



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.”



Manzanar National Historic Site, NPS

- Introducing
 - Nichole Andler, Acting Superintendent



Manzanar National Historic Site, NPS

- Farewell
 - Brenda Ling, Superintendent

Hot Links

Hot Links - November 6, 2023

- **Welcome + Housekeeping**
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 - ♦ [Review the critical documents of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership](#)
 - **Introductions / Farewells**
 - ♦ [Nichole Andler, Acting Superintendent, Manzanar National Historic Site](#)
 - ♦ Brenda Ling, Superintendent, Manzanar National Historic Site
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Rural Western Communities Rooted in the Stewardship Economy

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Rural Voices for
Conservation
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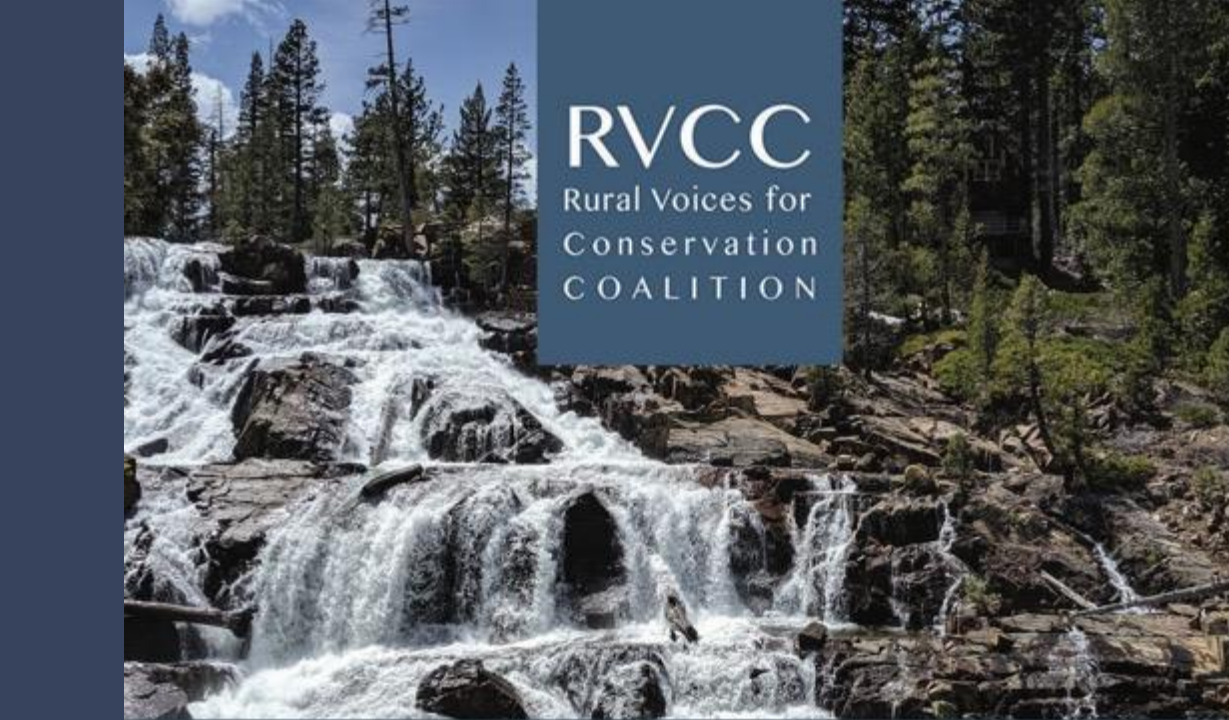
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OUR VISION



OUR RESOURCES



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19TH ANNUAL MEETING

2023

Rural western communities
rooted in the
stewardship economy

Stanford Sierra
Conference Center
Fallen Leaf Lake
South Lake Tahoe

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ROOTED IN THE STEWARDSHIP ECONOMY

Welcome! The 2023 RVCC Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for a diverse community of practitioners to connect, engage, inspire, and develop solutions with partners working on community-based conservation and rural economic development across the West. This year we are exploring the emerging vision for rural western communities rooted in the stewardship economy - an economy shaped by the need, and responsibility, to manage for the sustainability of both land and communities.

Our goals for this meeting are to:

- Build relationships, deepen conversations, create opportunities for peer-learning, storytelling and exploring shared narratives.
- Explore what practices, strategies, investments, and policies will lead to thriving rural communities and landscapes.
- Share cross-cutting learnings and considerations through a broad range of conversations ranging from rural development, land and water stewardship, collaborative capacity, value-add markets, workforce, and climate.
- Identify opportunities to advance a shared narrative that centers the stewardship economy of rural communities in the West.
- Frame policy priorities that RVCC will carry forward in engagement with agency leaders and federal policymakers.

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Policy Revolution

2021 EXECUTIVE ORDER:

Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government

2021 EXECUTIVE ORDER:

Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021

Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act of 2022

2023 Proposed Regulation: Greenhouse Gas and Criteria Pollutant Emission Standard for Light- and Medium-Duty Vehicles for 2027-2032

Federal Interagency Thriving Communities Network

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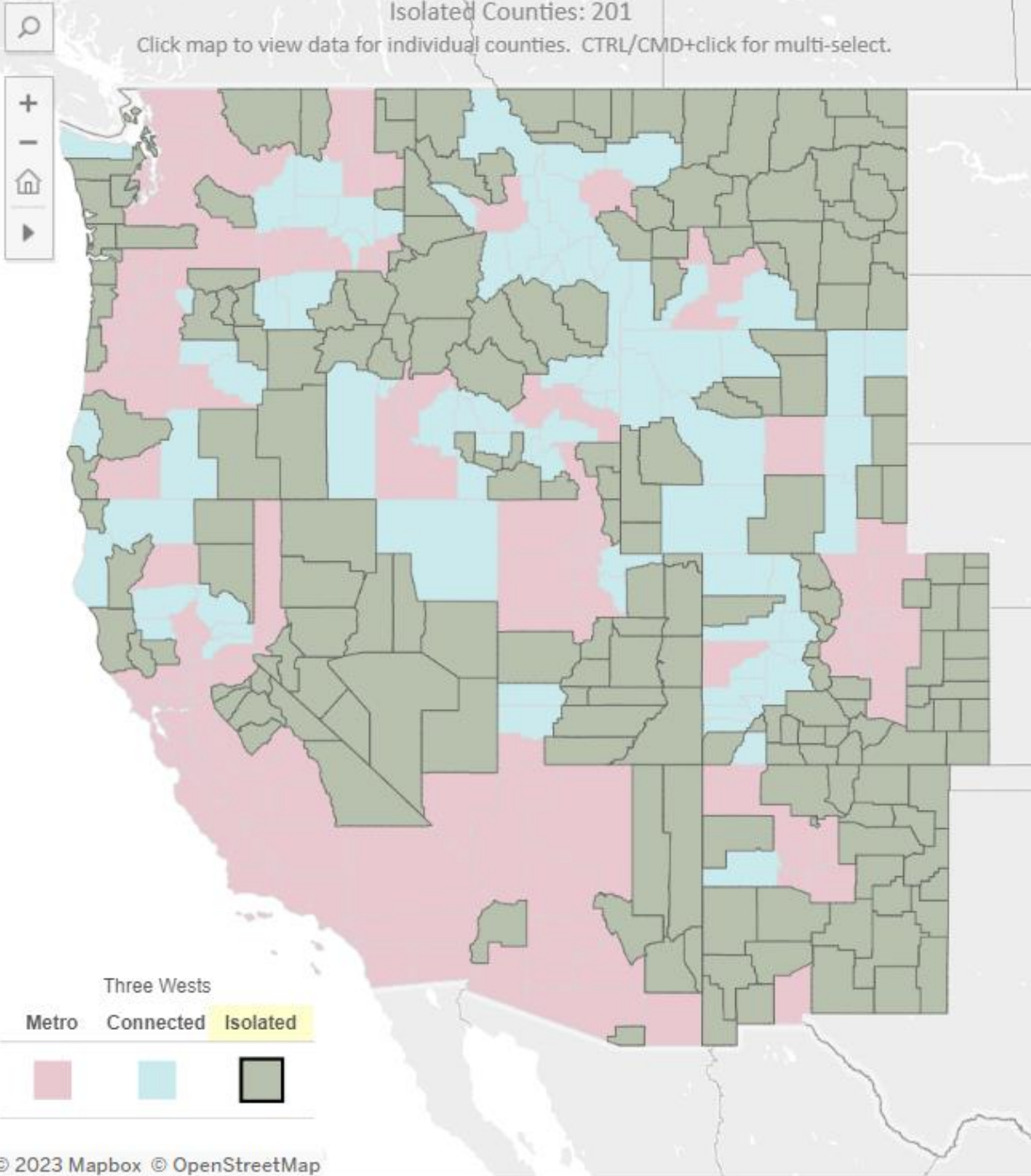


Rural Partners Network

Helping rural people build prosperity through job creation, infrastructure development, and community improvement.

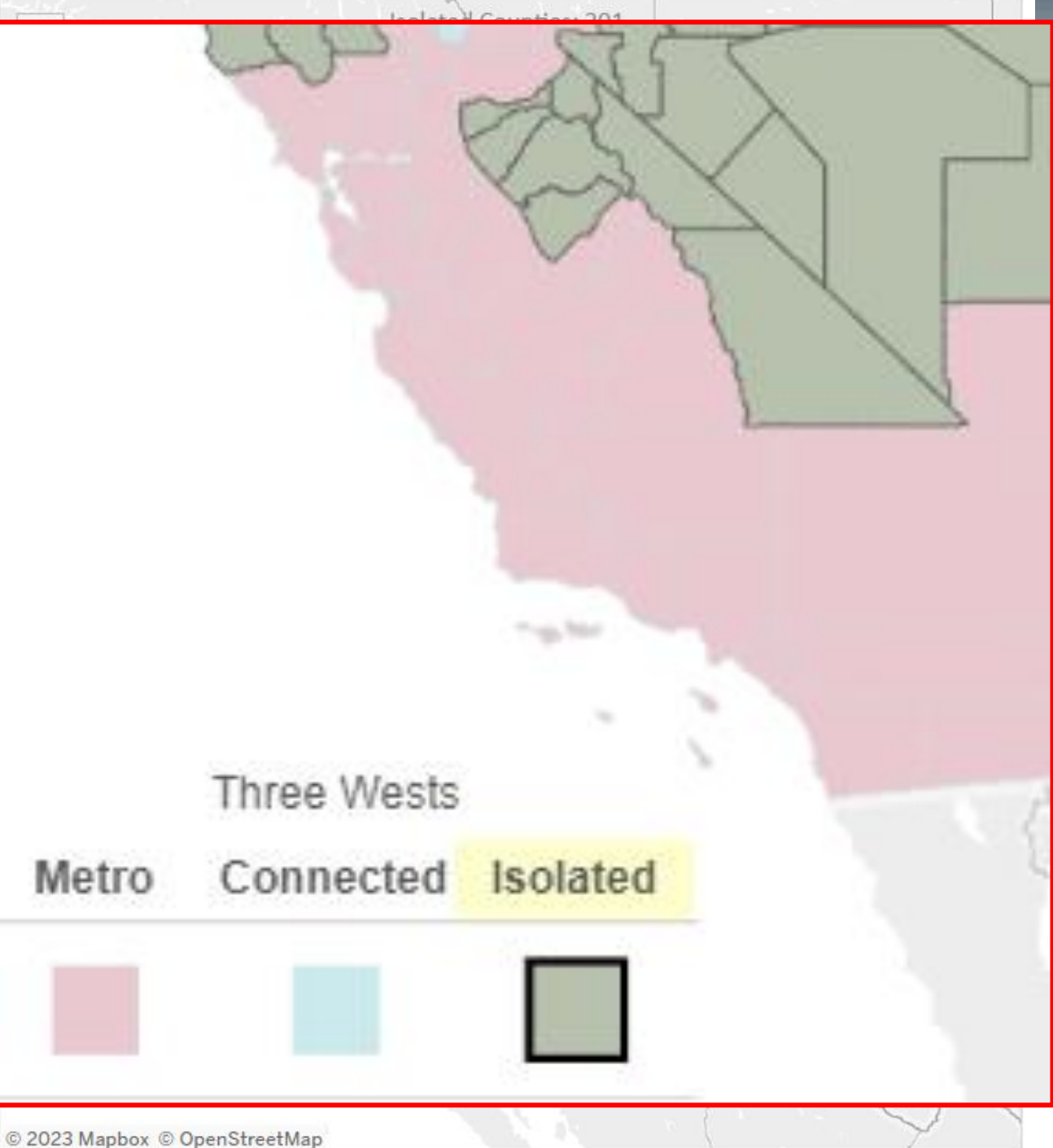
Isolated Counties: 201

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Geography is not Dead

The “Three Wests” Still Explains
Economic Divergence



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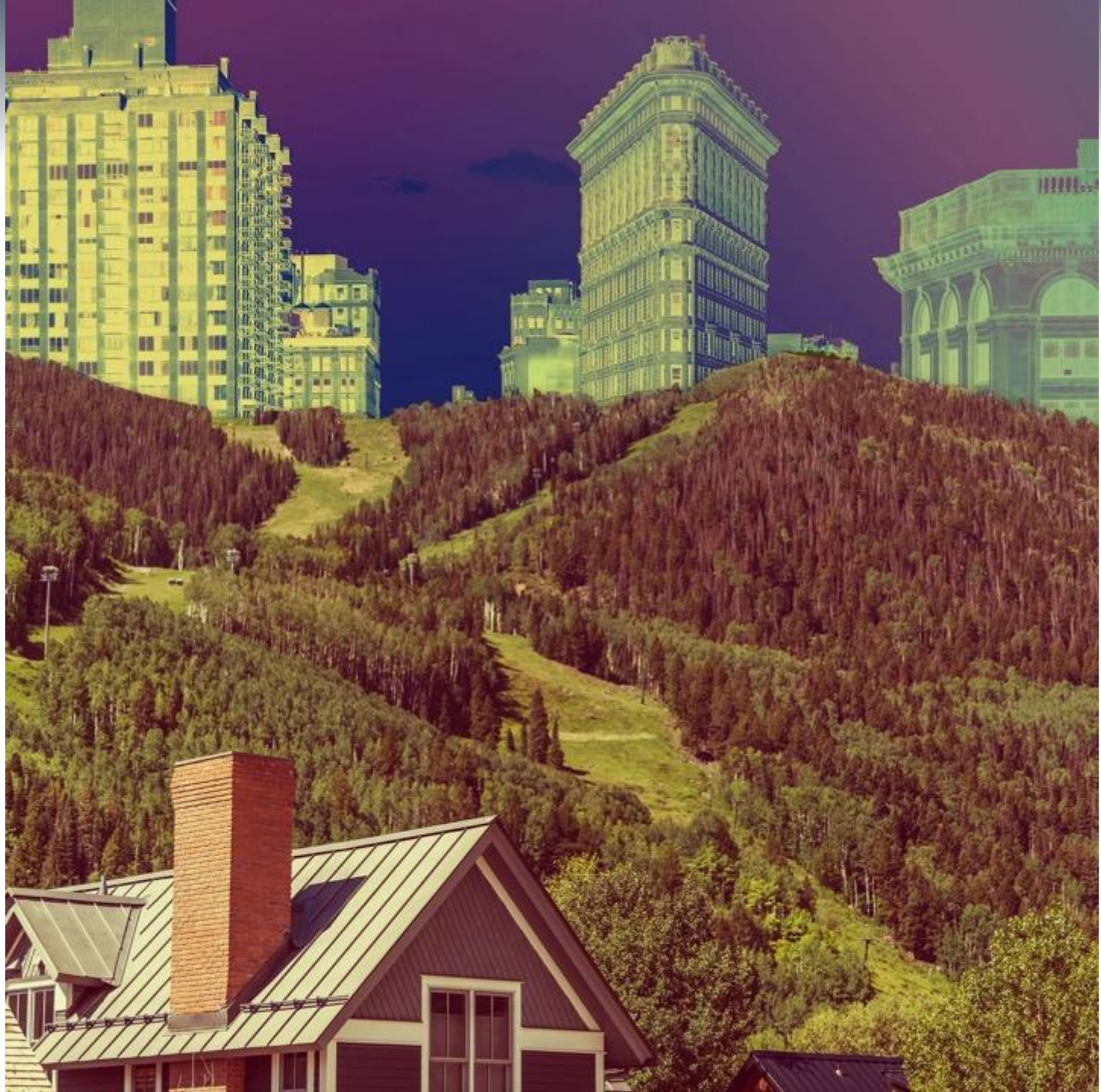
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Economic Divergence

The Zoom workforce
hasn't gone far

But the urban economy
has a broader reach



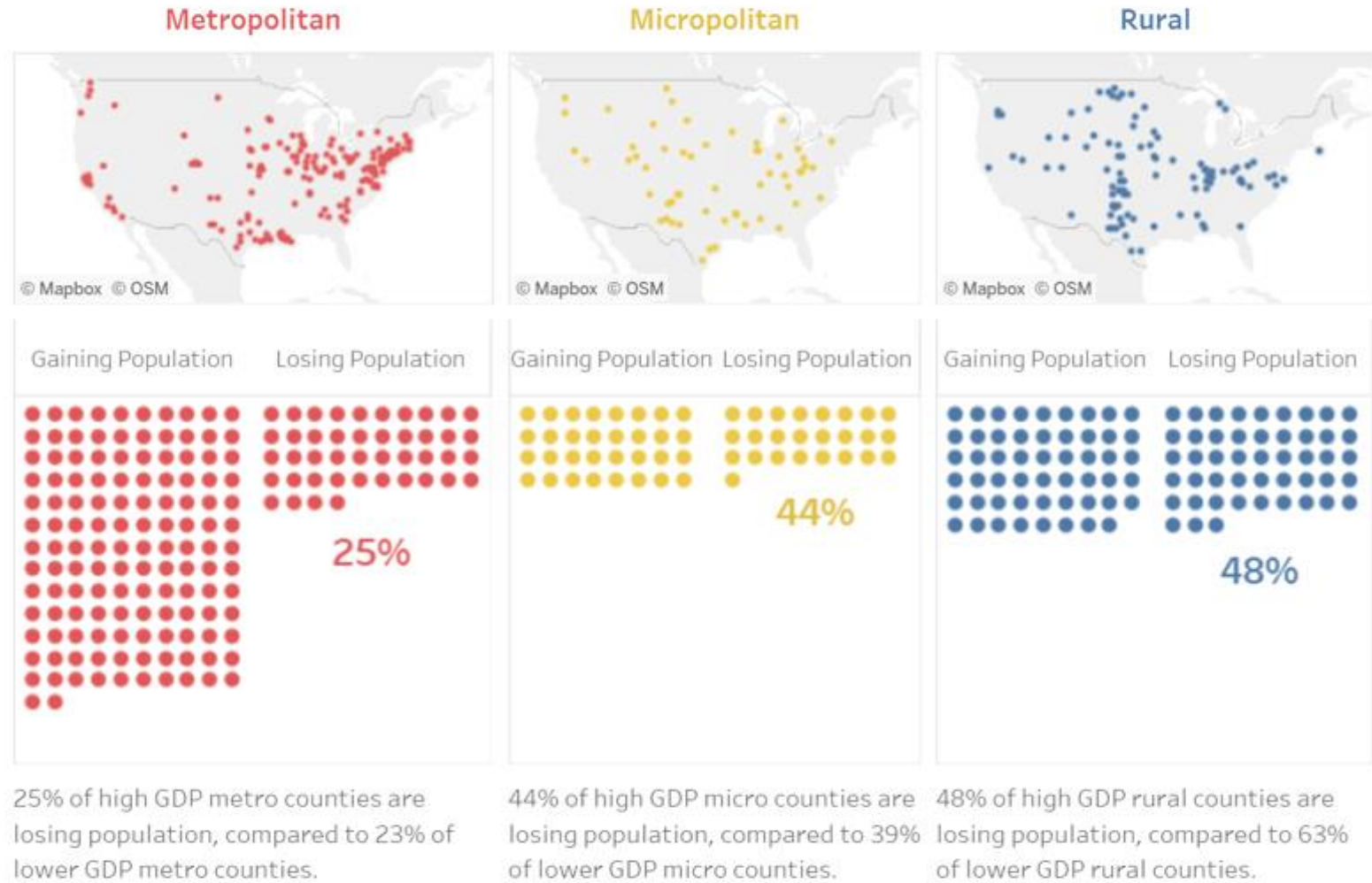
Center for American Progress



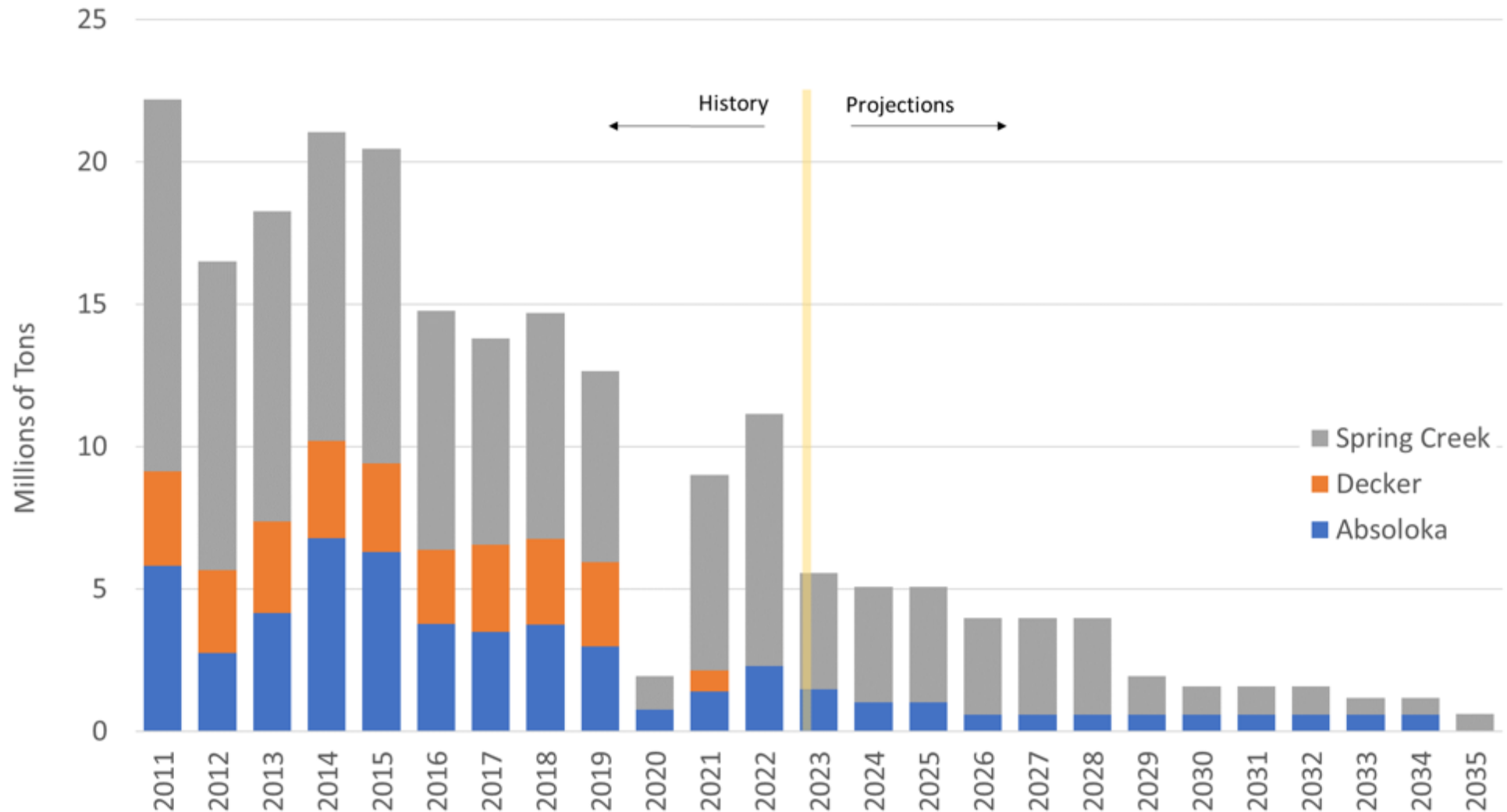
Rural Economy Remains “Extractive”

Value doesn't
translate into local
prosperity

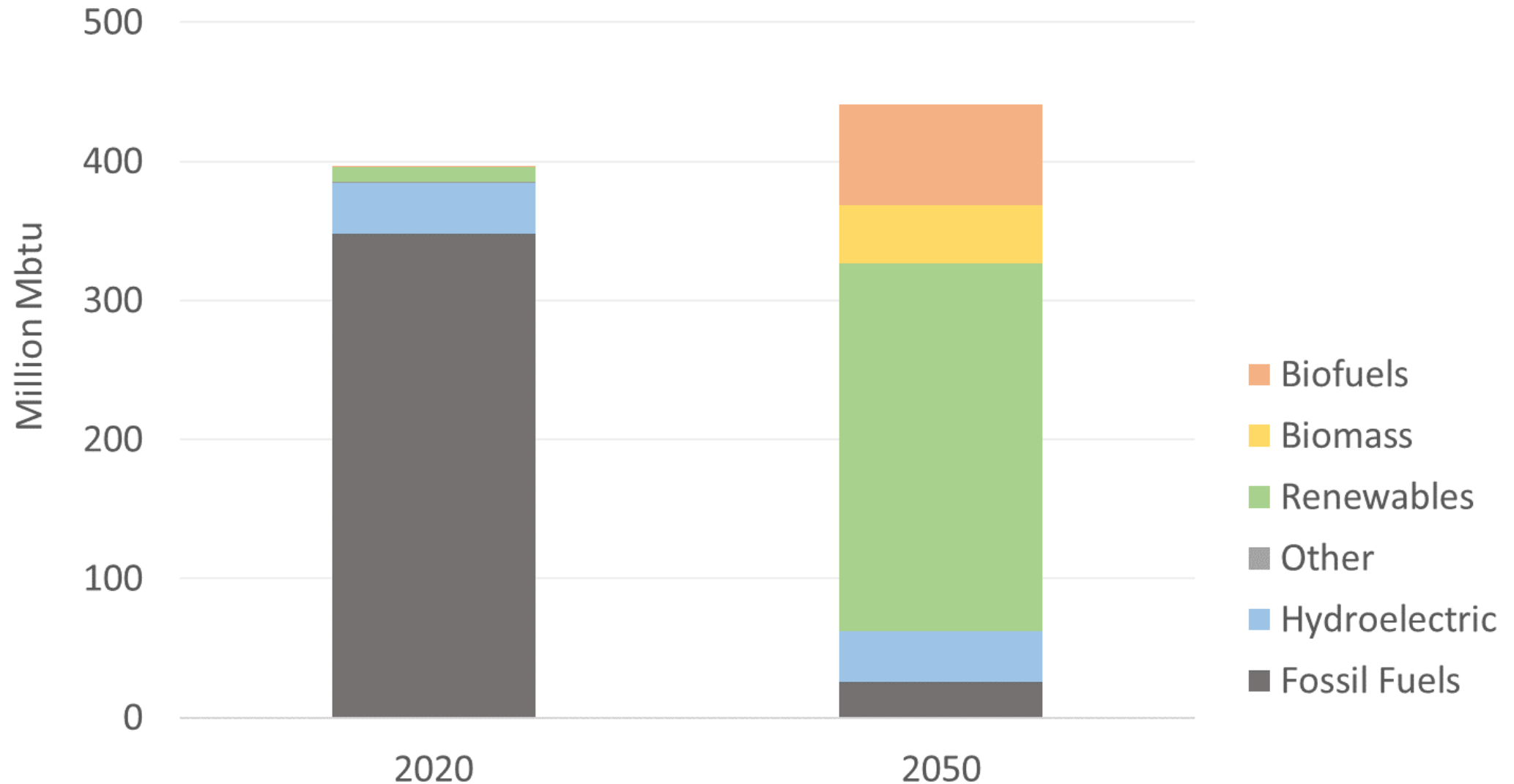
Counties with High GDP (>\$100K) per Worker



Coal deliveries from mines in Big Horn County, MT are expected to decline



Montana could export more energy in 2050 than it did in 2020





Airports



Experience
ADVENTURE

Visiting Jackson Hole

Jackson Hole Airport receives \$3 million FAA grant



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



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LIVE STIO'S
SNOW REPORT

AVAILABLE JOBS

JRG Focus Group Participant, The Jury Research Group
Today Part time

C Cumming Capital Management
Accountant, Cumming Capital Management
1 day ago Full time

Performance Automotive Service Advisor, Performance Tech
1 day ago Full time

Air Service

COLORADO FLIGHTS ALLIANCE
Economic Vitality for Colorado's Western Slope

LEARN MORE

WEATHER

38°

scattered clouds

THU	MON	TUE	WED
38°	36°	35°	27°

TELLURIDE/MONTROSE FLIGHT MAP



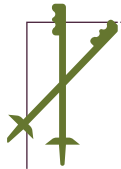


A REGIONAL COOPERATION



Eastern Sierra Air Alliance

Recreational Activities



Backcountry skiing



Bicycling



Camping,
backpacking, and
primitive camping



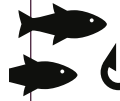
Cross-country
skiing



Downhill skiing



Driving for pleasure



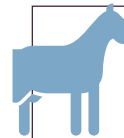
Fishing



Gathering forest
products



Hiking/walking



Horseback riding



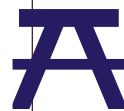
Hunting



Motorized trail
activities



Other snow
activities



Picnicking



Rock climbing



Viewing natural
features and
wildlife



Visiting historic sites
and nature centers



Water-based
activities



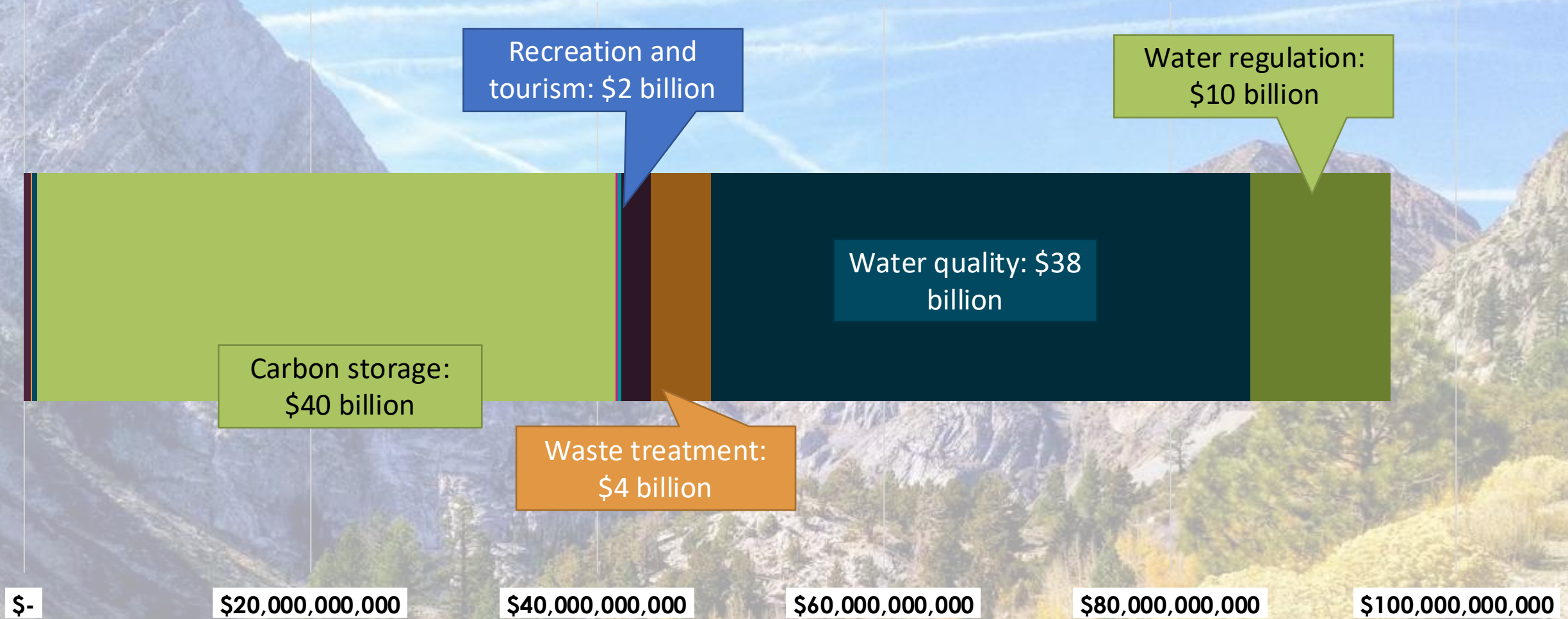
Wellness

Natural Capital Assessment - Results

- **Ecosystem services** provide approximately \$43.6 to \$190.9 billion in benefits, with an average value of \$95.4 billion, annually.
- Largest value from carbon storage and water resources.
- Desert shrubland and coniferous forest provide largest benefits.



Natural Capital Assessment - Results



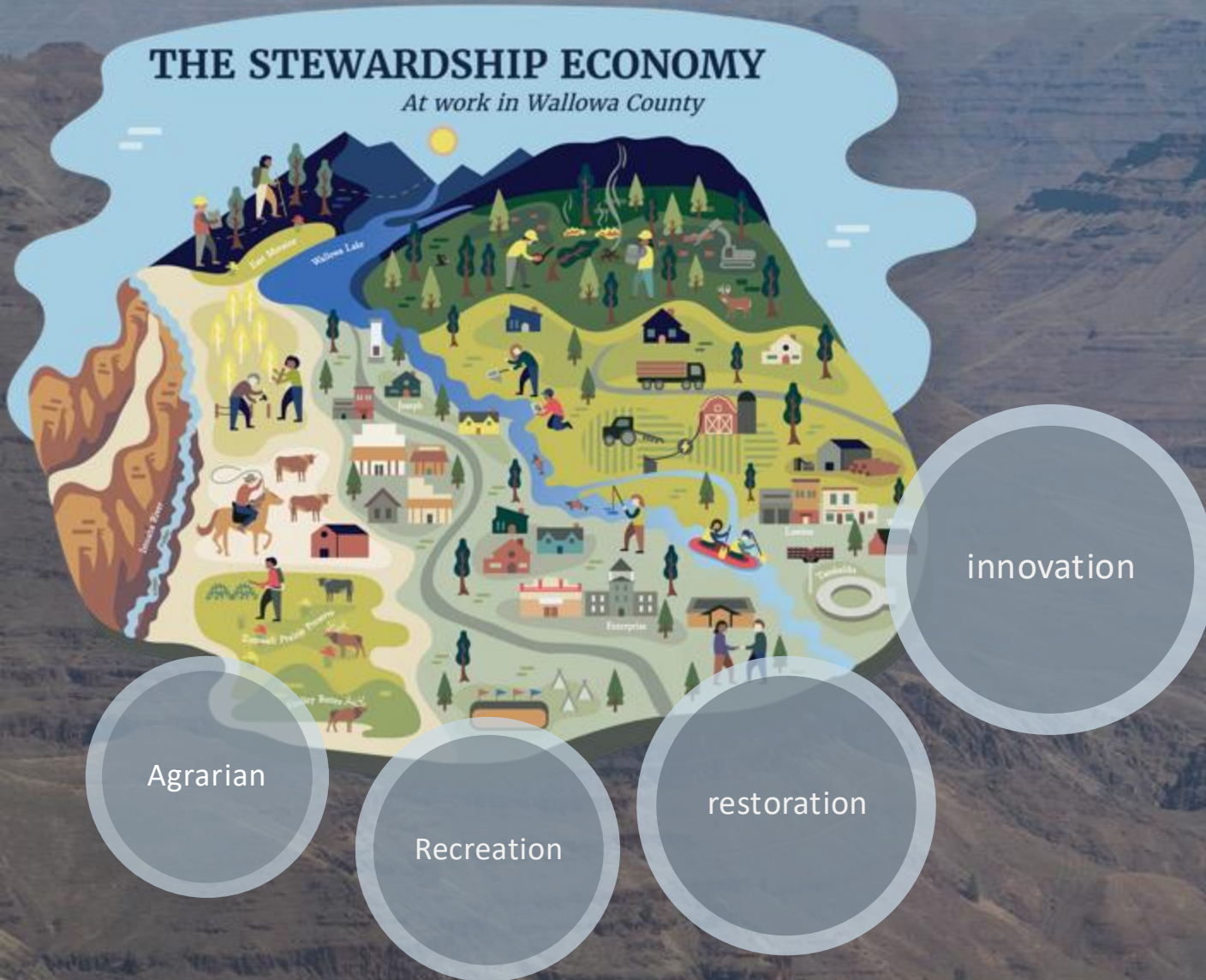


THE STEWARDSHIP ECONOMY

Nils D. Christofferson | Executive Director | Wallowa
Resources

The Stewardship Economy model

An integration and synthesis of rural economic development models centered on the **unique attributes of place** and aligning investment with opportunities that deliver triple-bottom-line results.



Cornerstones of a Stewardship Economy



Land & Water
Stewardship



Value-Added
Business



Access to
Capital

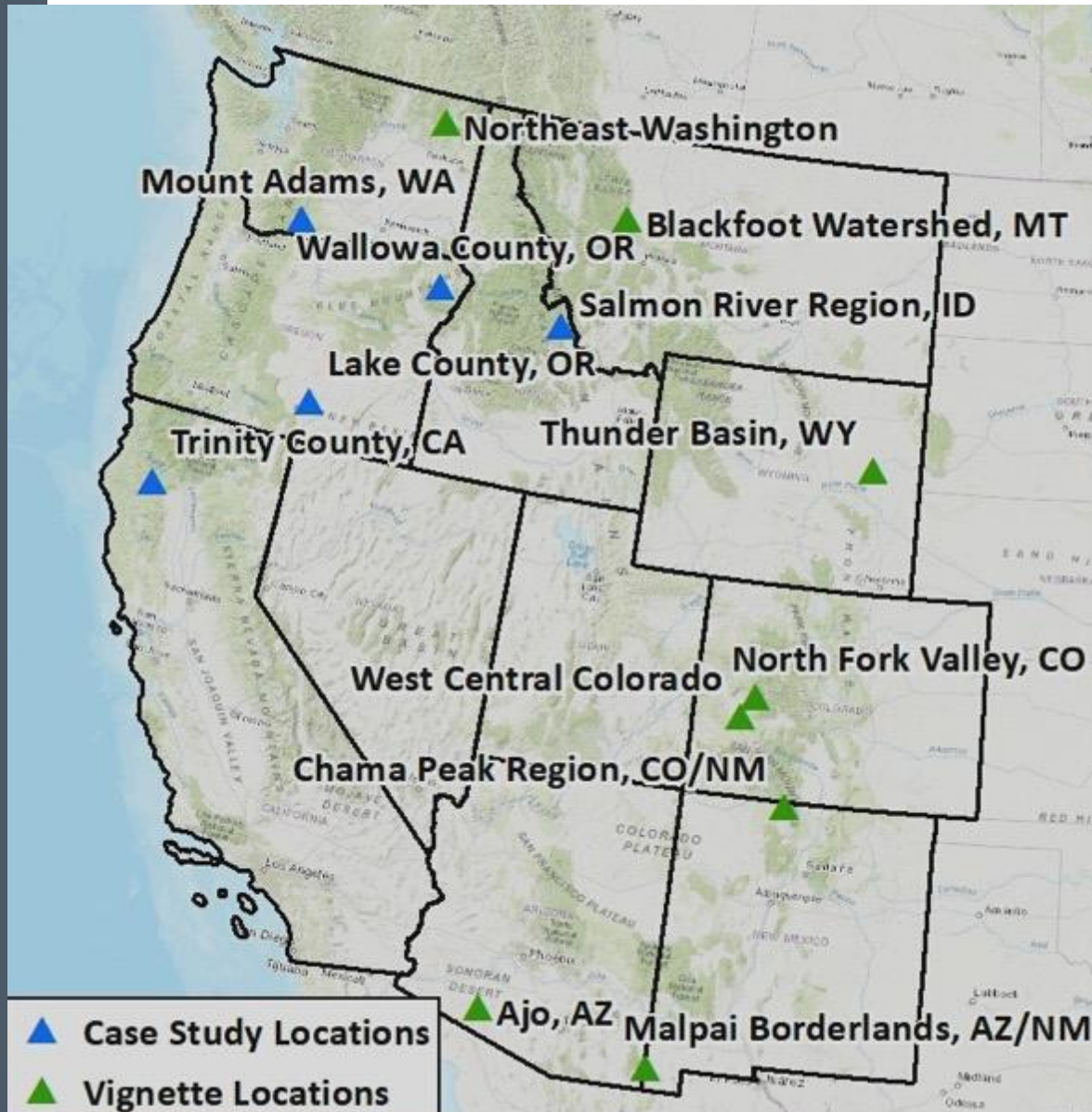


Education,
Training,
R&D



Legislative
Policy
Framework

EXAMPLES ACROSS THE WEST



Building a Stewardship Economy -
Insights from Community Innovation in
the Rural American West

Heather Cox Richardson: Letters from an American Nov. 2, 2023



President Joe
Biden, Speaker
Mike Johnson, and
the Farm Bill

November 2, 2023

Heather Cox Richardson

In a speech yesterday in Northfield, Minnesota, President Joe Biden explained his economic vision to rural Americans. "Over the past 40 years or so, we've had a practice in America—an economic practice called trickle-down economics, and it hit rural America especially hard," he said. "It hollowed out Main Street, telling farmers the only path to success was to get big or get out."

At the same time, he said, "[t]ax cuts for big corporations encouraged companies to grow bigger and bigger, move jobs and production overseas for cheaper labor, and undercut local small businesses. Meat-producing companies and the retail grocery chains consolidated, leaving farmers [and] ranchers with few choices about where to sell their products, reducing their bargaining power. Corporations that sell seed, fertilizer, and even farm equipment used their outsized market power to change farmers and charge them and ranchers unfair prices."

Biden noted that the U.S. has lost more than 400,000 family farms in the past 40 years, an area of more than 140 million acres of farmland, equivalent to an area the size of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota combined. Family farms have failed, and as they did so, small businesses, hospitals, schools, and communities also suffered.

Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

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

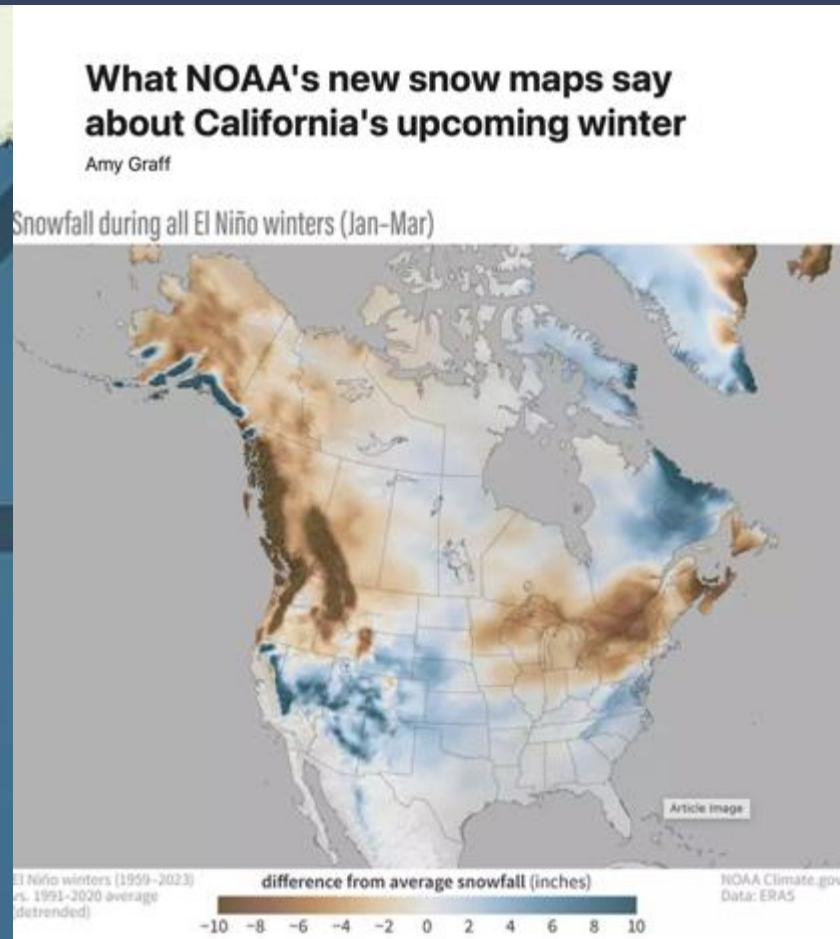
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23/24 OPENING DAY



Climate Whiplash

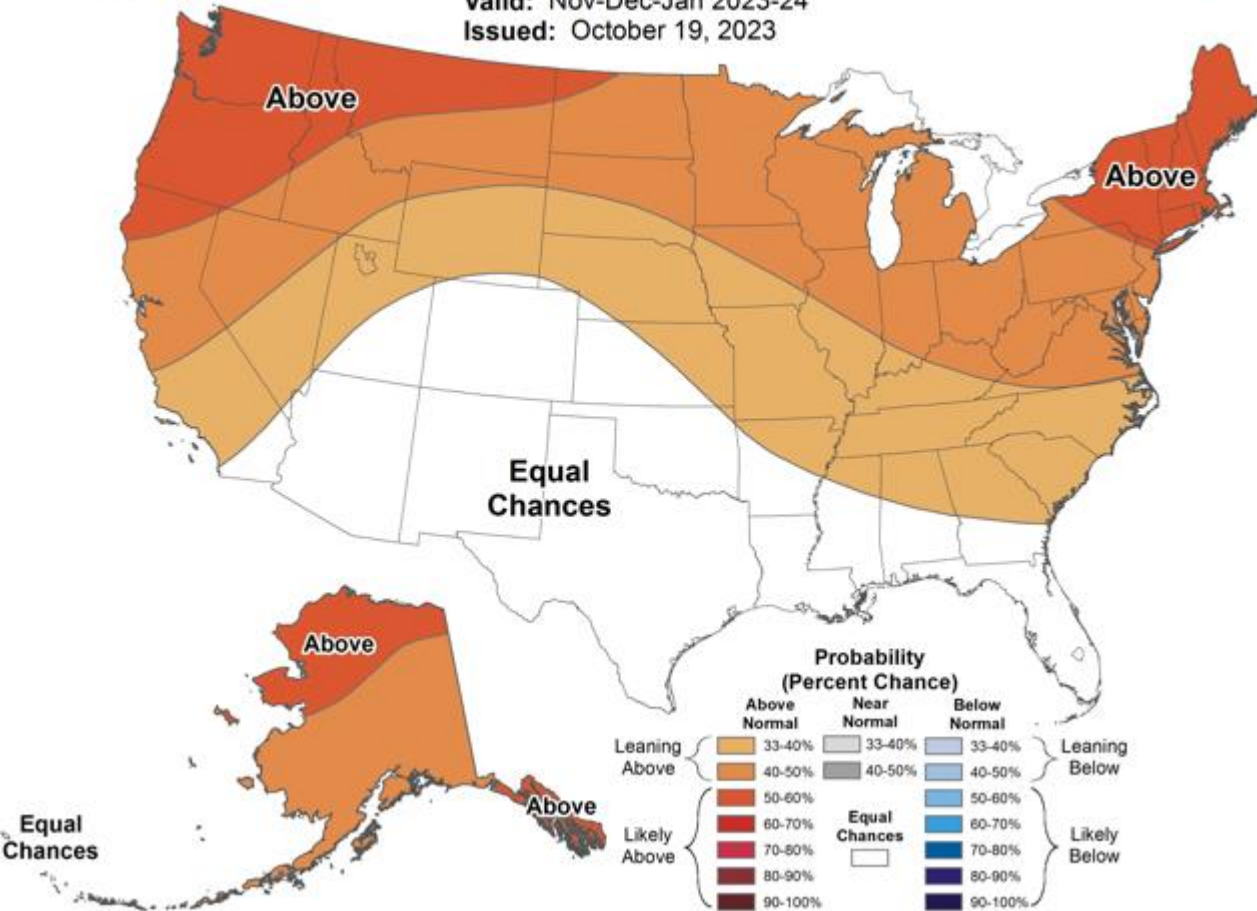


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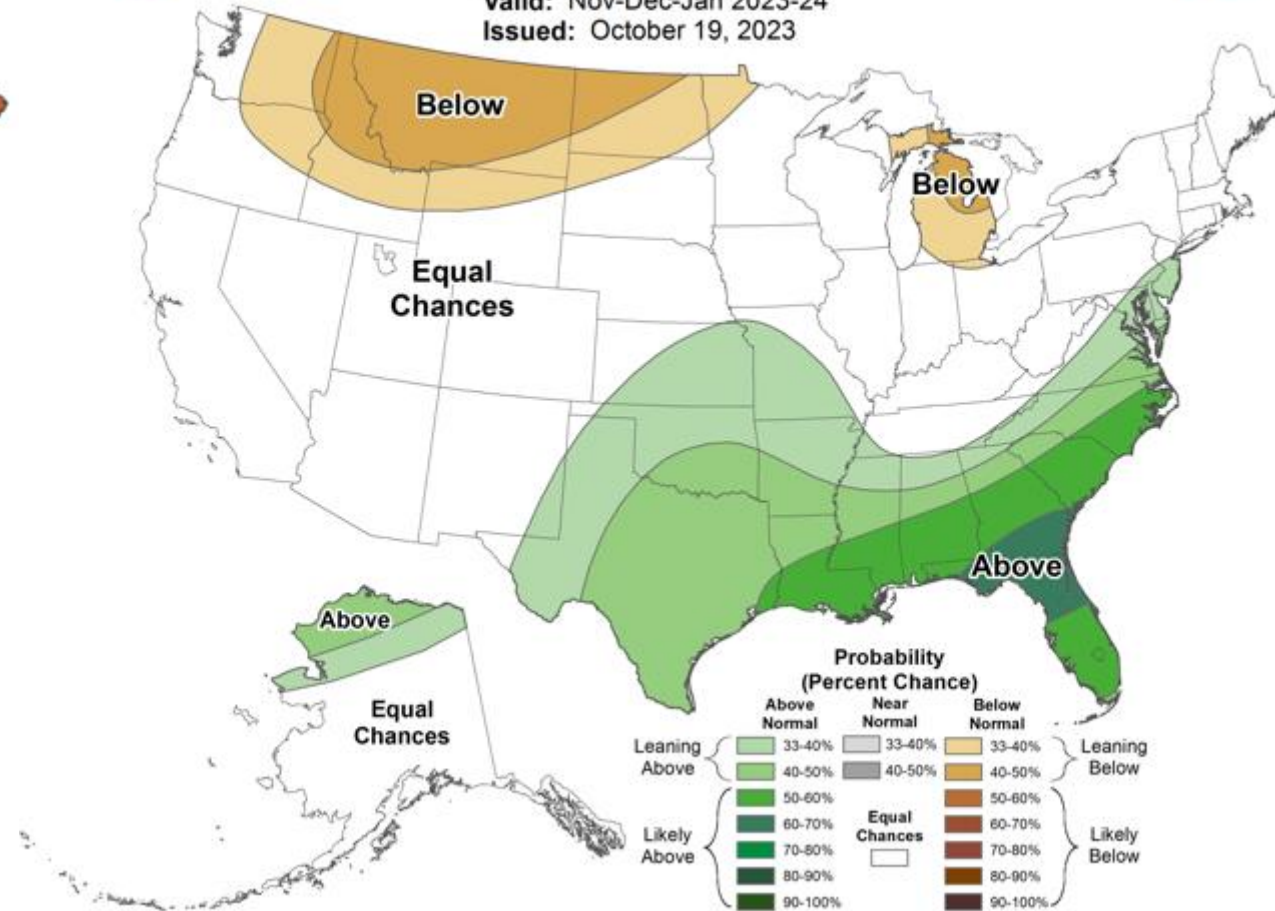
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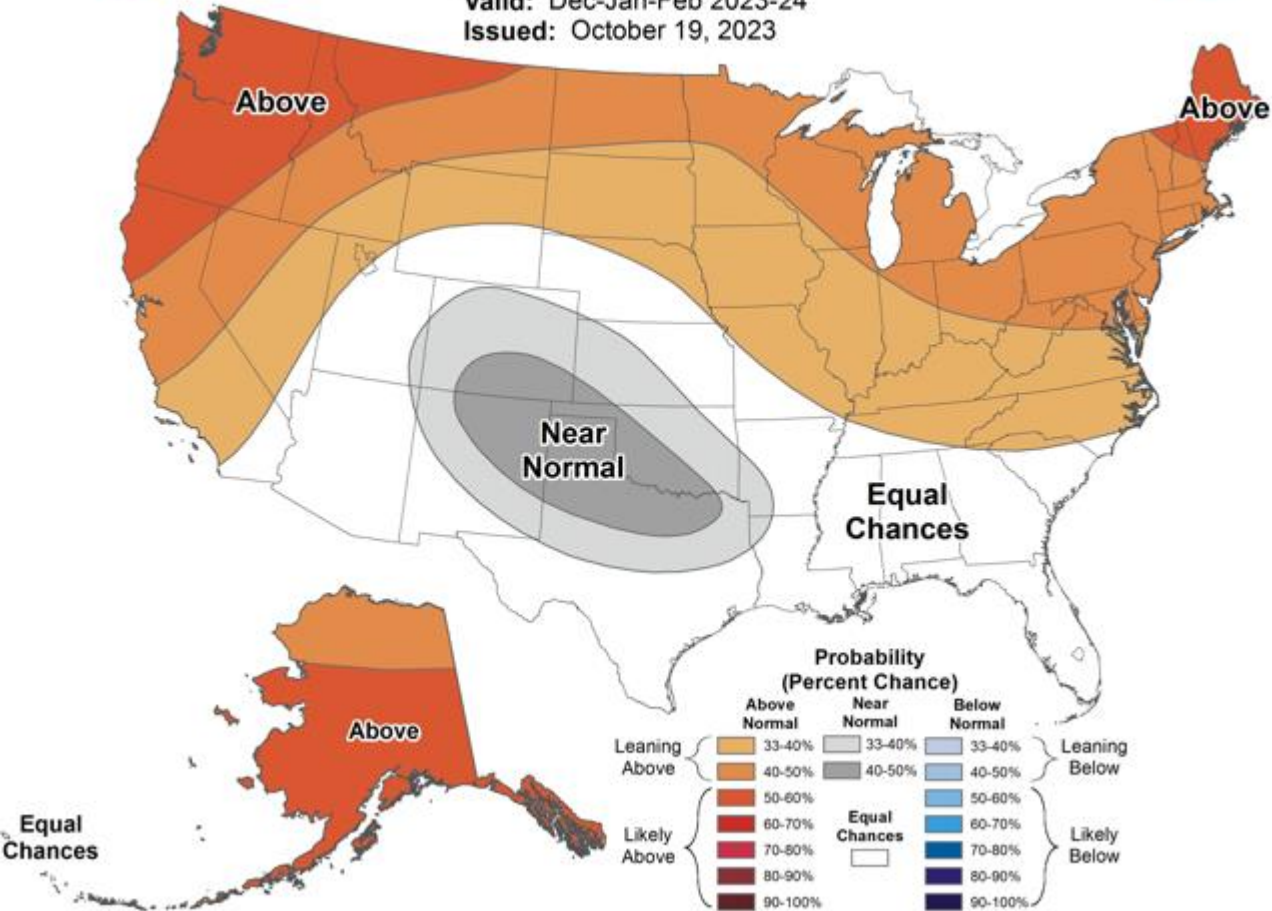


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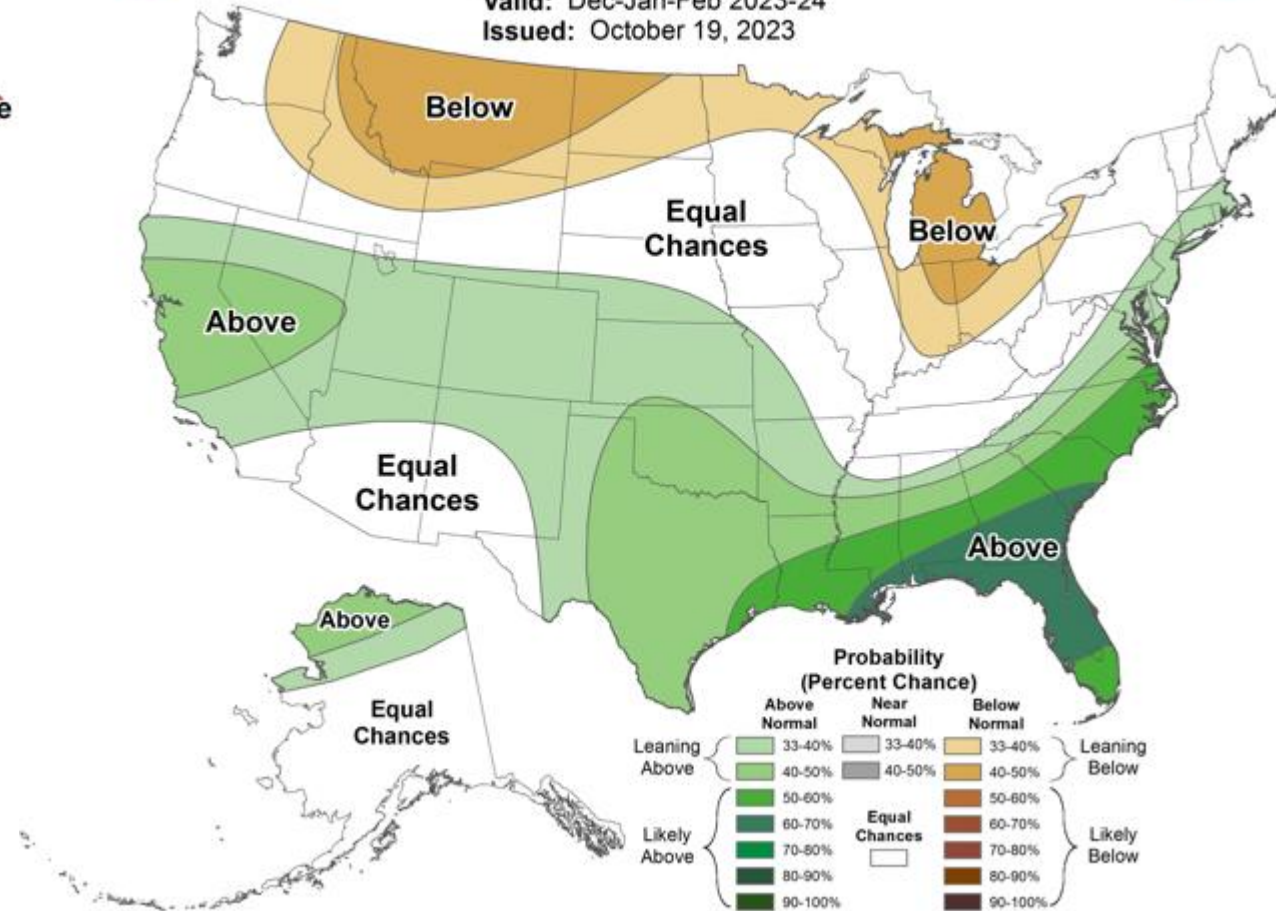
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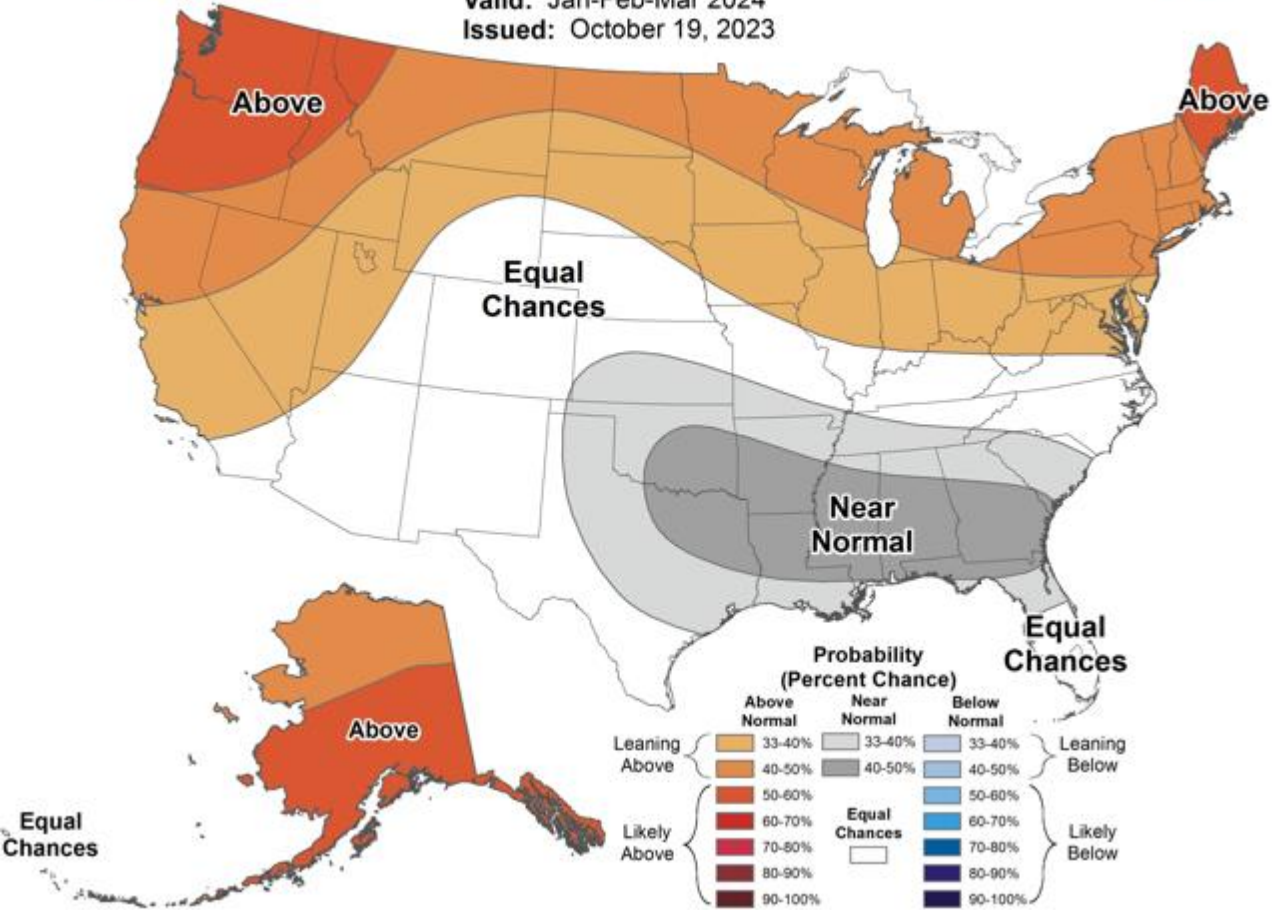


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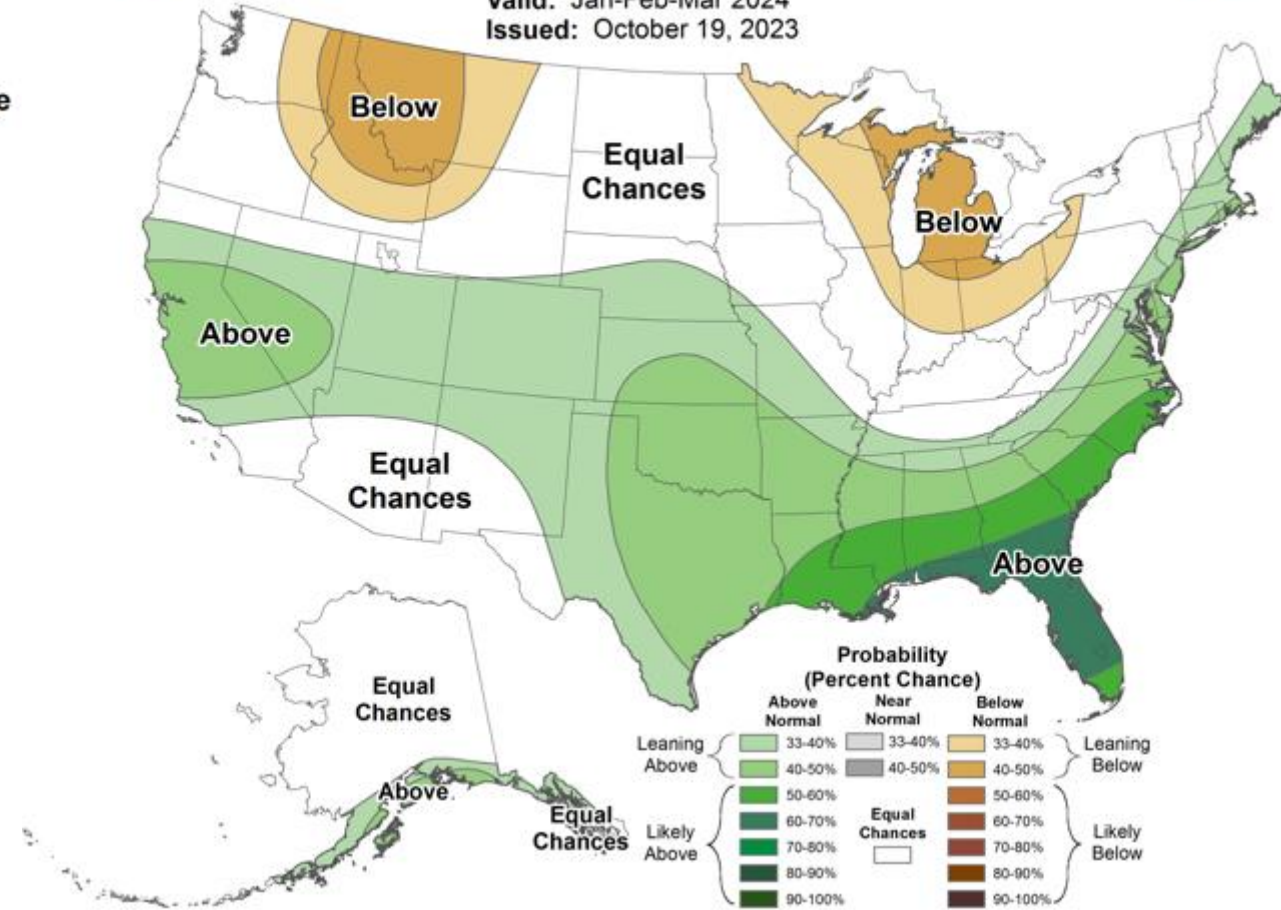
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Weather West

California weather and climate perspectives

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Daniel Swain

Climate change is narrowing and shifting prescribed fire windows in the western United States

Note: This special Weather West article focuses on new peer-reviewed scientific research, [recently published in the journal Communications Earth and Environment](#), that I led with the help of a team of collaborators from UC Merced, UC Berkeley, The Nature Conservancy, and Washington State University.

What is prescribed fire, anyway?



Staff from The Nature Conservancy and Firestorm, Inc. use drip torches to ignite pine needles, cones and other vegetation in prescribed fire operations at Independence Lake Preserve near Truckee, California as part of ecological forest restoration and fuels reduction to improve forest health and reduce the chances of a high intensity wildfire. (Photo credit: Edward Smith/The Nature Conservancy)

ESSRP MOU - Updates

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)

ESSRP MOU - Updates

From John Dayberry, in Alpine County:

“I am asking Irvin Jim to reach out to Big Pine, Benton, Bridgeport and Lone Pine through his ITCC (Inter-Tribal Calif. Council) group to get Tribal interest and a working group for the ESSRP.

“The State Parks at Grover Hot Springs is planning on starting a Snowshoe/XC grooming system at the park. I am hoping to help develop this and expand the Hung A Lel Ti participation through various events and venues. Grover HS is the historic site where the John C. Fremont/Kit Carson Expedition were directed by the Washoe to "Carson Pass" where they intercepted the Washoe snowshoe trail that led to the Jan/Feb salmon run on the American River which was destroyed by settlers and development.

“Please let me know what Tribal representatives you are working with and Irvin and I will try and rally the rest of the Numu. My goal is to form a Native Youth network so that we can get these groups together and do outings together. This will be like a Native Stewardship bootcamp...but really fun. Thanks for your efforts and let me know who's who South of here.”

ESSRP MOU - Updates

ESSRP MOU

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the PARTIES who have executed this MOU. Each entity who executes this MOU as shown in Attachment A is a "PARTY" to this MOU and all such entities are considered "PARTIES" to this MOU.

BACKGROUND

- A. The Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) is a unique partnership formed to encourage collaboration among local Eastern Sierra governments, state agencies, federal agencies, other public entities and sovereign tribes. Current and potential future participants in the ESSRP include but are not limited to: the City of Bishop and the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California municipal corporations; the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, a municipal utility; the Counties of Alpine, Inyo, and Mono, political subdivisions of the State of California; the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Department of Parks and Recreation, departments within the State of California, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG), a California joint powers authority; and the National Park Service (NPS) at Death Valley National Park, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Yosemite National Park, Devils Postpile National Monument, Manzanar National Historic Site, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the United States Forest Service (USFS) at Inyo National Forest and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, federal agencies.
- B. On July 18, 2017, the Mono County Board of Supervisors and the Mammoth Lakes Town Council held a joint meeting to initiate the ESSRP.
- C. On July 19, 2018, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, USFS Inyo National Forest, and USFS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest entered into a Non-Funded Challenge Cost Share Agreement (Cost Sharing Agreement). The Cost Sharing Agreement sets forth the ESSRP goals, including the creation of healthy forests and watersheds, fire-safe communities, and sustainable local economies. The Cost Sharing Agreement intends to reduce duplication of efforts and harness the expertise of employees of all parties thereto, as well as maximize cash and non-cash contributions leading to joint accomplishment of work. This MOU intends to extend the understanding between the four parties to the Cost Sharing Agreement to all of the ESSRP PARTIES.
- D. On August 20, 2019, Alpine County voted to join the ESSRP, on September 9, 2019, the City of Bishop voted to join the ESSRP, and on October 8, 2019, Inyo County voted to join the ESSRP.
- E. The BLM, Caltrans, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the National Park Service have also been actively engaged in the ESSRP partnership.
- F. The ESSRP has formed an ESSRP subcommittee to conduct tribal outreach and coordination.
- 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:

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

ESSRP MOU - Updates

Hi John,

Just a quick note to let you know that I've elevated consideration for LADWP's participation in ESSRP as an MOU partner to our Sustainability office in LA. I took the liberty of offering to arrange a presentation by your team to answer any question they might have. I'll let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Sorry I couldn't make the last meeting but I'll sign on next week.

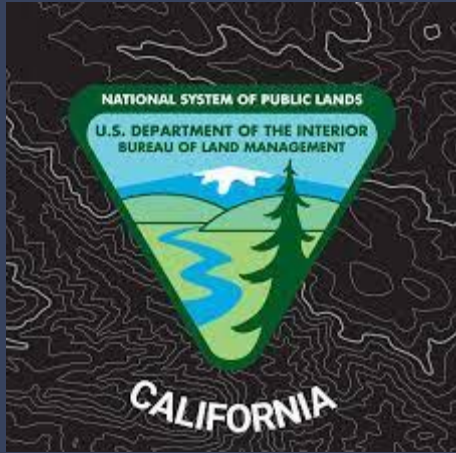
Hope you are doing well.

Best,

Elsa



ESSRP MOU - Updates



THE SACRAMENTO BEE

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Congress averts government shutdown. Will it cost Speaker Kevin McCarthy his gavel?

By Gillian Brassil and • Updated October 01, 2023 7:57 AM



Johnson: House GOP looking at new twist to stopgap funds fight

Speaker raises the prospect of a 'laddered' approach to avoid a partial shutdown

By David Lerman and Aidan Quigley Posted November 2, 2023 at 3:59pm



Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., takes questions during a news conference in the Capitol on Thursday. (Bill Clark/CQ Roll Call)

Federal & National Updates

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Government shutdown

Shut down on Nov 20, 2023 ▾

33% chance ↓ 14

Forecast



Yes 34¢

No 70¢

68,407 vol





Government shutdown length

4.74 day(s) forecast ↓ 2.43

Forecast



2023 ▾

308,654 vol

Above 0 days

40¢ ↑ 11

Yes **41¢**

No **62¢**

Above 7 days

26¢ ↑ 8

Yes **27¢**

No **80¢**

November 17

11 Calendar Days from Today



STATE: CERF

“Community Economic Resiliency Fund”

2023



State Updates



Eastern Sierra

- Alpine
- Amador
- Calaveras
- Inyo
- Mariposa
- Mono
- Tuolumne



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“Thank you to everyone who attended last week's HRTC meeting (*Friday, October 27*), we loved the opportunity to see many of you in person, and we got a lot of important feedback on critical items.”

“Please note we are moving our November Office Hours meeting to one week later than originally scheduled. The new time is Wednesday November 15th, at 12:00 p.m. *Our apologies for this scheduling change, the meeting will be recorded and we will circulate the recording with everyone on this list. Meeting details for this will be shared next week.*

“Our next HRTC meeting will be on Friday December 15th, at 9:30 a.m. We will have an in-person option at Mother Lode Job Training in Sonora, with a virtual attendance option similar to last week's meeting.”

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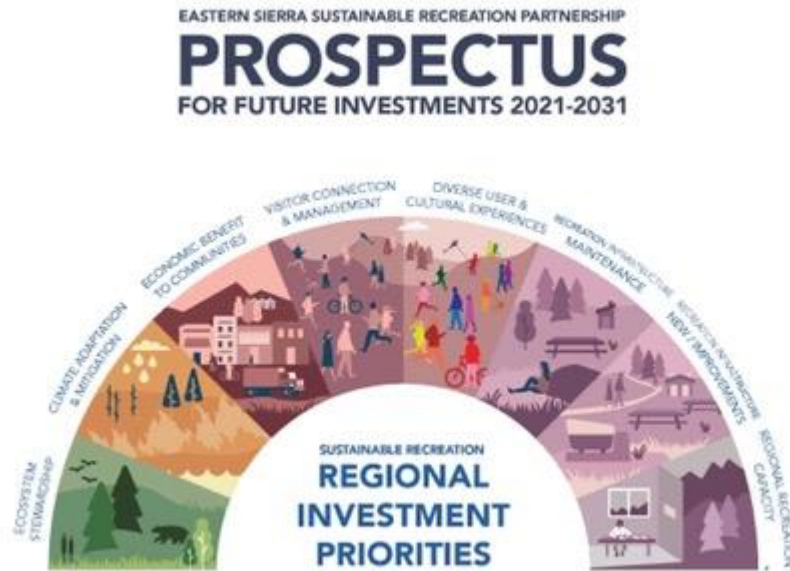
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The Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) is a statewide program that was created to promote a sustainable and equitable recovery from the economic distress of COVID-19 by supporting new plans and strategies to diversify local economies and develop sustainable industries that create high-quality, broadly accessible jobs for all Californians.

SBC is now under contract with the State of California to serve as the convener and fiscal agent for the Eastern Sierra region, which includes Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties.

This critical grant will shape our future industries, diversify our economy, and provide for a better quality of life for all who call this region home. **We're looking forward to working together on both the challenges and opportunities presented by CERF.**

For Eastern Sierra CERF-related inquiries in Spanish, please reach out directly to SBC's Eastside CERF Project Navigator, Magnolia Barra, by emailing mbarra@sierrabusiness.org or calling 530-582-4800 ext 124.

CERF Updates

State Releases Final Catalyst Program Guidelines

The state has finalized guidelines for the Catalyst Program, which reserves for each region a portion of CERF funding to help with predevelopment work on projects, with the goal of readying projects for funding in the implementation phase next year. SBC will be working with the HRTC to prepare our application to this program, to be submitted by the end of November. Please note this is a closed solicitation directly related to the existing CERF program. If you have ideas for how this program could benefit the Eastern Sierra, email cerf@sierrabusiness.org to join the HRTC or one of our subcommittees.



Hi Recreate Responsibly California Coalition members,

We enjoyed seeing new and familiar faces at the meeting this week. The organic connections we form at the meetings are exactly why we gather every month. We had a robust discussion about the [Visit California Regional Strategic Tourism Plans](#) and how they could be leveraged to develop Responsible Recreation messaging tailored to each region in California. If you have ideas for how to improve tourism and strengthen communities in California, please get in touch with your [Regional Strategic Tourism Plan representative](#) as soon as possible.

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

Upcoming Events

October 27, 2023: Proposals are due for the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals' National Outdoor Recreation Conference, held **May 6 to 9, 2024** in Stateline, NV near Lake Tahoe. The theme of the conference is Stewarding People, Place, and Play. Proposals might address destination management, climate response and resiliency, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in action, developing outdoor recreation professionals, or another outdoor recreation theme.

- [Learn more and submit your proposal for the National Outdoor Recreation Conference.](#)
- [Register for the National Outdoor Recreation Conference.](#)

April 30 to May 3, 2024: The California Trails & Greenways Conference will take place at Olympic Valley near Lake Tahoe. This is a great networking opportunity, and several Recreate Responsibly California Coalition members attend each year.

- [Register for the California Trails & Greenways Conference.](#)

Messaging Topics

Recent changes to the Lanterman Act will make it easier for Californians with developmental disabilities to access recreation as a social service.

- Learn more about [how the Lanterman Act supports people with developmental disabilities.](#)
- Read about recent changes to the [Lanterman Act that will improve access to recreation.](#)

Leave No Trace developed a free new online training class called Leave No Trace 101. The training already has over 10,000 online participants! It is available in Spanish and meets ADA accessibility guidelines. There is a special version of the class available for stock users.

- Build your sustainability knowledge with [Leave No Trace 101.](#)

Please visit our [Google Drive](#) to find the complete set of notes from the meeting.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 28 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.** We'll be in touch before then with some extra resources and reminders. Thanks again for your participation, and we look forward to seeing you in November!

—Haley, Danna, and Rita



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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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TASK FORCE UPDATES

Task Force to Host Treatment Tracking System Public Workshop: The Task Force will host a virtual public workshop from 2-3:30 p.m. on November 14 to solicit feedback from users of the [CA Wildfire & Landscape Resilience Interagency Tracking System](#). A beta version of the System was released in late August. The Task Force is gathering input to improve how data on statewide wildfire resilience treatments is accessed and displayed. [Registration is required.](#)

Upcoming Task Force Meeting and 2024 Meeting Dates:

- December 15, 2023: The meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., live in the [CNRA Auditorium](#) and [via Zoom](#). The agenda will focus on Goal 2 of the [WFR Action Plan](#), "Strengthen the Protection of Communities."
- 2024 Meeting Dates:**
 - April 4 & 5 – Southern CA Regional
 - June 20 – Sacramento
 - September 26-27 – Sierra Nevada Regional
 - December 13 – Sacramento

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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State Funding Enables a Historic Acquisition by California's First Black-led Land Conservation Organization: A [\\$2.27 million grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board](#) and \$750,000 from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), enabled the 40 Acre Conservation League—California's first and only Black-led conservation group—to acquire the Tahoe Forest Gateway Leidesdorff Property in Placer County. The Conservation League and SNC will restore and manage 650 acres of land for wildlife habitat, and support wildlife-oriented education and research.

Energy Safety Releases Draft 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update Guidelines for Public Comment: On October 31, Energy Safety released its Draft 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Update Guidelines for public comment. [Public comments](#) may be submitted no later than December 5. A virtual public workshop on the guidelines will be held on November 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Draft 2025 WMP Update Guidelines, if adopted, would require electrical corporations to narrow the focus of their updates to five specific areas: updates to risk models; changes to approved targets, identify objectives and expenditures; establish quarterly inspection targets for 2025;



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State Updates

Upcoming:

CALFIRE

- Forest Health Grants
- DRAFT 2023/2024 Grant Guidelines
- Comments due Nov. 7

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- Follow up with “Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience” Key Working Group

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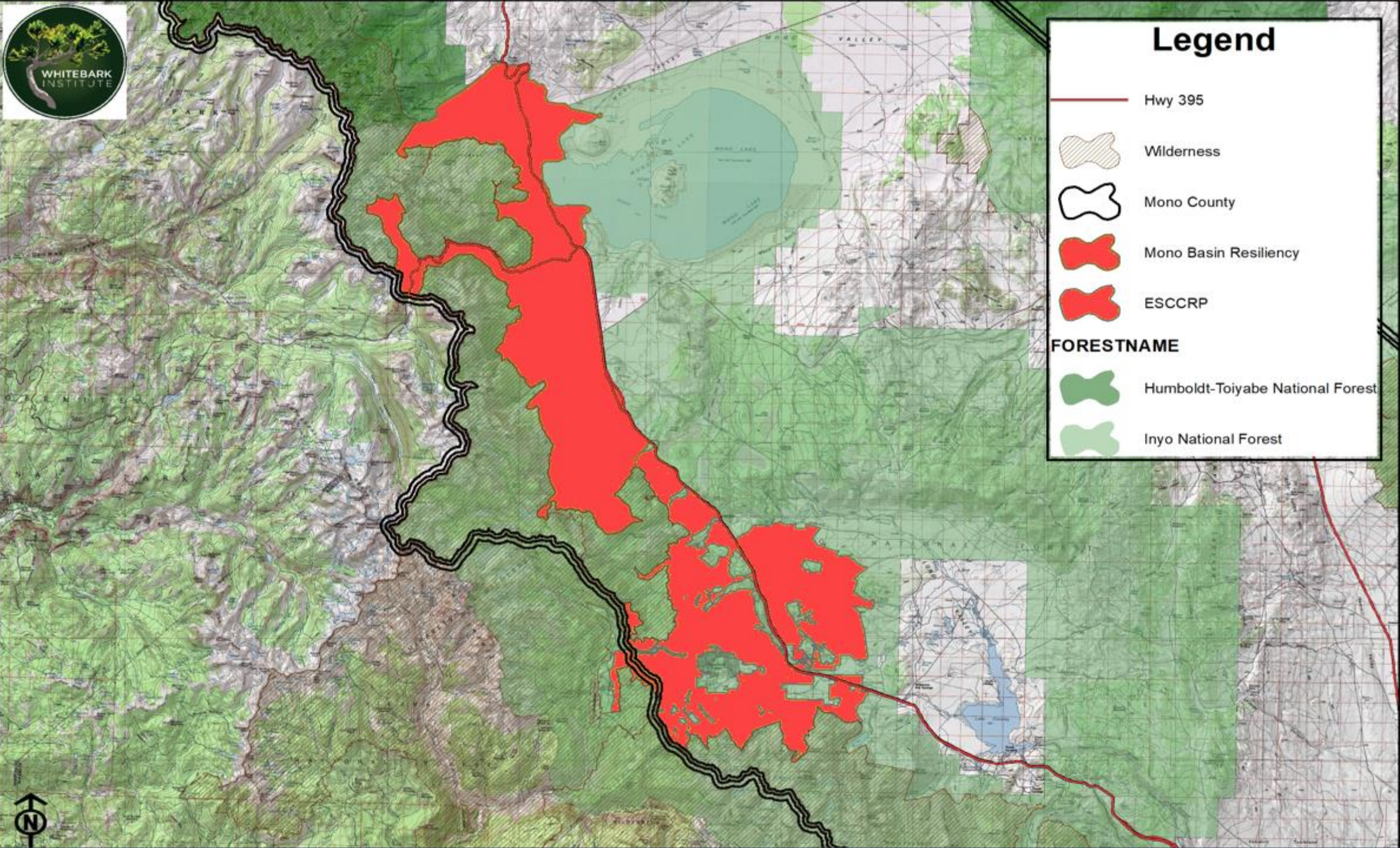
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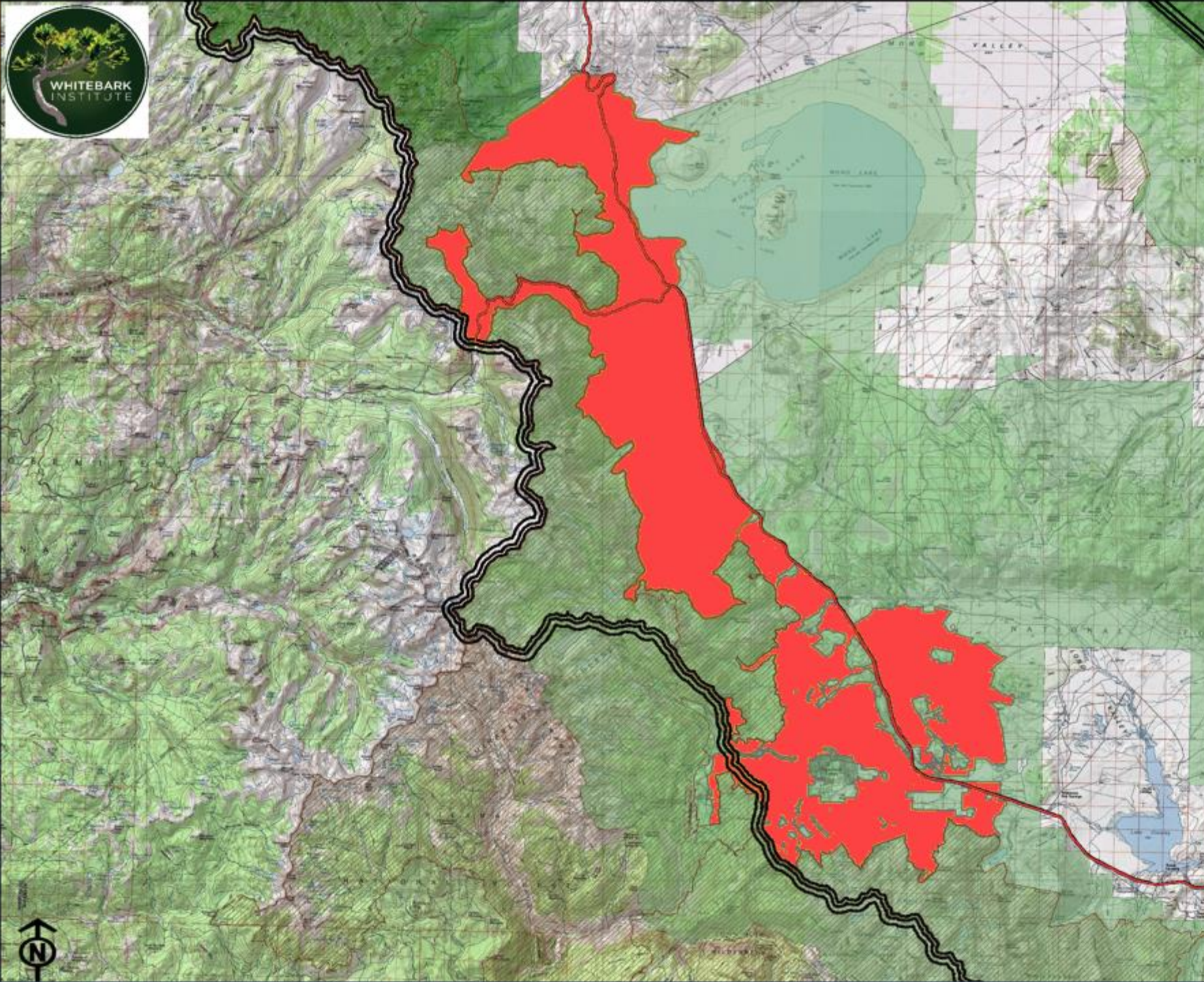
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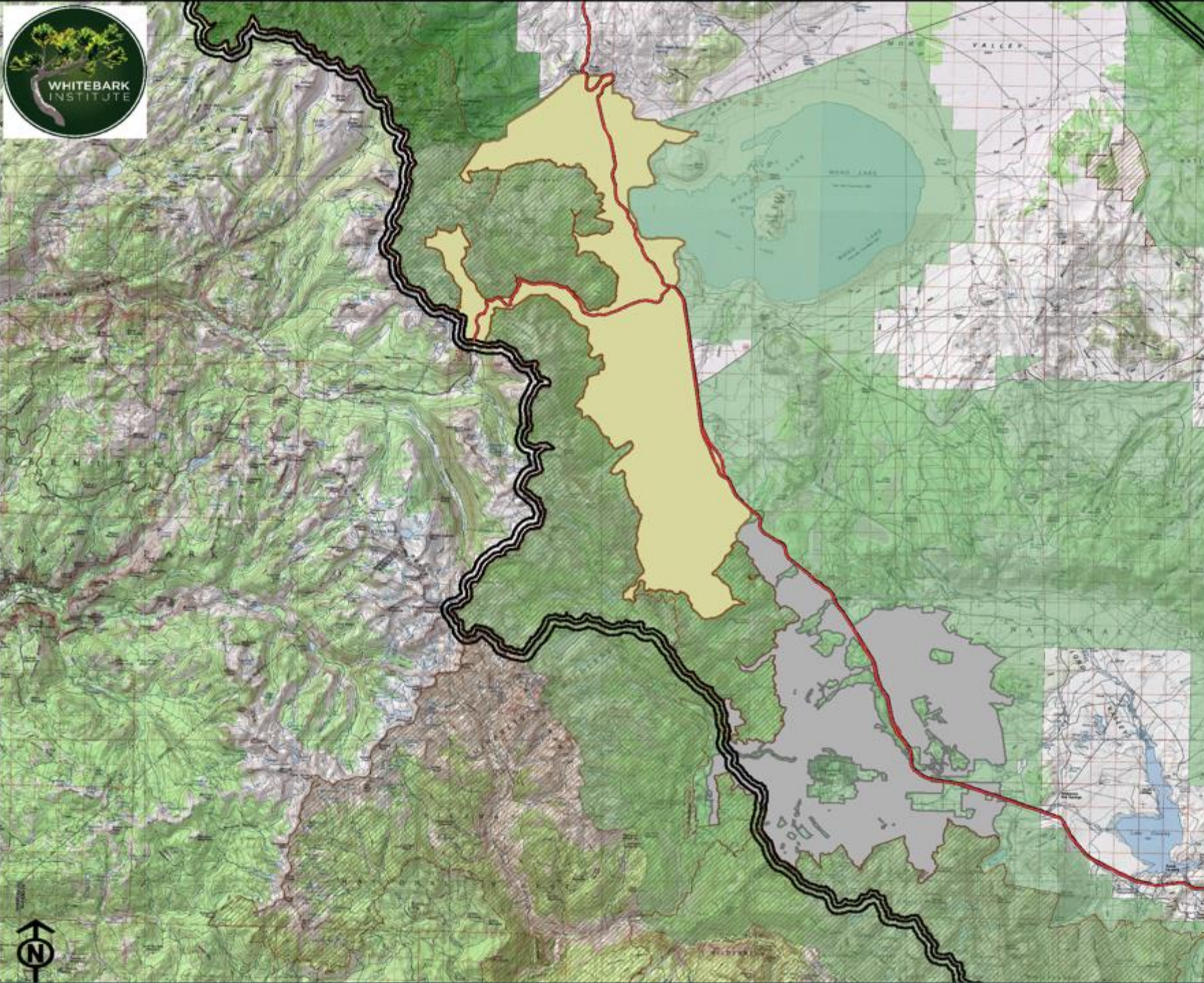
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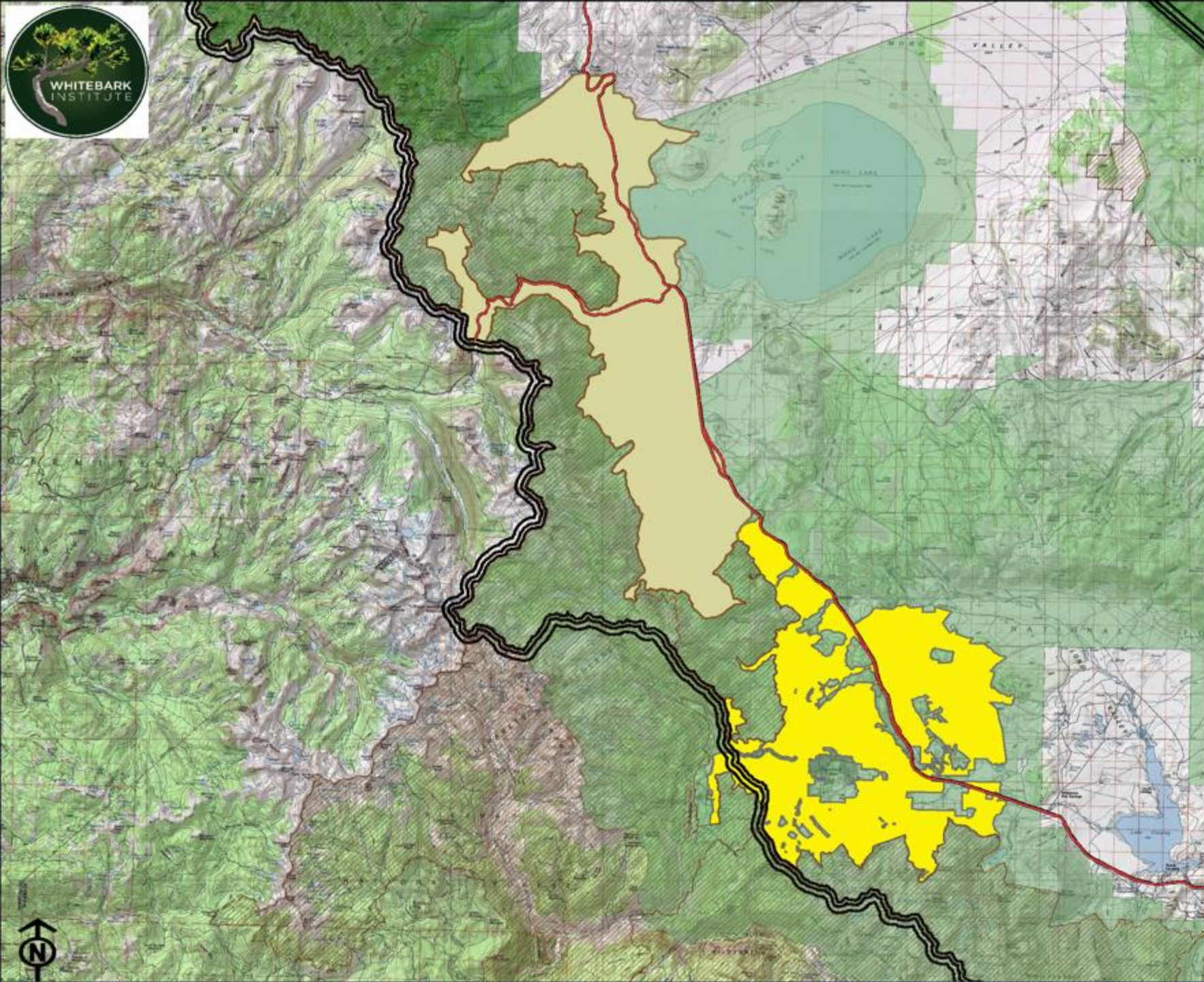
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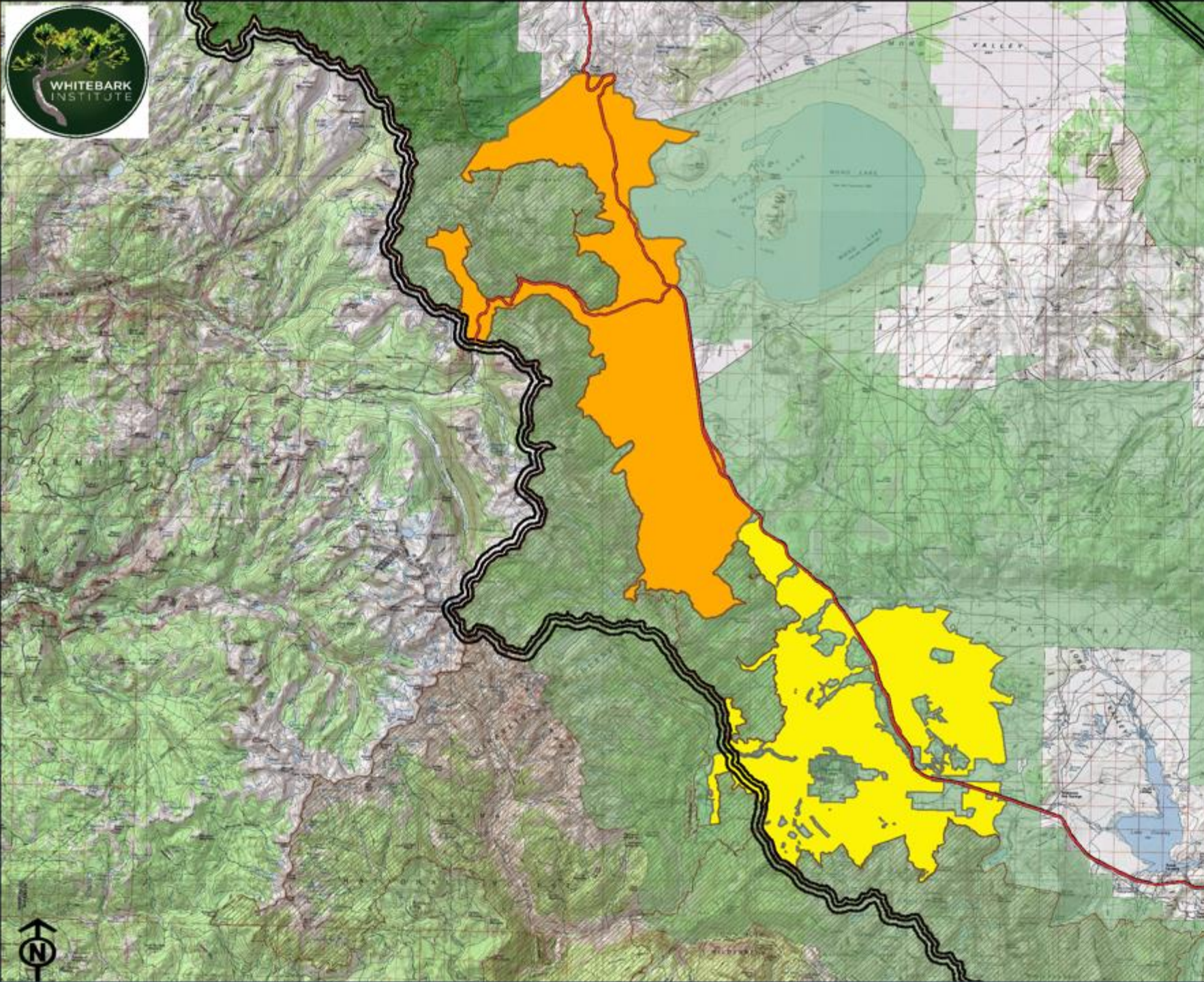
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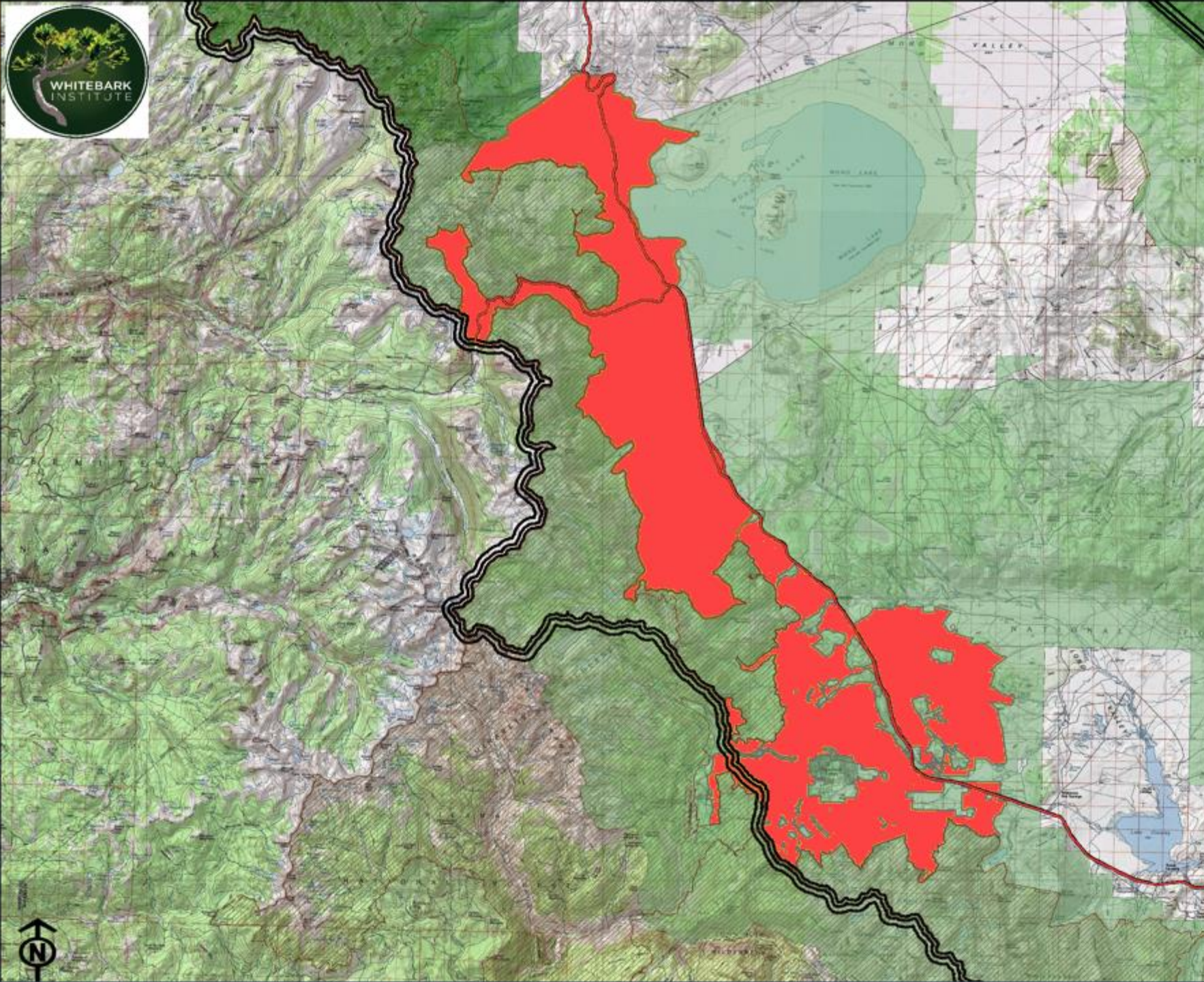
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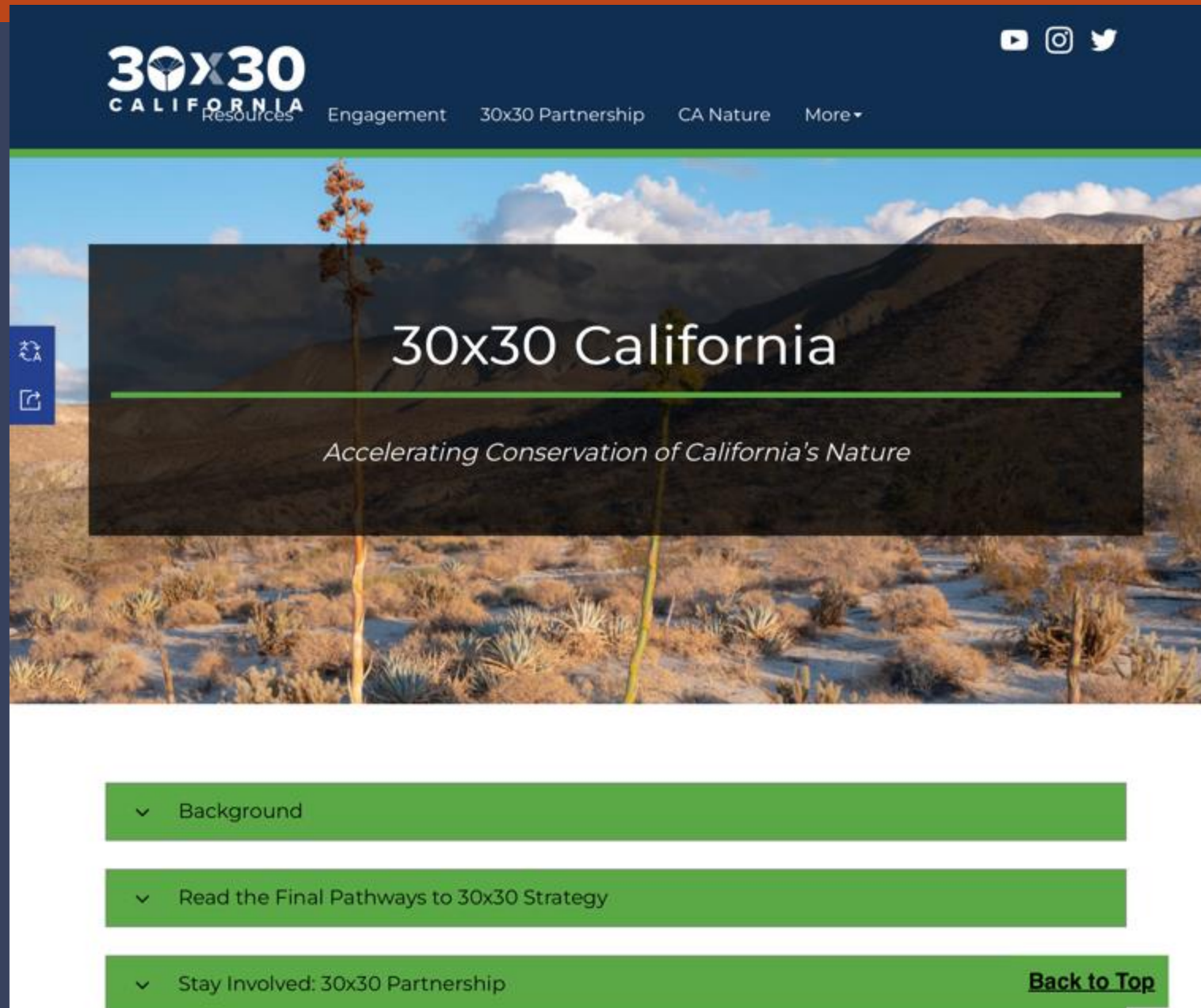
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New Law Makes California's 30x30 Goal Official

Governor Newsom just signed SB 337, codifying the state's goal to conserve at least 30 percent of California's lands and coastal waters by the year 2030.

1 Minute Read
October 10, 2023, 11:00 AM PDT
By Clement Lau





Walkway in California's Yosemite National Park. | haveeseen / Adobe Stock

California Governor Gavin Newsom just signed numerous bills, including Senate Bill (SB) 337. SB 337 was introduced by Senator Dave Min (D-Irvine) to formally establish a statewide goal to conserve at least 30 percent of California's land and coastal waters by 2030, also known as 30x30. Conserving the Earth's lands and waters is critical to preventing extinctions and protecting biodiversity and ecosystem services. Protecting lands and waters can also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon, helping to advance climate goals.

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Senate Bill No. 337

CHAPTER 392

An act to amend Section 71450 of the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental protection.

[Approved by Governor October 07, 2023. Filed with Secretary of State
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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 337, Min. Environmental protection: lands and coastal waters conservation goal.

By Executive Order No. N-82-20, Governor Gavin Newsom directed the Natural Resources Agency to combat the biodiversity and climate crises by, among other things, establishing the California Biodiversity Collaborative and conserving at least 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030. Existing law requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to prepare and submit, on or before March 31, 2024, and annually thereafter, a report to the Legislature on the progress made in the prior calendar year toward achieving the goal to conserve 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030.

This bill would codify the goal of the state to conserve at least 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 71450 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

71450. (a) For the purposes of this part, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "30x30 goal" means the goal to conserve 30 percent of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030 established in subdivision (b) and by Executive Order No. N-82-20.
- (2) "Pathways to 30x30 Report" means the report entitled "Pathways to 30x30 California: Accelerating Conservation of California's Nature" that was issued by the Natural Resources Agency on April 22, 2022.

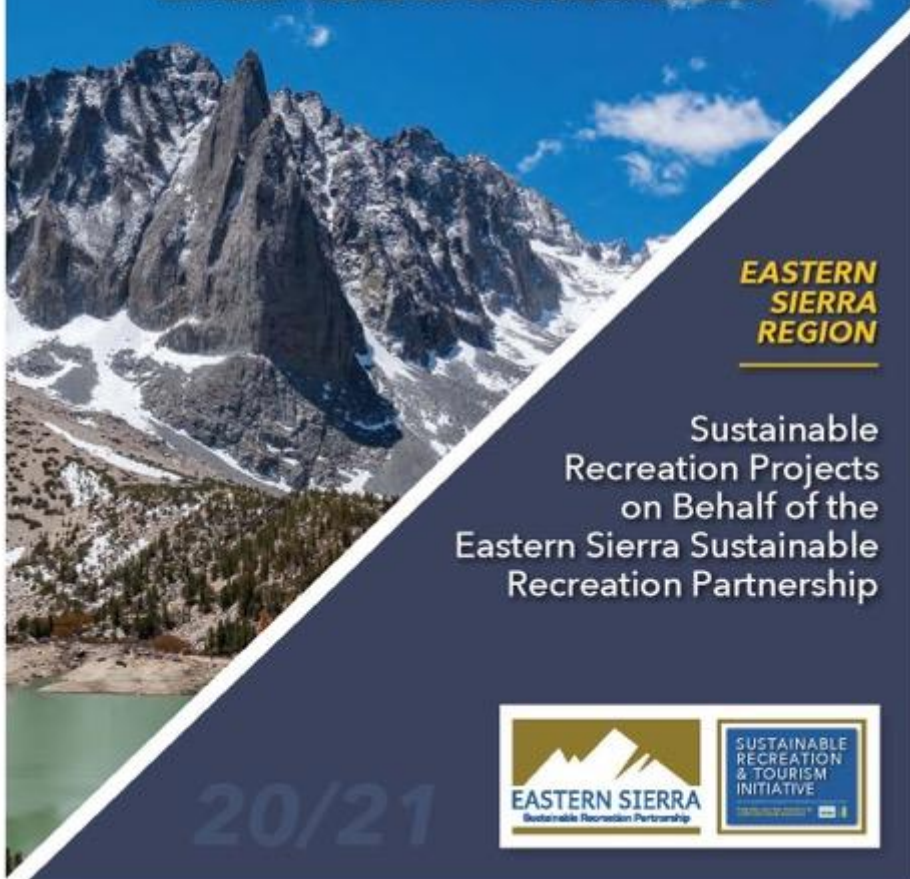
(b) It is the goal of the state to conserve at least 30 percent of California's lands and coastal waters by 2030.

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EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

PROSPECTUS

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SUSTAINABLE RECREATION REGIONAL INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

PROJECT SELECTION & IMPLEMENTATION GUIDES

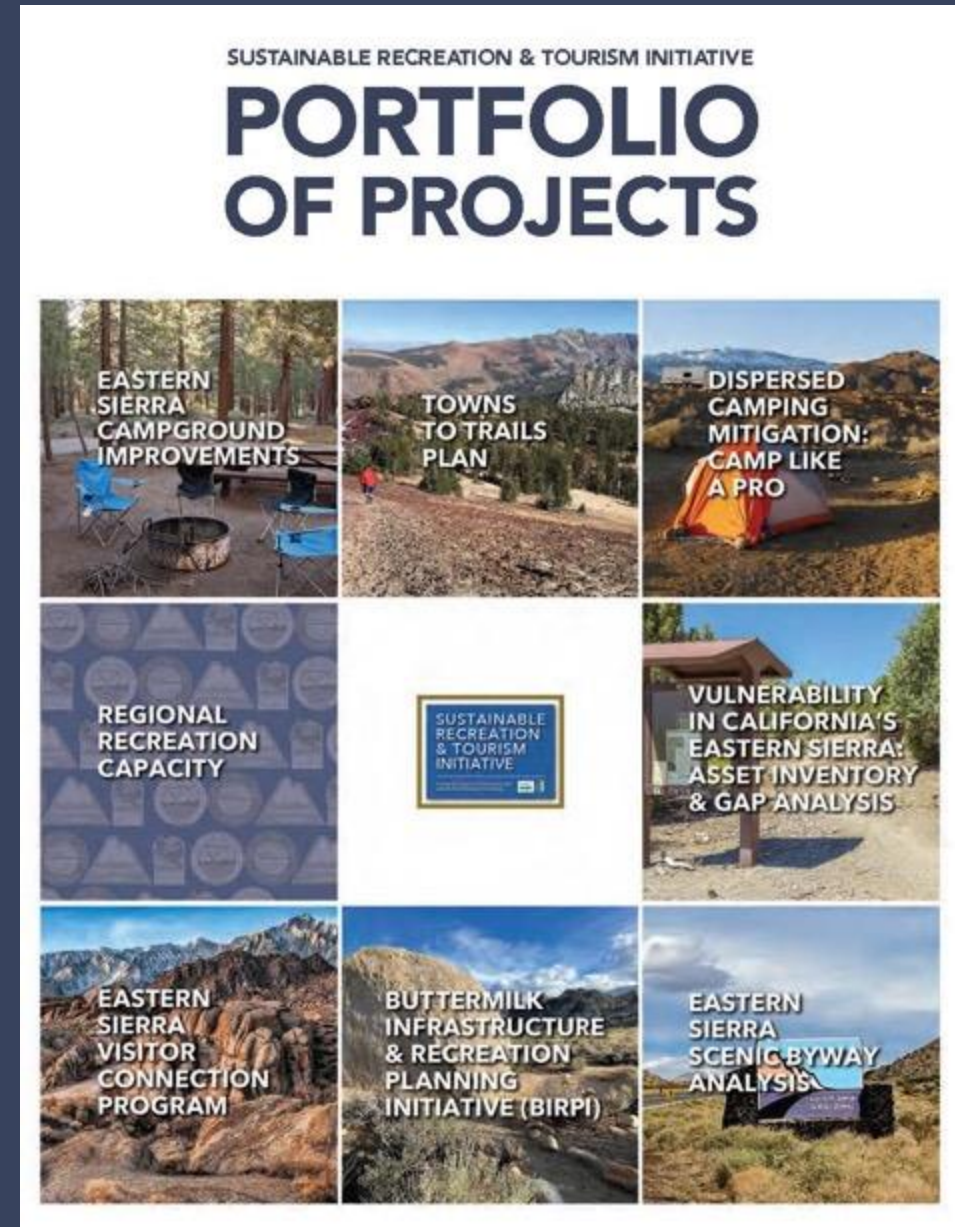
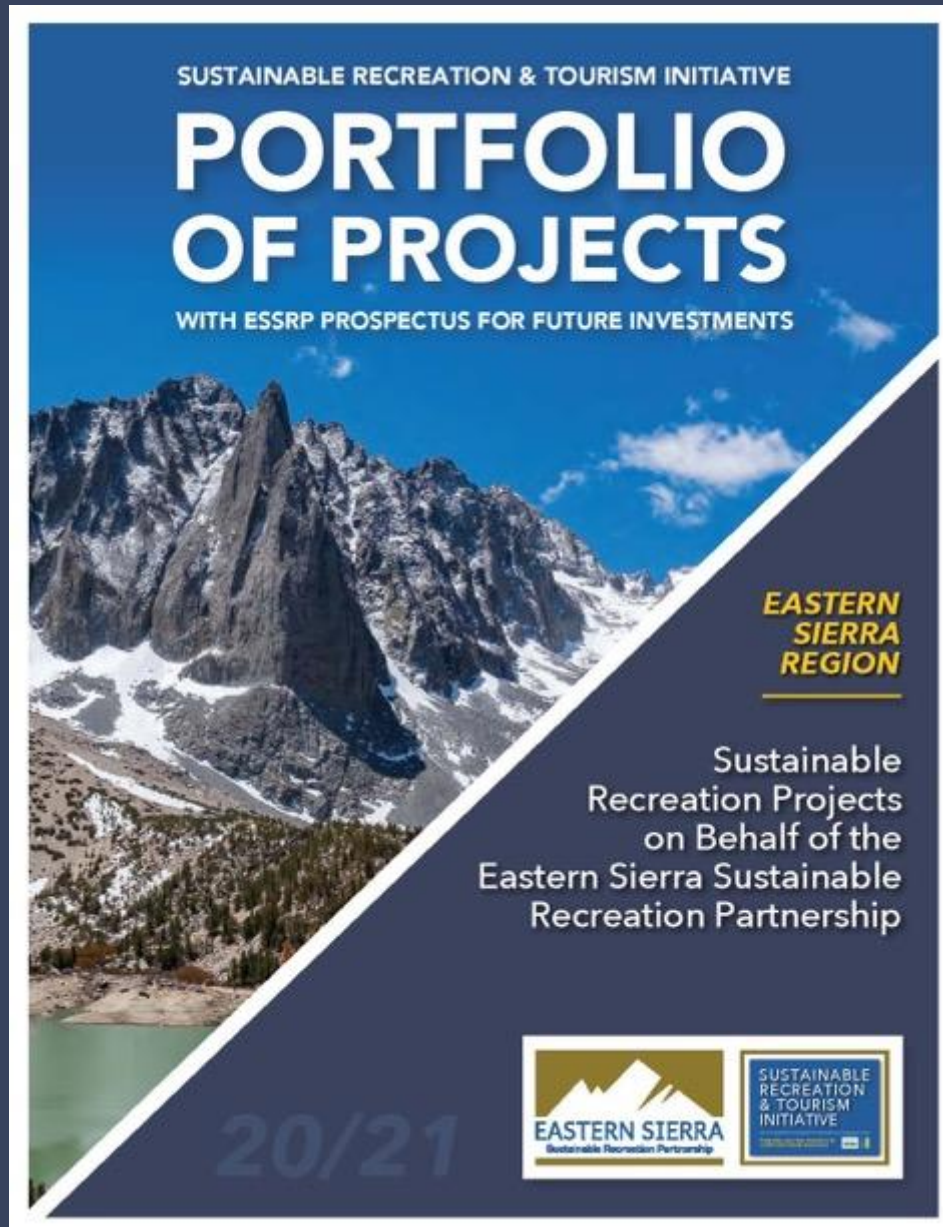
FEASIBILITY FUNDING REQUIREMENTS	REGIONAL LEADERSHIP GUIDING PRINCIPLES	PILLARS "THAT WHICH WE SHALL ALWAYS DO"
SELECTED PROJECTS SHOULD: - Maintain existing assets - Reflect strategic alignment - Ensure full cost recovery - Support operational capacity - Demonstrate public demand and support - Address environmental / climate / economic sustainability	WE WILL COLLABORATIVELY PRIORITIZE: - Maintenance of what is there near and long term - Shared goals across boundaries - Shared responsibility for long term asset management - Financial or match contribution from all partner agencies - Meeting local needs in a regional context - Protection of the region's natural and cultural resources - Best investment(s) for equity, inclusivity, diversity	PROJECT SELECTION MUST: - Operate within a cohesive local need and regional benefit approach - Be driven by effective collaboration to achieve measurable results - Manage visitor capacity to support responsible recreation - Protect/Preserve public lands, including biological and cultural resources

* Graphics elements courtesy of the "Silver Canyons" Sierra Initiative Framework for Resilience



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BUTTERMILK INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION PLANNING INITIATIVE (BIRPI)



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

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

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



ECOSYSTEM STEWARDSHIP

VISITOR CONNECTION & MANAGEMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE NEW/IMPROVEMENTS

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments





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Stakeholder Meeting 2 | November 2023

BIRPI – In Person Stakeholder Meetings



Study Area



BIRPI PROJECT AREA

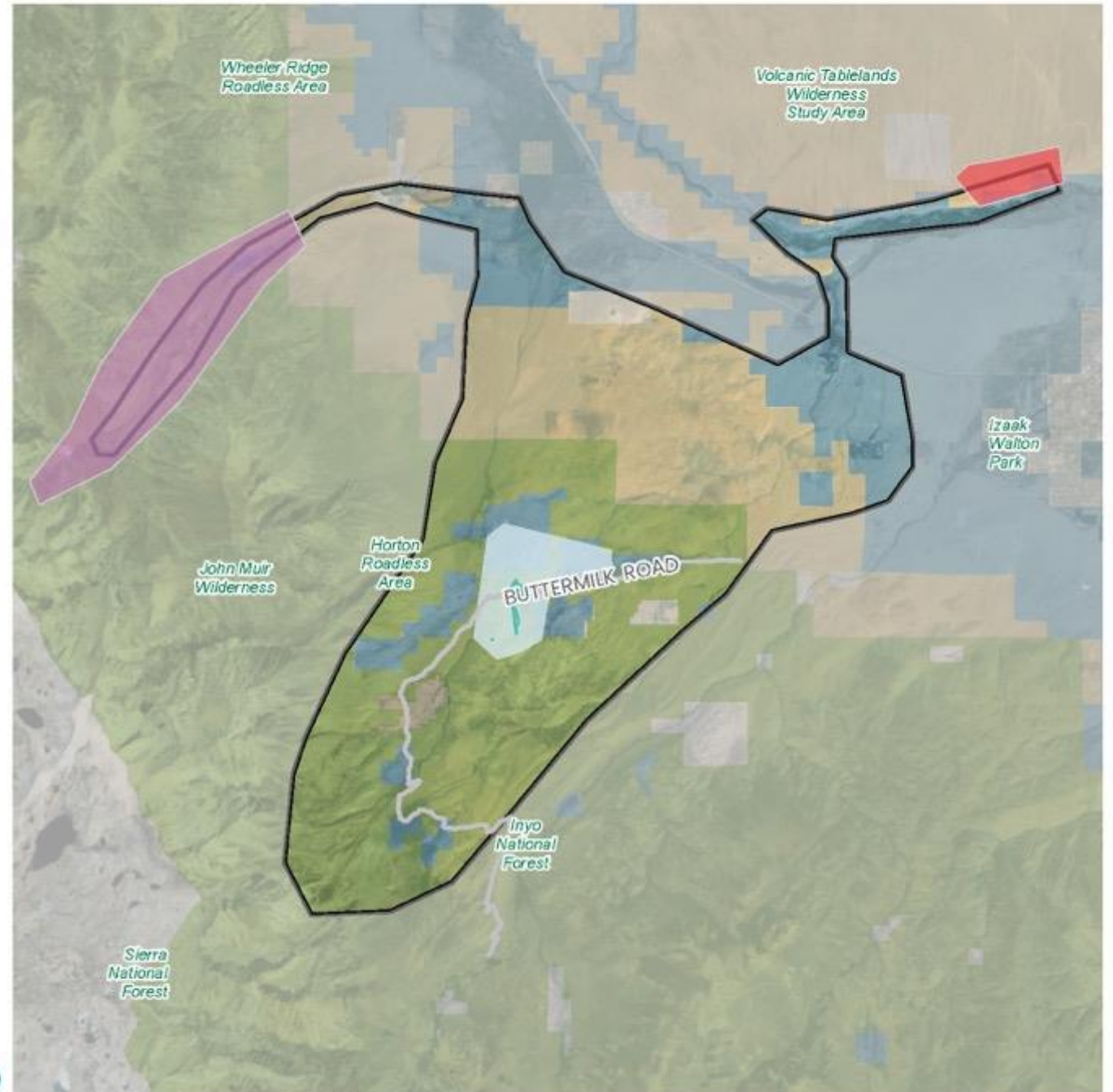
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Boundaries

- BIRPI Project Area
- Buttermilk Country
- Happy and Sad Boulders
- Pine Creek Canyon

Primary Land Managers

- BLM
- LADWP
- USFS
- C.A. Fish and Wildlife





Public Input Map

BUTTERMILK COUNTRY Public Input Map Themes

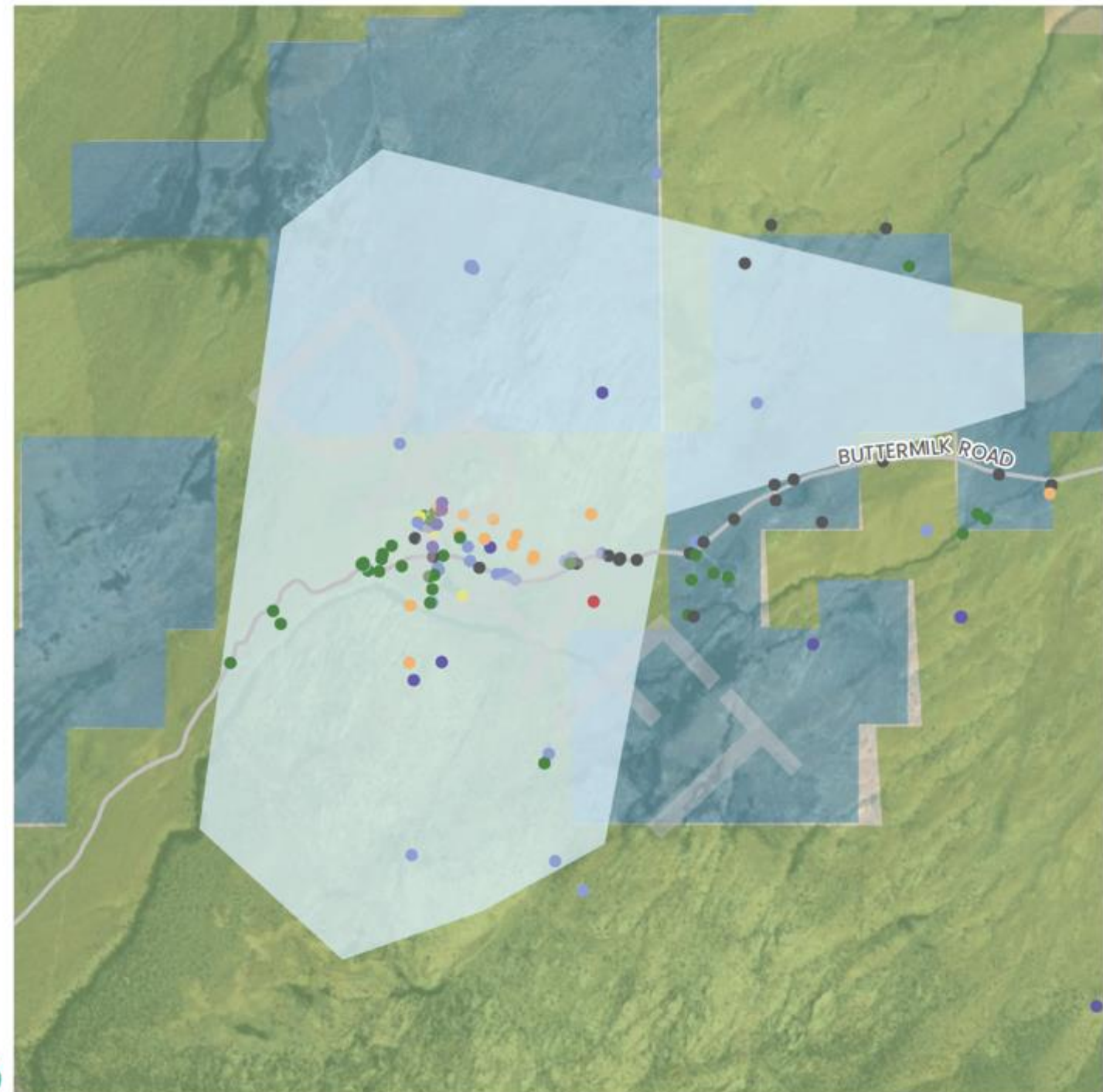
- Camping/ Fire Concerns
- Climbing
- Crowding
- Damage to Environment
- Maintenance/ Infrastructure Improvement
- Parking
- Popular Destination
- Restroom
- Roadways
- Trash

Boundaries

- ▭ BIRPI Project Area
- ▭ Buttermilk Country

Primary Land Managers

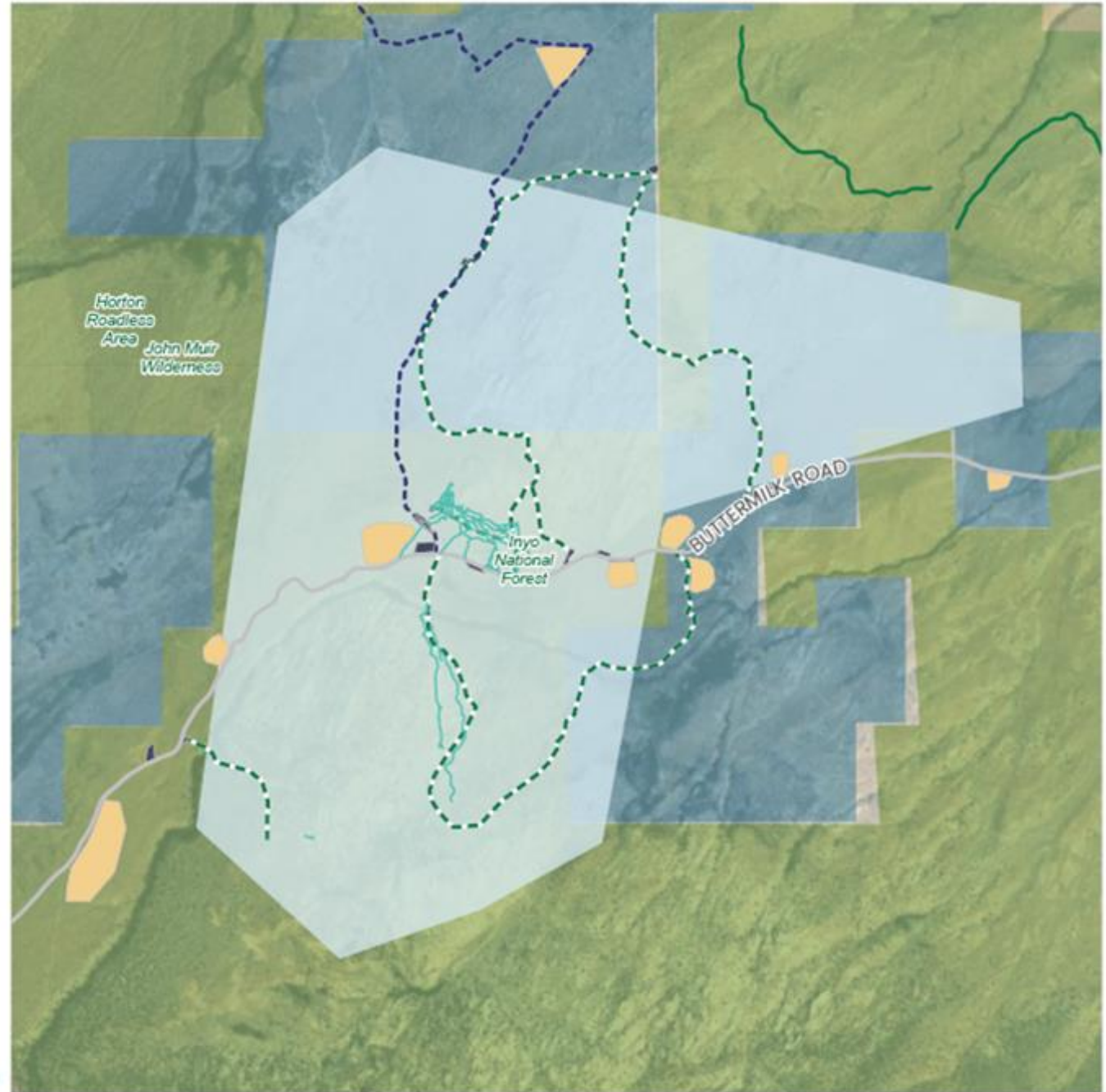
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Buttermilk Road
Camping
Climbing Rangers
Collaboration
Education
Habitat
Destruction
Maintenance &
Staffing
Overcrowding
Parking
Trails
Tribal Involvement
Wildfires



- BUTTERMILK COUNTRY
Legend
- USFS Trails
 - Social Trails
 - - - Suggested Trails
 - - - Suggested Road Route
 - Suggested Parking Area
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TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

The Eastern Sierra Towns To Trails Plan will identify opportunities to connect Eastern Sierra communities to each other and to federal public lands throughout the region, from northern Alpine County to southern Inyo County. The planning process will engage the recreation capacities of Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties, as well as land management partners in the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, residents, and recreation stakeholders.

Modeled on the successful "Trails Master Plan for the Lost Sierra Region," developed by Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, the Towns To Trails Plan will inventory existing trail and trail support infrastructure, identify connectivity challenges, and produce a trails plan with recommended projects for environmental analysis and implementation along with plans for sustainability and maintenance. Eastern Sierra communities will benefit from additional recreation and alternative transportation opportunities.

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



ECONOMIC BENEFIT
TO COMMUNITIES

INFRASTRUCTURE
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TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

SEPTEMBER STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

INYO Co.

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ALPINE Co.

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MONO Co.

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Fundraiser for
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EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS



Inyo National Forest was awarded Great American Outdoors Act funding to complete the technical drawings necessary for improvements to 22 campgrounds throughout the forest. To finance the improvements, Inyo NF and its partners developed a nationally directed, multi-jurisdictional, and multi-partnered business plan, with the support of an Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) program grant and a second round of IFNF funding awarded in September of 2021 to create financing solutions. The business plan identified a range of costs for improvements between \$19 million and \$36 million, which could be filled by non-federal capital resources. As a regional authority, the ESCOG may be a key partner in the effort to finance campground improvements. However, the ESCOG will require the necessary resources to engage and represent regional interests in the financing effort, including the ability to provide independent financial analysis, the production of graphic renderings for engagement with infrastructure beneficiaries, and coordination of partnered efforts among beneficiaries.

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



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A poster for the Campground Improvement Pilot Project. The background is a night sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible over a dark forest silhouette. At the top center is a logo consisting of eight white lines forming a woven, geometric pattern. Below this is the title "CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENT PILOT PROJECT" in a bold, serif font. Underneath the title is the subtitle "Eastern Sierra" in a smaller, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a 2x4 grid of eight icons: a tent, a camp truck, a campfire, a picnic table, a smartphone with a location pin, a water bottle, a person using a restroom, and a bus. Below the icons is the text "COLLABORATIVE INVESTMENT FOR LONG-TERM BENEFITS" in a bold, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, there are two logos: the "U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities" logo and the "U.S. Department of Agriculture" logo.

CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENT PILOT PROJECT

Eastern Sierra

COLLABORATIVE INVESTMENT FOR LONG-TERM BENEFITS

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INNOVATIVE FINANCE FOR NATIONAL FORESTS

U.S. Department of Agriculture

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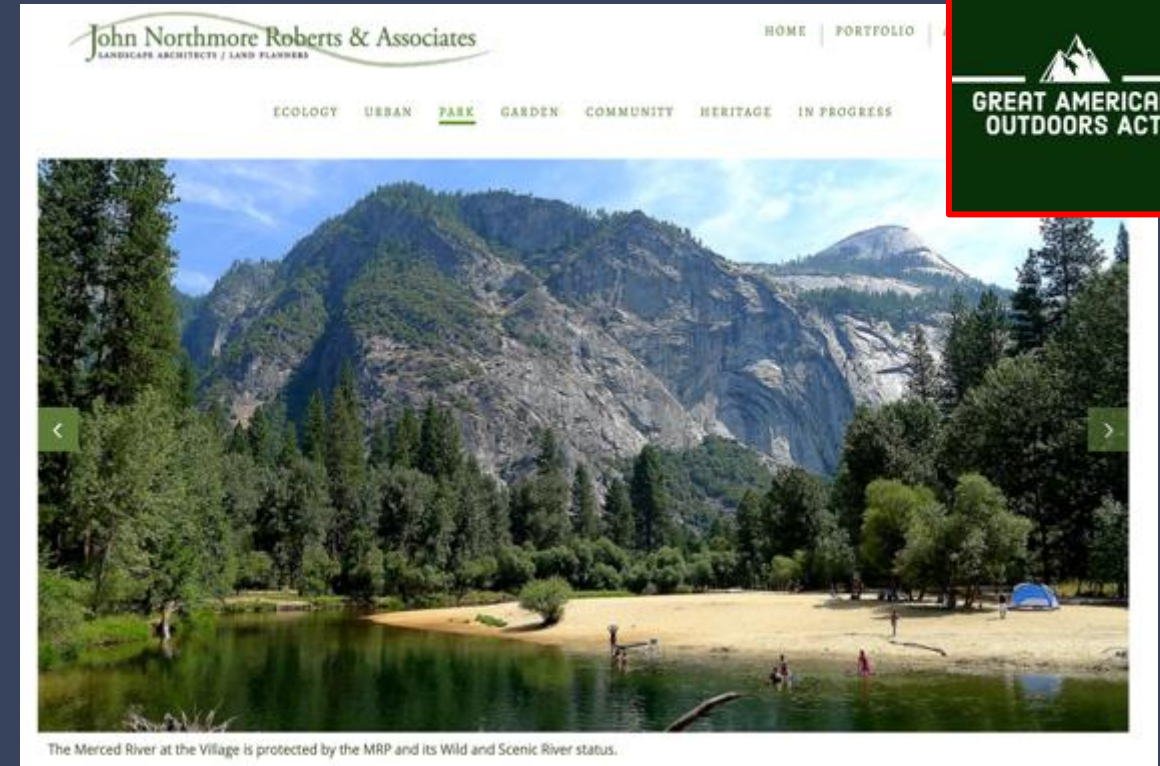
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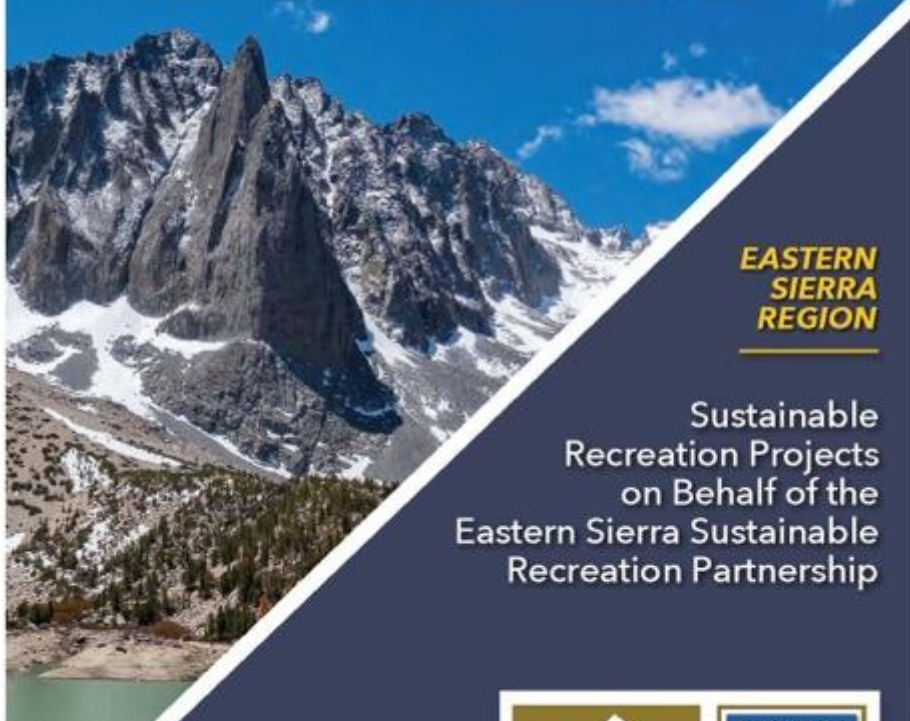
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DISPERSED CAMPING MITIGATION: CAMP LIKE A PRO



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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INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE



- Top
- Camp Like A Pro
- Camping Map
- Fire Restrictions
- Resources

ALERTAS, AVISOS E INFORMACIÓN DE RESTRICCIÓN DE INCENDIOS: HAGA CLIC AQUÍ



Prepárese
Como un **PRO**
en la Sierra Oriental



DESCARGA EL CAMPAMENTO COMO UNA APLICACIÓN
PROFESIONAL
(SE PUEDE UTILIZAR SIN CONEXIÓN)



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[ALERTS, NOTICES & FIRE RESTRICTION INFORMATION: CLICK HERE](#)



CAMP LIKE a PRO in the Eastern Sierra



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



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- *While using a developed campground is the best way to Camp Like a Pro, many developed campgrounds have closed for the season. Please check agency websites for campground information and be sure to use the Camp Like a Pro guidelines for finding an appropriate dispersed camping site. Use already disturbed sites that are accessible by legal roads.*
- *If you want to have a campfire, choose sites with a campfire ring that has a 5-foot diameter of bare soil surrounding the fire pit and come equipped with a shovel and water to quickly respond to unintended ignitions.*
- *Remember to always possess a mandatory, valid CA Campfire Permit (available at [Campfire Permit - Ready for Wildfire](#)).*
- *Don't be fooled, even with the high water year and cool temperatures, fire season is not over!*

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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.

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



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A Sense of Place

Across Hawai'i, inoa 'āina (traditional Hawaiian place names) honor the history of the islands. Native Hawaiians had thousands of inoa 'āina, with names for the tallest mountains to the smallest streams. In researching a place's inoa 'āina, you can have a deeper understanding of its past and present.

hana hou!

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ALIGNING IMAGES WITH THEMES

RESPECT - APPRECIATION - STEWARDSHIP



ESCAPE - ADVENTURE - SURPRISE



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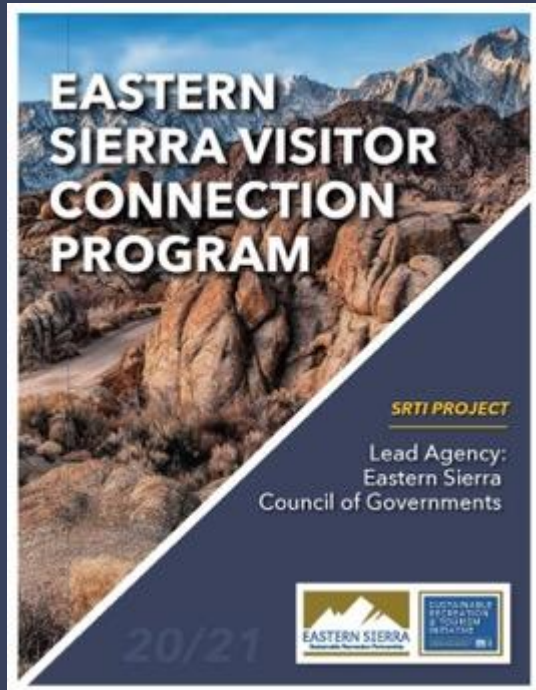


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EASTERN SIERRA SCENIC BYWAY ANALYSIS

In the late 1990's, regional agencies and sponsors created the Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway, with interpretive signage along Highway 395 from Fossil Falls to Topaz Lake. Originally intended to have a lifespan of 25 years, the signs have become dated and damaged, and the accompanying brochure is no longer in distribution.

This project will review the complex jurisdictional and land tenure issues, inventory and photo document the current status of the existing signage, and identify which locations need structural improvements. The SRTI team will then present these findings, along with project options, to the ESSRP Partners to determine how best to address the future of the Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway.



FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

TBD



VULNERABILITY IN CALIFORNIA'S EASTERN SIERRA: ASSET INVENTORY & GAP ANALYSIS

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments seeks to implement two recommended actions from the region's recently completed climate adaptation and resilience assessment, "A Changing Climate: Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra." Through a GIS-based asset inventory, the region will identify infrastructure in all jurisdictions that supports the region's recreation economy, such as visitor centers, campgrounds, water systems, and bathrooms. While all regional jurisdictions maintain GIS databases, data quality varies wildly, making it difficult to look at the region's recreation amenities systemically. With the infrastructure inventory complete, a gap analysis will identify on-the-ground infrastructure needs to meet the future demands of sustainable recreation given the anticipated effects of climate change and visitor audience growth.



FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



REGIONAL RECREATION CAPACITY

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority (ESCOG) approved the ESCOG Sustainable Recreation and Ecosystem Management Program (SREMP) in January of 2021. Through the SREMP and related regional agreements, the ESCOG intends to support the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP), submit funding applications on behalf of the region, and "...leverage its position as a regional entity to pursue funding opportunities that may not be accessible to other parties whose jurisdiction is limited to one specific national park, national forest, county, city, town, etc."** With recent announcements of unprecedented funding opportunities from the federal and state governments, this project will provide organizational capacity and institutional support to the ESCOG to seek and administer awarded funding opportunities for the Eastern Sierra while delivering tangible benefits to local communities.

*ESSRP Memorandum of Understanding

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Inyo National Forest, Pacific Southwest Region

Forest Service News Release

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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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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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 - **Consultants are working through public input. Agency meetings to be scheduled. See everyone in 2024.**



FED: CEDS “Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy”

2023

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VISION STATEMENT

The Eastern Sierra region envisions a future which includes economic prosperity and environmental stewardship realized through collaborative efforts to preserve natural assets and historic culture, enhance regional connectivity and resiliency, and advance vibrant and inclusive communities.

Strategic Action Plan

The strategic action plan builds on this vision by building goals and objectives around the following focus areas:

ACCESS & CONNECTIVITY

From roadways to broadband to air travel, the importance of connectivity was a focus in stakeholder sessions and is supported by regional data and literature.

COMMUNITY & CULTURE

The Eastern Sierra region boasts a strong culture of community among the residents, workers, and other key stakeholders with vested interest in the success of the region and its economies.

ECONOMIC EXPANSION & DIVERSIFICATION

With the undisputed asset of a healthy tourism and outdoor recreation industry, regional leaders want to leverage the industry's benefits for economic growth while pursuing opportunities for economic diversification in pursuit of increased community resiliency.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

The region has a robust inventory of natural assets to protect, frequent exposure to natural hazards, and a population accustomed to persevering and "bouncing back," calling for efforts related to environmental resilience and sustainability.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & ADVOCACY

Regional collaboration and advocacy with state and federal entities is an important strategic implementation item and essential to pursue promising state and federal funding opportunities.

HOUSING AVAILABILITY & LAND USE

The extremely limited supply of privately owned land within the region colored the discussion around housing and land use, with stakeholders frustrated by rising housing costs and lack of opportunities for development.

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Fall 2023 Newsletter

*Our Mission: to take action, cultivate partnerships,
and empower communities to create and sustain
resilient landscapes for future generations.*

A Look Ahead:

Hello Partners,

After a frenetic summer packing all our work into a very narrow window, we are ready for a much slower pace. With fall in the air, I'm filled with gratitude for our team here at Whitebark, whose members have poured their hearts into their work this year. And I'm humbled by the support that residents of the Eastern Sierra have given to our little organization.

Despite the intense season, we didn't miss a beat, helped mercifully by a reprieve of drought conditions. We accomplished everything we had planned, and launched some new programs that we are excited to share. It wasn't easy, but because our partners rallied around us, and our team has real *grit*, it was possible.

Among the accomplishments in our **Forest Resiliency Program** this year:

Please see AHEAD, page 4



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- Implementation and **ESCCRP** Planning updates
- Biomass utilization progress
- Firewise neighborhoods
- New leadership and more

Janet Hatfield
Forest Health Program Manager
(and Interim Executive Director)
Whitebark Institute

Expanding our Reach

Whitebark is growing!

Whitebark welcomes new Executive Director **Laura Beardsley** (below, left), beginning in November. Laura comes to us from Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, where she served as ED since 2020. Also new to our staff is **Elizabeth Glazner** as Communications Manager, and **Rachel Drattler** as Project Manager. Our Board of Directors welcomes new members **Amanda Serenyi** and **Jerry Keir**.



VISITOR CONNECTION PACKAGE

To increase the availability of information to the visiting public, we are partnering with Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative in launching the **Visitor Connection Package (VCP)**. The underlying strategy of the VCP is to create a platform for sustainable and cohesive regional messaging surrounding important issues across the eastern Sierra. This platform will help Whitebark extend our reach and amplify our wildfire resiliency messaging at an elevated scale across Inyo, Mono & Alpine counties, furthering our commitment to regional resilience across the Eastern Sierra.

These organizations
generously support our
work:



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BEFORE
Aug 30

AFTER
Sep 28

Summer 2023 Fuels Reduction:

Non-Federal Units

- Four community meetings were held July 24 – 31, one virtual and one at each parcel
- Mammoth Creek Parcel (18.5 acres)
- Bell-Shaped Parcel (7 acres) and Camp High Sierra (35 acres)

Federal Units

- New Shady Rest Campground (80 acres)
- Lakes Basin (63 acres)
- Partner led units (250 acres)
- Inyo National Forest Prescribed burning (2100 acres)

Treatment Goals in 2024: Red's Meadow
739 acres



Environmental Planning

Whitebark is finalizing the Environmental Assessment of the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process with the goal of publishing a draft in November 2023. Meanwhile, our team completed all of the hydrology and botany surveys in the priority acres over the summer. And we've continued development of prescriptions in the priority acres.



Our team has continued to work with **local tribes** and the **Inyo National Forest** to work through the development of the **Heritage Implementation Plan (HIP)** which has included multiple field trips with local tribes and presentations to local tribal councils.



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Informed, thoughtful and the widest possible range of comments will be welcomed!

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

Thank You - !

**Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting
Monday December 4, 2023 @ 3:30 PM**