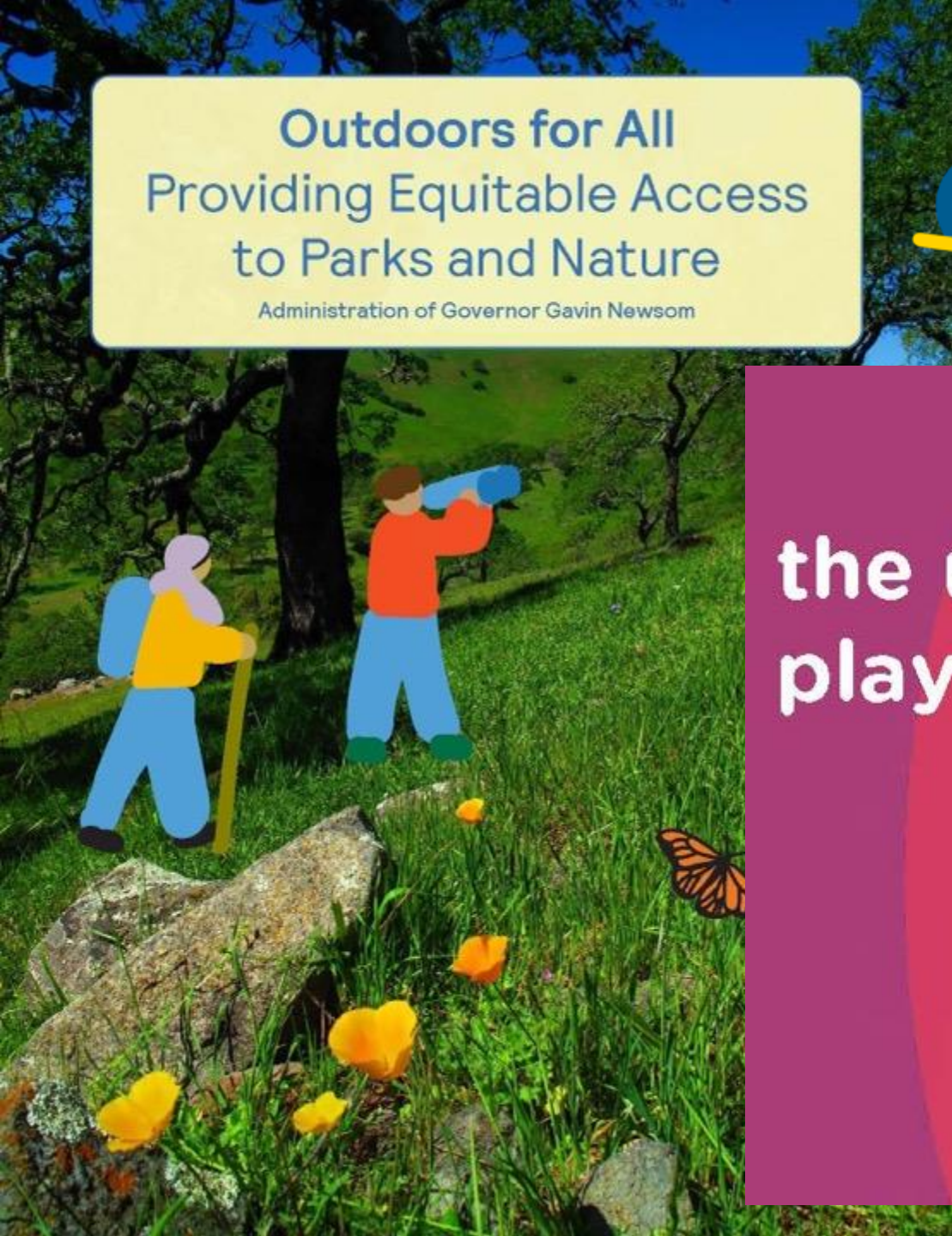
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Mike Nicholson at last weekend's West Coast Skate comp. For more, see p. 21. Photograph by Taylor Batten.

CARING FOR THE NEXT KOTTER

By Korte

Two California cities are pioneering the way for Education Workforce Housing projects—the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Santa Clara Unified School District.

The idea is promising for educators and employees of those districts who had previously struggled to find or afford housing. Education Workforce Housing is affordable employee housing built on local educational agency-owned

land. Local educational agencies include K-12 Public School Districts and County Offices of Education. Employees are considered to be teachers, as well as non-credentialed staff—custodial workers, bus drivers, and administrators.

"One of the reasons you see districts doing something like this—building housing and working to provide housing for their teachers—is because there is such a housing shortage in the state, and

education as a field is having a hard enough time attracting educators," said Mono County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Stacey Adler. "By providing housing, it builds in the opportunity to entice more people, and it becomes more attractive to people to take jobs in districts when they have housing already available." Adler said. Typically, there is some sort of obligation, to receive housing, an employee may be required to work for 3 to 5 years,

see HOUSING, page 14



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EVERYBODY'S OMA

Marlene Flebiger, 1935-2023

Longtime Mammoth resident Marlene Flebiger passed away last week. She was 87.

A native in town, she was "everybody's Oma (German for grandmother)" according to her daughter Debbie Teller and, along with Dieter, her husband of 62 years, her husband of 62 years, she was a beloved supporter of local youth sports.

Marlene was born in Erlangen, Germany to Margarete and Konrad Burk. Margarete died of cancer when Marlene was six years of age. Her father remarried Betty Burk, her stepmother.

Marlene was the "baker's daughter." Dieter Flebiger said Marlene's parents were so protective that the only way he got a chance to see her was through athletics. She was a runner—first a sprinter, and then a long distance runner. He was a gymnast.

They met in 1952 when Dieter's family moved to Erlangen. As Dieter recalls, "She had black hair... I was an apprentice into mechanic at the time." Future a young Dieter on a Triumph motorcycle. Wearing a black leather jacket. His late school back. With young Marlene on the back, in slacks or jeans. Neither wearing helmets. Or goggles.

They finally married on March 8, 1956. Within a month, they had emigrated to Toronto, Canada. The only words of English they knew were "yes" and "no."

Dieter said they'd promised their parents that they would return within five years, but once you get off on an adventure...

Dieter said he and Marlene learned English watching television and reading newspapers.

see MARLENE, page 16



Marlene and grandson, both at Mammoth.

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A POOR MAN'S DAVOS

By Milender

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Post feed, all heads turned to two representatives of the global consulting firm, JLL. Earlier this year, Visit California—the state's tourism marketing outfit—outsourced regional strategic plans to the firm to "help guide California's tourism industry." JLL is contracted to plot strategy for the next decade.

The goal of the project is to assist California's 12 tourism regions, addressing issues related to "housing imbalances, environmental challenges, workforce development, and infrastructure needs," according to Visit California's website.

Translation: We've thoroughly marketed and brought borders to your doorstep. Now we're gonna try to mitigate those impacts. And spend further dollars attempt-

ing to undo the worst of what we did. JLL's Bethanie DeRose and Juliet Velazquez spearheaded the meeting.

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The conversation began with sterted into and diagrams. Development of project strategy, for instance, could be summarized by:

Methodology: Sustainability
Inclusive input ensures supported outcomes

DeRose further explained her firm's methodology of using indices—such as the Tourism Readiness Index and the Sustainability Index—as metrics of forecasting. Scorecards of preparedness within a region, if you will. It was Bill Sauer who demonstrated the value of

item #3 in summarizing the firm's procedures for his fellow civil servants.

"JLL is taking into account local attitudes and available prior points," said Sauer, "and creating a report card of tourism readiness."

DeRose seemed to agree with Sauer, and elaborated further on the merit of critical analysis.

"Knowing how we fare from the current standpoint," she said, "we can make advised adjustments based on current outcomes."

Translation: No

f'ing idea.

That level of consideration and structured analysis, DeRose believes, will foster a strategy "much broader than a traditional DMO tourism plan"—that's Destination Management Organization for all you lay-people.

Soon after, the floor opened up for comment. Some tourism officials voiced con-

cern over the availability of housing and public transit, and the use and misuse of natural resources within the region—needs and challenges as unique to Mammoth Lakes as the town is to the state of California. Others identified that such concerns are often compounded by a melée of miscommunication between town organizations.

John Morris pointed out the need for action in the face of organizational and bureaucratic stagnancy.

"A lot of negative people like to voice their opinion, but they don't like to show up," said Morris.

On the whole, the room was in agreement that a sustainable tourism strategy will be implemented only when Mammoth's organizations are in lockstep.

As for JLL's place in all of it, DeRose acknowledged that her firm is not trying to "move the wheel."

"I'm sure you guys have been talking about these issues for years," DeRose said.

The implication being that, only now, with Visit Mammoth's uncle firm in town out of town, there were finally the right people at the table to address those issues.



Candidate Filing VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

September 11, 2023

12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Supervisor, District 3	Paul Gaudin		
Supervisor, District 4	John Peters		

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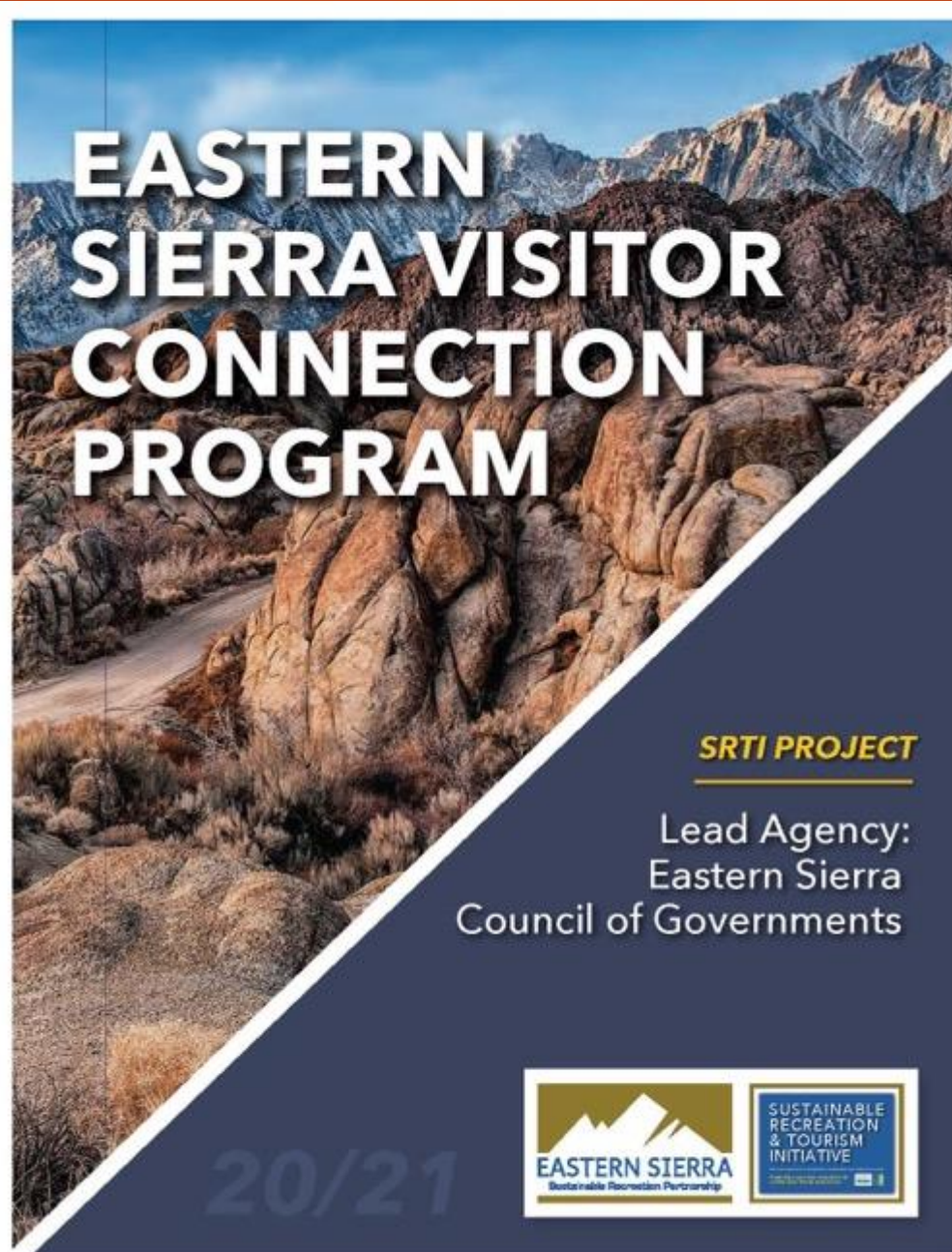
Sustainability Evaluation: Scorecard Development and Contextualization

The unique requirements of different destinations and stakeholders suggest that no one-size-fits-all approach will ever do the job. Our process is unique in that it ties quantitative and qualitative destination Critical Success Factors to globally recognized standards for sustainability (the UNWTO's Sustainable Development Goals), ensuring consistency with global best practices and a practical framework for implementation.

Once all the indicators and assessment criteria are validated and finalized, we will conduct the CSF assessments with a wide group of state and regional tourism industry stakeholders, as well as other stakeholders at the intersection of tourism and sustainability (e.g., transportation, environment, infrastructure, housing, community).

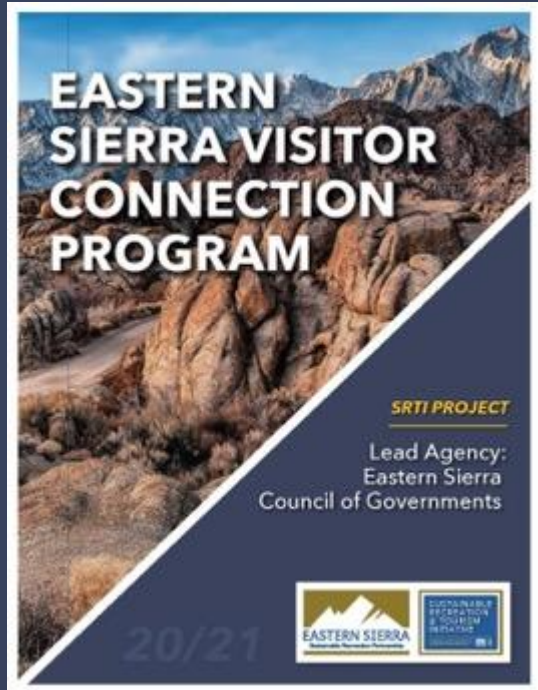


Visit California's Regional Strategic Tourism Plans



- 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

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This Week's Rescheduled Events of Regional Interest



TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN
INYO COUNTY
STAKEHOLDER MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

PLEASE REGISTER!

This Week's Rescheduled Events of Regional Interest

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ON SEPTEMBER 12**



RESCHEDULED PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

The first public meeting for the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative has been rescheduled! Please see the details below and be sure to register to receive updates!

When: Tuesday, September 12, 5:30PM-7:30PM

**Where: Cerro Coso Community College Bishop Campus, 4090 West Line Street,
Bishop, CA**

**REGISTER TO ATTEND
HERE!**

This Week's Rescheduled Events of Regional Interest



**TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN
ALPINE COUNTY
STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

PLEASE REGISTER!

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TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN
MONO COUNTY
STAKEHOLDER MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

PLEASE REGISTER!

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Phoenix on track to break record for weeks of extreme heat

[Nation](#) Jul 19, 2023 11:38 AM EDT

PHOENIX (AP) — Phoenix's relentless streak of dangerously hot days was finally poised to smash a record for major U.S. cities on Tuesday, the 19th straight day the desert city was to see temperatures soar to 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43.3 C) or more.

READ MORE: [How to stay cool and safe during a heat wave](#)

Nighttime has offered little relief from the brutal temperatures. Phoenix's low of 95 F (35 C) on Monday was its highest overnight low ever, topping the

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California's Death Valley sizzles near record temperatures as brutal heat wave continues

Nation Jul 18, 2023 5:32 PM EDT

Long the hottest place on Earth, Death Valley put a sizzling exclamation point Sunday on a record warm summer that is baking nearly the entire globe by flirting with some of the hottest temperatures ever recorded, meteorologists said.

Temperatures in Death Valley, which runs along part of central California's border with Nevada, were forecast to reach 128 degrees (53.33 degrees Celsius) on Sunday at the aptly named Furnace Creek, the National Weather

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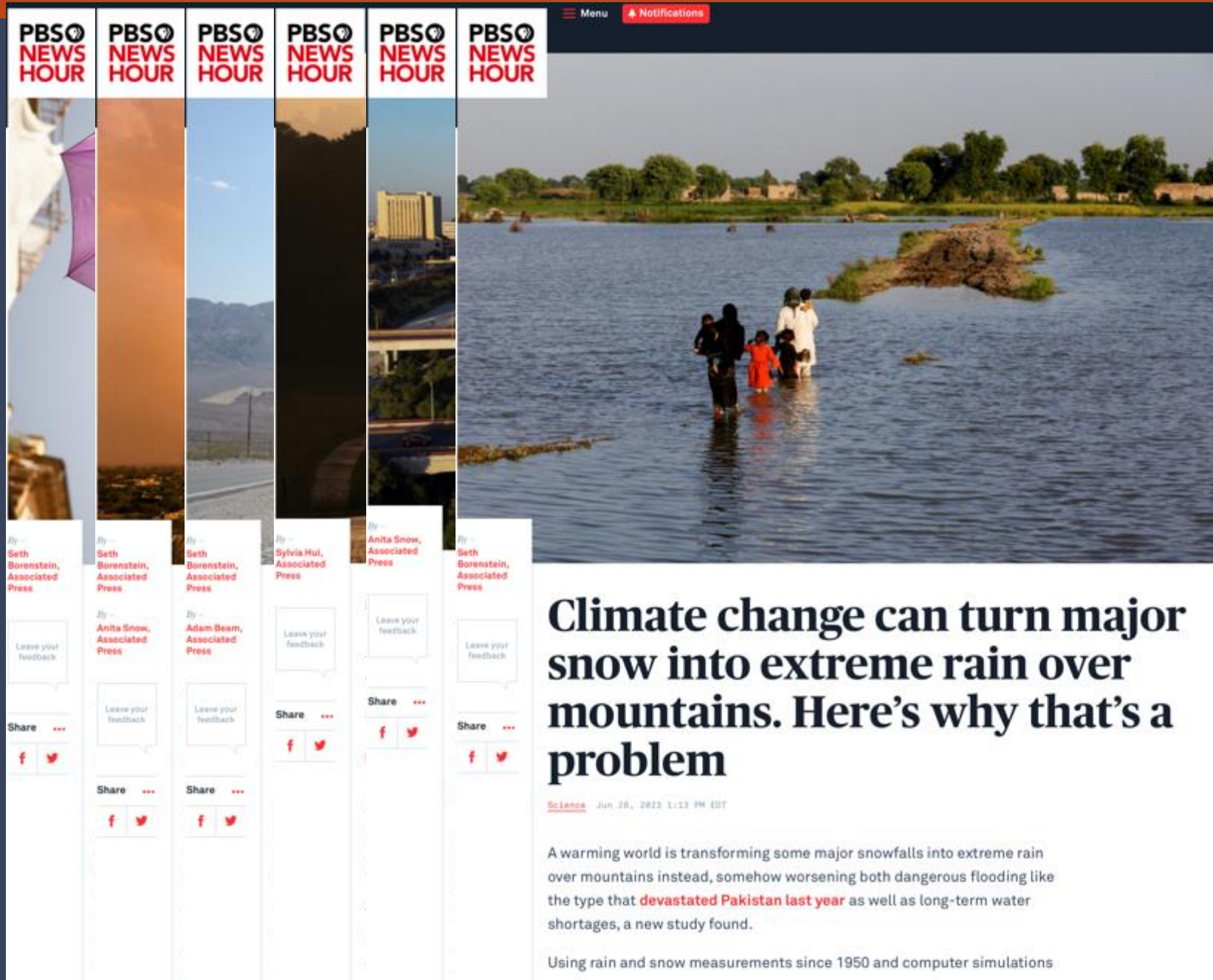
The UK just had its hottest June in 139 years of records, with climate change a factor

World Jul 9, 2023 3:26 PM EDT

LONDON (AP) — The U.K. sweltered through its hottest June since records began in 1884, the country's weather agency said Monday, adding that human-induced climate change means such unusual heat will become more frequent in the next few decades.

The average temperature for June in the U.K. hit 15.8 degrees Celsius (60.4 Fahrenheit) — 0.9C hotter than the joint previous record of 14.9 C in 1940 and 1976, according to the Met Office's provisional figures.

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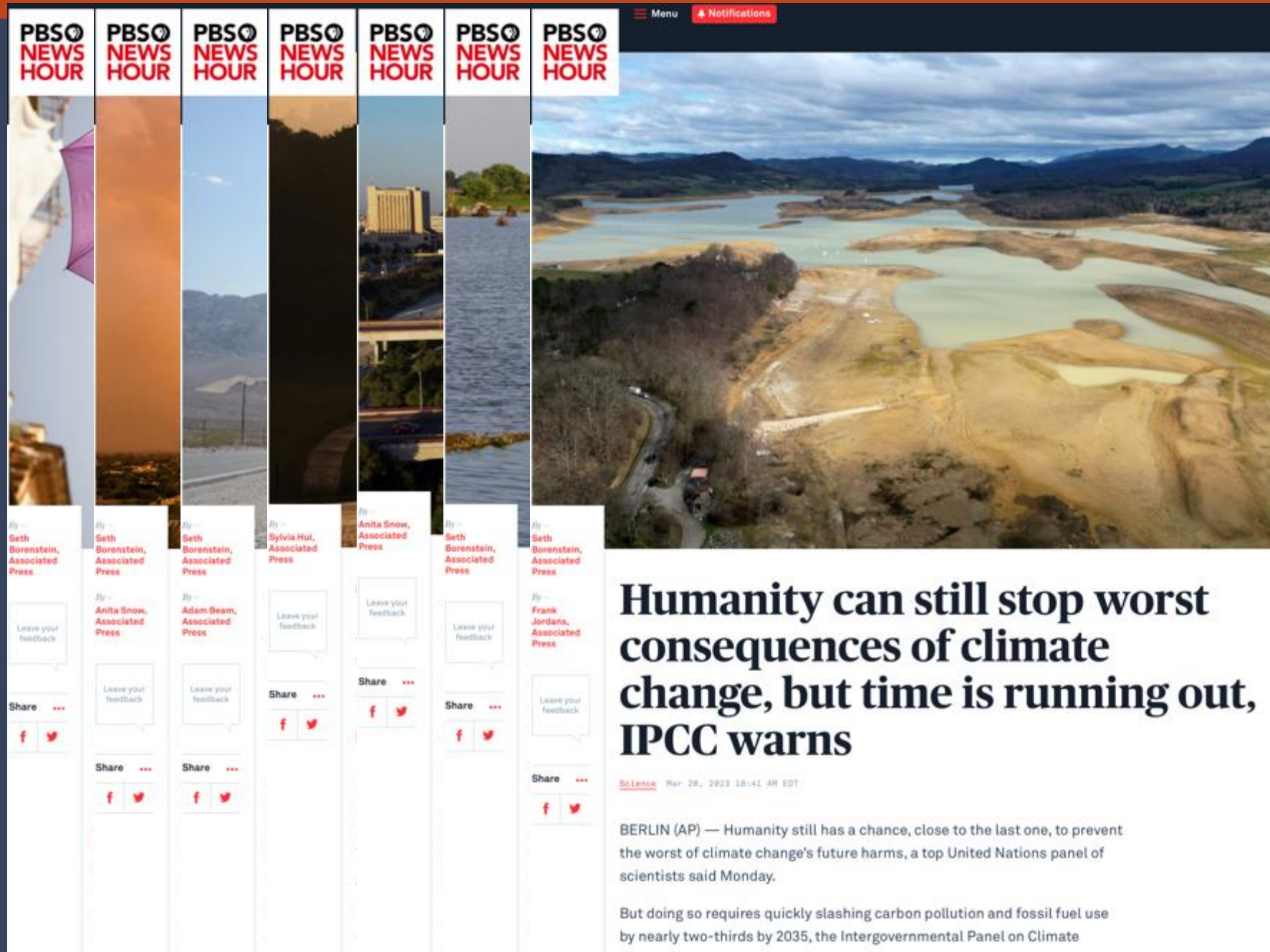
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LADWP developed a detailed water operation plan to maximize the beneficial use of the runoff water for its operations, customers, and environmental responsibilities, and reduce impacts to public and private property throughout the Owens Valley region.

LOS ANGELES (August 3, 2023) – On April 1, 2023, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) announced a record snowpack of 296% of normal for the Eastern Sierra making 2023 one of – if not the largest – snowpack year on record in California, eclipsing other big water years like 1952, 1983, 2017, and surpassing the Department's 1969 record that measured at an estimated 270% of normal.

Climate Whiplash + Summer of 2023



The summer's record heat has caused costly damage to Texas water systems

As dry soils contract, underground pipes rupture and cities must fix thousands of water leaks, frustrating conservation efforts and highlighting the vulnerability of critical infrastructure to a warming climate.

BY DYLAN BADDOUR, [INSIDE CLIMATE NEWS](#) SEPT. 8, 2023 5 AM CENTRAL

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Odessa Water Distribution employees work through the night as they attempt to repair a broken water main on June 14, 2022 in Odessa. This summer's extreme heat and drought has wreaked havoc on municipal water lines throughout Texas 📷 Courtesy of Odessa American/Eli Hartman



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State Route 190 (Caltrans Photo)



Centennial Wash, SR 190 (Caltrans Photo)

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Whitney Portal Rd. (County of Inyo Photo)



Oak Creek Rd. and Schabbell Ln. (County of Inyo Photo)

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PARK CLOSURES



The Manzanar Auto Tour Road will be closed until further notice.

Manzanar National Historic Site is open, but the auto tour road will be closed until further notice. The site sustained flood damage from Hurricane Hilary.

+ 1 more non-emergency alert notifications...

Los Angeles Times

CALIFORNIA

Hilary 'reshaped the landscape' of Death Valley; storm damage closes park, maybe for months



Park ranger Matthew Lamar leads a tour along Badwater Road, where crews are working to clear mud and debris left from the recent tropical storm. (Robert Gauthier / Los Angeles Times)

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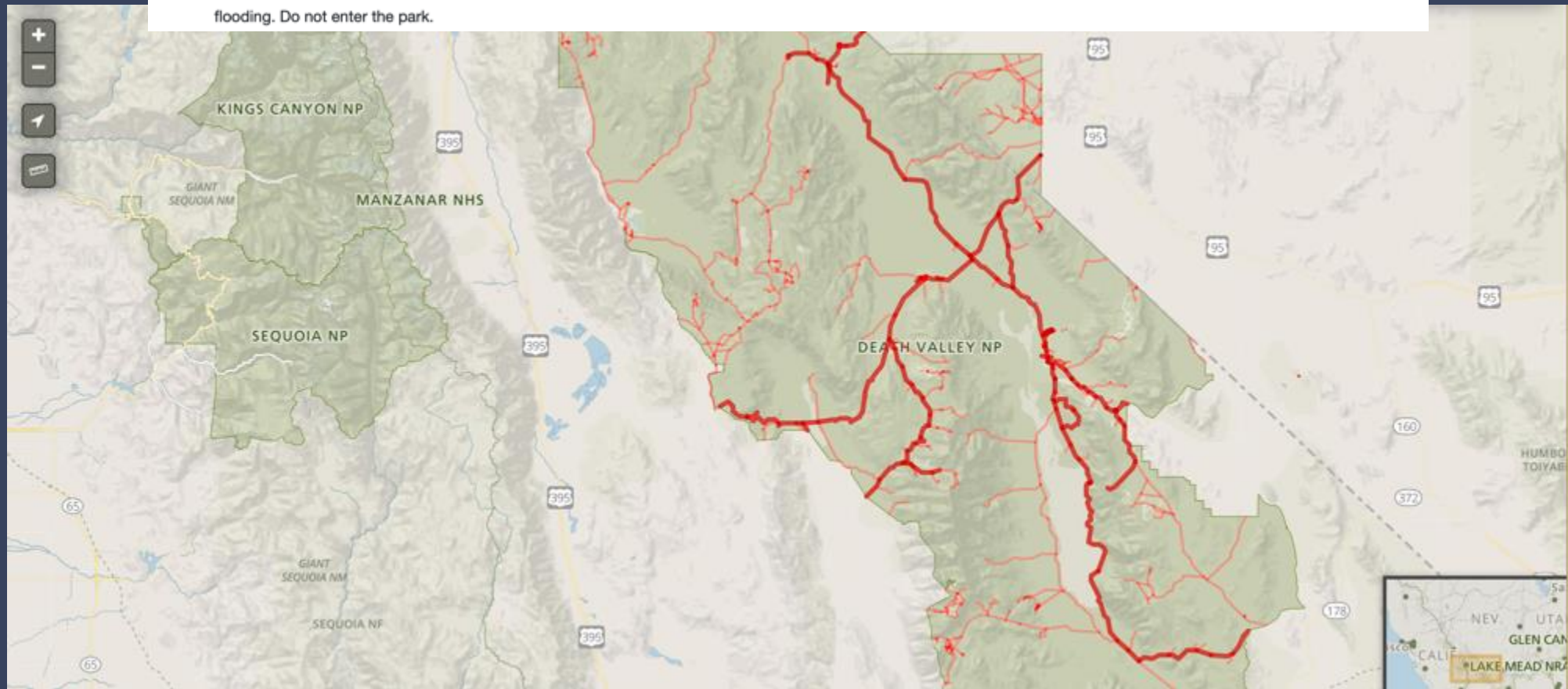
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 **FULL PARK CLOSURE**

ALL ROADS & PARK ARE CLOSED, including CA State Route 190. Many roads are covered with debris and have undercutting and shoulder loss due to recent flooding. Do not enter the park.



Climate Whiplash



Two California lakes are making comebacks with different results

The return of Owens Lake threatens billions of dollars in efforts to stem air pollution, while the resurgent Mono Lake is generating cautious optimism.



The Great Salt Lake is drying up.

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Environmental and community groups have filed lawsuit as the water body shrinks from overuse, hastening its demise



📷 Empty docks visible at the Antelope Island Marina on the Great Salt Lake in August 2022. Photograph: Rick Bowmer/AP

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Storm Chances Return Next Week



Dangerous Lightning



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Strong Outflow Winds

Hurricane Jova is expected to move out into the Pacific Ocean, well away from land. However, upper level southwest winds will blow some of its moisture inland across the southwest U.S. early next week. This will lead to increasing storm chances Monday through Wednesday.

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2023 Meteorological Summer Recap



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It's the Mammoth Lakes Trail Systems' 10th Anniversary!

For this special summer please join the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Inyo National Forest for the 14th season of Trails Days on the Mammoth Lakes Trail System. With more opportunities than ever you're invited to join the Mammoth Lakes Trail System trail crew and hosts to help with new trail construction, maintenance, and stewardship activities all summer long. [Sign up online for volunteer shifts one week in advance. Open shifts are available Wednesdays and Weekends through September.](#) Or join us for opening and closing events on June 3 (National Trails Day) and September 25 (The

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Can Affluence and Affordable Housing Coexist in Colorado's Rockies?

The outdoorsy lifestyle of Colorado mountain towns has become a magnet for the new remote-worker class, upending life for those already rooted there.

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A construction site in Silverthorne, Colo. Some officials and residents in the area have acceded to limited construction but are wary of adding taller, dense multifamily buildings.



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Mountain Towns & Outdoor Recreation: Challenges & Solutions

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DP From David >

For anyone who lives in or visits mountain towns, this conversation contains some of the best ideas and proposals we've ever heard for helping both mountain towns and outdoor recreation survive and thrive. Colorado Sun reporter, Jason Blevins lead this discussion, and joining him are Dara McDonald, (Crested Butte Town Manager), Jonathan Houck (Gunnison County Commissioner), Pete Wagner (Wagner Custom Skis & resident of Telluride, CO), and Paul Forward (Blister reviewer & resident of Girdwood, AK).



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2023-2028 EASTERN SIERRA REGION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDs)

June 29, 2023

SUBMITTED TO:
**GOLDEN STATE
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SUBMITTED BY:  **TPMA**

EASTERN SIERRA REGION CEDs SUBMITTED BY TPMA

reported margin for error. Such is the case with Alpine County, California³. Because Alpine County is only one of three counties presented in much of the data sets and estimates below, the effect on the overall accuracy is not necessarily problematic. However, in situations where only Alpine's estimates are presented, the uncertainty in this data should be considered.

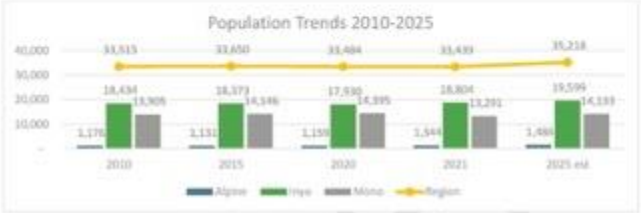


Figure 1: Eastern Sierra Region Population Trends, 2010-2025 (est.). Sources: ACS/Lightcast Q1 2023.

Age

The population pyramid in Figure 2 contains the population, gender, and age distribution estimates for the three-county region. Of note is the 20+ percent of the population that is older than the "retirement age" of 65. Adding individuals 55-64 years old who are "approaching retirement" brings the number of individuals over 55 years to 36.44% of the population. This is ten percentage points higher than the statewide average. For context, there are fewer individuals between 25 and 54 years of age in the region of Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties than over 55 years of age.

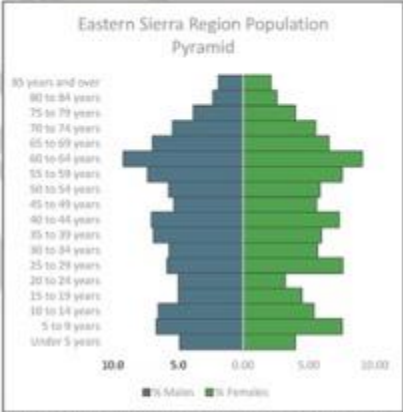
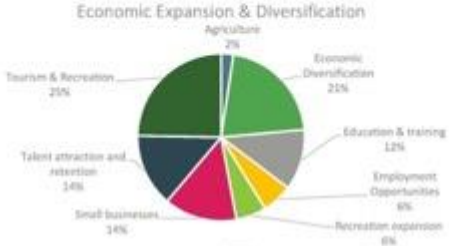


Figure 2: Eastern Sierra Population Pyramid. Source: 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

³ For example, the estimated 2021 population for Alpine County is 1,344, but the Margin of Error (MoE) is stated as a plus or minus 228. This means that the ACS estimates with 95% certainty that Alpine County's population is somewhere between 1,116 and 1,572. These high MoEs suggest a relatively large uncertainty in the accuracy of the data presented.

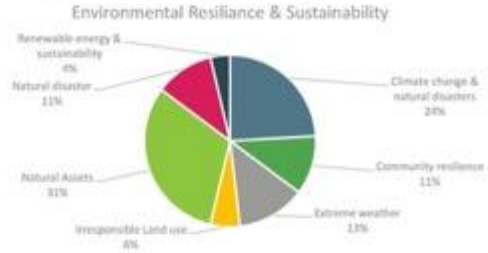
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Theme 3: Economic Expansion & Diversification



With the undisputed asset of a healthy outdoor recreation and tourist economy, regional leaders want to leverage the industry's benefits for economic growth while pursuing opportunities for economic diversification in pursuit of increased economic resiliency. The Eastern Sierra region has the opportunity to determine current and future needs of existing businesses and develop programs and policies to address those needs. This can lead to employment growth through business expansion and industry diversification by encouraging business growth that aligns with regional strengths and opportunities.

Theme 4: Environmental Resilience & Sustainability



With a robust inventory of natural assets to protect, frequent exposure to natural hazards, and a population accustomed to persevering and "bouncing back," environmental resilience and sustainability was discussed across SWOT components. The Eastern Sierra's key economic strengths are inextricably tied to the protection of the region's natural assets, making much of the conversation around Environmental Resilience and Sustainability about emergency preparedness, hazard mitigation, and threat minimization.



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By [Manu Raju](#) and [Melanie Zanona](#), CNN

Updated 8:09 AM EDT, Thu September 7, 2023



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The dome of the US Capitol is reflected in a window on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, in April.

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White House asks Congress to pass short-term spending deal, boost food aid

The federal government will shut down Oct. 1 unless lawmakers either extend current spending or fund programs through next year

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Freedom Caucus pours gasoline on Congress' heated spending fight as government shutdown fears grow

Lawmakers must reach an agreement on funding by Sept. 30

By [Elizabeth Elkind](#) · Fox News

Published August 21, 2023 10:00am EDT

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US Senate races ahead of House on spending in bid to avoid shutdown

Richard Cowan • September 5, 2023 3:14 PM PDT Updated 5 days ago



The U.S. Capitol Building is seen in Washington, U.S., August 15, 2023. REUTERS/Kevin Wurm/File Photo [Acquire Licensing Rights](#)

WASHINGTON, Sept 5 (Reuters) - Democratic leaders of the U.S. Senate, on their return from summer recess on Tuesday, sought to gain the upper hand in House Republican efforts to pass a spending bill to avert a shutdown.

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By EUGENE DANIELS, RYAN LIZZA and RACHAEL BADE | 09/06/2023 06:23 AM EDT

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The man who put the last Democratic president back into the White House — Jim Messina, manager of Barack Obama's 2012 reelection — is back with a reassuring message for his fellow Democrats.



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HRTC & Subcommittee Meeting Dates - Master Calendar (as of 8.9.2023)

Calendar invites forthcoming and there will always be a virtual option.

Subcommittee Dates & Locations:

All subcommittees will meet virtually. Calendar invites have been sent to subcommittee members, please email cerf@sierrabusiness.org if you would like to receive the invite for a different subcommittee.

Workforce, Education, and Training Subcommittee:

Every other month on the 1st Friday from 9-10:30 a.m. starting on August 4th.

- Thursday, August 17, 2023 - 12pm:
 - **CHANGED: VIRTUAL ONLY:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>
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 - Mono County Civic Center - Dana Room on 2nd Floor
1290 Tavern Rd
Mammoth LAkes CA 93546

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These will be held on:

- July 14, 2023 - 11 am-12 pm.
- September 15, 2023 - 11 am-12 pm
- November 16, 2023 - 10 am-11 am

CERF Communications: August 31

Thank you to everyone who tuned into the last HRTC meeting. We apologize for having to make it virtual, but everyone participated well and we received some great feedback, helping us refine some of our deliverable content and find new partners. We're looking forward to seeing people in person at our next HRTC meeting:

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CERF Communications: August 31

Additionally, the state just released an updated framework for the Catalyst Program. Major changes include a reduction in funding to \$14 million per region, and the funding buckets have been dramatically simplified from the first draft. We are now awaiting full guidelines, as the application period should open soon.

- **We will be sharing the first draft of the Regional Summary early next week after we have sent it off to the state. We will be asking you to review sections relevant to your expertise, and we will have until the end of this year to gather feedback and make revisions.**
- **If you missed or cannot find the calendar invitation for the future HRTC meetings, let me know and I will reshare it with you.**



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- Friday, February 23, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
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- Friday, April 26, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
 - Both sides - exact locations TBD
- Friday, June 28, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
 - Both sides - exact locations TBD
- Friday, Aug. 23, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
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Business Subcommittee:

*1st Meeting: August 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Starting in October: Every other month on the 1st Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Local Government Subcommittee:

Every other month on the 3rd Friday (with exceptions to account for HRTC and holiday schedules)

*August 11th from 9-10:30 a.m.

October 20th from 9-10:30 a.m.

*December 8th from 9-10:30 a.m.

Regular schedule resumes February 16th from 9-10:30 a.m.

Equity, Climate, and Labor Subcommittee:

Every other month on the 2nd Thursday from 2-3:30 p.m. starting on August 10th

Project Identification Subcommittee:

Every other month on the 2nd Wednesday from 12-1:30 p.m. starting on August 9th

Office hours:

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Eastern Sierra CERF Calendar

Upcoming Meetings & Events :

<	September 2023					>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			HRTC Office Hours			
			Westside Focus Group: Columbia College Students			
			Westside Focus Group: Young Faculty (Tentative Date)			

CERF Communications: September 5

Office Hours will be held virtually next week on Wednesday September 13th at 12:00 p.m. Subcommittee members are welcome and encouraged to tune in and participate this month. While there will be no votes taken at this meeting, participation will be crucial as we will be focusing on identifying and clarifying our 3 industry clusters, which will define nearly all of CERF's investments, as well as reviewing the Catalyst Program's final guidelines. The application period closes on November 30th, so we will need to begin identifying specific projects.

Catalyst Program - Closed Solicitation Final Guidelines.

- We will be seeking your input in the coming weeks and preparing an application to be approved at the October HRTC meeting.

Regional Summary Part 1 Narrative Draft

- In order to refine and fill in gaps before the final deadline in December, we will be asking HRTC and subcommittee members to review sections relevant to their expertise. More information coming soon.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

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Regional Summary Part 1 DRAFT

EASTERN SIERRA CERF REGION

This draft is intended to show progress and process on the Regional Summary Part 1. It is not a completed product. Sections highlighted in yellow represent data gaps and challenges that are currently being addressed. More information about next steps can be found in the accompanying slide deck.

Sierra Business Council
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AUGUST 31, 2023

CERF Communications: September 7

We have created a survey to collect some preliminary info from the HRTC for the eventual Catalyst Fund application. Before filling out the survey, please reference the attached SFP or view an online. A description of the Catalyst Fund's purpose can be found on page 4, while the details on funding categories are on pages 6 and 7. Questions in the survey are drawn from these details and the questions required by the application's exhibits.

We will be discussing this in greater detail during next week's office hours (Wednesday September 13th at 12:00 p.m.) and in the coming weeks, but we wanted to begin collecting your thoughts now. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Eastern Sierra CERF Region Catalyst Fund Survey

This survey is intended to provide Sierra Business Council with HRTC feedback on the Catalyst Fund Application. Guidelines for the Catalyst SFP can be reviewed [here](#). Please reference the SFP while you answer these questions. *Only current CERF Conveners are eligible to apply on behalf of the HRTC.*

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* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

Choose how the HRTC should expend Catalyst Program funds to support pre-development of projects that prioritize equity, sustainability, job quality and access, economic competitiveness, and economic resilience.

- ☐ Feasibility studies; market analysis; environmental assessments, surveys, and remediation; site acquisition; site and development plans; project designs; permitting;
- ☐ Drafting and negotiating Community Benefits Agreements and Community Workforce Agreements; establishing public-private partnerships, Community Development Corporations and Community Development Financial Institutions
- ☐ Revolving loan funds; joint powers authorities; financial planning (e.g., preliminary budget and construction financing); with the goal of establishing long-term funding opportunities for implementation of Planning Phase regional strategies
- ☐ Basic environmental infrastructure pre-development, construction, and development of long-term operations and maintenance plans for infrastructure such as: clean water supply systems; wastewater systems; waste disposal systems; pollution control services
- ☐ Investments in partner and local staff development; funding new and/or critical positions; acquiring or utilizing tools and resources to increase partner capacity for project planning and implementation
- ☐ Organizational capacity activities such as access to financial services or legal review; participation and/or partnership with existing workforce programs; providing or securing technical assistance for partners.

Explain how the activities you selected above may advance the CERF objectives and the goals of the HRTC.

Your answer

Choose how the HRTC should use Catalyst funds to expand outreach, engagement, and shared decision-making with the region's disinvested communities.

- ☐ Pay for continued participation in focus groups and HRTC public processes
- ☐ Continue to add members to the HRTC Council and Subcommittees as new groups are identified
- ☐ Liaise with workforce partners, community-based organizations, and others that represent disinvested community groups

What criteria should be included in project vetting to ensure disinvested communities benefit?

Your answer



Eastern Sierra CERF

Dear John,

Thank you to everyone involved in and contributing to the CERF process, we are grateful for your continued interest. Read on for more about this month's upcoming meetings and focus groups.

State Updates

Climate Bond Listening Session with Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, author of AB 1567

Help Secure Resources for our Region:

August 16, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Canyon View Community Center: Foothills Room
471 Maidu Drive
Auburn, CA

Please join **Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia**, Sierra Business Council, the Sierra Consortium, and other state and Sierra Nevada leaders for presentations and discussion related to **AB 1567, The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024** and the needs and opportunities for climate resilience funding in the Sierra Nevada.



RSVP by Aug. 14
by completing [this form](#).

Please direct questions to Sierra Business
Council's Government & Community
Affairs Director, Stacy Corless, at
scorless@sierrabusiness.org.

Casual Reception to follow from 3:30-5:30 pm at:
The Station Public House
750 Lincoln Way, Ste.100, Auburn, CA
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August 28, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O St., Room 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President Pro Tempore
1021 O St., Room 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Robert Rivas
Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for a Climate Resilience Bond Encompassing Vital Clean Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Clean Air Investments

Dear Governor Newsom, Senate Pro Tem Atkins, and Assembly Speaker Rivas,

Climate change is accelerating at an alarming rate, and the impacts it has on communities and the environment worsen with every moment the state fails to act. California should be rapidly investing to deploy climate mitigation measures and strengthen its resiliency. Despite this, many of the critical investments committed for climate, community resilience, and natural resources – that are essential for preparing the state for the worst climate impacts yet to come – were cut in this year's budget.

Newsom wants more than \$4 billion for mental health bond. California mayors want even more

By Andrew Sheeler • August 22, 2023 4:55 AM

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Good morning and welcome to the A.M. Alert!

CITY, COUNTY LEADERS URGE FOR MORE MONEY IN BOND BILL

Via Maggie Angst...

As Gov. **Gavin Newsom** pushes to get his \$4.68 billion mental health bond on the March 2024 ballot, mayors from California's largest cities are calling for more cash.



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Governor Newsom's Mental Health Services Act Reform Passes Key Committee

Published: Aug 22, 2023

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Momentum builds for Governor Newsom's proposed legislative package transforming and modernizing the state's mental health care system to help more Californians get the support and care they need.

SACRAMENTO – Today, the Assembly Health Committee voted overwhelmingly to pass Governor Newsom's legislation modernizing the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Senate Bill 326 authored by Senator Susan Eggman (D-Stockton).

"Californians know the urgency needed to address the crises our state and our country are facing, from opioids to mental health to homelessness. The status quo is simply unacceptable," said **Governor Newsom**. "This reform will ensure our state has a true mental health care system that has real accountability so people can get help."

The Assembly Health Committee voted 11 – 0 to pass the bill, moving the bill to the next step in the legislative process. This marks the first vote on SB 326, one of the bills in Governor Newsom's two-bill legislative package to transform California's mental health and substance use disorder services system to ensure the needs of Californians are met for years to come.

WHAT COMES NEXT: Governor Newsom's mental health legislative package is composed of two bills: SB 326 (Eggman) modernizes the MHSA and AB 531 (Irwin) proposes a \$4.68 billion bond to build new supportive housing and community-based treatment settings to meet the state's need. SB 326 will go to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee next, and AB 531 is in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

State Updates



Dear John,

The website for California's statewide E-Bike Incentives Project is now live at ebikeincentives.org.

E-bike retailers can apply to participate now.

You can't apply for an incentive yet, but you can **find out if you are eligible and see what documents to use for income verification**.

What happens next:

- Bike retailers sign up over the next month.
- Soft launch will offer limited incentives in four regions.
- Applications for incentives will open for all areas of the state.

We don't know exactly how long this process will take, but we'll keep you informed as we get updates from the California Air Resources Board and the program administrator.

If you have questions about e-bike incentives, contact the program administrator at info@ebikeincentives.org.



There's good news on e-bike incentive funding: CARB will contribute an **additional \$3 million**, bringing the budget for the launch to \$13 million. Plus, **CARB has tentatively set aside \$18 million in its next budget for e-bike incentives** in 2024. Thanks to everyone who spoke out for more funding for this vital program!

Your CalBike Team



P.S. You can always find out the latest at CalBike's **e-bike incentives** page or on our new **e-bike resources** page.



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E-bike incentive vouchers for income qualified Californians

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The California E-Bike Incentive Project provides up to \$2,000 of point-of-sale incentives to support the purchase of a new electric bicycle (e-bike).

The California E-Bike Incentive Project is funded by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). CARB's mission is to promote and protect public health, welfare, and ecological resources through effective reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering effects on the economy.



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2023

Rural western communities
rooted in the
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REGISTER FOR RVCC'S 19TH ANNUAL MEETING!

We are very excited to announce that the 2023 RVCC Annual Meeting will be an in-person event this year, at the beautiful [Stanford Sierra Conference Center](#) at Fallen Leaf Lake in South Lake Tahoe, California.



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All are welcome!

October 11th

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October 12th

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Riverside Convention Center



Hi Recreate Responsibly California Coalition members,

We appreciate your active engagement in the August meeting. It was a pleasure to have Mike Kahn and Andrew Leary introduce the Cruz with Care and Cleaner Coast messaging campaigns, respectively. Both initiatives are designed to promote responsible outdoor recreation. Please see [the meeting notes](#) to catch up on the discussion about the inclusive messaging strategies behind these campaigns.

The [Cleaner Coast website](#) is now live. Explore the platform to gain insights into how Leave No Trace principles are being integrated with the efforts of Mendocino, Marin, and Sonoma counties to engage coastal audiences.

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Inyo National Forest, Pacific Southwest Region

Forest Service News Release

Public Affairs Officer: Lisa Cox
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Proposed action for Over-Snow Vehicle use available for comment

BISHOP, Calif., September 6, 2023 – Environmental analysis has been initiated by the Inyo National Forest (the Forest) for the Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) use, and will be holding two public meetings on September 20 and 21. Although comments can be submitted any time, those received by October 15 will be especially useful in the preparation of the environmental assessment.

The OSV Use Designation Process designates areas for these vehicles consistent with the [Travel Management Rule, Subpart C](#). This project will officially designate system roads, trails and areas where OSV use will be allowed. Although the proposed action is very similar to the current OSV management on the Forest, there are some proposed modifications to consider changing conditions and minimize impacts on natural, cultural and recreational resources.

This project will review the entire portion of the Forest that has adequate snowfall, excluding areas where OSV use is already prohibited, such as Wilderness, Research Natural Areas and Recommended Wilderness.

The proposed action can be viewed at www.fs.usda.gov/project/inyo/?project=61466, and is currently available for a 45-day public scoping period. With this scoping notice we would like to invite your comments regarding issues, opportunities, concerns, and suggestions for the proposed project. Please submit your comments on the project website.

There will be two public open houses, one in person, and one virtual:

Virtual	In-person
September 20, 2023 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. https://tinyurl.com/OSVpublicmeeting	September 21, 2023 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Mammoth Community Center 100 Forest Trail, Mammoth Lakes, CA

For more information about how to provide comments, please contact erin.noessner@usda.gov or (760) 920-3048.

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Inyo National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation



The Inyo National Forest is evaluating its management of over snow vehicle (OSV) use. The purpose of this project is to designate system roads, trails and areas where OSV use will be allowed, in compliance with 36 CFR 212, Subpart C.

Location Summary

The entire portion of the Inyo National Forest that has adequate snowfall, excluding areas where OSV use is already prohibited, such as Wilderness, RNAs, Recommended Wilderness.

District: Inyo National Forest All Units

Project Documents

Use the widget below to browse documents associated with this project. Cookies must be **enabled** to use this tool.

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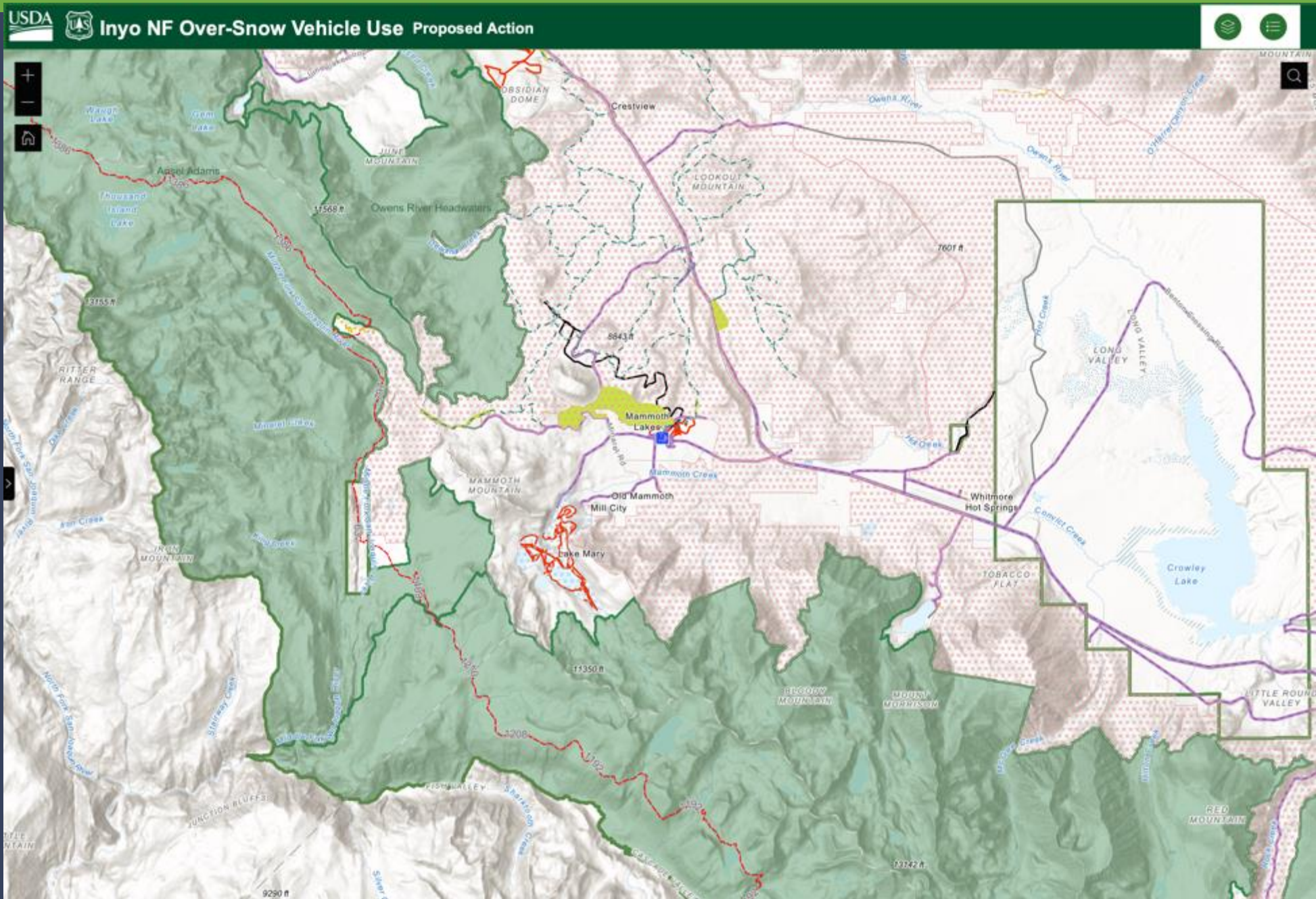
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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

FILED

AUG 25 2023

MOLLY C. DWYER, CLERK
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FRIENDS OF THE INYO, et al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE;
LEEANN MURPHY,

Defendants-Appellees,

KORE MINING, LTD.,

Intervenor-Defendant-
Appellee.

No. 23-15492

D.C. No.
2:21-cv-01955-KJM-KJN
Eastern District of California,
Sacramento

ORDER

Before: BUMATAY, KOH, and DESAI, Circuit Judges.

On April 7, 2023, Appellants filed an Unopposed Motion to Expedite Briefing and Hearing and sought a ruling from the court before September 1, 2023. [Dkt. 2] The court granted the request to expedite the appeal. [Dkt. 7] Oral argument was held on August 24, 2023 at which time Plaintiffs renewed their request for a ruling before September 1, 2023. In light of the fact that the court previously granted the unopposed motion to expedite to ensure a ruling before September 1, 2023, and the fact that the failure to act may deprive the prevailing party of the requested relief, this case presents a unique circumstance where an immediate ruling is warranted.

We reverse the district court's order denying Plaintiffs' motion for summary

For Immediate Release, August 28, 2023

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Appeals Court Strikes Down Forest Service Approval of Gold Drilling in California's Eastern Sierra Nevada

Project Threatened Imperiled Wildlife, Endangered Fish

SAN FRANCISCO— A federal appeals court [reversed](#) the decision of a lower court that would have allowed exploratory drilling in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. The drilling threatened to harm an endangered fish and a dwindling population of bi-state sage grouse.

"We are so thrilled that the appellate court acted quickly," said Wendy Schneider, executive director of Friends of the Inyo. "The impacts to the ecosystem, including sensitive species, and to the local community deserve an in-depth, detailed evaluation. Friends of the Inyo will keep working to protect this special area from destructive mining impacts."

Because the company had planned to begin drilling as early as Sept. 1, Friday's [ruling](#) from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals came just one day after oral arguments.

In a short ruling that promised a longer opinion later, the appeals court reversed the district court's decision and overturned the U.S. Forest Service's 2021 approval that allowed gold-mining exploration in sensitive habitat in Inyo National Forest's Long Valley area.

"This mining exploration could easily disrupt the local bi-state sage grouse population, harming these birds' habitat and causing them to abandon a courtship area they rely on," said Ileene Anderson, a senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity. "These charismatic, unique sage grouse are already struggling to survive, and further destruction of their home would push them closer to extinction."

In their [2021 lawsuit](#), conservation groups said the Forest Service's use of two categorical exclusions, rather than more detailed environmental review, effectively ignored the mining project's effects on sage grouse in the area, as well as the potential harm to nearby Hot Creek where endangered Owens tui chub live.

Friday's ruling invalidates the Forest Service's environmental review, which relied on two categorical exclusions to conclude that no harm would be done by the project.

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Visitor Access Management Plan



Cars backed up on Valley Roads

Traffic at a standstill on crowded Yosemite Valley roadways.

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EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

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FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



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THE 2.8 MILLION ACRE WILDERNESS
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Reds Meadow Reconstruction Project

Reds Meadow Road is being reconstructed to greatly improve public access and traffic safety for all who visit the area, reduce likelihood of vehicular accidents and shorten emergency response times.

The U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service appreciates your patience and understanding as the contractor works to reconstruct the road and stabilize the hillside.

While the road oscillates between full and partial closure, accessing the area may be difficult and frustrating. Please pack your patience and be prepared for traffic delays.



Check both agency websites (here and [Devils Postpile National Monument](#)) for information before you plan your trip so you can make an informed decision about your visit.

Navigating the construction schedule, slated to begin September 18, 2023:

- **Full Closure (emergency and maintenance traffic only):** Monday through Friday, 24 hours a day, weekly until the end of the work season. Saturday and Sunday the road will be open to public.



REDS MEADOW ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

CLOSURE & DELAY INFORMATION



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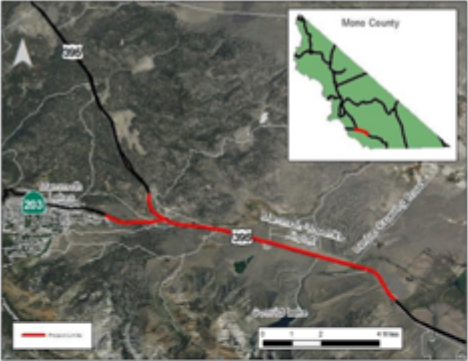
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Mammoth Lakes Wildlife Crossing Project



Project Purpose

The issue of wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVCs) has been a concern in the Eastern Sierra for residents and agencies for decades. In 2016, Mono County requested Caltrans review roadkill data collected by maintenance staff to determine if there were areas where high frequencies of WVCs occurred. That Feasibility Study Report (FSR) identified a priority area to address WVCs along U.S. 395 and State Route 203 south of Mammoth Lakes. Following this, a design engineer, in coordination with biologists, developed draft plans for how many, what type, and where wildlife crossing structures and directional fencing could be installed to reduce WVCs. The effectiveness of wildlife crossing structures and fencing has been researched for more than 30 years and implemented in countries around the world. They have been proven to significantly reduce WVCs.

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News Release



Date: August 11, 2023
District: 9 - Bishop
Contact: [Christopher Andriessen](#)
Phone: (760) 937-2138

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Caltrans Moving Forward with Mono County Wildlife Crossing Project

MAMMOTH LAKES – Caltrans has moved into the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the proposed Mammoth Lakes Wildlife Crossing Project designed to construct multiple wildlife crossings on U.S. 395 in Mono County. In this phase, Caltrans will conduct public outreach, finalize the environmental document, and complete the project report. Caltrans secured \$3.17 million in funding for the PA&ED phase through a Wildlife Conservation Board grant in 2022.

"We are grateful to receive the grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board to move this project forward," said Katie Rodriguez, senior environmental scientist supervisor for Caltrans District 9. "Our project has strong support locally and beyond from our Eastern Sierra Wildlife Stewardship Team; without their partnerships, this would not be possible. This project is important for improving connectivity for wildlife and drivers in the Eastern Sierra."

The Mammoth Lakes Wildlife Crossing Project has five different design concepts that vary in cost and scope on U.S. 395 near the Mammoth Airport and on State Route 203. The largest design concept would include two large overcrossings, two large undercrossings, and a fifth crossing that could be constructed either over or under the highway. It would also improve an existing undercrossing on U.S. 395 and install wildlife fencing. The cost of this concept is estimated to be \$53.5 million.

More information, including maps and costs of the proposed design concepts and statistics on wildlife-vehicle collisions, can be found on the new [Mammoth Lakes Wildlife Crossing Project page](#) on the Caltrans District 9 website. This page will be updated throughout the life of the project and will feature the most up-to-date information on its status.

For those with sensory disabilities requiring alternate formats (i.e., Braille, large print, sign language interpreter, etc.) and those needing information in a language other than English, please contact Bob Gossman at (760) 881-7145 or TTY 711.

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Jackson Hole Airport receives \$3 million FAA grant

by Buckrail @ Lindsay
April 14, 2021




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Economic Vitality for Colorado's Western Slope

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Scattered clouds

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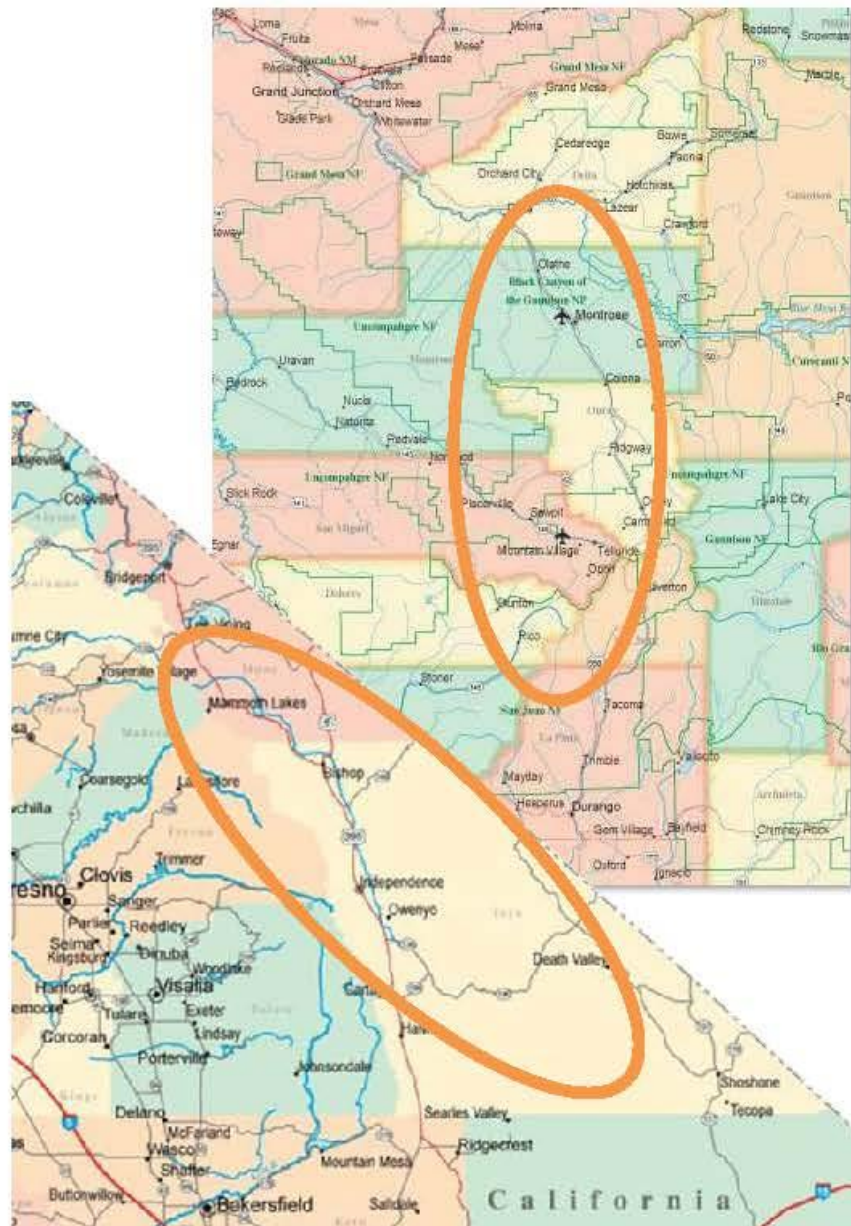
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CASE STUDY: MTJ & BIH



Montrose Regional Airport

Located in Montrose County

68 miles from Telluride Ski Resort (San Miguel County)

10 miles from Black Canyon National Park

36 miles to world class climbing (e.g. Ouray, Via Ferrata)

Telluride Regional Airport 10 minutes to Telluride

Larger regional airport 2.5 hours away (GJT)



Eastern Sierra Regional Airport

Located in Inyo County

45 miles to Mammoth Mountain Resort (Mono County)

160 miles to Death Valley National Park

18 miles to world class climbing (e.g. Owens River Gorge)

Mammoth Regional Airport 10 minutes to Mammoth

Larger regional/metro airport 3 hours away (RNO)

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OPERATING

Montrose Regional Airport
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Telluride Ski & Golf
Telluride Tourism Board

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Town of Telluride
Town of Mountain Village
City of Montrose
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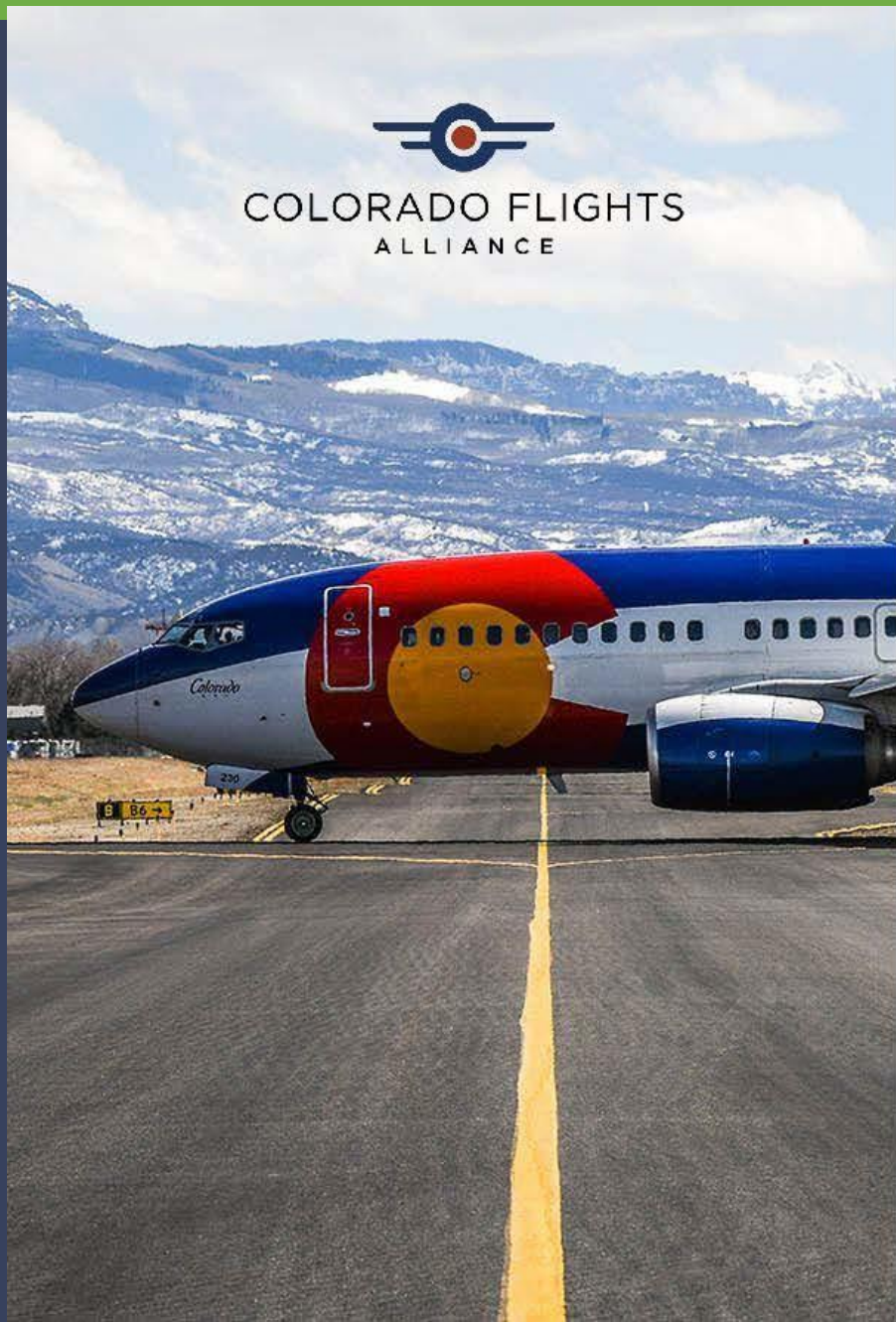
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The Colorado Flights Alliance supports economic sustainability and vitality on Colorado's western slope through air service development and corresponding programs.

✦ Structure

- Public/private partnership (501c6)

✦ Guiding Principles

- Generate consistent and sustainable air service for the region.
- Optimize air service for regional stakeholders, residents and guests.
- Manage spending to prioritize return-on-investment and overall economic benefit.
- Be responsive to participating communities.

✦ Funding

- 2% Lodging and Restaurant Excise Taxes (Resort Share)
- Government General Fund Contributions
- Public and Private Business Contributions

✦ Governance

- Board of Directors
 - 7 appointed: 3 town government, 2 county or airport, DMO, Resort
 - 2 at large: generally focused to contributing industries

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- **Receive an Update Regarding the Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) from Stacy Corless, Government and Community Affairs Director, Sierra Business Council**
- **Receive an Update on Discussions Regarding Proportionate Budget Contributions from Member Agencies**
- **Approve Inyo Mono Broadband Consortium Budget Modification Request to the California Public Utilities Commission for the California Advanced Services Fund Grant**
- **Inyo Mono Broadband Consortium Activities Report Provided by Eastern Sierra Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong**
- **Executive Director Update Report**

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This Week's Rescheduled Events of Regional Interest

**JOIN US
TO GIVE
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ON SEPTEMBER 12**



RESCHEDULED PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

The first public meeting for the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative has been rescheduled! Please see the details below and be sure to register to receive updates!

When: Tuesday, September 12, 5:30PM-7:30PM

**Where: Cerro Coso Community College Bishop Campus, 4090 West Line Street,
Bishop, CA**

**REGISTER TO ATTEND
HERE!**

This Week's Rescheduled Events of Regional Interest



TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

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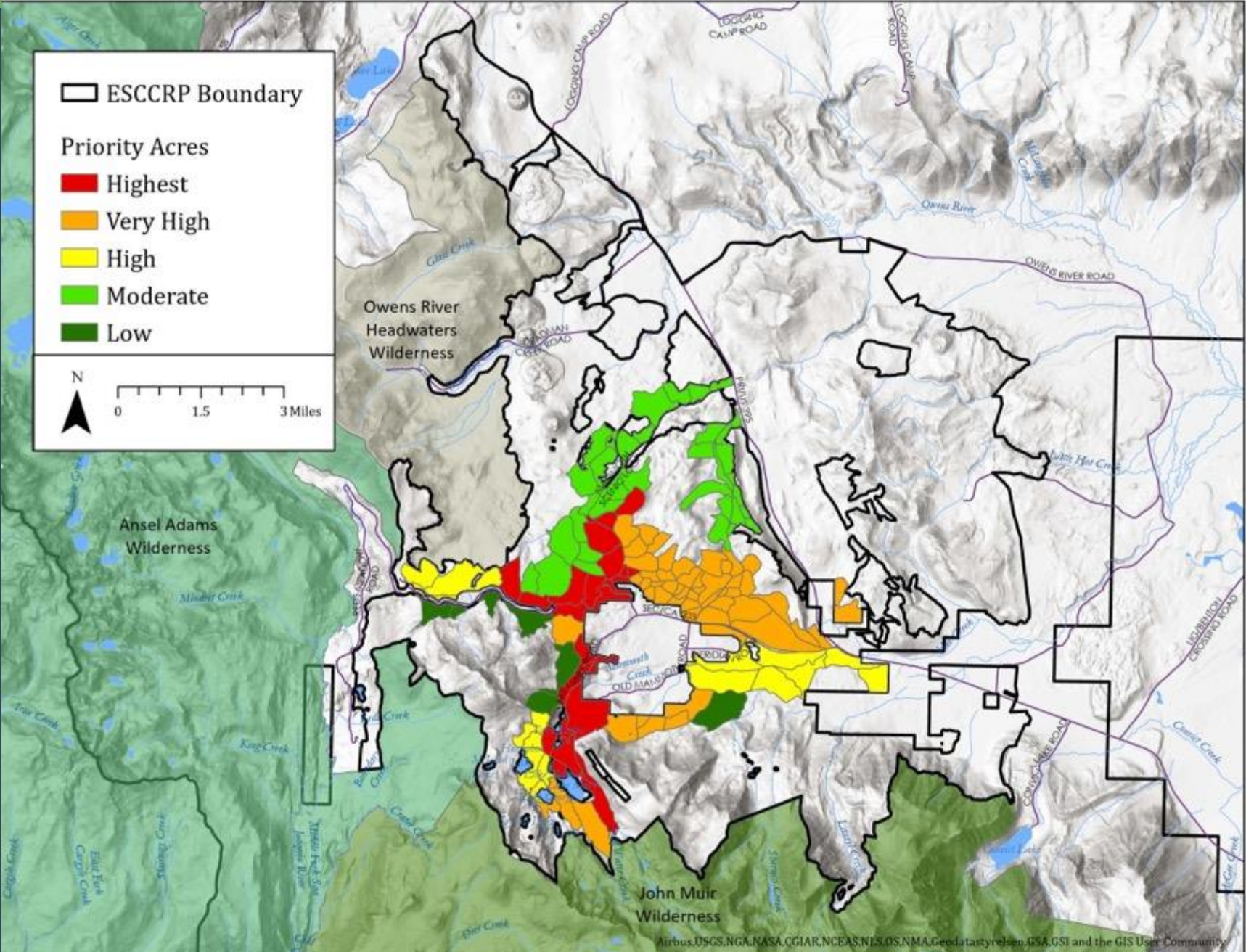
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Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project:

SUMMER 2023 TOWN PARCELS FUELS REDUCTION



ABOUT THE ESCCRP

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ABOUT SUMMER 2023 TOWN PARCELS FUELS REDUCTION



The Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan which includes the Mono County Community Wildfire Protection Plan identifies hazards and risks associated with wildland fire in proximity to TOML and identifies areas of highest concern.

Through CALFIRE Forest Health Grant Program funding and in partnership with TOML, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, City of Los Angeles, and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Whitebark Institute will be conducting fuels reduction on three parcels within Mammoth Lakes that were identified as high to very high fire risk to wildfire: Bell-shaped Parcel, Camp High Sierra, and Mammoth Creek Parcels.

The treatments for these parcels were developed by a Registered Professional Forester and will be reviewed by CAL FIRE specialists, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Wildlife through the CAL FIRE process called the Timber Harvest Plan (THP) to comply with the Forest Practice Act. The THP is a document that outlines what trees a private landowner will remove, how the trees will be removed, and the steps that will be taken to prevent damage to the environment. These treatments aim to reduce immediate fuel loading and restore forest health.

TREATMENTS

Removal of live, dead, and infested trees with mechanical equipment to increase stand vigor and reduce future tree mortality induced by tree competition for water. Left untreated, the mortality in these parcels will likely continue to propagate from pests and pathogens posing a continued fire threat to the community.

BIOMASS

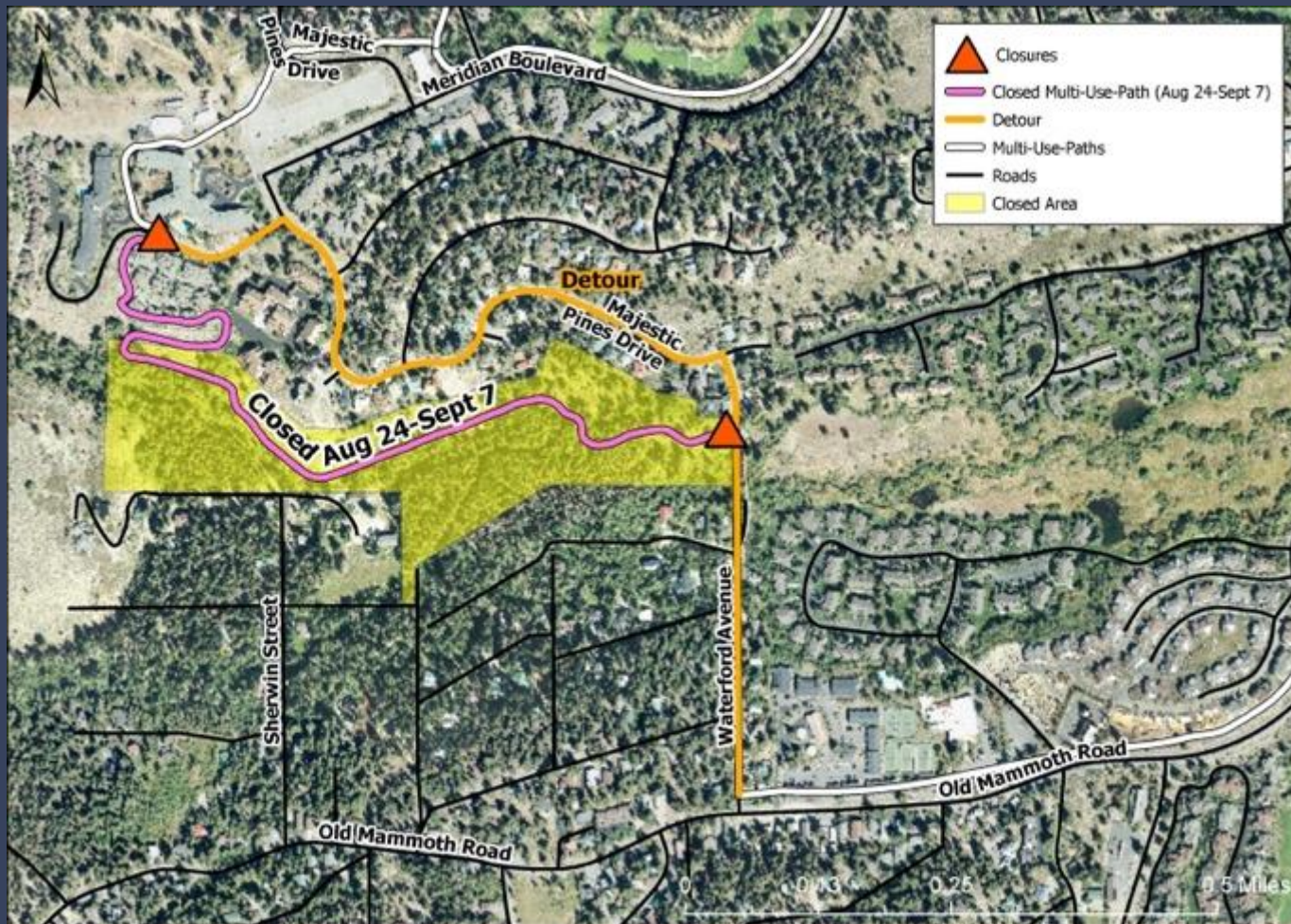
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PROJECT TIMING

Treatments are planned for summer 2023, beginning as early as August. It is anticipated that total work time to complete these parcels is approximately three months and will be completed fall 2023.

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Phase 1 Closure Map Aug 24-Sept 7



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Phase 2 Closure Map Sept 8-Sept 29



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News, Views & Culture of the Eastern Sierra

Saturday, August 12, 2023

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BIKE-DOWN PALACE

E-bikes and mayhem in town

By Hailey Koots

Summer is here and the bikers are on the road. It seems hectic in town, but are bikers to blame for the congestion?

Employees of A-Frame Fine Wines & Spirits say they have seen multiple bike accidents outside of their store. After sitting on the store's repurposed ski lift seat for 30 minutes on a Tuesday evening, one can see how many bikers come down Main Street at fast speeds weaving between the bike and car lanes.

Some bikers pass cars going well over 30 or 40 miles per hour. Pedestrians look for a crosswalk but give up and head right across the road, sometimes without looking at traffic.

Cars whizz by well over the speed limit. Runners, skiers, bikers, and cars zip about, with right of way principles seemingly misunderstood by many. Bicyclists dangerously ride through both stop signs at Library Bar and the A-Frame.

Between June 1, 2023, and August 9, 2023, there were 15 traffic collisions. According to Christina Ackerman, Executive Assistant to the Chief of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, of these 15 traffic collisions, I was a Vehicle vs. Bicycle, I was a Vehicle vs. Door, I was a Vehicle vs. Bear, and one was a Bicycle Crash only. Ackerman notes that there have been 3 hit and runs.

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BRISTLECONES DOWN



Death Valley's Great Basin bristlecone pines are facing problems. More at p. 5. Photo: Jonny Jankis

A MAMMOTH



Local runner Nino Mordani and a friend on a trail in Mammoth Lakes.

THE DRILL

Unless it starts to rain

By Pike

In 1972, the U.S. Government declared a mining law. Family Mordanis - co-founder of No Hot Creek Mine and the Friends of the Inyo No Hot Creek Mine Campaign Organizers - explained, "The law states that anybody with a mining claim has rights to the minerals underground, and you don't have to pay any royalties on that," she said.

Some are working to change the law. They haven't yet succeeded.

As a result, Kona Mining announced an official "2023

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DONUTS AND LODGES

Mammoth Planning and Economic Development Commission hears updates on local projects

By Pike

Janet Hatfield - Forest Resilience Program Manager for the White-bark Institute - took part on an Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) update Wednesday at Mammoth's Planning and Economic Development Commission meeting.

First, a reminder of the players. White-bark Institute, Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, SC Edison, CAL FIRE, Friends of the Inyo, Mammoth Mountain, and the Forest Service, to name a few.

The project's goal is best explained in a picture taken from the presentation captioned "Ecological Forest Restoration" (pictured to the right). Cut down the skinny, crowded trees to create a looser, stronger forest. Less competition for resources, more resilient ones, fewer potential forest fires. Chop down the trees to make a stronger forest and better protect the community during forest fires. "This is not a logging project," said Hatfield.

The new map, pictured to the right, depicts the acres that will be treated. If everything goes according to the ESCCRP plan, public comments demonstrated a yearning for work to be done around here, too. "Which I think is a sign of the times," said Hatfield. The project's bound by wilderness to the west and coincides with existing Forest Service planning documents around Lake Loop.

The blue color indicates work that's already been finished. The dark brown/red color around the Town of Mammoth Lakes indicates the 10,000 priority acres that are "critical to implement" in order to provide emergency services personnel better options to protect the town when the next fire arrives, said Hatfield.

The ESCCRP staff have a "solution" for the material this project will generate.

Plants use direct combustion technology to create energy. The wood from the forest is chipped, incinerated, goes through a heat exchanger, then generator to create energy and power, "which is one of the economic drivers of what makes this work," said Hatfield.

Ormat Technologies - "a leading global provider of renewable energy solutions" per their website - has partnered with the project to determine where the bioenergy plant could be sited. Hatfield and staff wanted the plant sited off federal land. "Ormat stepped in and said, 'Hey, here's a few acres. Let's figure this out,'" explained Hatfield. There will also be investigations into the burning of solid municipal waste at the plant as well.

This summer, the big focus is the survey work required for NEPA analysis. The primary areas of attention: the 16,000 priority acres and a number of units owned by the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the Mammoth Creek Parcel and the Bell Shaped Parcel).

Such work requires Lakes Basin Path closures. Outdoor Recreation Manager for the Town Lawson Bell explained that professional signage will be posted around Town notifying folks about the closures.

Closures are depicted on the maps below.

Sandra Moberly updated the Commission on the Main Lodge Redevelopment Project.

Your classic "in the process of things" stuff.

Environmental and project analyses are ramping up over the next year or so.

The project's target schedule anticipates that a Draft of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement will be available for review come mid-2024.

The Town Council's decision on the project is slated for mid-2025.

Ecological Forest Restoration



Left: Forest before treatment. Right: Forest after treatment.



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A map of the ESCCRP treatment plan.



Pictured above are the upcoming closures for the Lakes Basin Path. Orange triangles and the pink lines represent closures. Orange lines represent detours. White lines are the multi-use paths. Black lines are roads.

PATHWAY CLOSURE

& DETOUR INFORMATION

"MAMMOTH CREEK PARCEL" AREA

PHASE 1: Aug 24 - Sept 7

PHASE 2: Sept 8 - Sept 29



Why is this area closed?

Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project: SUMMER 2023 TOWN PARCELS FUELS REDUCTION

ABOUT THE ESCCRP
The Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP), also known as the "Mammoth Summit Project" is a collaborative landscape-scale forest restoration project aiming to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire and to increase resilience to 35,000 acres in the Inyo National Forest (INF) and undeveloped, non-forest parcels within the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) municipal boundary.

ABOUT SUMMER 2023 TOWN PARCELS FUELS REDUCTION

The Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes AGU-Authorized Hazard Mitigation Plan which includes the Mono County Community Wildfire Protection Plan identifies hazards and risks associated with wildfire loss in proximity to TOML and identifies areas of highest concern.

Through CALFIRE Forest Health Grant Program funding and in partnership with TOML, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, City of Los Angeles, and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, White-bark Institute will be conducting fuels reduction in three parcels within Mammoth Lakes that were identified as high for very high fire risk to address Bell-shaped Parcel, Camp High Series and Mammoth Creek Parcels.

The treatments for these parcels were developed by a Registered Professional Forester and will be reviewed by CAL FIRE, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Wildlife through the CAL FIRE process called the Forest Harvest Plan (FHP) in compliance with the Forest Practice Act. The FHP is a document that outlines what trees a private landowner will remove, how the trees will be removed, and the steps that will be taken to prevent damage to the environment. These treatments aim to reduce immediate fuel loading and restore forest health.

TREATMENTS
Removal of live, dead, and infected trees with mechanical equipment to increase stand vigor and reduce future tree mortality induced by tree competition for water. Left untreated, the mortality in these parcels will likely contribute to perpetuate forest pests and pathogens causing a continued fire threat to the community.

BUSINESS
Logs will be removed from site upon project completion. (Stump material (stumps and branches) will be chipped and remain on site for soil stabilization).

PROJECT TIMING
Treatments are planned for summer 2023, beginning as early as August. It is anticipated that total work time for complete these parcels is approximately three months and will be completed mid-2023.

Looking for the project area in the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments and the Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project.

TREE REMOVAL IS DANGEROUS WORK.

PLEASE RESPECT ALL CLOSURES.

FOR YOUR SAFETY DO NOT ENTER THE CLOSURE AREA.

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MAMMOTH HOLISTICS
YOUR CANNABIS STORE

GREAT DEALS EVERY DAY!

Regional Updates



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1. **Antelope Valley Indian Community** (Jerome Fredericks, Chair)
2. **Big Pine Paiute Tribe (Cheyenne Stone, Tribal Chair)**
3. **Bishop Paiute Indian Tribe** (Meryl Picard, Chair + Gloriana Bailey, Tribal Administrator)
4. **Bridgeport Indian Colony** (John Glazier, Chair + Debbie Painter, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer)
5. **Fort Independence Tribe of Paiute Indians** (Carl Dahlberg, Chair + Alisa Lee, Vice Chair)
6. **Hung A Lel Ti (Irvin Jim, Chairman)**
7. **Kawaiisu Tribe of the Tejon Indian Reservation** (David Laughing Horse Robinson, Chairperson)
8. **Kern Valley Indian Community** (Robert Robinson, Chairman + Julie Turner, Secretary)
9. **Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone** (Richard Button, Chair + Mary Wuester, Vice Chair + Katherine Bancroft, Cultural Resource Officer)
10. **Timbi-sha Shoshone** (George Gholson, Chairman)
11. **Tubatulabals of Kern Valley** (Robert Gomez, Chairman + Darrell Garcia, Vice Chair)
12. **Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe Benton Paiute Reservation** (Shane Saulque, Chair)
13. **Walker River Paiute** (Amber Torres, Chairwoman)
14. **Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California** (Serrell Smokey, Chair)
15. **North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California** (Fred Beihn, Tribal Chairperson)

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

Thank You - !

**Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting
Monday October 2, 2023 @ 3:30 PM**