



REGULAR PARTNER MEETING



December 4, 2023



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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.”



Whitebark institute

- Introducing
 - Laura Beardsley, Executive Director

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REGIONAL STRATEGIC TOURISM PLANS



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Visit California - High Sierra Region Focus Group: Economic Development

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Dear High Sierra Regional Industry Stakeholder,

As you may be aware Visit California has begun an exciting process to create Regional Tourism Strategic Plans (RTSP) for all 12 regions across the state. On behalf of the tourism industry in California, Visit California invites you to engage in this effort by attending a focus group related to the topic: Economic Development in the High Sierra Region. As the official Destination Marketing Organization for the state, Visit California is bringing leaders from across the community together to meet with the consulting team at JLL, a global firm with specialists in tourism strategic planning.

JLL will be facilitating a series of focus groups throughout the planning effort. This focus group centered on the topic of Economic Development, will take place December 4, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. PT via Zoom.

Please confirm your participation by accepting or declining the calendar invitation by November 24. If you are unable to make this focus group, please feel free to forward this email and the calendar invitation to another member of your organization to attend in your place and copy kelly.ribich@jll.com. Please note this may be one of several focus groups you have been invited to, which is by design.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have about this request. Thank you for your support of our industry and we look forward to working with you on this journey to build our destination.

<https://industry.visitcalifornia.com/partner-opportunities/programs/regional-planning>

Sincerely,
Bethanie DeRose
JLL Regional Team Leader – High Sierra RTSP



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**Regional Strategic
Tourism Plans**

September 21, 2022



Phase 4

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).



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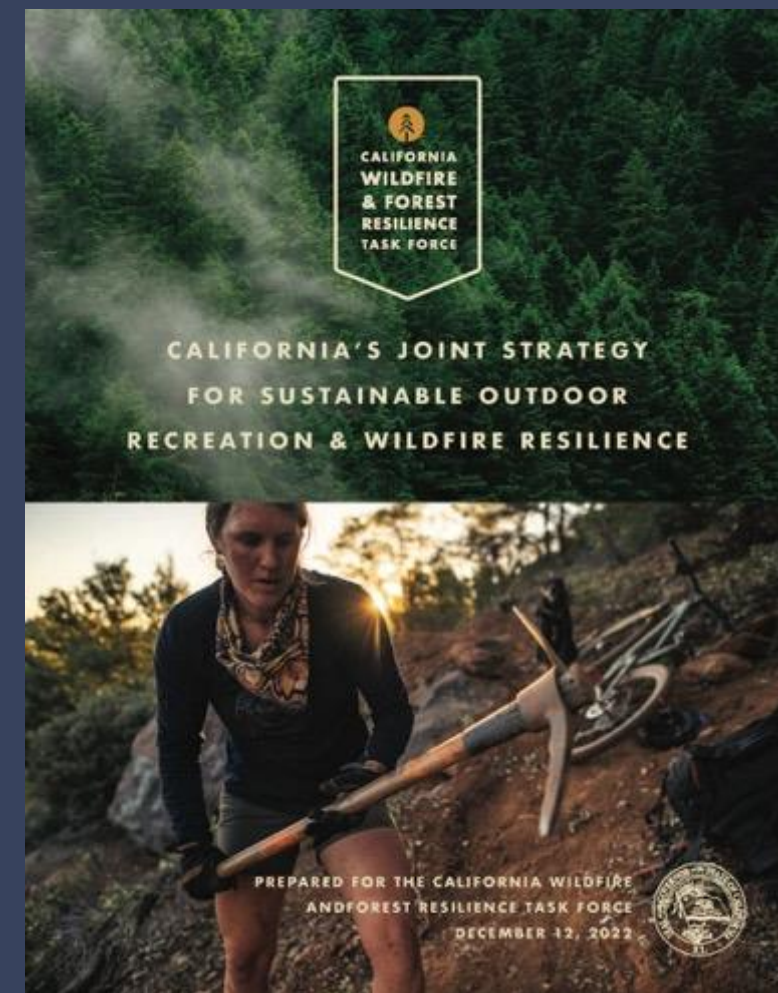
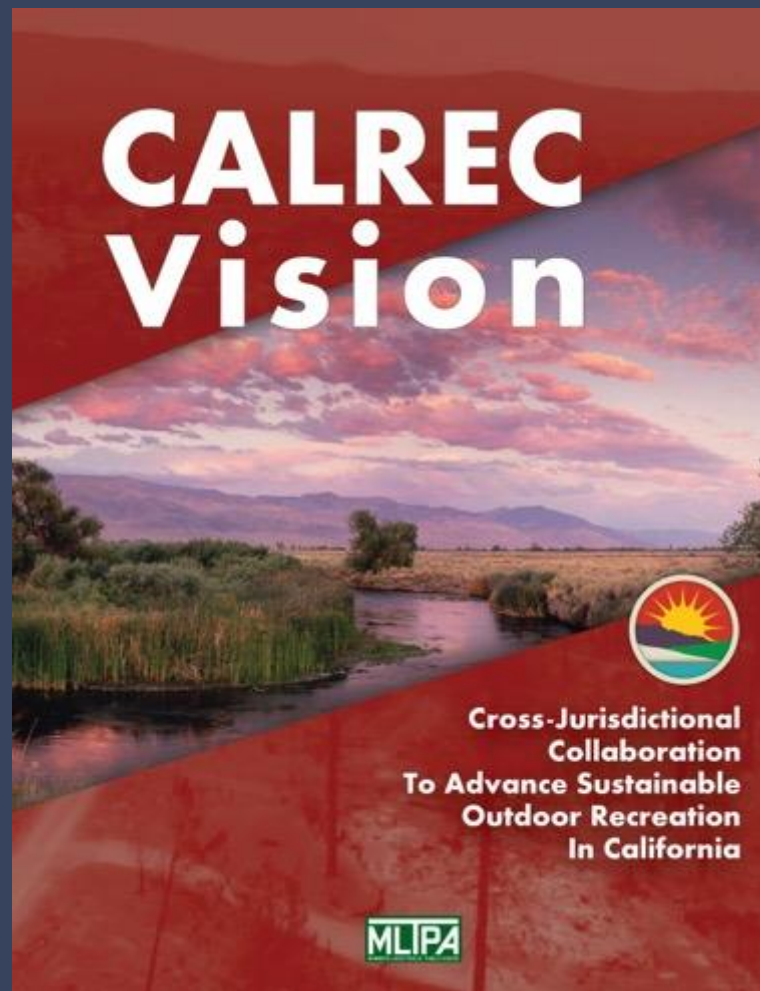
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December 8, 2023



SUSTAINABLE RECREATION CALREC Vision KEY WORKING GROUP



Dear Recreation Work Group:

As we wrap up 2023 and turn our attention to 2024, the Task Force staff would like to meet with all the Work Group leads and facilitators. We want to introduce you to newer Task Force staff and hear from you on any Work Group leadership and/or membership changes.

Task Force staff will take an opportunity to orient you on the planned Action Plan update in 2024 and we'd like to hear from you on Work Group progress, lessons learned, and any needs for assistance. This meeting will be a first step in working together to integrate your work with that of the other Work Groups and into the 2024 Action Plan update.

Thank you,

The Task Force Team



December 5, 2023

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Wednesday, December 13

CORP Webinar: The Future of an Office of Outdoor Recreation in California

Join California Outdoor Recreation Partnership for a kick-off series on "The Future of an Office of Outdoor Recreation in California."

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BUTTERMILK INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATION PLANNING INITIATIVE

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Buttermilk Infrastructure & Recreation Planning Initiative - Public Mtg #3



 1 x Ticket

Order total: Free

 Thursday, December 14, 2023 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (PT)

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CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST (COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCE FUND)

California Jobs First/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 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 California Jobs First (CERF).**

For Eastern Sierra California Jobs First (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.

Hot Shots – December 15, 2023

Hello all,

December is already upon us, along with our final meetings for 2023. Our **next HRTC Meeting is two weeks from tomorrow, Friday December 15th at 9:30 a.m.** This month's physical location will be at:

Mother Lode Job Training Center
197 Mono Way B
Sonora, CA 95370

If you are planning to attend in person **or** virtually, [please fill out this brief RSVP form](#) so we can prepare our in-person vs tech needs. (Zoom link and calendar invite will be sent out the week of.) Please note that while priority will be given to the voting member of the HRTC Council, this meeting is open to the subcommittees and public, and we are also allowing more time for discussion and networking between all parties. ***If you are an appointed member of the HRTC or a subcommittee***, we can reimburse you for time and travel, please reach out if you need the appropriate documents.

If you are part of a non-profit or other community organization and haven't done so already, we would be grateful if you would fill out this quick (5 minute) [survey on capacity and impacts](#). SBC is looking for a more detailed picture of what organizations and stakeholder groups have existing capacity in the region, and where gaps exist in the target industry clusters.

If you are on a subcommittee, you should be receiving agendas for your December meetings soon if you have not already.

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SBC Team

Community Economic Resilience Fund

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Eastern Sierra CERF - December Meeting

The Eastern Sierra's fourth meeting of the High Road Transition Council (HRTC) will be held Friday December 15th at 9:30 a.m. at the Mother Lode Job Training Center. This meeting is open to the public, however speaking priority will be given to appointed HRTC members. Coffee, fruit, and pastries will be provided for breakfast; if you would like to stay for lunch, please indicate below.

Address:

**Mother Lode Job Training Center
197 Mono Way B
Sonora, CA 95370.**

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Community Organizations/Non-Profits: Impact Analysis Survey

Impact Analysis - Capacity and Outcomes

This survey is intended to help Sierra Business Council understand what organizations and stakeholder groups have existing capacity in the Eastern Sierra [Community Economic Resilience Fund](#) (CERF) region. This 7-county region is Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, and Inyo counties. The mapping of existing regional organizations, their capacity, and program areas will inform the strategic planning process in the CERF Program. This survey should be completed by executive directors or senior leadership within regional organizations.

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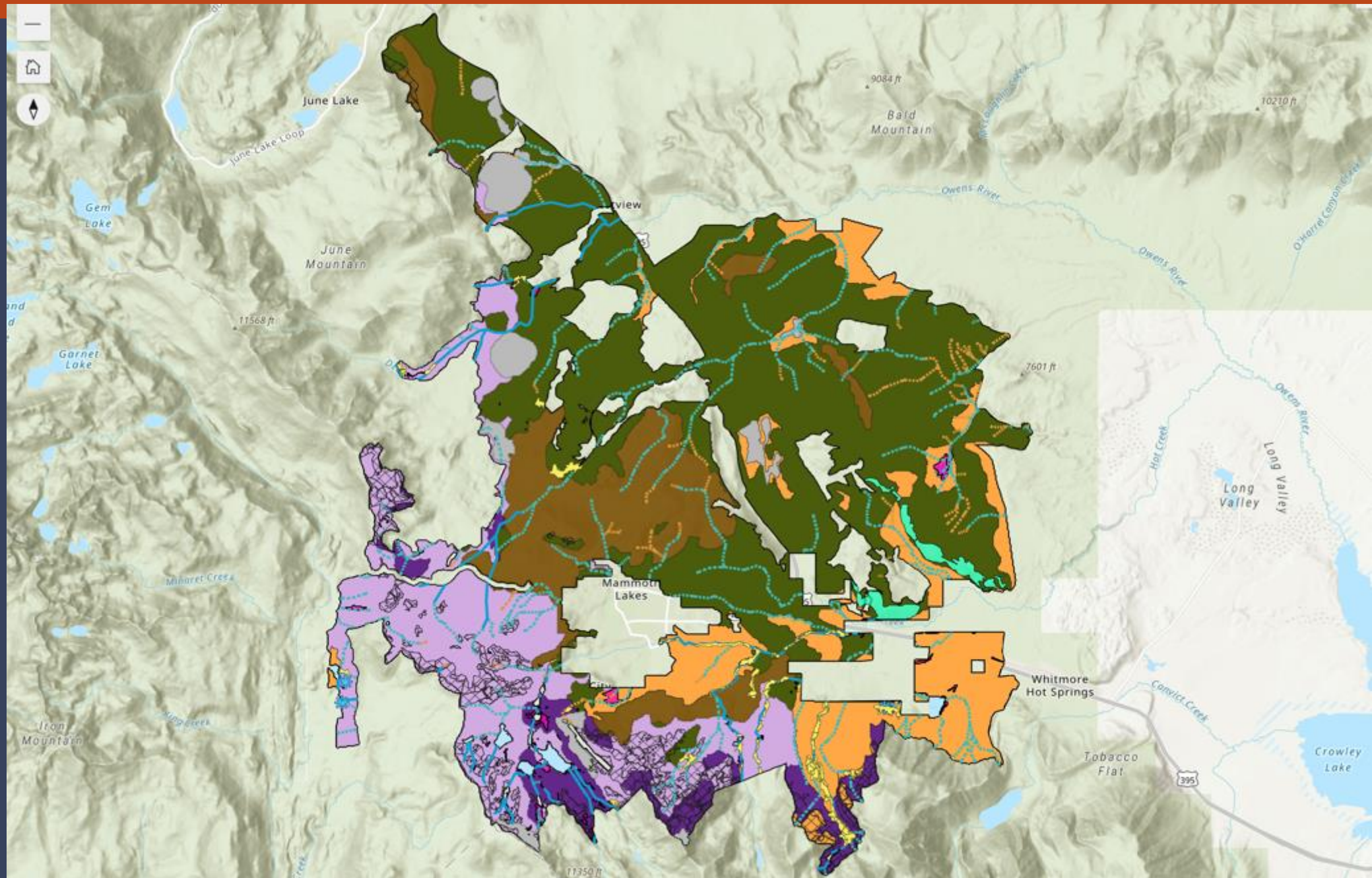


Requesting Input: Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP)

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FROM NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH DECEMBER 18, 2023



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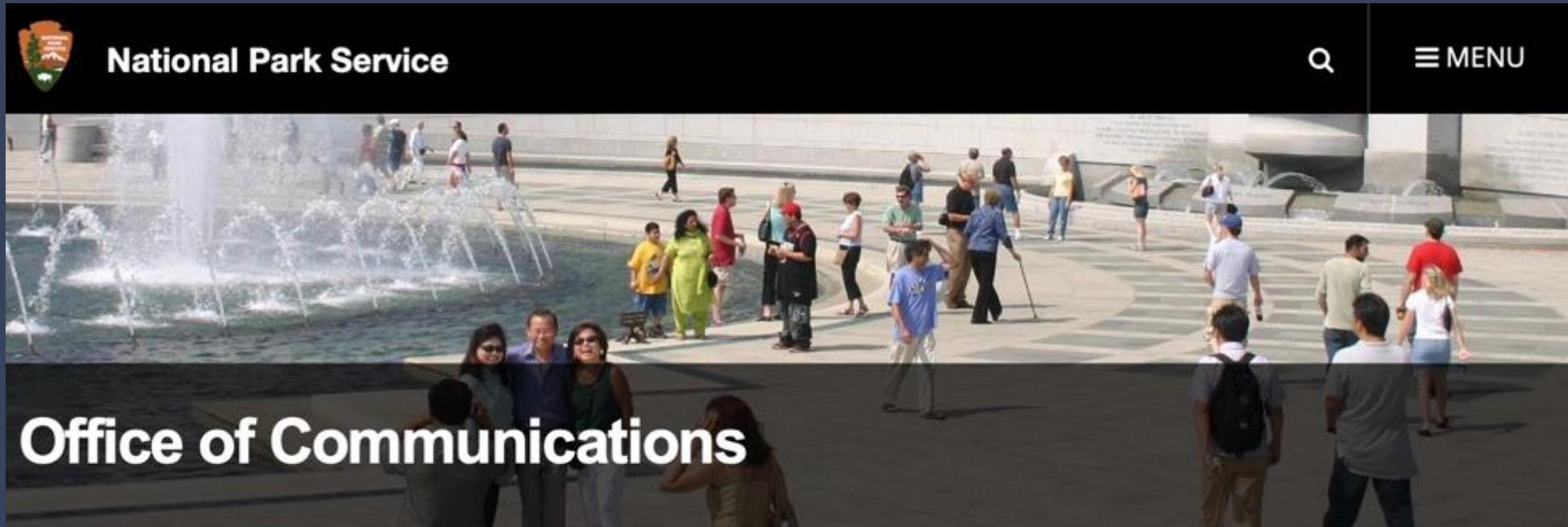


CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY
FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR
RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE



December 18, 2023

Hot Shots – January 16, 2024



NEWS RELEASE

National Park Service and USDA Forest Service seek public input on proposed guidance for managing climbing, protecting natural and cultural resources in wilderness areas

Hot Shots – January 16, 2024

Date: November 16, 2023

Contact: NewsMedia@nps.gov

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and the Department of the Interior's National Park Service (NPS) are seeking public input on proposed guidance that would guide agency personnel in managing climbing opportunities on national forests, grasslands and parks. The public is invited to provide input on both agencies' guidance through Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024.

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John Dayberry, Native Elements

Regional Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Project Updates

“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.”



Alpine County

Regional Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Project Updates



Mono County
Marcella Rose



Mammoth Lakes

Andrew Mulford

Regional Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Projects

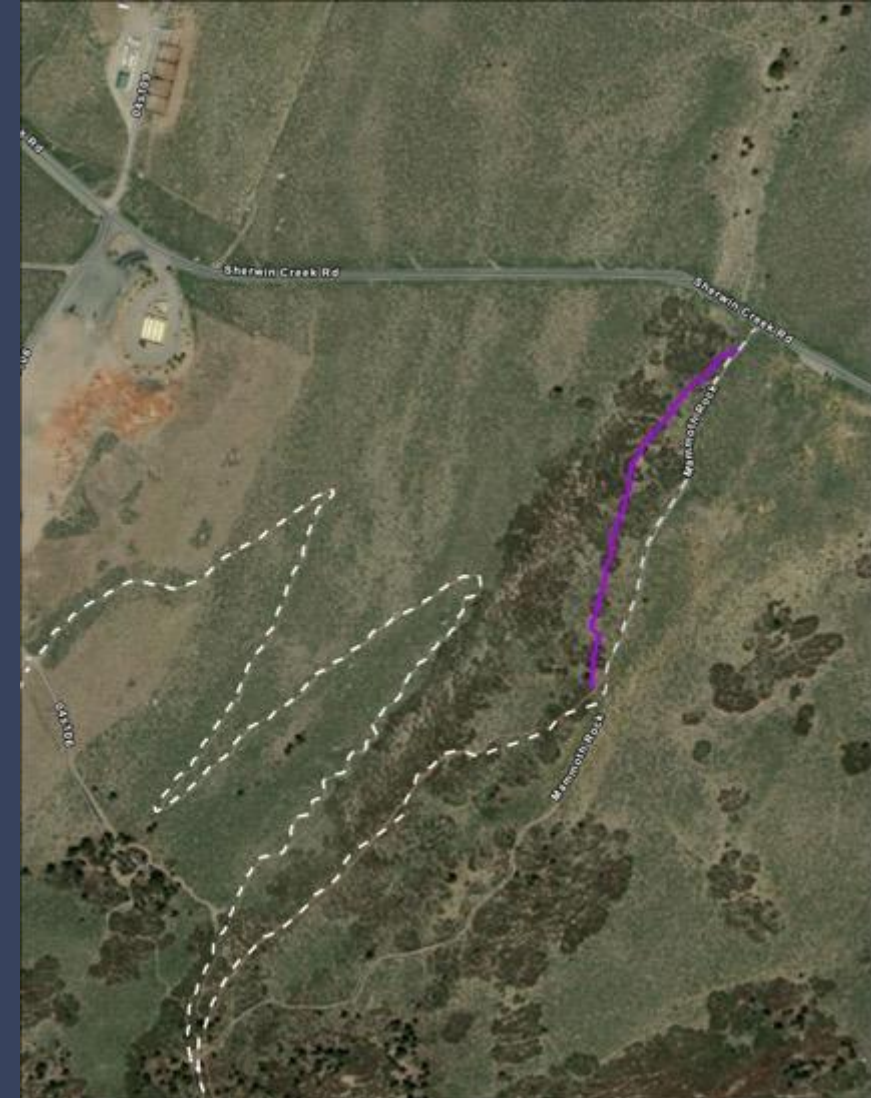
Lower Rock Creek Trail



Trail Work Before and After Mammoth Rock Trail



Mammoth Rock Trail Reroute



Sherwins Area Recreation Planning Update

- 20 Miles of proposed trail
- All environmental surveys have been completed and delivered to Inyo National Forest
- Awaiting decision from Mammoth Ranger District
- Sherwins Trailhead environmental review complete, construction summer 2024



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ESCOG: “BIRPI”

Tim Bevins, Alta Planning

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Sustainable Recreation Projects on Behalf of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership

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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.

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



ECOSYSTEM STEWARDSHIP

VISITOR CONNECTION & MANAGEMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE NEW/IMPROVEMENTS





ESSRP December 2023 Update

Public Input Map

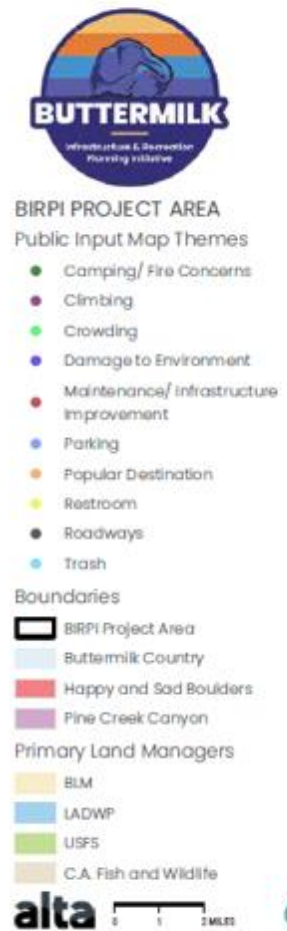
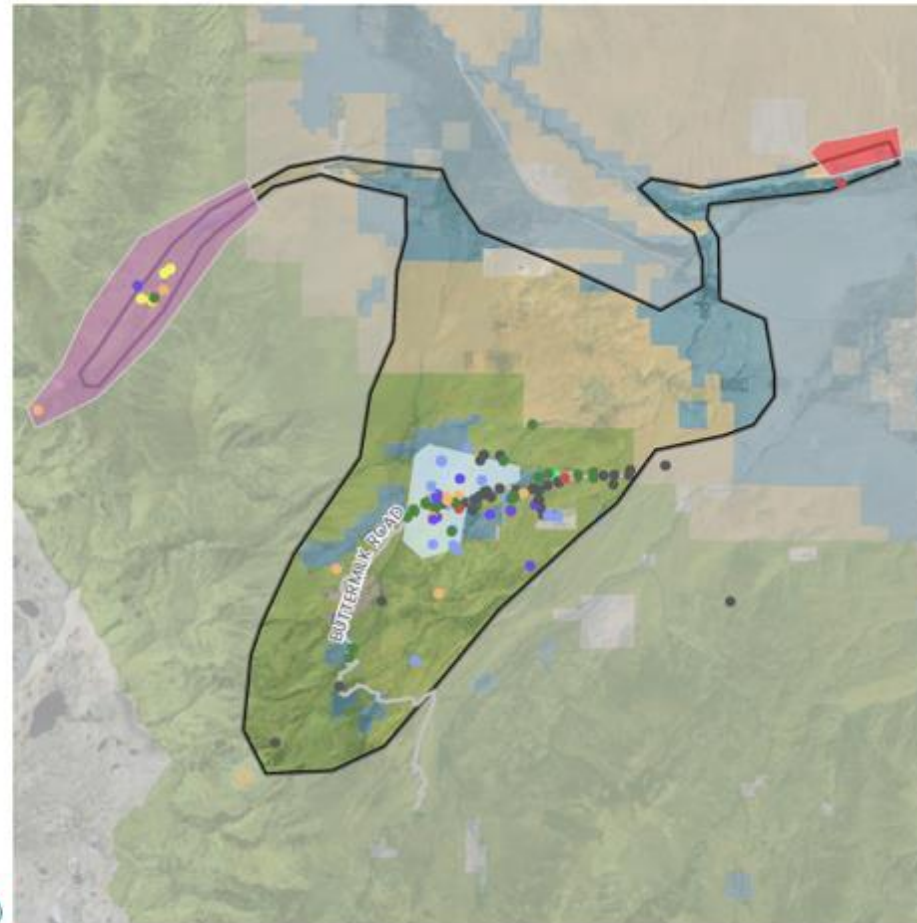


Figure 6. BIRPI Public Input Map Themes



In Person Stakeholder Meetings



In Person Stakeholder Meetings

Enforcement
Sustainable
Recreation

SUSTAINABILITY
RESPECT
COLLABORATION

Collaborate
Enforce
Protect

Sustainability
Recreation
Preservation

GOAL

Reduce the amount of waste left behind from visitors and maintain facilities within the project area such as trails, fencing, and toilets.

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

Quick/Easy: Regular volunteer clean-up days *Yes!*

Achievable/Implementable: Educational signage and programming, hire a law enforcement ranger *\$\$\$*

Long Term/Big Vision: Install additional trash facilities and hire permanent staff to maintain facilities, restrooms, campgrounds, and trails. Hire additional law enforcement rangers as needed *Yes!*

GOAL

Create a maintenance plan and implement permanent road improvements

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

Quick/Easy: Seasonal maintenance plan

Achievable/Implementable: Shuttle service from Bishop
Drainages/culverts to prevent wash outs
Long Term/Big Vision: Pave Buttermilk Road and create a northern road route

↳ pave only to the boulders to allow for ATV recreation beyond the boulders

Circle the solution you prefer in each recommendation category then, rank your top three categories in order of importance.

Recommendation Category	Quick/Easy	Achievable/Implementable	Long Term/Big Vision
☐ Buttermilk Road	☐ Seasonal maintenance plan	☒ Shuttle service from Bishop	☐ Pave Buttermilk Road and create a northern road route
☐ Camping	☐ Camping permits and camping areas	☒ Formalize camping	☐ Develop campsites with facilities
☒ 2 Climbing Rangers	☐ Organize volunteers to assist rangers	☐ Create a small, informal camp and hire a law enforcement ranger	☐ Hire several full-time patrolling rangers
☐ Collaboration	☐ Create an online comment box	☐ Join or develop organization's committee meetings	☐ Create an organizational body
☒ 3 Education	☐ Signage, brochures and online educational campaigns	☐ Required permit and education for all visitors	☐ A more robust signage system and online resources
☐ Habitat Destruction	☐ Ban ATVs in sensitive areas	☐ Use physical infrastructure to show recreational areas where they should use them, set up trash pods, camp and toilet	☐ Create an Off-Road network and expand climbing range program to educate visitors

What recreational activities other than climbing do you see in the BIRPI project area? What other recreational activities would you like to do in the project area that are difficult now?

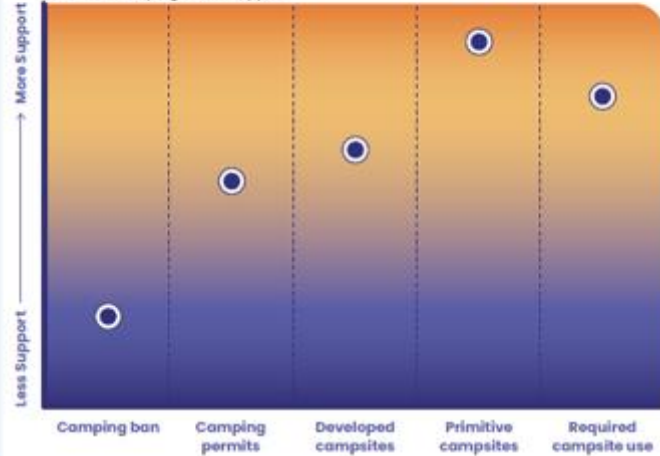
Birding, hiking, running, photography, wildlife observation, wildflower observation, quiet contemplation of beautiful scenery

Key Themes

- Consensus Management
- Buttermilk Road
- Camping
- Climbing Rangers
- Education
- Habitat Destruction
- Maintenance and Staffing
- Overcrowding
- Parking
- Trails
- Tribal Involvement
- Wildfires

Spectrum of Alternatives

Table 3. Camping Public Support



SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- Most respondents acknowledged the need for camping areas and a change in the way camping is currently handled. Many respondents were in favor of primitive designated campsites (without facilities).
- A majority of comments were in favor of requiring the use of campsites rather than allowing dispersed camping, and in the long term creating a developed campsite with facilities, which could also be a revenue generator.
- A general camping ban was the most disliked alternative with most respondents against the idea.

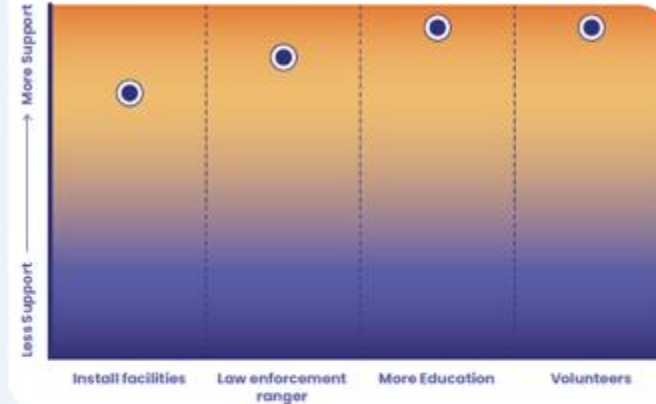
"Consensus is hard when fragmented across multiple independent groups. A single organizational 'board' with participation from all stakeholders speaking as a unified voice would be much more effective in advocacy to USFS."

"Would like to see a full blown campground in the future. Bring in revenue to help with maintenance and will help with wildlife safety"

"Will need to move towards only designated camping in the future"

"I'd prioritize designated camping areas with permits required."

Table 7. Maintenance and Staffing Public Support



SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- Respondents overwhelmingly supported volunteer clean up days and additional education about how to maintain the area.
- There were fewer overall comments about installing additional facilities in the area. 79% of those that commented on this alternative were in favor of more facilities and staff.

TYPES OF ENFORCEMENT

There was disagreement about law enforcement rangers, but an acknowledgment that enforcement is a necessary part of creating and maintaining a rules based system. 20% of participants that commented on this alternative were not in favor of hiring a law enforcement officer.

"Simple parking restrictions like not clogging the road or parking off road in the brush, should be enforced during peak times of the year. Year-round enforcement resources aren't likely needed. It would only take a few days of ticketing during the most impacted times to dramatically reduce damage and bad behavior."

"Education, not more law enforcement"

"Signage and education but still need some enforcement options - volunteers, stewards or paid by grants or local agencies"

BIRPI Public Meeting #3

- In Person
- Thursday
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- Cerro Coso
Community
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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.

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ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO COMMUNITIES

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

INFRASTRUCTURE NEW/IMPROVEMENTS





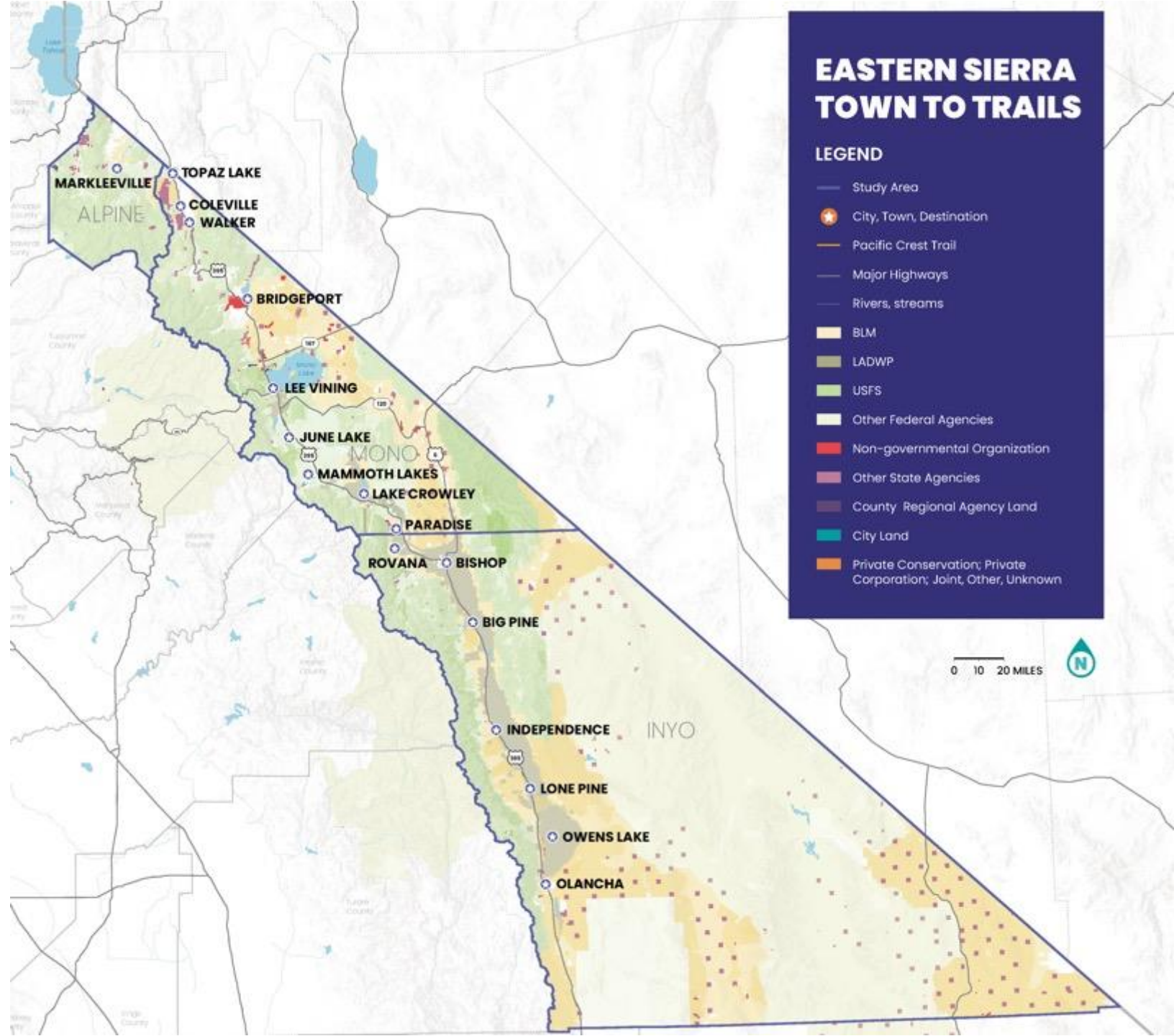
TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

Alpine County, Mono County, Inyo County

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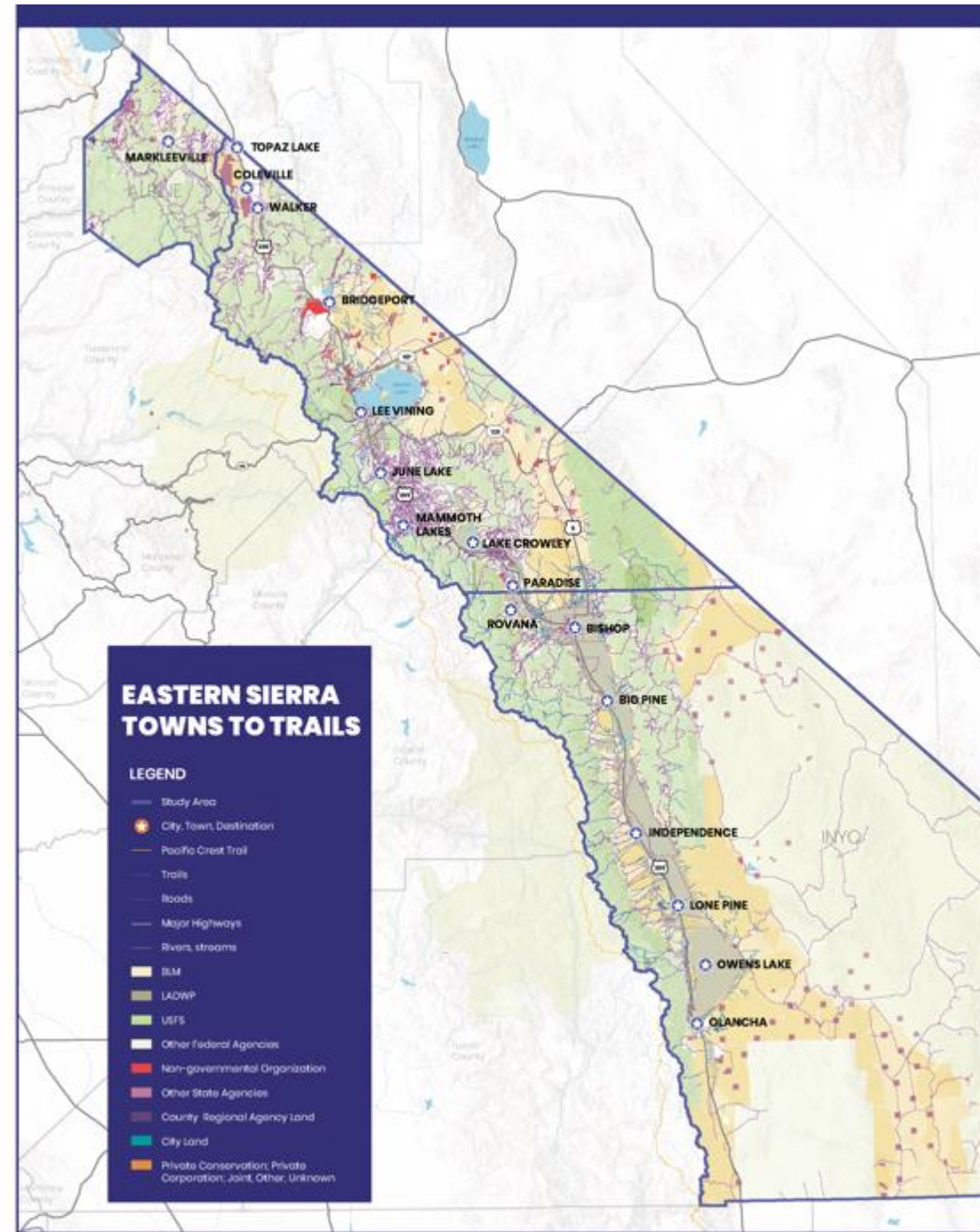
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 - USFS



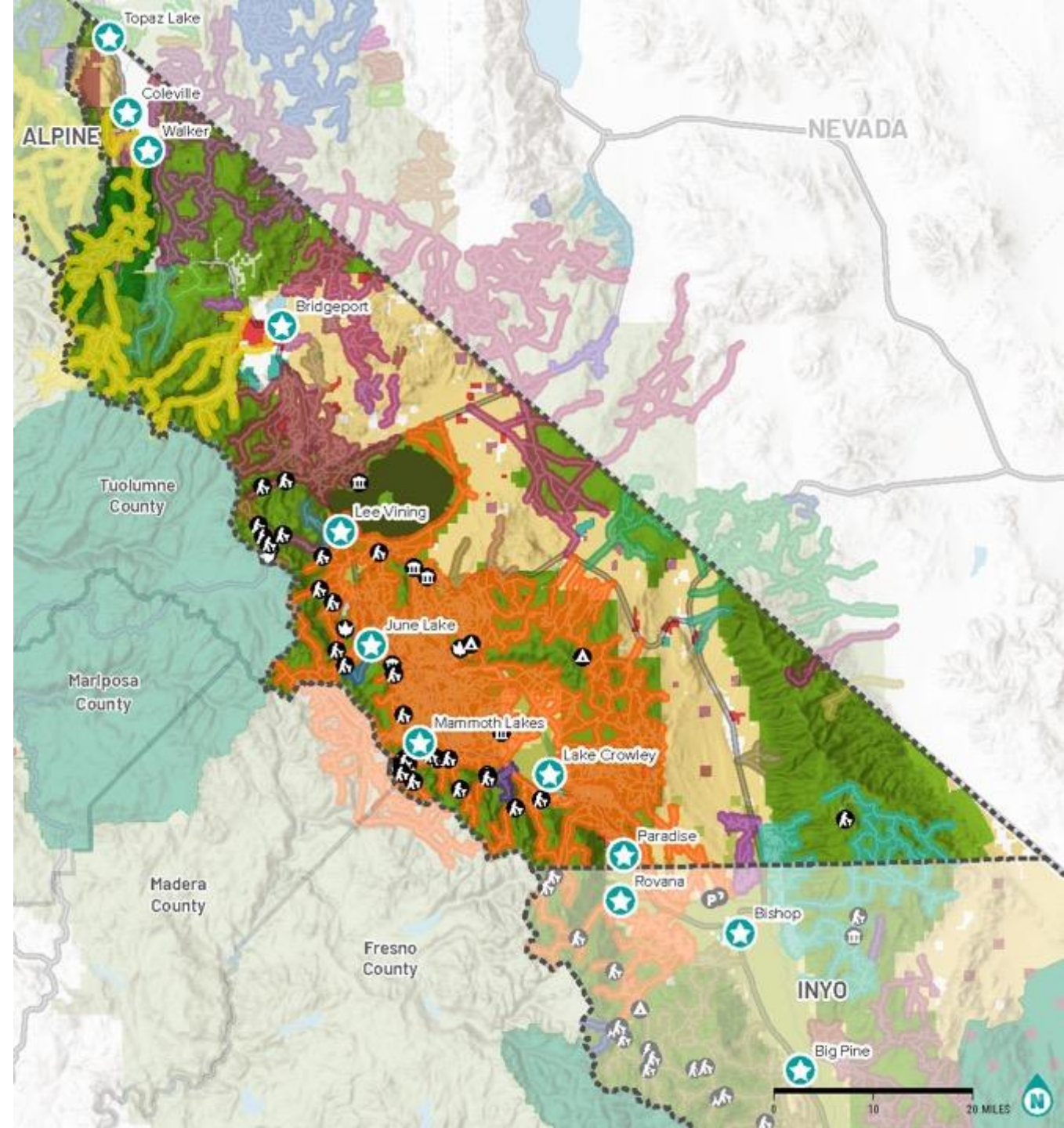
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Study Area

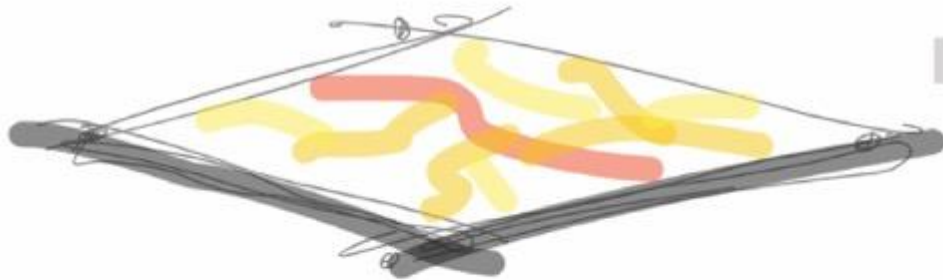
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- County, USFS, BLM, LADWP



NETWORK GAPS



EXISTING ROAD & TRAIL NETWORK



Roads that are closed, restricted,
or otherwise not accessible to
the public are excluded



TIER 1



- Unpaved/Soft Surface Trails
- USFS Class 2 - 5 Trails
- Motorized Single Track Trails on BLM Land



TIER 2



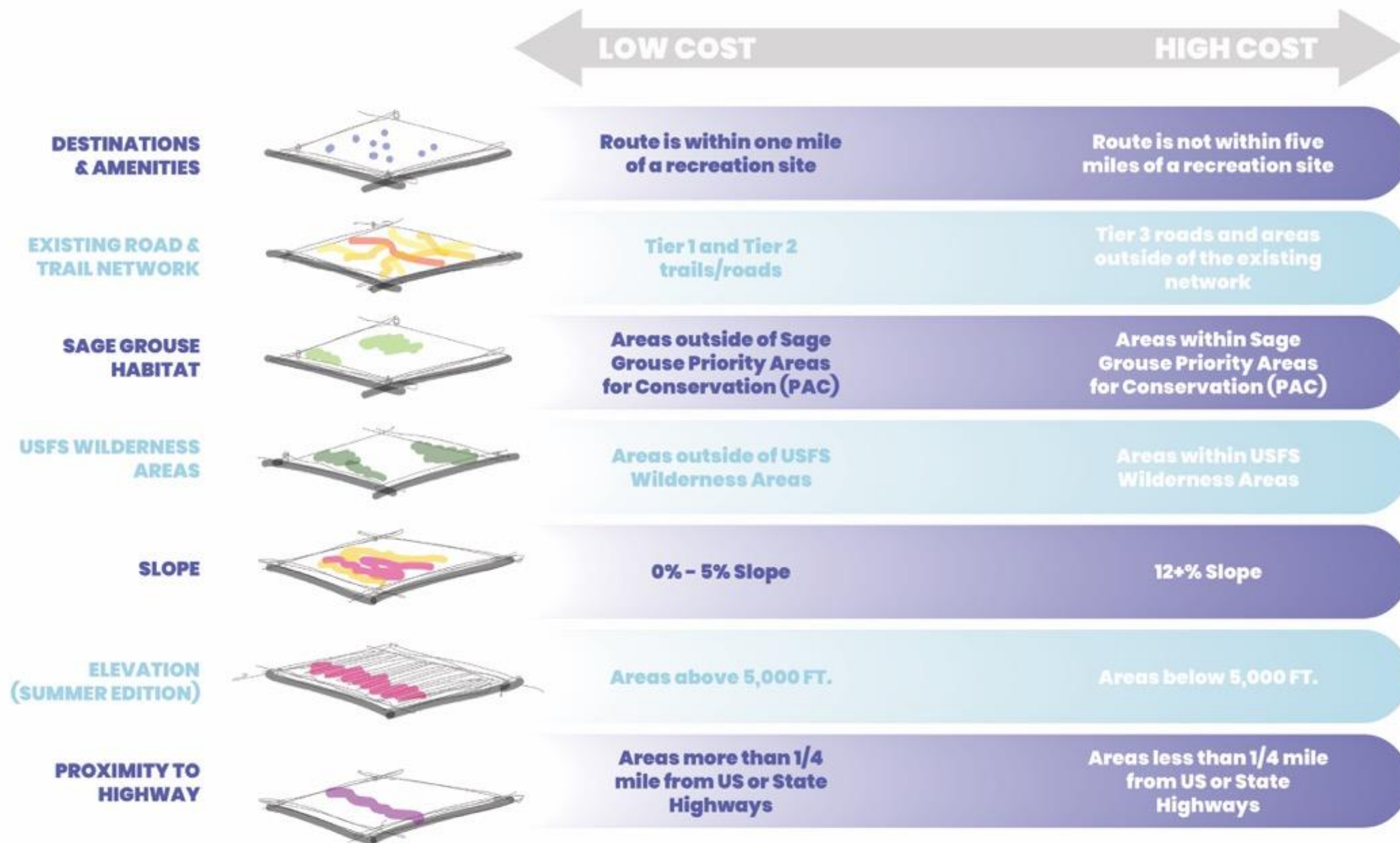
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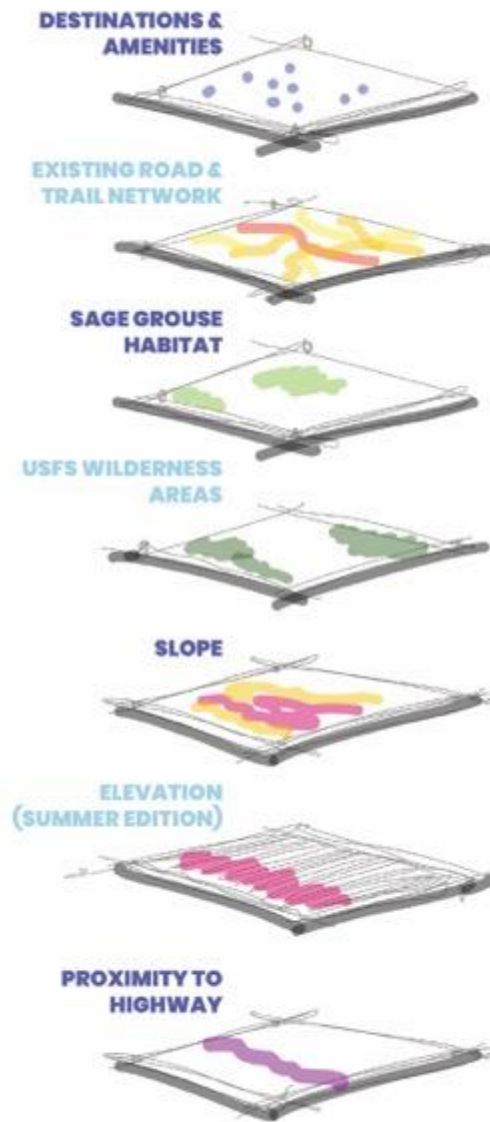
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- Paved Roads
- USFS Class 1 Trails

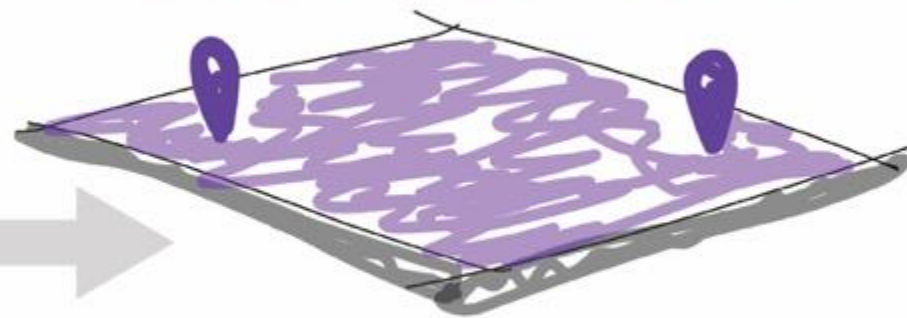


RASTER INPUTS

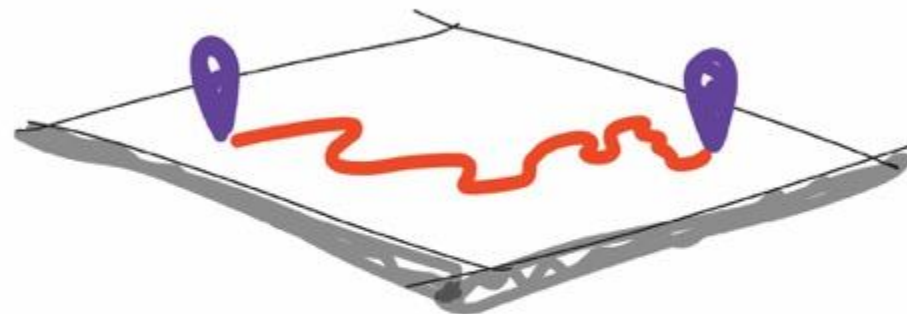


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COST SURFACE



GIS processes a least cost path between a start point and end point



LEAST COST PATH

ALIGNMENT THEMES



•**User Focused** - Places a high priority on connections to recreation sites and provides major separation from existing highways where possible. This alignment places less emphasis on following the existing network and staying out of USFS Wilderness and protected Sage Grouse habitat.



•**Quick & Direct** - Largely prioritizes routes that follow the existing network and avoids steep slopes.

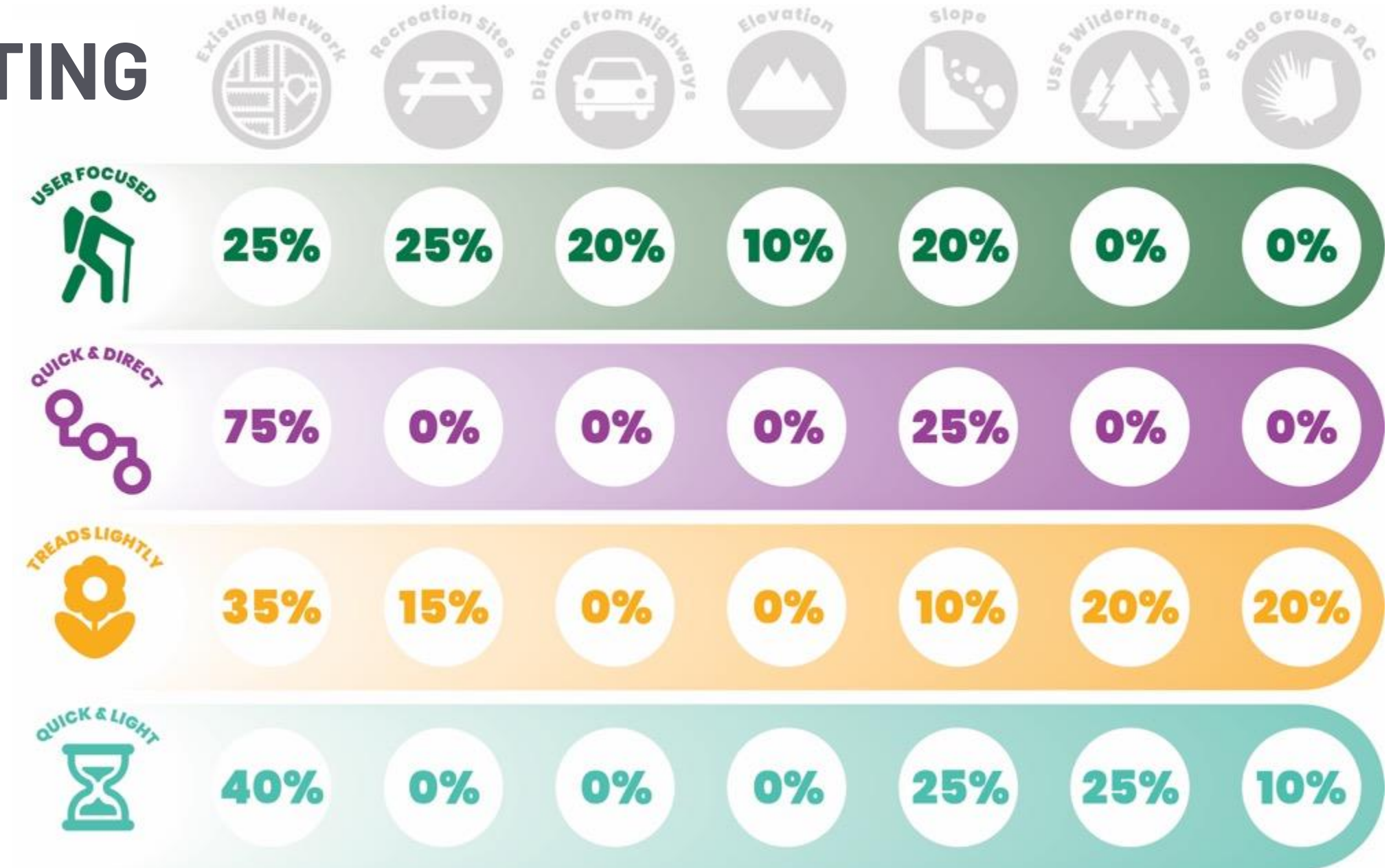


•**Treads Lightly** - This alignment is similar in weighting to the User Focused alignment but deprioritizes following the existing network and connecting to recreation sites in order to give more priority to routes that stay out of USFS Wilderness and protected Sage Grouse habitat.



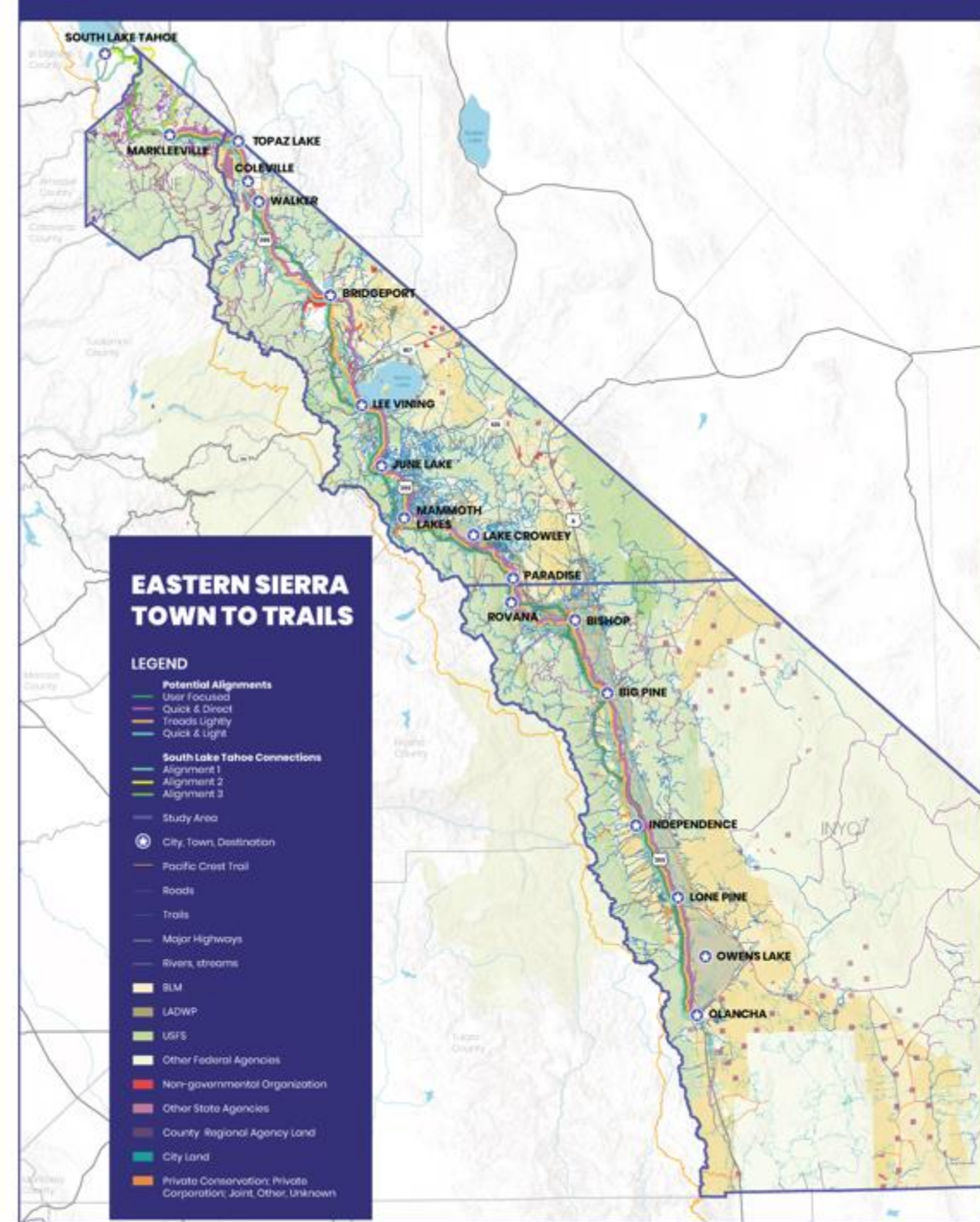
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WEIGHTING



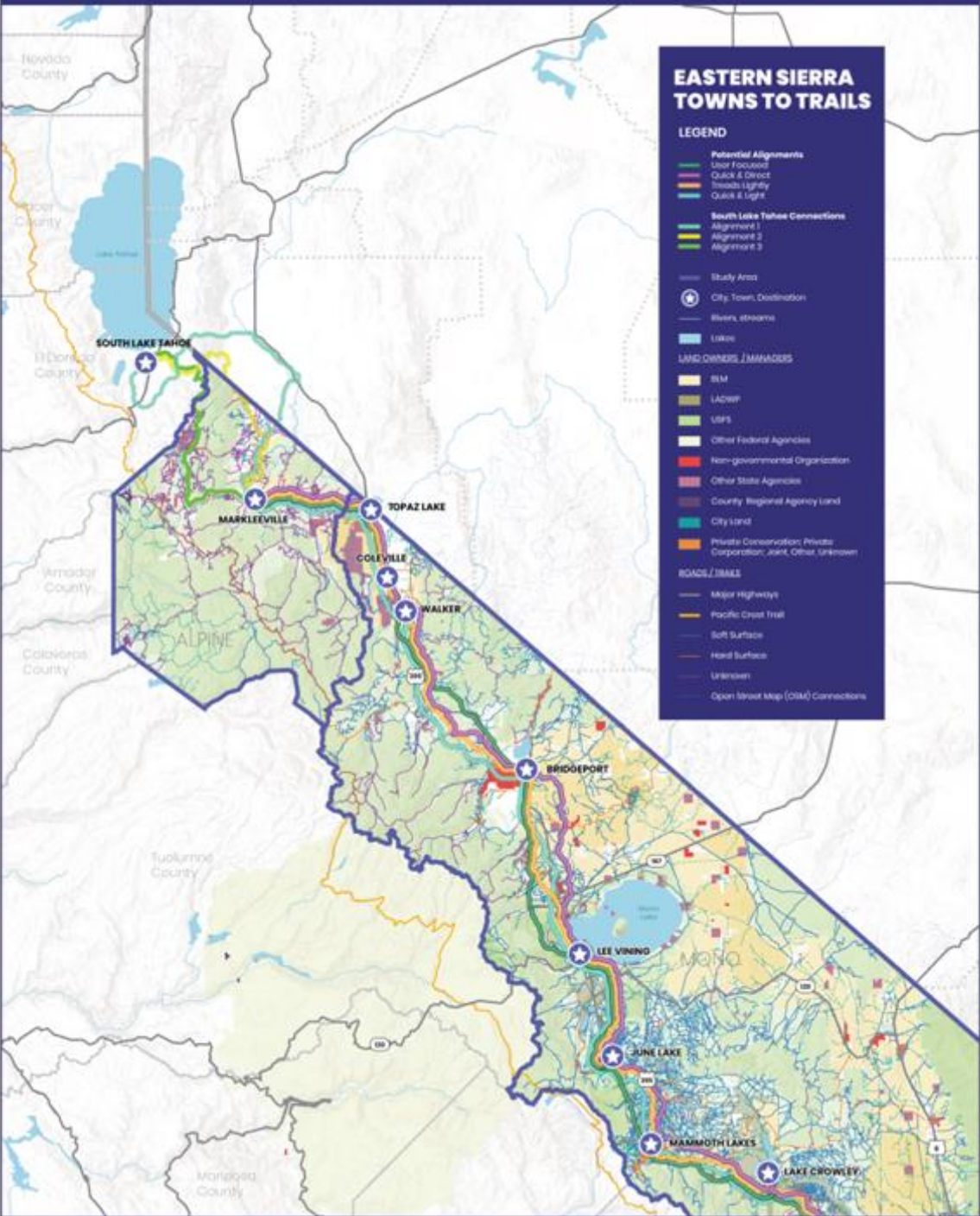
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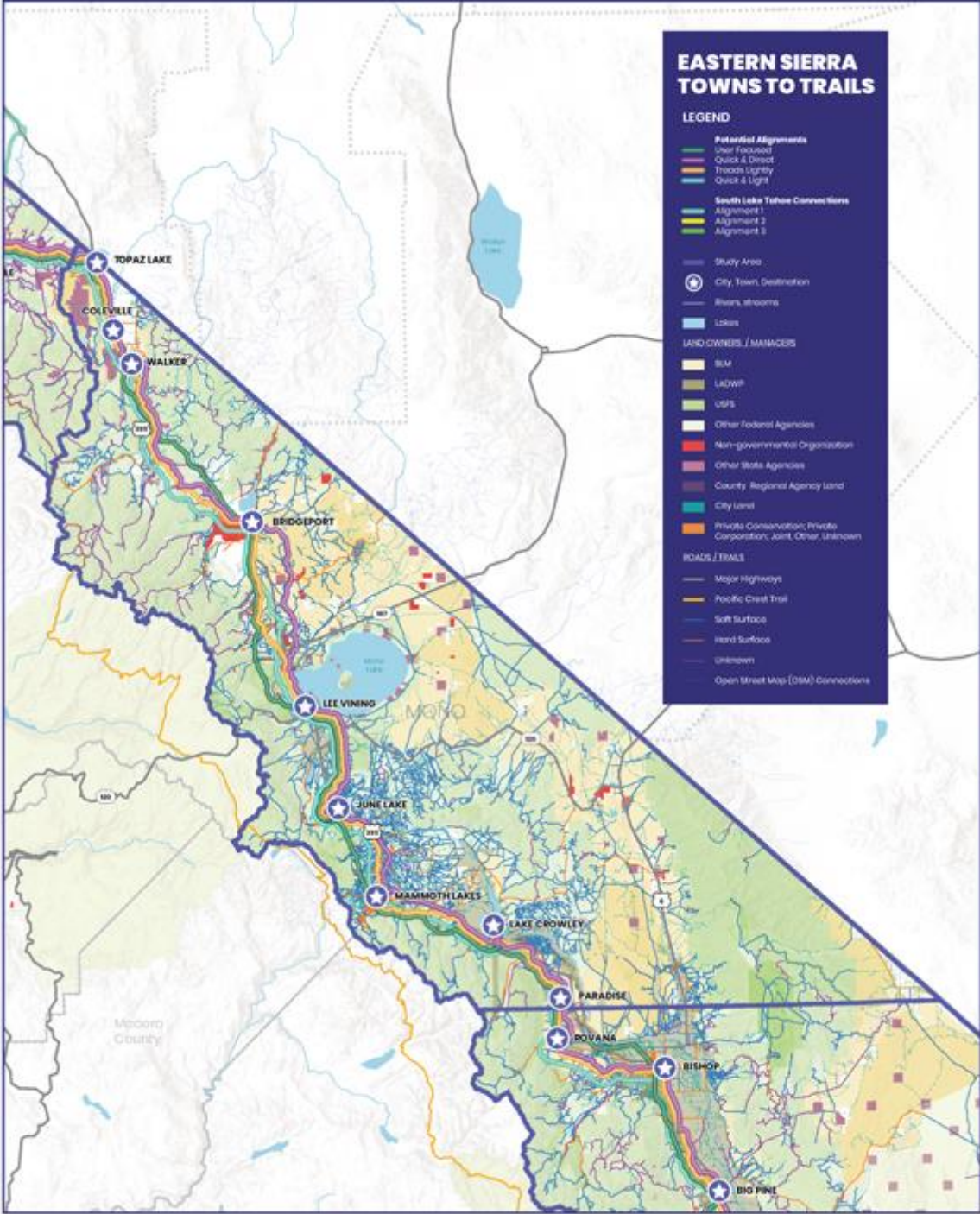


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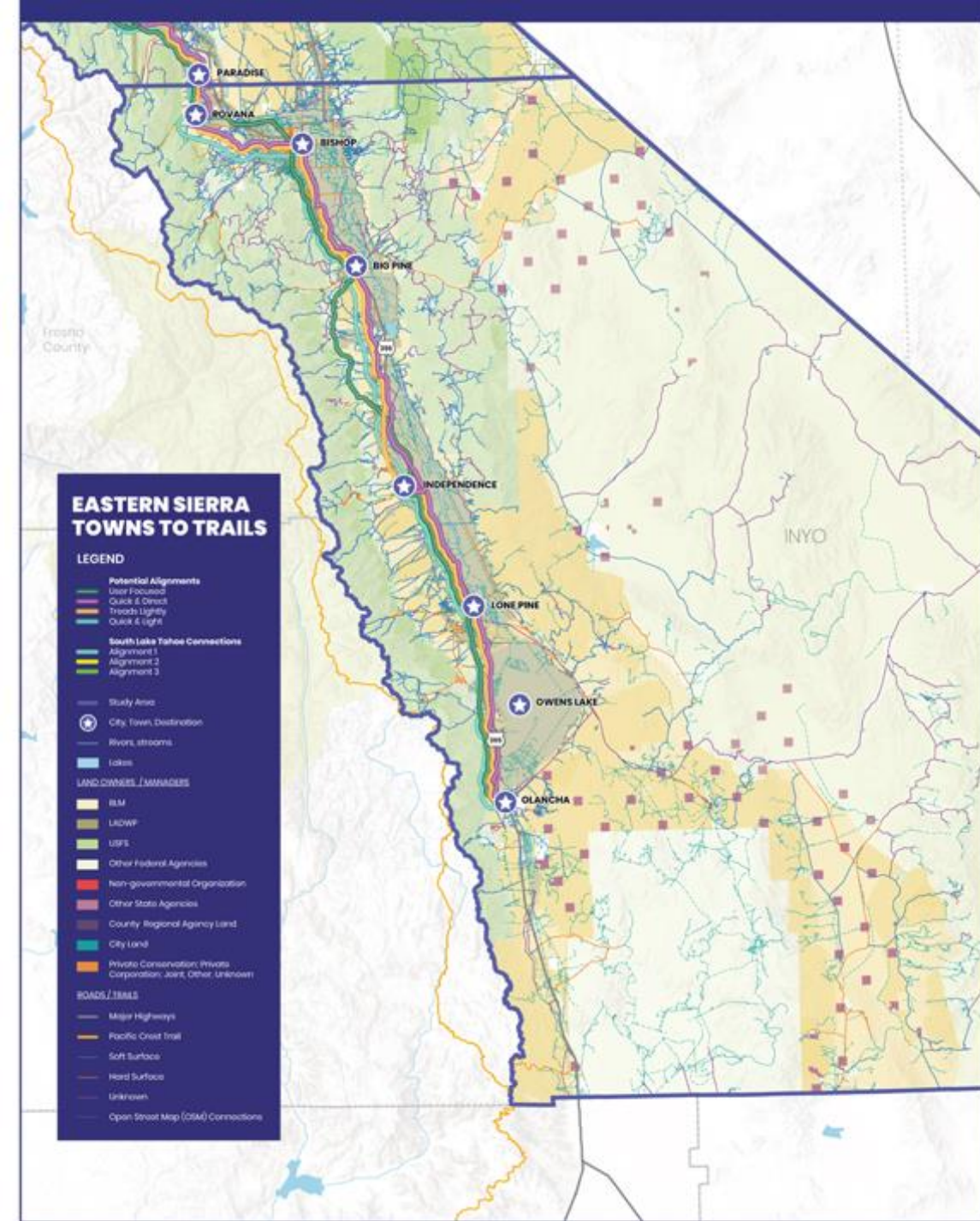
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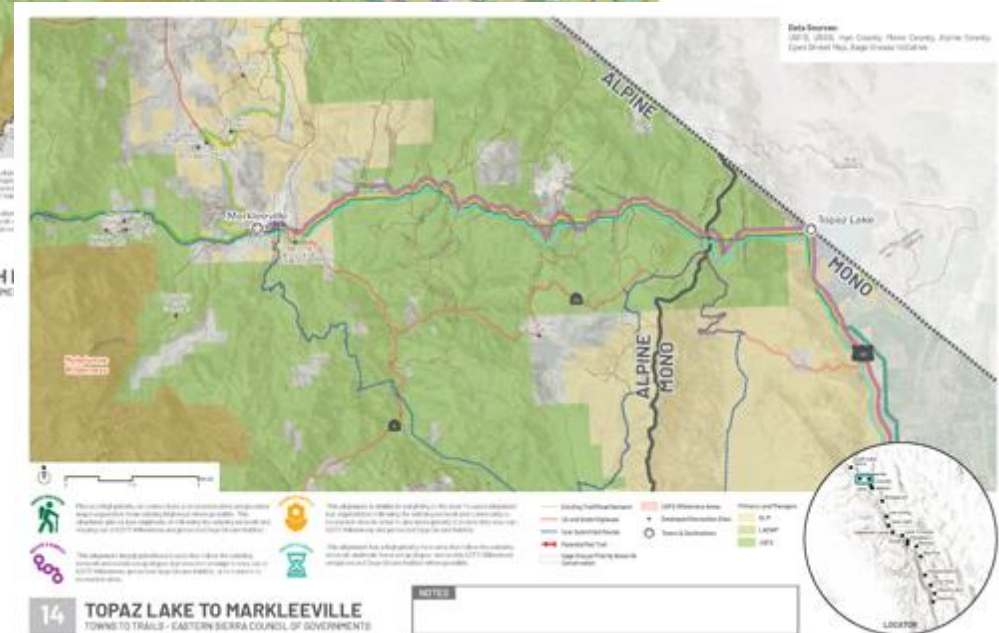
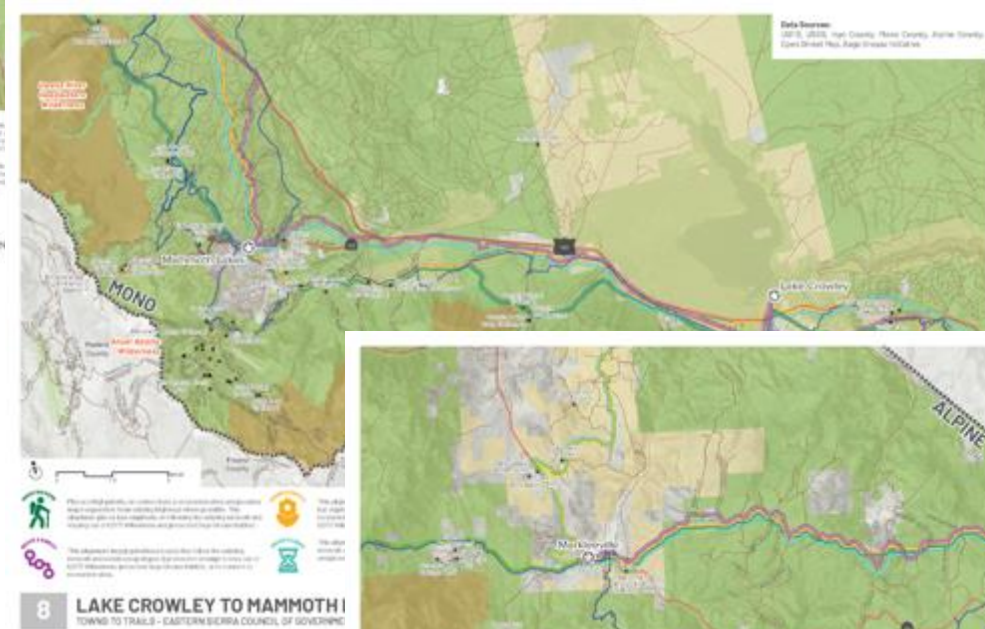
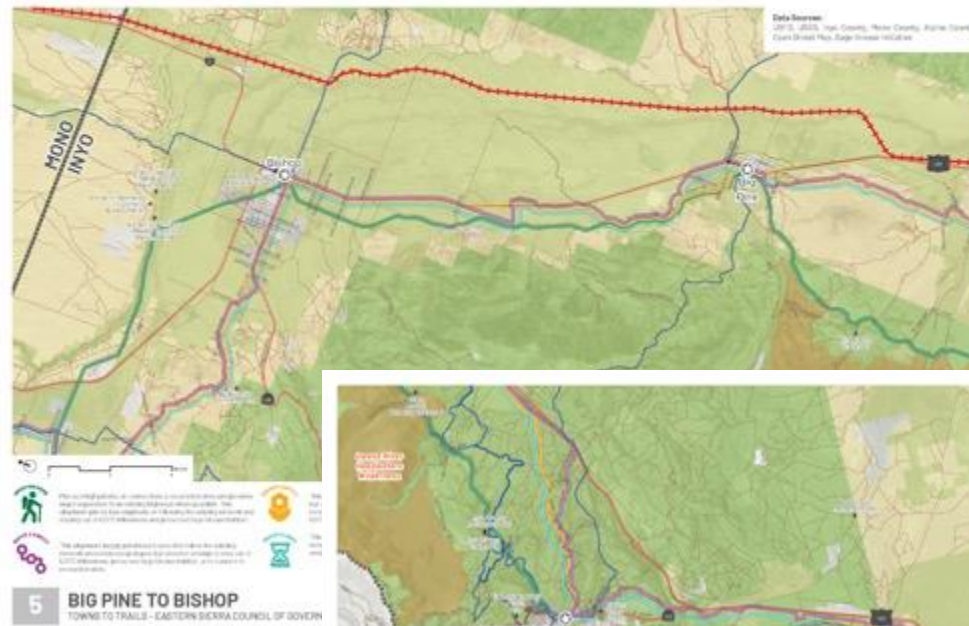


LEAST COST ALIGNMENTS Inyo County



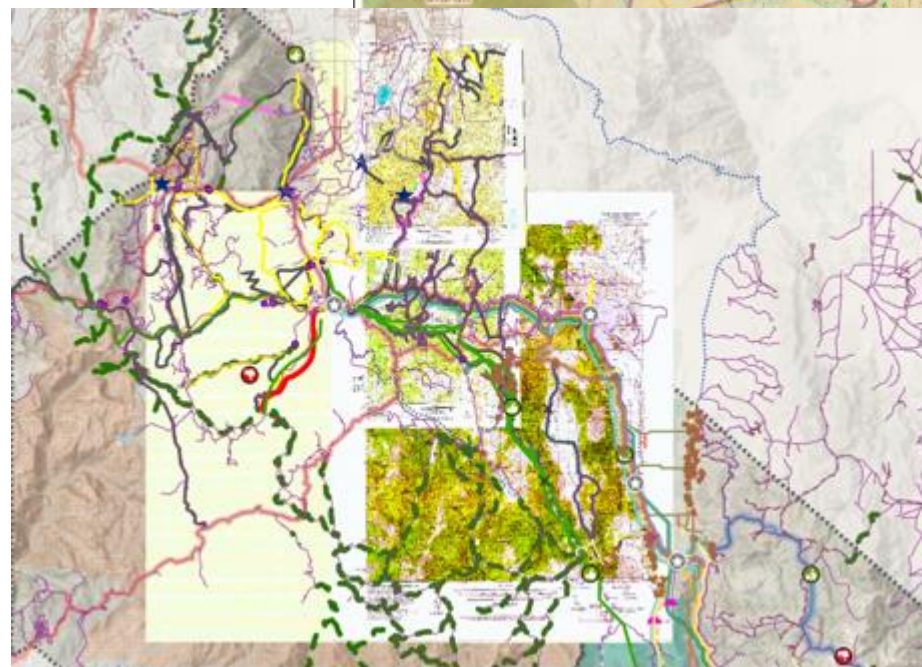
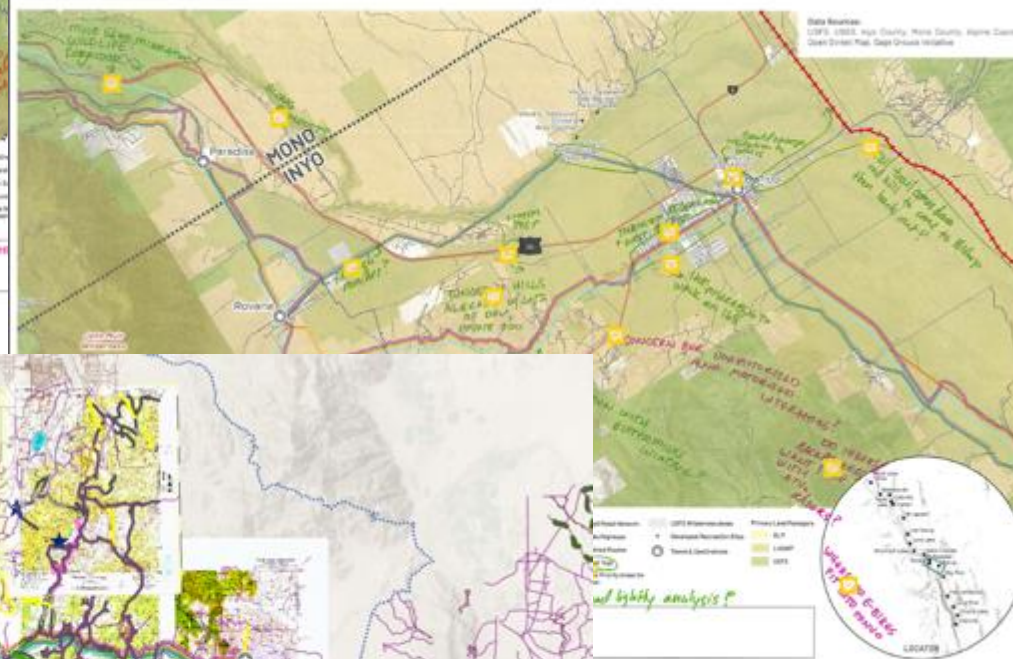
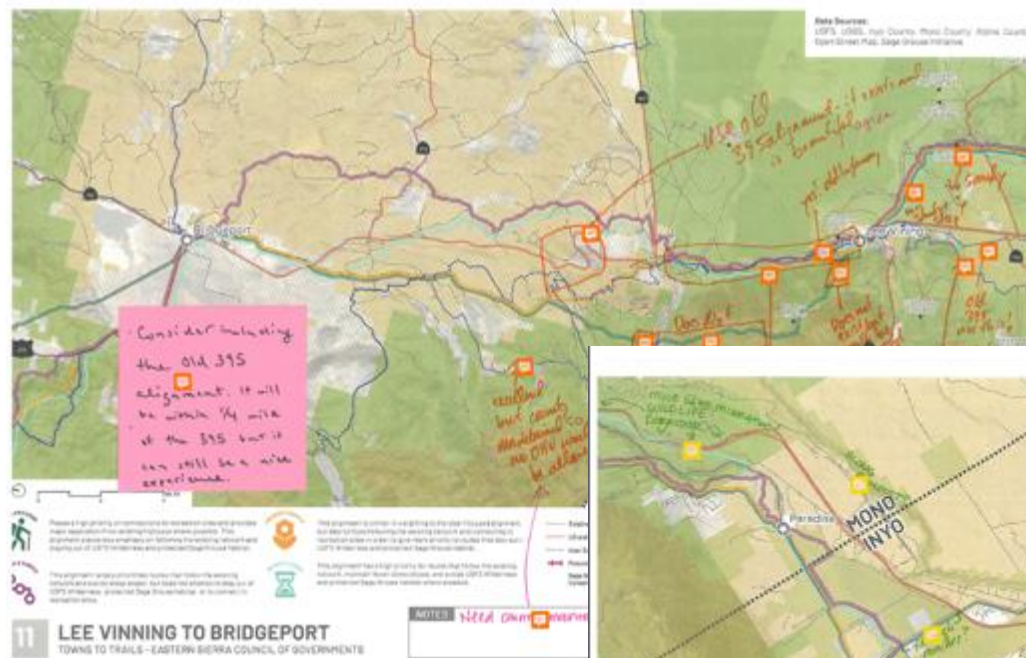
MAPBOOKS

- Alignments are not mutually exclusive
- Each crossing of alignments is a potential opportunity



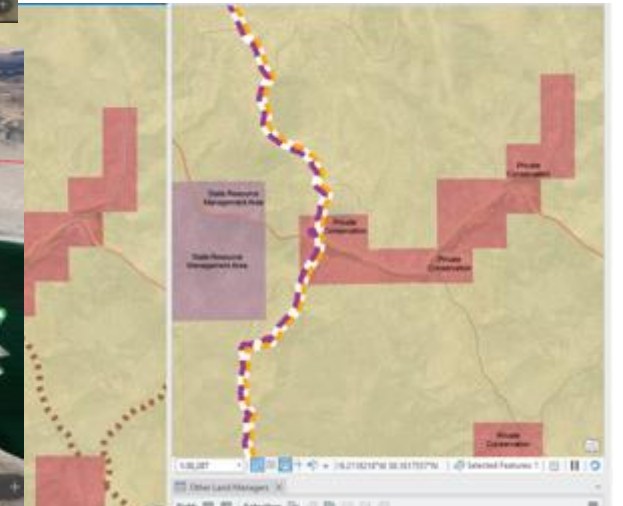
COMMENT DIGITIZATION

- 417 point comments and 175 drawn in lines
- Digitized and classified by theme, mentioned use, landscape challenges, general sentiment



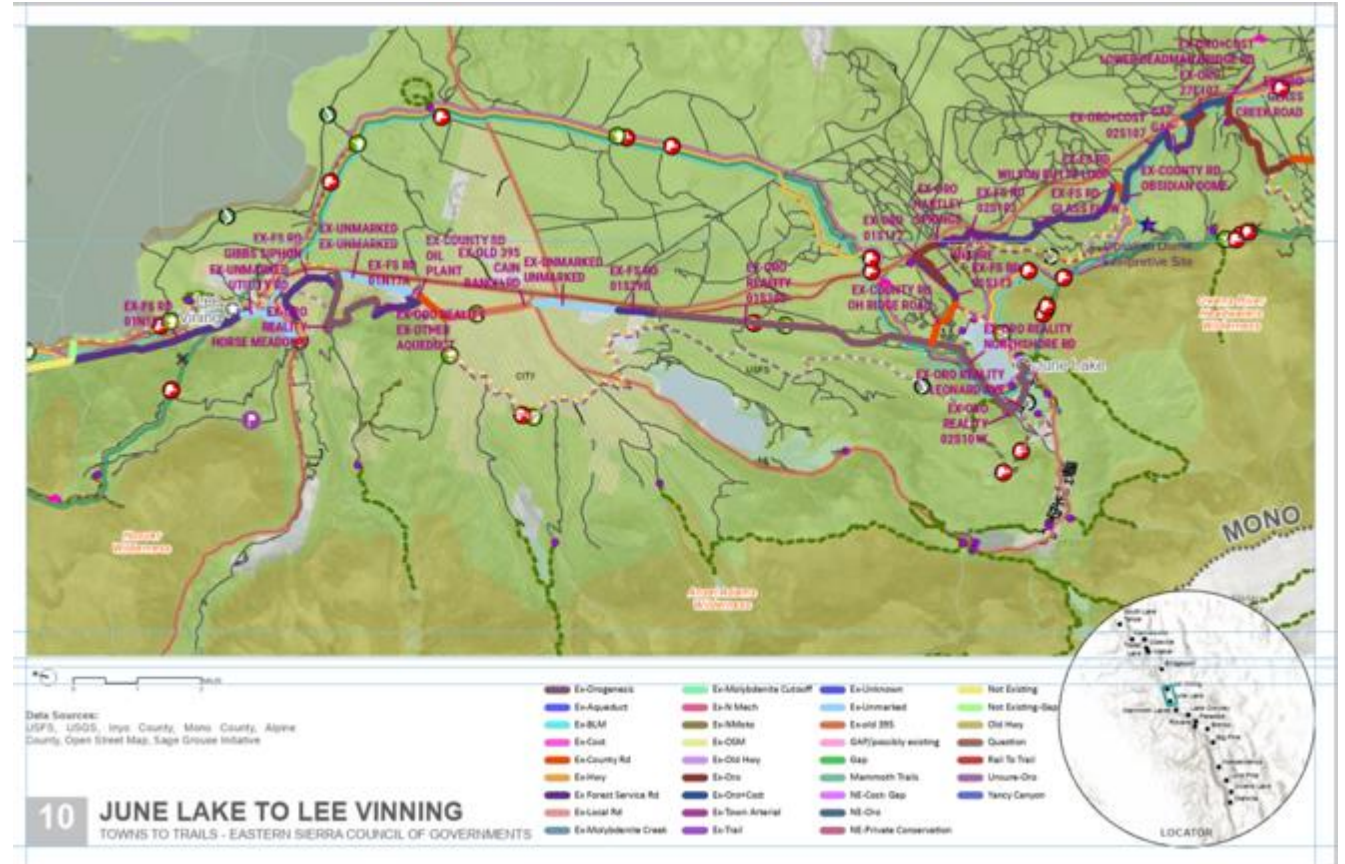
DETAILED EXPLORATION

- Determining route initially for non-motorized users
- Navigating landscape and finding combination of parts identified from various analysis methods and comments



IDENTIFIED ROUTE

- Categorized by existing use if known.
- Identified by name and if on Orogenesis/Cost Routes
- Flagged for ground truthing and gaps



TIMELINE





“Eastern Sierra Campgrounds”

John Wentworth

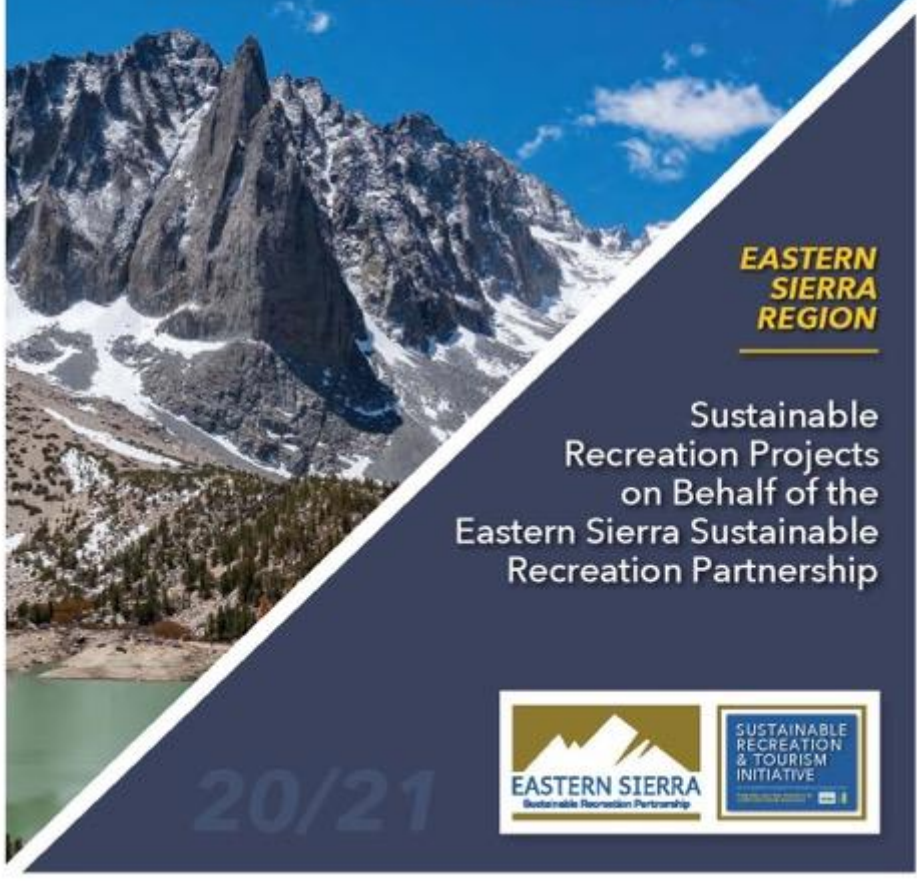
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SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM INITIATIVE

PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS

WITH ESSRP PROSPECTUS FOR FUTURE INVESTMENTS



EASTERN SIERRA REGION

Sustainable Recreation Projects on Behalf of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership



20/21



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



ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO COMMUNITIES

INFRASTRUCTURE NEW/IMPROVEMENTS

REGIONAL RECREATION CAPACITY



Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative project on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership

US Endowment: “Inyo NF Campgrounds Business Plan”

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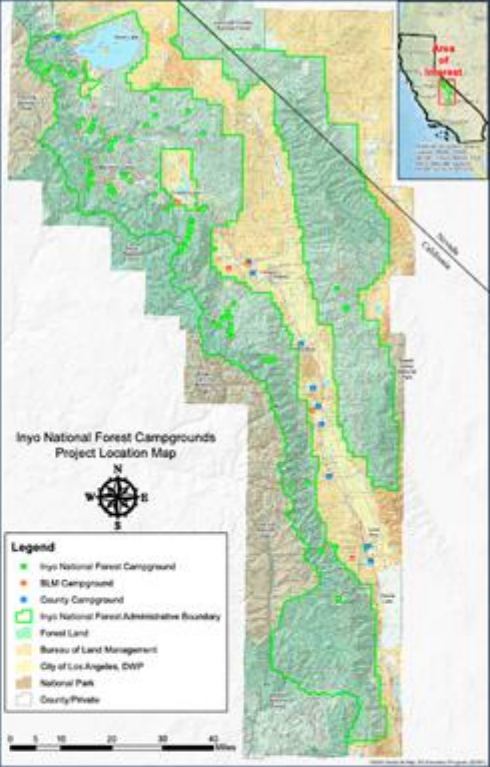
**Quantified Ventures: “Financing Innovative
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June 1, 2020



Innovative Finance for National Forests Grant Program



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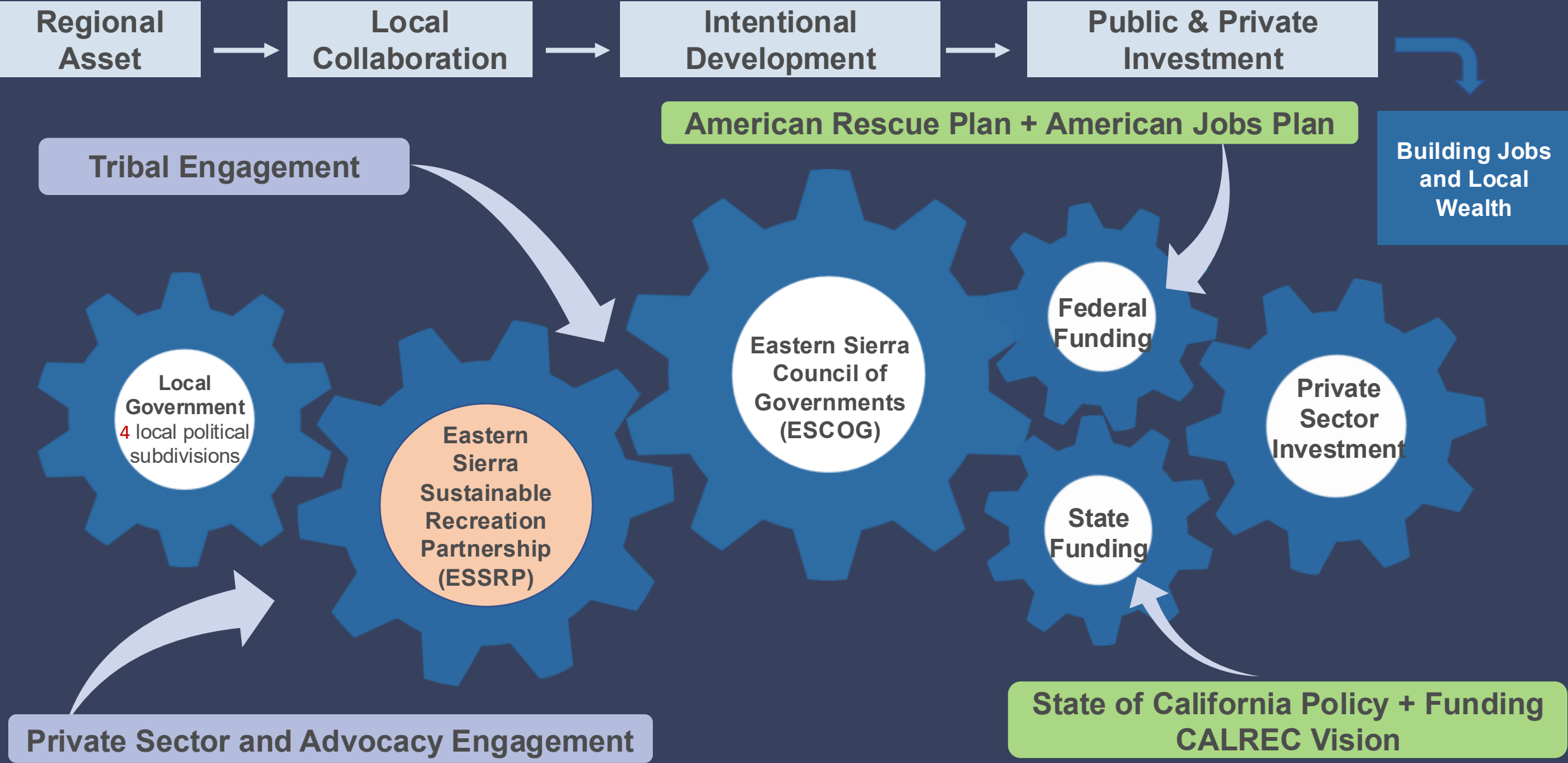
NEWS

\$1.8 MILLION IN GRANTS ANNOUNCED FOR INNOVATIVE FINANCE FOR NATIONAL FORESTS PROGRAM
—Ten awards support development of finance models that seek to leverage private sector capital to support resilience of the National Forest System and surrounding lands—

Campgrounds Business Plan: \$150,000

“....Quantified Ventures (in collaboration with regional partners) will develop a business plan that evaluates needs for campgrounds, identifies potential sources of funding through cost-sharing partnerships, and proposes finance options to address an estimated \$70 million funding gap for campground upgrades in California's recreation rich Eastern Sierra.”

IFNF + QV: Building Jobs and Local Wealth Through Sustainability



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Inyo National Forest Campground Business Plan

October 2021



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Inyo National Forest Campground Business Plan *EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

October 2021



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National Forest Foundation

U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities

NOTES

\$1.6 MILLION IN GRANTS ANNOUNCED FOR INNOVATIVE FINANCE FOR NATIONAL FORESTS PROGRAM

— Two awards support development of finance models that seek to leverage private sector capital to support resilience of the National Forest System and surrounding lands —

Innovative Finance for National Forests Grant Program

FOREST SERVICE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

EASTERN SIERRA Sustainable Recreation Partnership

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Quantified Ventures

The graphic features a scenic background of a forest at sunset. On the right side, there is a map of the Eastern Sierra region with a legend and a scale bar. The map shows various land management areas and project locations. The logos at the bottom represent the Forest Service, Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative, and Quantified Ventures.

Site Visit November 8 – 10, 2021



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Phase 2 Awarded - !

2021 Innovative Financing for National Forests RFP

Project Narrative:

Problem Statement (1000 Characters)

Please describe the problem you are attempting to address with your project and how it affects key stakeholders. Explain why it fits into the Focus Area(s) and Project Type that you chose

(currently 998)

Inyo and MBS suffer from deteriorating recreation infrastructure that cannot be sufficiently maintained as visitation skyrockets. The Forests' plans to enhance and expand sites to support visitation will require a mix of private and public capital. However, our IFNF Phase 1 MBS Feasibility Report and Inyo Business Plan highlight that private lenders are hesitant to lend on short-term leases, and public capital is siloed within recreation, economic development, and public health agencies. To overcome this challenge, QV plans to leverage the strategy outlined in the "Summary of Financial Innovation" section to jointly fund outdoor recreation assets among the USFS, gateway communities, and private concessionaires. Given that Inyo is further ahead on working with a recreation council and MBS is further ahead on-site planning & concessionaire negotiations, piloting this approach across both Forests will provide complementary insights resulting in stronger, more well-informed deliverables.

National Forest System Nexus (1000 Characters)

Define the National Forest System challenge to be addressed and your proposed solution. This narrative should be specific to the National Forest System and outline the role of USFS units.

Note: Remember to upload a USFS leadership letter of support in the attachments tab

(currently 961)

We intend to extend the USFS's vision of Shared Stewardship from joint collaboration & planning to joint implementation & resource management. Billions in deferred maintenance, exacerbated by overuse and climate change, negatively impact gateway communities, whose economies are highly dependent on the vitality of adjacent public lands. MBS and Inyo are representative of this national trend. Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) funds can be used to address baseline deferred maintenance (ex. bathrooms) and then leveraged into larger investments (ex. site infrastructure) by supporting investment from gateway communities and other "out-of-region" stakeholders. As we fund cross-boundary projects on the MBS and Inyo NF, we will need support and engagement from both NFs and the Regional and Washington Offices in navigating processes for issuing new permits, planning for project implementation, and securing the necessary agreements to begin implementation.

Team and Partners (2000 Characters)

Describe the fit, motivation, and experience of your project team and partners. Identify key team members and partners, and clearly describe their roles in the project and qualification for those roles. Note any prior experience working with the USFS as well as prior experience developing innovative finance projects. Why are you the right team for the job? If partnerships are not yet established, how do you plan to initiate collaboration?

(currently 1989)

Project Team: Quantified Ventures: An outcomes-based capital firm specializing in financing approaches for government, private, & nonprofit entities. A USFS partner since 2017, QV supports outdoor recreation development on 7 National Forests. Team members include Todd Appel, Managing Director (provides executive level oversight for our USFS work); Seth Brown, Director (heads the Forestry & Land Use practice and leads MBS, Inyo, MSHI and previous efforts in LTBMU & Wayne NF);

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CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENT PILOT PROJECT

Eastern Sierra



**COLLABORATIVE
INVESTMENT FOR
LONG-TERM BENEFITS**

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INNOVATIVE FINANCE
FOR NATIONAL FORESTS



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INTRODUCTION



Degraded pavement along a campground loop road in Lower Grays Meadow Campground causes soil erosion, damages plant life, and exacerbates wildfire risks.

OUTDATED & OVERUSED INFRASTRUCTURE

The Inyo National Forest hosts more than 2.3 million visitors each year, contributing \$391 million to the region's economy. However, many of the Inyo National Forest's 78 campgrounds were built 30 to 50 years ago with onetime funding and no long-term maintenance plan, resulting in outdated designs, flooding and wildfire vulnerabilities, insufficient visitor capacity, and a backlog of deferred maintenance. Although federal funding for deferred maintenance costs has increased, federal funding for infrastructure improvements is limited and competitive. As a result, many of the Inyo National Forest's campgrounds do not meet contemporary standards, and visitors and gateway communities suffer.



A water spigot at New Shady Rest Campground in Mammoth Lakes to be brought up to U.S. Forest Service standards.

THE INNOVATIVE FINANCE FOR NATIONAL FORESTS SOLUTION

The total cost of campground infrastructure improvements in the Inyo National Forest is too great for any single stakeholder to assume independently. The Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) approach solves this problem by leveraging private and public funds outside of U.S. Forest Service's annual appropriations to undertake large-scale projects on public land. Regional collaboration can combine and deploy both public and private investment at the scale needed to address the challenge at hand.

**2.3 MILLION
VISITORS SPEND
\$391 MILLION
REGIONALLY
EACH YEAR**

Visitation and economic data provided by the Inyo National Forest and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS

Inyo National Forest

The Inyo National Forest encompasses over 2 million acres of pristine lakes, rugged Sierra Nevada peaks, and arid Great Basin mountains along the California-Nevada border. Outdoor recreation opportunities abound, including 1,200 miles of trails and 78 campgrounds. The Inyo National Forest manages these campgrounds directly or through permits with concessionaires, making the agency a critical partner in this pilot project and model.



Quantified Ventures

Quantified Ventures (QV) is an outcomes-based capital firm that designs, structures, and develops innovative financing approaches for projects that achieve social, environmental, economic, and health outcomes in line with local community priorities. QV works with federal partners in rural communities to solve some of our most pressing challenges related to public lands, including deferred maintenance, underutilization of assets, over-demand in recreation, and wildfire risk.



Mammoth Lakes Trails & Public Access Foundation

The Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLT-PA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to connecting people with nature by creating sustainable trail and recreation systems and ensuring the public's access. MLT-PA facilitates monthly meetings of land and recreation managers in the region through the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP). MLT-PA serves this project as an advisor on local issues and opportunities.



Eastern Sierra Council of Governments

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority (ESCOG JPA) consists of four member agencies: Inyo County, Mono County, the City of Bishop, and the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The ESCOG JPA has the authority to participate in programs and projects to develop the region's sustainable outdoor recreation economy. The recent establishment of the ESCOG as a Joint Powers Authority, and its subsequent management of millions of dollars in state and federal grants, demonstrates the member agencies' commitment to addressing opportunities as a region.

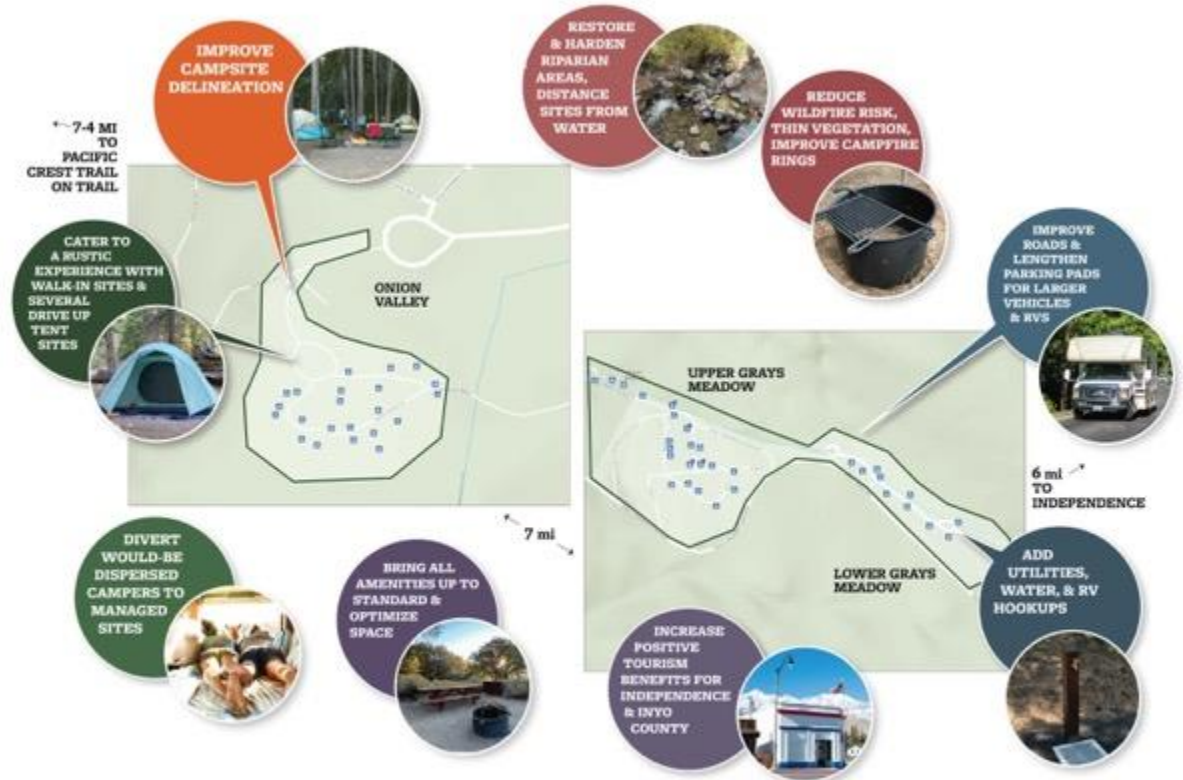
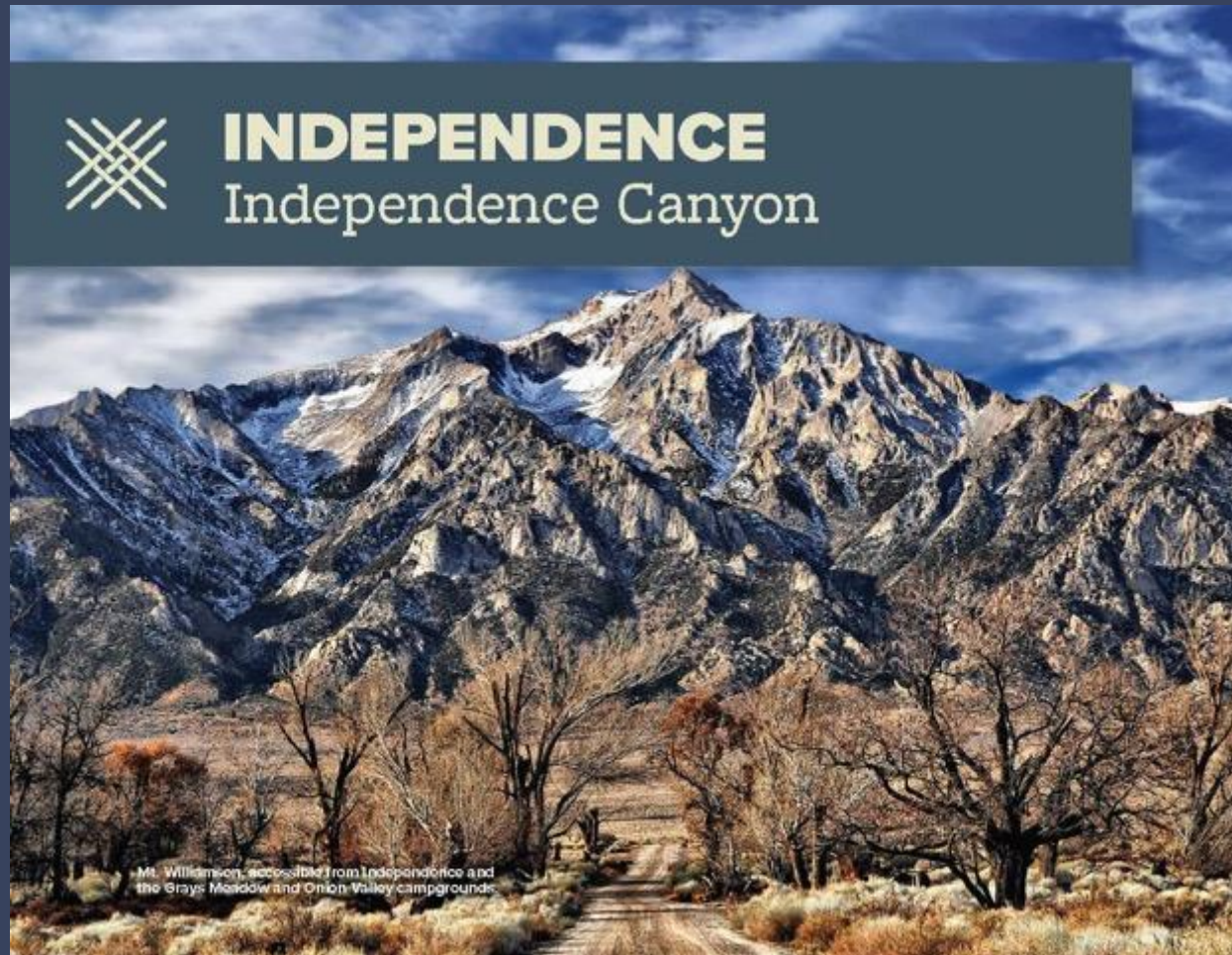


“Regional partnerships with local communities are key to sustaining our outdoor assets and way of life in the Eastern Sierra. The Inyo National Forest looks forward to continued collaboration with the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments on landscape-scale planning and projects to protect and restore key recreation infrastructure.”

- Lesley Yen, Forest Supervisor, Inyo National Forest

Independence Peak visible from Lower Grays Meadow Campground.

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INDEPENDENCE CANYON CAMPGROUNDS

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LEE VINING Lee Vining Canyon



LEE VINING CANYON CAMPGROUNDS

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A MODEL FOR COLLABORATION IN REDS MEADOW

The Inyo National Forest has demonstrated its readiness for this type of project model through its partnership with the JMT Wilderness Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation, on recreation area improvements in Reds Meadow beginning in 2022. Using funds from the State of California and private sector donations, the Inyo National Forest and JMT Wilderness Conservancy will restore, redesign, and renovate five public campgrounds, an outdoor amphitheater, and an unpaved parking lot.

This exciting partnership demonstrates the high social, economic, and environmental value of innovative finance on public lands. The Inyo National Forest and its partners are committed to improving the visitor experience, preserving the environment, and promoting sustainable outdoor recreation, all of which are critical for the region's economic development.



The Reds Meadow/Devils Postpile Shuttle, operated by the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority through a partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, transports visitors from Mammoth Lakes to the Reds Meadow area during peak season. The shuttle reduces congestion on park and forest roads, protects resources from damage due to illegal parking, and reduces vehicle emissions.



REDS MEADOW A Model for Collaboration



Devils Postpile National Monument, accessible from the Reds Meadow campgrounds via public transit.

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INYO NATIONAL FOREST & THE JMT WILDERNESS CONSERVANCY

COLLABORATION FOR REDS MEADOW

The JMT Wilderness Conservancy and Inyo National Forest recently launched a collaboration to improve five existing campgrounds, an amphitheater, and a public parking area in Reds Meadow. The project is funded by the State of California and the JMT Wilderness Conservancy's private sector donations to improve recreation infrastructure and carry out restoration projects along the historic John Muir Trail.

The collaboration between the JMT Wilderness Conservancy and the Inyo National Forest will use \$5 million in funding to redesign and renovate five existing campgrounds in Reds Meadow. Heavy visitor use in the area has led to environmental damage, and the project will focus on restoring riparian areas and preventing future damage, while providing visitors with a better camping experience.



A John Muir Trail thru-hiker takes in the view at Thousand Island Lake, 15 miles on trail from Reds Meadow. The Reds Meadow campgrounds are popular launch points for backpacking trips on the John Muir and Pacific Crest trails.

REDS MEADOW PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

Protected Meadows, Riparian Areas, and the Wildland-Urban Interface

The Reds Meadow Campgrounds are located in a sensitive riparian zone in the headwaters of the San Joaquin River. The campground redesign will relocate campsites and walking paths away from riparian areas, restore riparian vegetation, and minimize the loss of campground capacity. The rebuild will also bring fire rings to current U.S. Forest Service standards to reduce the risk of a campfire causing a wildfire near the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Upgraded Camper Amenities

The Reds Meadow campgrounds are in varying states of disrepair, with confusing layouts, poor site delineation, and deteriorating road and parking infrastructure. Some campsites lack site markers, level tent pads, or designated parking. The redesign and renovation will bring the campsites up to current U.S. Forest Service standards for design, accessibility, amenities, and safety.

Increased Total Number of Campsites

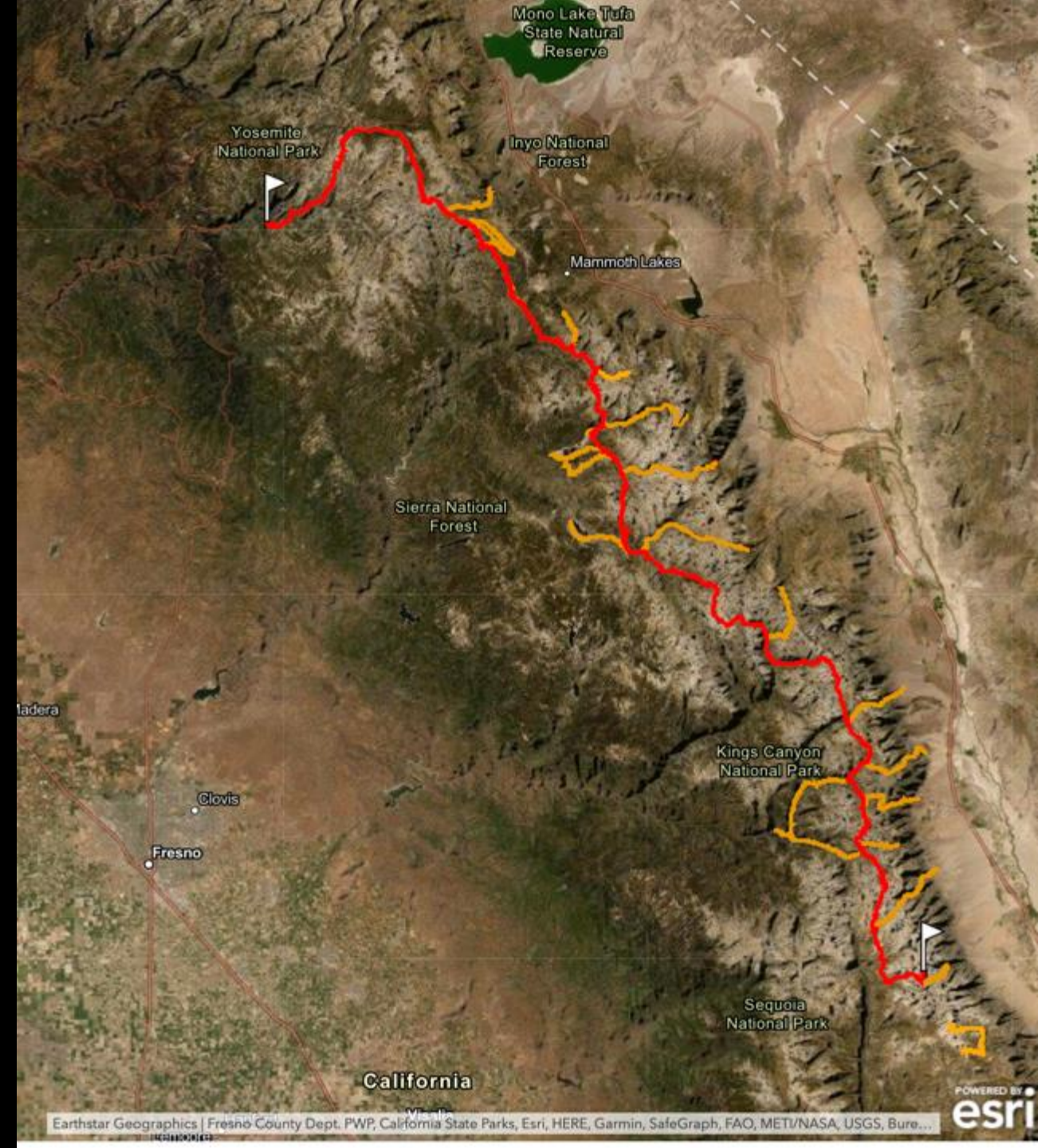
The campground redesign and reconstruction aim to maximize the number of campsites within existing campground footprints, while removing campsites from riparian areas, providing visual separation of campsites, and ensuring adequate parking. The expanded number of campsites aims to serve the increased visitation to the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the John Muir and Pacific Crest Trails.

THE JMT WILDERNESS CONSERVANCY



The JMT and Surrounding Wilderness

- Source watersheds for **6 major rivers** (Tuolumne, Merced, San Joaquin, Kern, Kings, Owens Rivers);
- Water supply for San Joaquin Valley and Tulare Basin, majority of **12.8% of the U.S. agricultural production**;
- A highlight of California's **\$92B outdoor recreation industry**, the largest market in the nation;
- Falls within one of Earth's 36 **biodiversity "hotspots"**;
- One of the largest relatively-**intact mixed conifer forests**, home to 400 terrestrial vertebrates and 7,000 botanical species;
- A **top ten priority ecosystem** to conserve and support endangered species facing the **crisis of climate change**.



SUMMARY: JMT Wilderness Conservancy 15-YEAR PLAN	
10 HIGHEST-PRIORITY FIELD RESTORATION PROJECTS (+ 15% Gen'l Admin)	\$ 30,700,000
1. Reds Meadow JMT/ PCT, Devils Postpile NM Restoration (2 miles)	
2. Duck Pass to Silver Pass (22 miles)	
3. Italy & McGee Pass, VVR to Bear Ridge (30 miles)	
4. Bear Creek Corridor (31 miles)	
5. LeConte Canyon, Palisades Basin & Creek (21 miles)	
6. Mather Pass, Upper Basin, Bench Lake to Marjorie Lake (12 miles)	
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MAIN TRAILHEADS: FACILITIES UPGRADE (+ 15% Gen'l Admin)	\$ 2,300,000
Conversion of trailhead facilities to new sustainable units (eliminating pit latrines)	
SITE RENOVATION: TUOLUMNE MEADOWS (+ 15% Gen'l Admin)	\$ 5,750,000
Collaborating with Yosemite Conservancy, Yosemite National Park	
PUBLIC CAMPSITES & TRAIL NETWORK RENOVATIONS: REDS MEADOW (Mammoth Lakes) (+ 15% Gen'l Admin)	\$ 11,500,000
Collaborating with Inyo National Forest, Federal Highway Administration (Grant)	
TOTAL	\$ 50,250,000

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The Merced River at the Village is protected by the MRP and its Wild and Scenic River status.

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Park

Parks, trails, recreational facilities, and open space systems immeasurable well-being into our physical environment.

Multigenerational, cross ethnic, and classless, parks are par landscape structural system for urban society—a web of op spaces from public gardens to wild preserves—serving myri community uses. Counterpoints to the density of urban livir parks link us with the natural systems that sustain our lives. Offering equitable, vibrant, vehicle-free access between destinations, public trails can be primary links among home work, shops, parks, and civic and cultural facilities for pedes bicyclists, equestrians, and others.

As cities grow and recreational resource demand increases, ongoing operational and maintenance capabilities become critical factors in the design of recreational facilities. Graceful spatial arrangements must be conceived as complementary to the operational realities to sustain the quality of the overall landscape experience.

JNRA's park and recreational projects include:

- National, state, regional, municipal, and neighborhood parks
- Public gardens
- Sports facilities

Boeddeker Park

Chavez Solar Calendar

Devonshire Park

Mercy Bush Neighborhood Park

Sequoia & Kings Canyon

Stinson Beach

Strybing Library Terrace

Yosemite Valley



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Agreement No. 1586-RT

Signature Page
State of California, Sierra Nevada Conservancy – GRANT AGREEMENT

GRANTEE NAME:	MLTPA Foundation
PROJECT TITLE:	Eastern Sierra Campground Improvement
AUTHORITY:	California Budget Act of 2022, Section 107
PROGRAM:	Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Directed Grant Program
AGREEMENT NUMBER:	1586-RT
BOARD AWARD DATE:	June 1, 2023

GRANT SUMMARY:
Under the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee shall complete the Project described in Exhibit A. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy grants to the Grantee up to the total Grant amount specified below for eligible costs of the Project.

KEY DEADLINES:
Project Implementation Completion Date: The Grantee shall complete Project implementation by January 1, 2027.
Payment Request for Final Expenditures, Final Report, and Deliverables: The Grantee shall, unless otherwise authorized by the SNC, submit a Payment Request for Final Expenditures, and all other final reports, documentation, and deliverables required by the "Project Completion" section of this Agreement, by February 15, 2027. Expenditures associated with project management and/or administration activities undertaken through the date of the final request for payment may be included in the request for final payment and will be paid.
Agreement Expiration: This Agreement expires on May 1, 2027.

PROJECT CONTACTS:
Matt Driscoll is the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's designated Project Lead for this Grant. The Grantee's Authorized Representative is John Wentworth.

Total State Grant not to exceed	\$ 209,588	(or eligible costs, whichever is less)
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Site Visit: October 17 – 20

- Mono County Campgrounds
 - *Lee Vining*
- Inyo County Campgrounds
 - *Grays + Onion Valley*



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.... the current challenge for the partners

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Public Works Contractors:
Comprehensive Guide to
Prevailing Wage Compliance

*Available from Amazon and Shopify, this ebook
guides contractors through prevailing wage
compliance beginning with basic
instructions, up through advanced
sample wage calculations. From the
novice to the experienced
professional, this new resource
has everything public works
contractors need to succeed.*

BLUEPRINT
TO

CALIFORNIA'S
PREVAILING WAGE

A CONTRACTOR'S GUIDE
SECOND EDITION



Partner Updates – In Alphabetical Order

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

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

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**

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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.

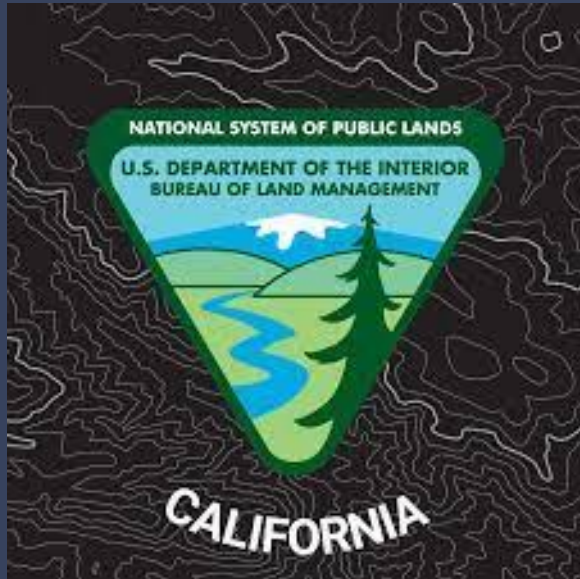
Hope you are doing well.

Best,

Elsa



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The New York Times

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What Is COP28? And Other Questions About the Big U.N. Climate Summit

Diplomats and leaders will gather in Dubai for United Nations climate talks. Here are some key facts.



This Year Is ‘Virtually Certain’ to Be Hottest in Human History, Researchers Say

Scientists confirmed another year of extreme temperatures as world leaders gathered in Dubai for a U.N. summit on global warming.

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Residents of Careiro da Várzea, Brazil, transported food and water near the depleted Solimões River amid a drought in October. Edmar Barros/Associated Press

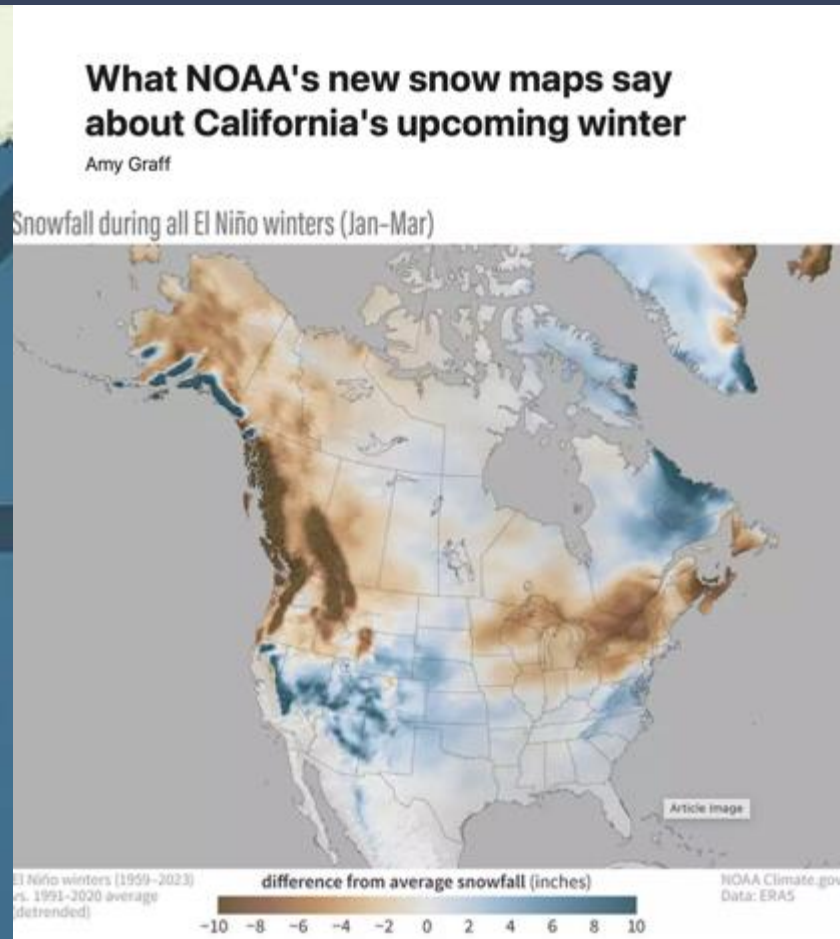


By Delger Erdenesanaa and Jenny Gross

Delger Erdenesanaa reported from New York, and Jenny Gross from Dubai.

Nov. 30, 2023

Climate Whiplash



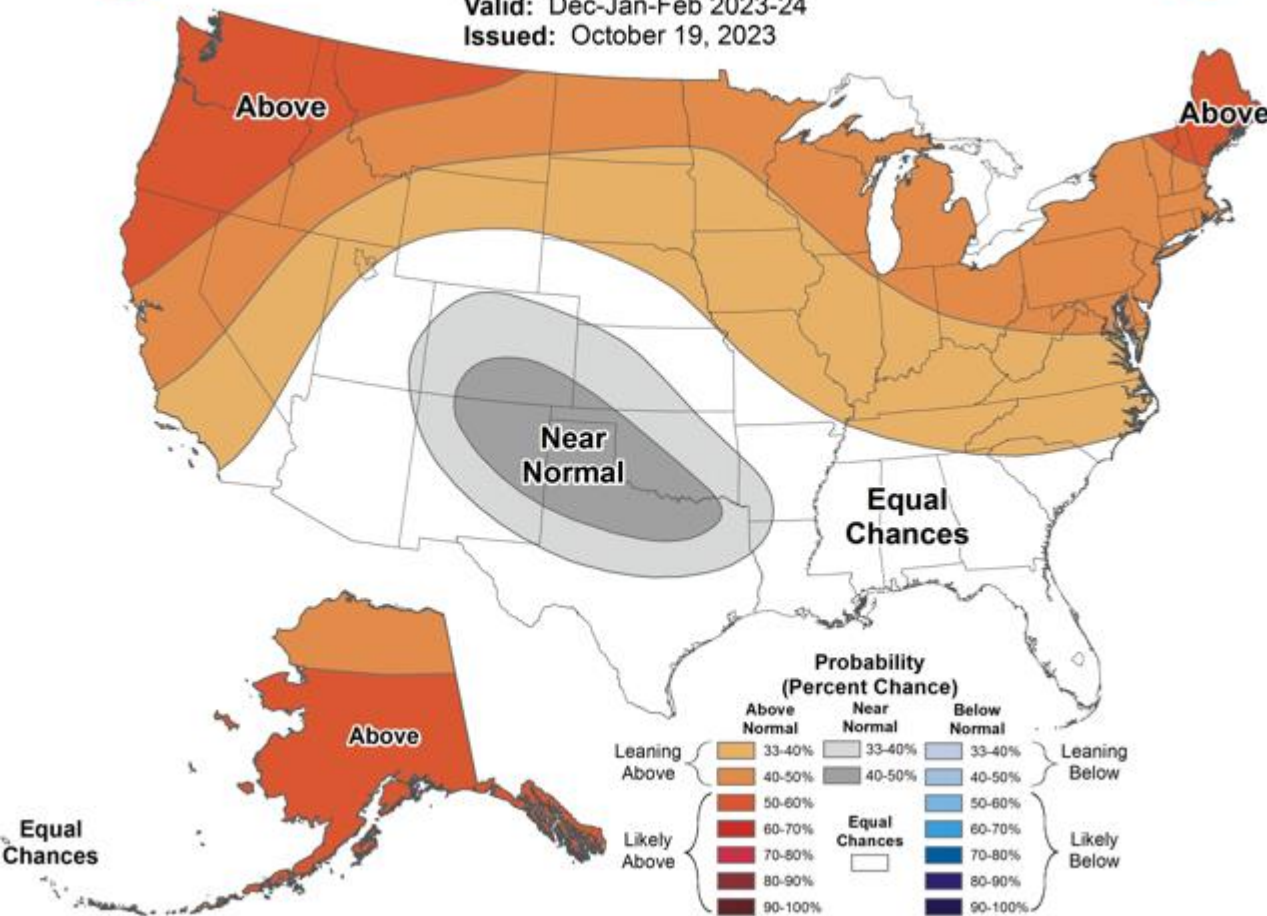
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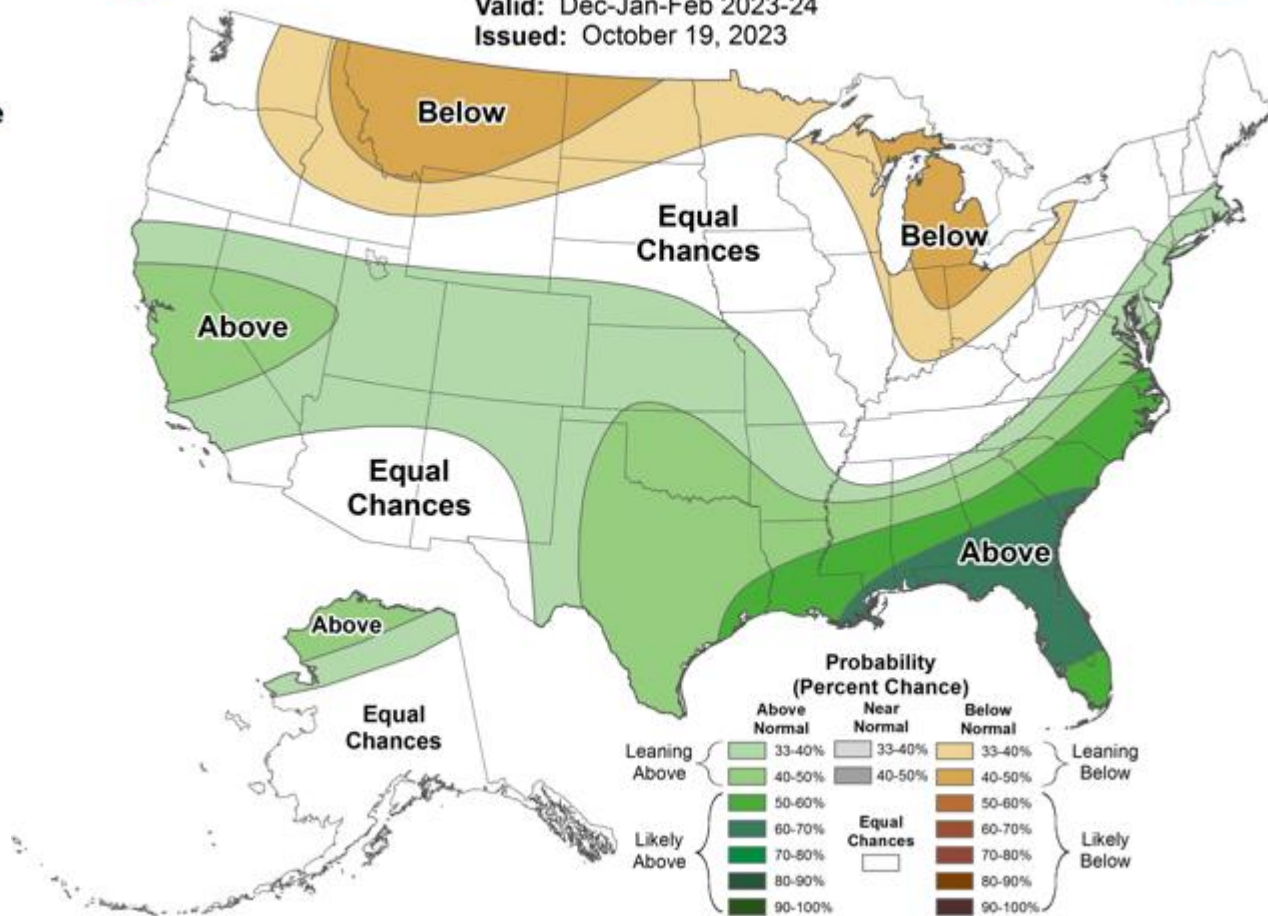
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Seasonal Precipitation Outlook



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Probability (Percent Chance)

Above Normal	Near Normal	Below Normal
33-40%	33-40%	33-40%
40-50%	40-50%	40-50%
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70-80%		70-80%
80-90%		80-90%
90-100%		90-100%

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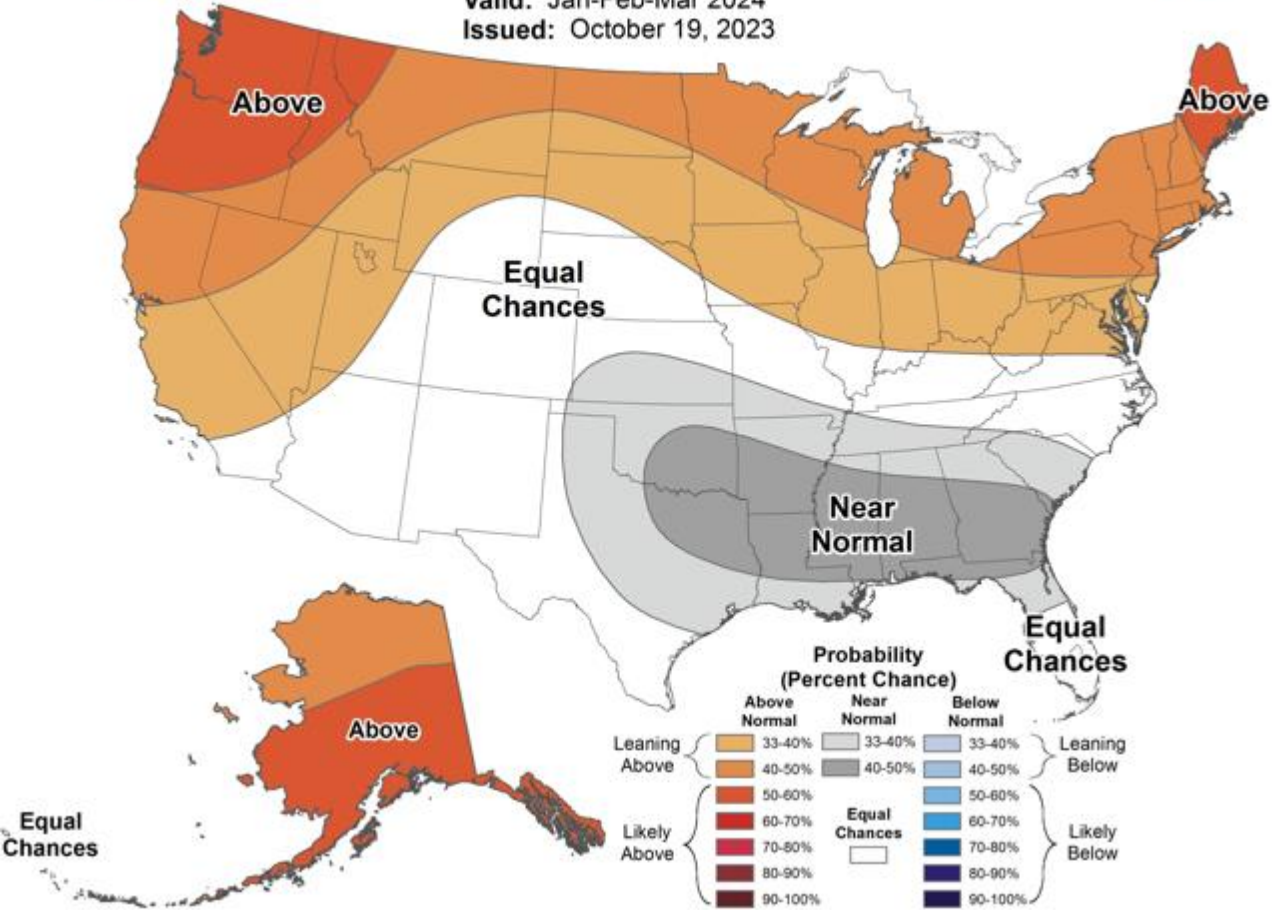
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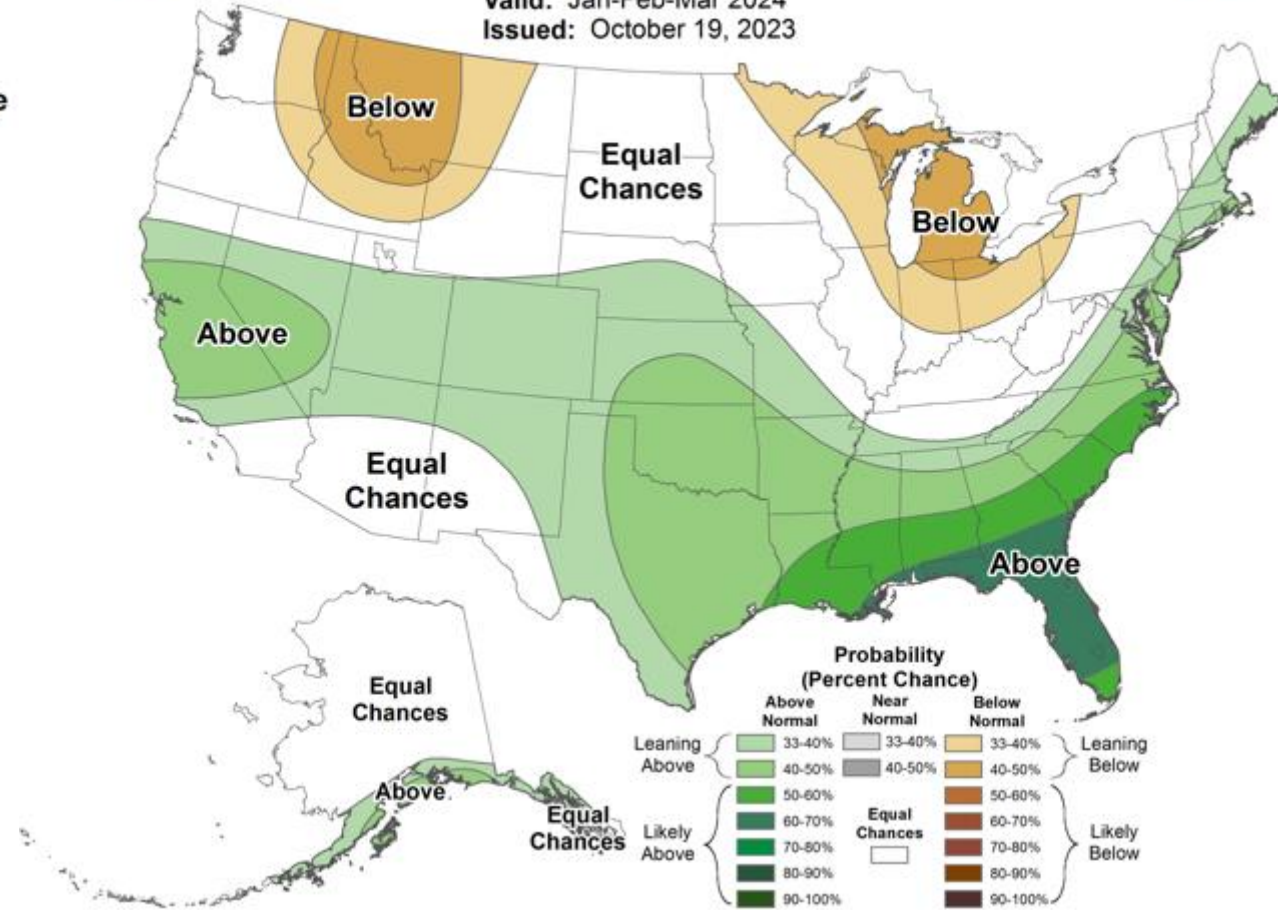
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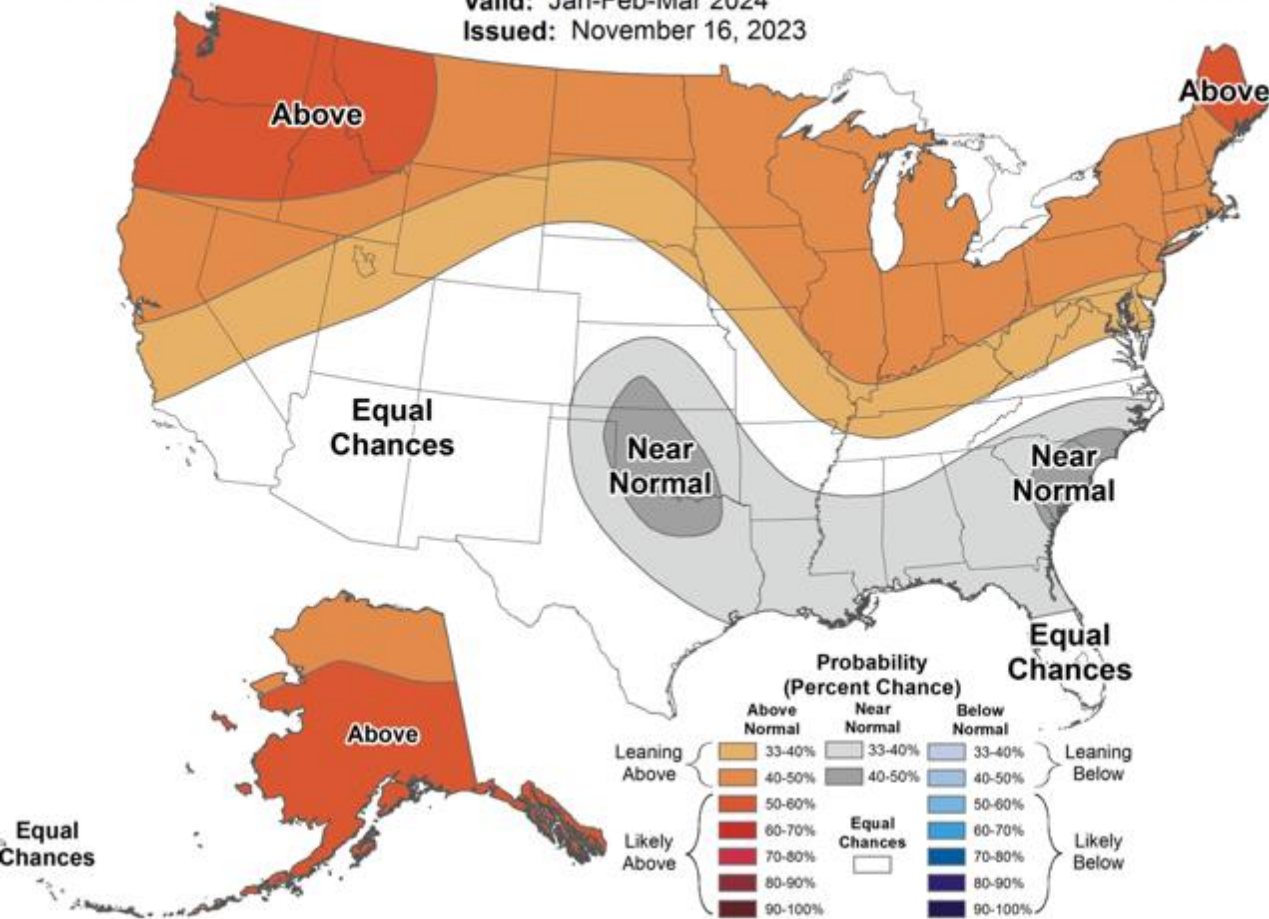
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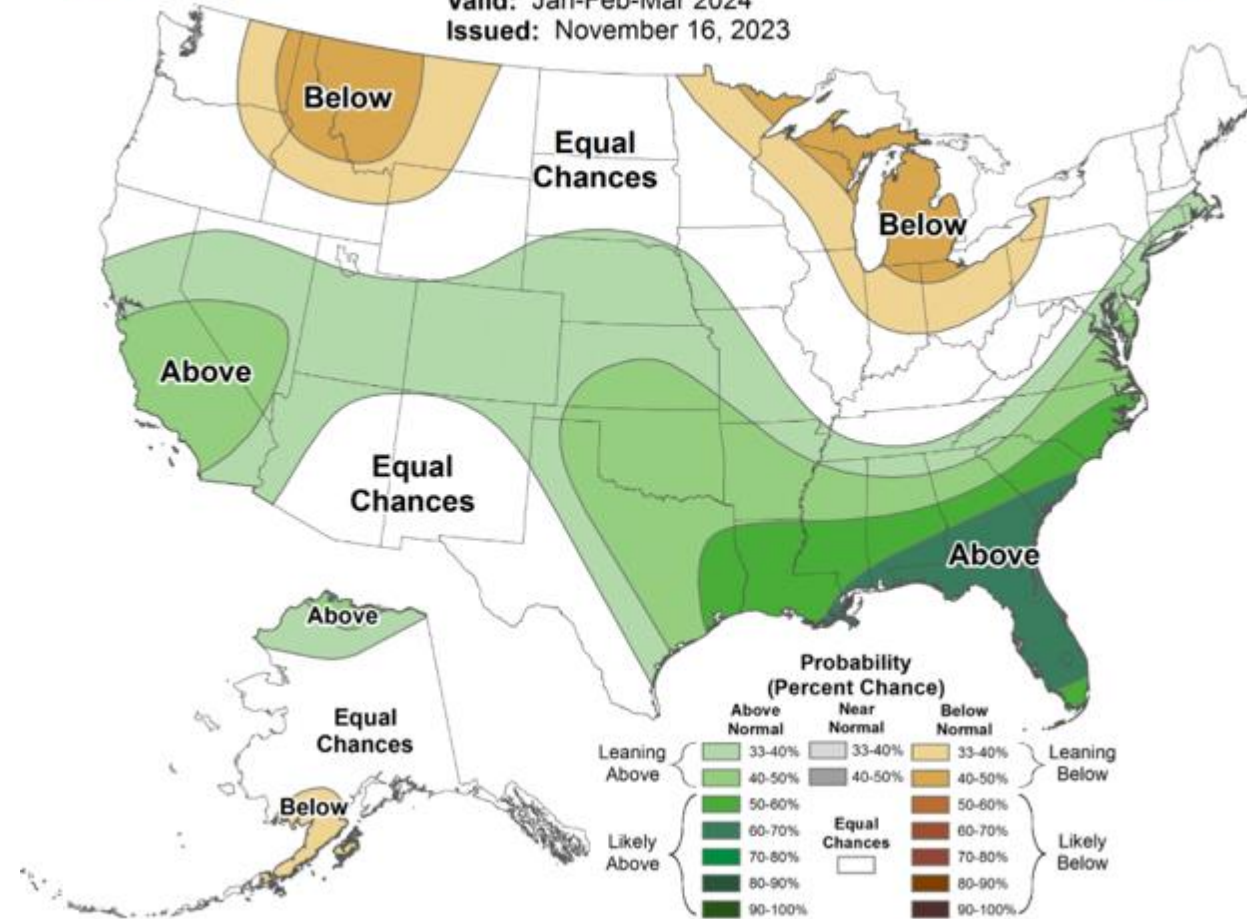
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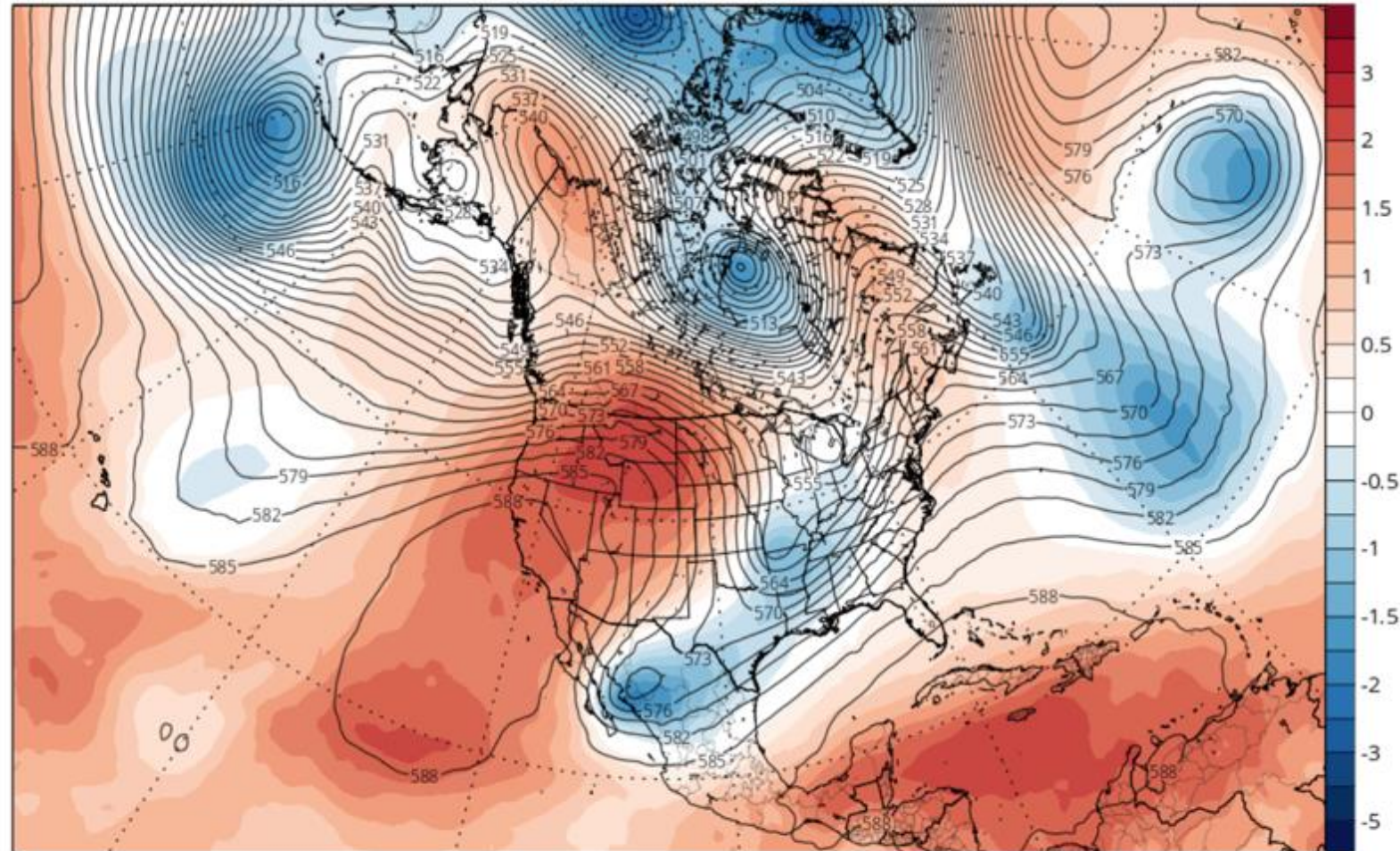
Climate Whiplash

Warm and dry pattern for the Thanksgiving holiday week

EPS 500mb Geopotential Height & Normalized Anomaly (based on CFSR 1981-2010 Climatology)

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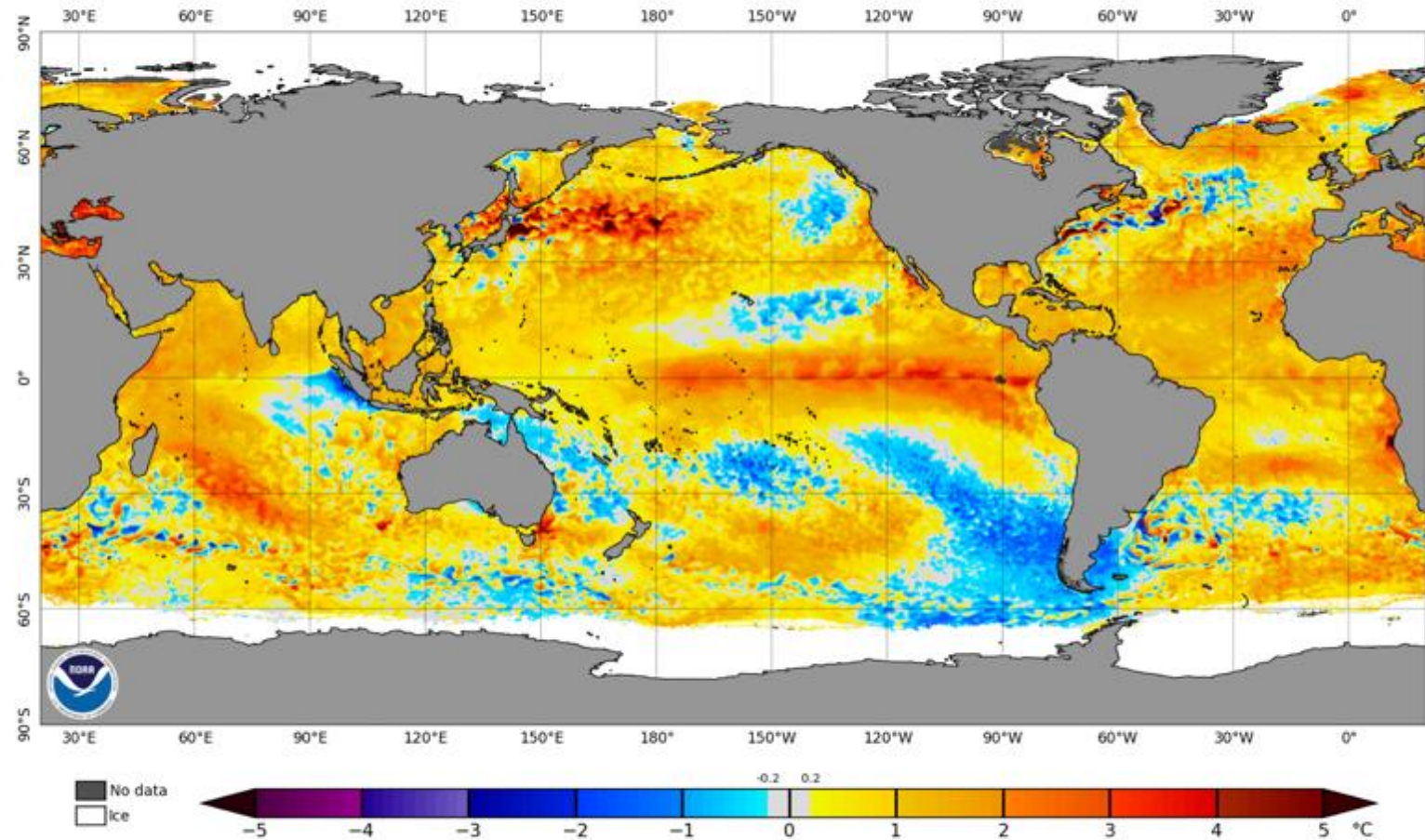


Strong ridging over the Western U.S. will yield unusually warm Thanksgiving weather in many areas.

Climate Whiplash

Eastern tropical Pacific approaches “Super El Niño ” territory as warming continues

NOAA Coral Reef Watch Daily 5km SST Anomalies (v3.1) 20 Nov 2023



Sea surface temperature anomalies (SSTs) continue to increase in the eastern and central equatorial Pacific, and are now exceeding +2C (+3.6F) across a broad region. Warmer than average ocean surface temperatures also persist along the entire coast of California. (NOAA)

Climate Whiplash

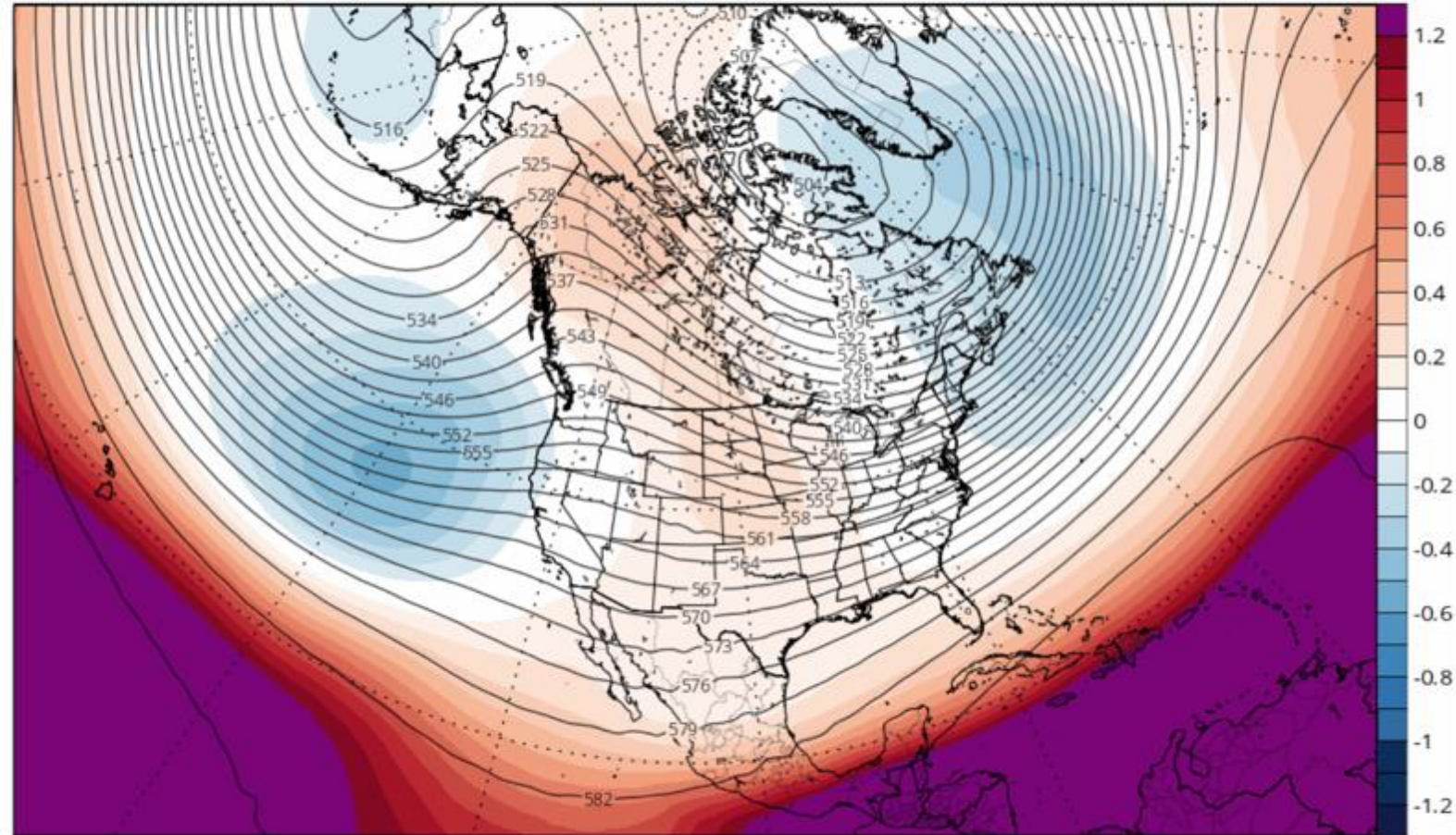
Early signs of a transition toward much wetter and more pattern in early Dec

CFSv2 Mean Z500 & Normalized Anomaly (dam) from 18z26Dec2023 to 18z02Jan2024 (Days 36-42)

Average of last 48 forecasts (12 runs x 4 members)

Init: 00z Nov 19 2023 through 18z Nov 21 2023

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A combination of MJO-related subseasonal forcing and strong El Nino-related seasonal forcing will likely cause the storm track over the North Pacific to increasingly favor California after an episode of strong/dry ridging over the next 7-10 days.

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August 2022 | FS-1204a

A photograph of a person's legs and feet as they hike on a forest path. The person is wearing brown hiking pants and brown and black hiking boots. They are walking on a dirt path with fallen leaves. The background is a sunlit forest with green foliage. The image is used as a background for the text overlay.

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BEA News: Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account, U.S. and States, 2022

Bureau of Economic Analysis sent this bulletin at 11/17/2023 01:47 PM EST

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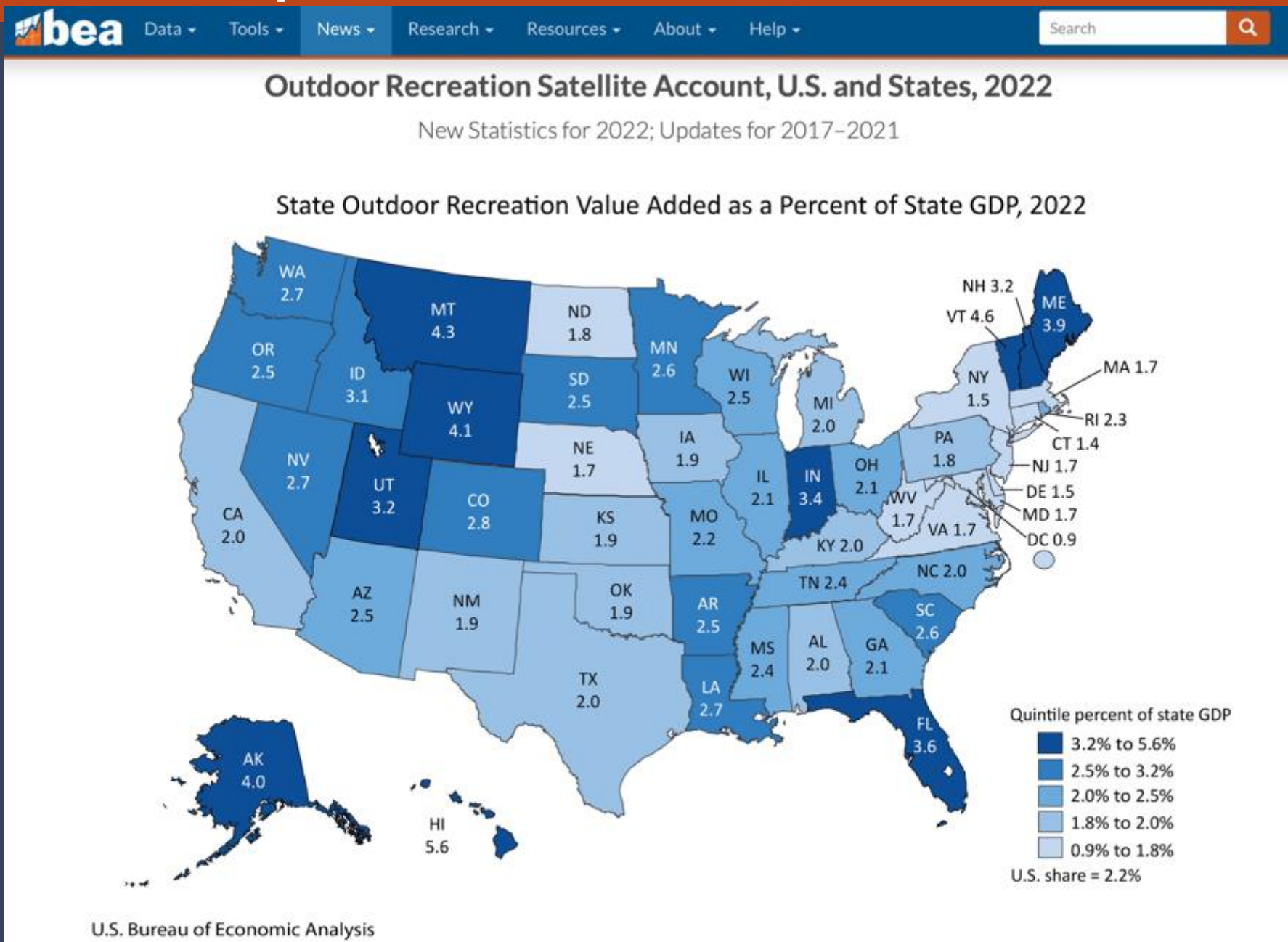
The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) has issued the following news release today:

The value added of the outdoor recreation economy accounted for 2.2 percent (\$563.7 billion) of current-dollar gross domestic product (GDP) for the nation in 2022. At the state level, value added for outdoor recreation as a share of state GDP ranged from 5.6 percent in Hawaii to 1.4 percent in Connecticut. The share was 0.9 percent in the District of Columbia.

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Change in Outdoor Recreation Employment, 2022

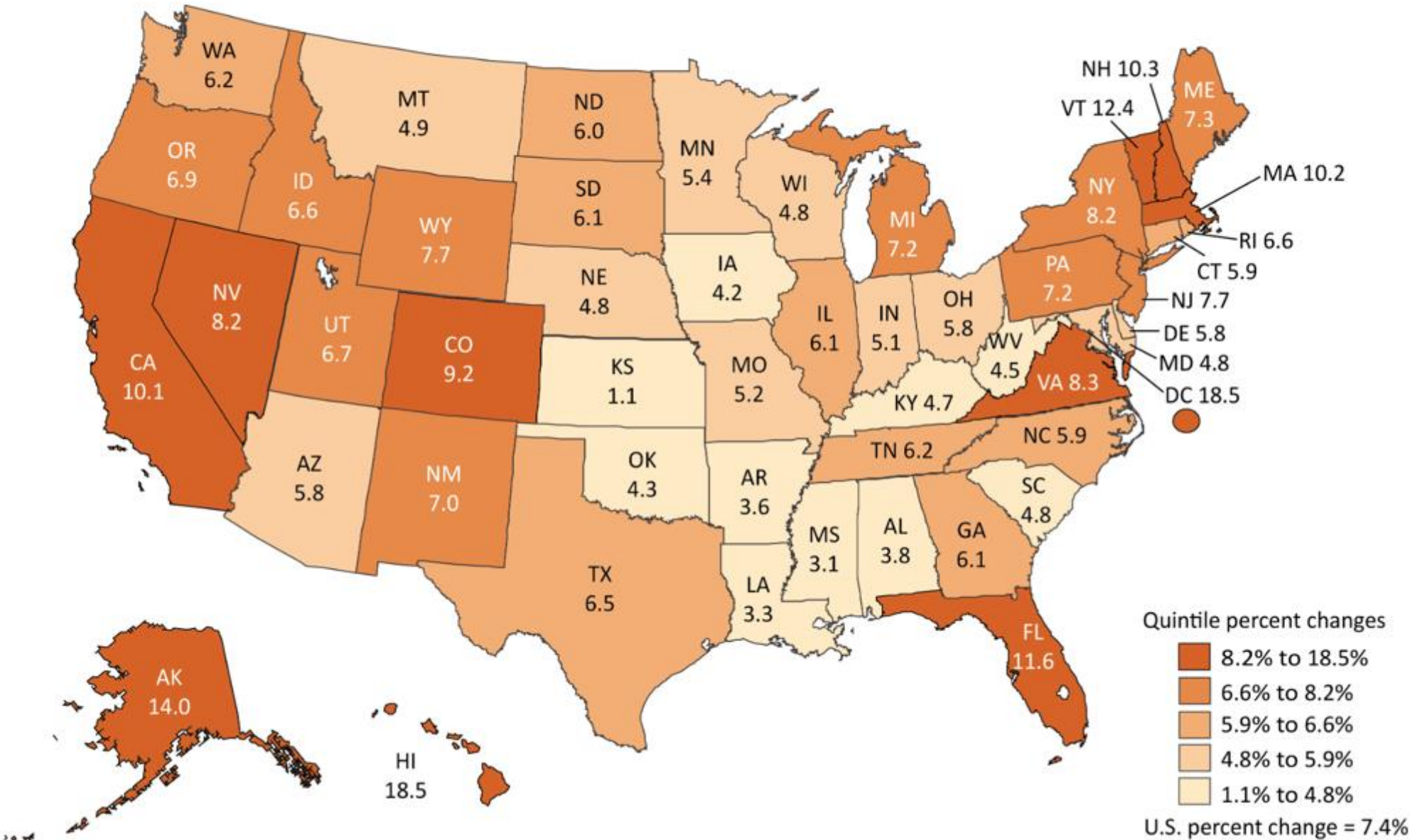
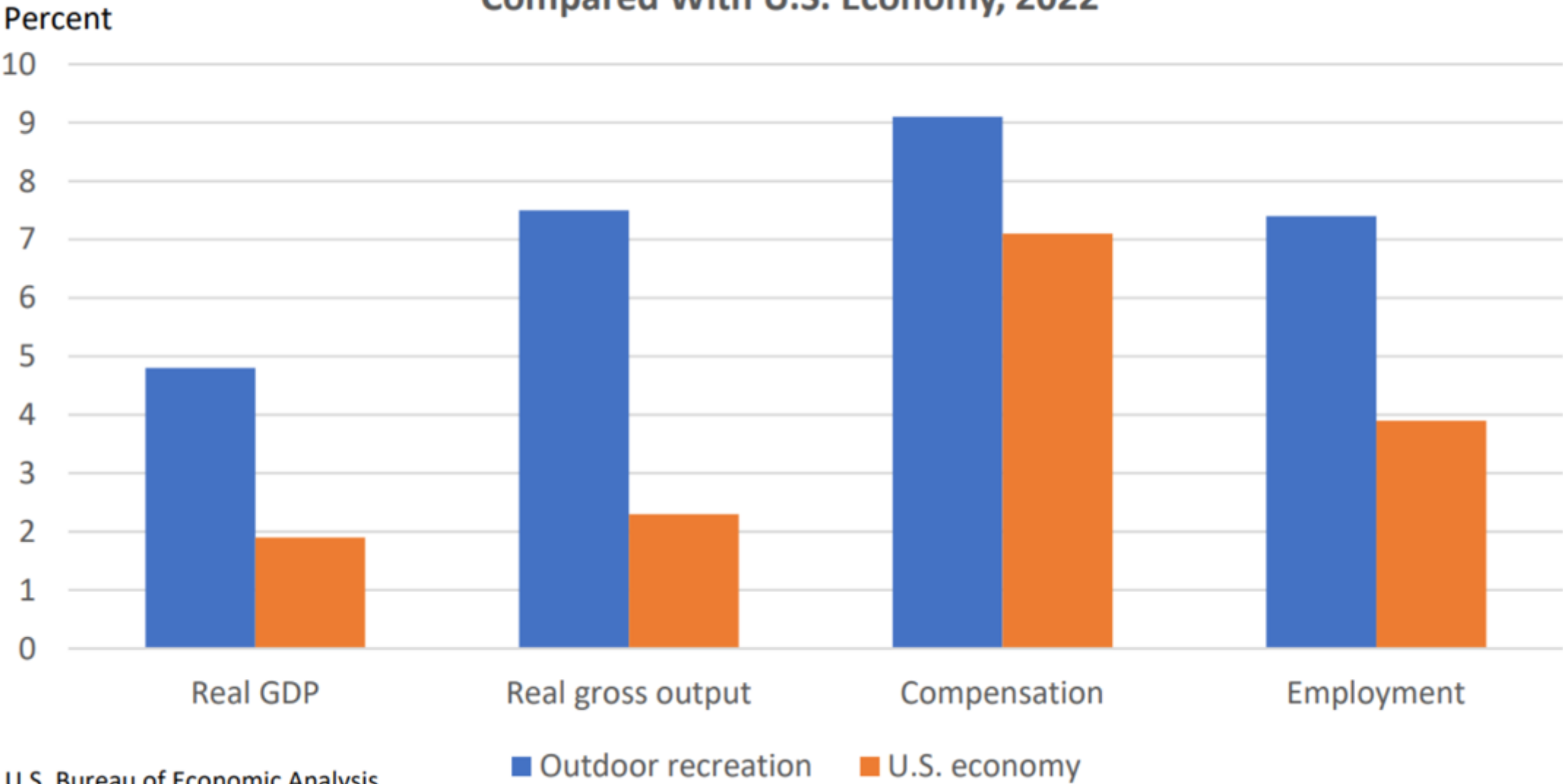


Chart 1. Change in Outdoor Recreation,
Compared With U.S. Economy, 2022



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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)

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Federal agencies, meet the "laddered" continuing resolution.

Speaker Mike Johnson said Thursday that Republicans are considering a new approach to stopgap funding that would extend pieces of current appropriations for different time periods, effectively setting up a series of funding cliffs while avoiding a single deadline that could trigger a partial government shutdown for all agencies.

With current funding for the entire government set to expire on Nov. 17, Johnson has proposed a CR to extend funding through Jan. 15, though that date is the federal Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. But the Louisiana Republican said at a press conference some GOP members raised the idea of a "laddered CR" to extend funding on a piecemeal basis.

"I'll unpack for you what that means here in the coming days, but potentially you would do a CR that extends individual pieces of the appropriations process, individual bills," Johnson said. "We'll see how that goes. I think we can build consensus around it."



Government shutdown

Shut down on Jan 20, 2024 ▾

34% chance ↓5

Forecast



Yes 41¢

No 66¢



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The Fifth National Climate Assessment

The Fifth National Climate Assessment is the US Government's preeminent report on climate change impacts, risks, and responses. It is a congressionally mandated interagency effort that provides the scientific foundation to support informed decision-making across the United States.



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Addressing Climate Change

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How the United States Is Addressing Climate Change

The effects of human-caused climate change are already far-reaching and worsening across every region of the United States. Rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions can limit future warming and associated increases in many risks. Across the country, efforts to adapt to climate change and reduce emissions have expanded since 2018, and US emissions have fallen since peaking in 2007. However, without deeper cuts in global net greenhouse gas emissions and accelerated adaptation efforts, severe climate risks to the United States will continue to grow.

Future climate change impacts depend on choices made today

The more the planet warms, the greater the impacts. Without rapid and deep reductions in global [greenhouse gas](#) emissions from human activities, the risks of accelerating sea level rise, intensifying extreme weather, and other harmful climate impacts will continue to grow. Each additional increment of warming is expected to lead to more damage and greater economic losses compared to previous increments of warming, while the risk of catastrophic or unforeseen consequences also increases. [{2.3, 19.1}](#)

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California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment

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BACKGROUND

California is already experiencing the impacts of climate change. In the last decade, Californians have endured severe droughts, floods, historic wildfires, rising seas, and record temperatures all driven by climate change. Building resilience to these impacts requires sustained investment in climate change research and science.

Senate Bill 1320 (Stern, 2020) calls on the State to advance action-based science by developing California Climate Change Assessments at least every five years. Previous Assessments (2006, 2009, 2012, 2018) contributed to a growing understanding about the impacts of climate change in California and offer communities and decision makers the tools to take action. Building on the strong foundation set by previous Assessments, the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research is leading implementation of the California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment (Fifth Assessment), in partnership with the California Energy Commission, California Natural Resources Agency, and California Strategic Growth Council.

EXAMPLES OF CLIMATE-RELATED EVENTS AND TRENDS THAT IMPACT CALIFORNIA INCLUDE:

- » Wildfire
- » Heavy precipitation
- » Flooding
- » Extreme heat events
- » Drought
- » Rising temperatures
- » Declining snowpack
- » Sea level rise
- » Ocean acidification



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THE FIFTH ASSESSMENT WILL DEVELOP:

- » New climate data and scenarios that portray impacts of climate change on California (the next generation of projections that align with Coupled Model Inter-comparison Project Phase 6, or CMIP6).
- » Original research that addresses California-specific research needs and questions related to climate change.
- » A Tribal research program to integrate tribal expertise, Traditional knowledge(s), and input from California Native American tribes throughout the Fifth Assessment process.
- » A suite of regional, topical, and statewide synthesis reports that prioritize equity in the translation of this cutting-edge research to meet the needs and unique contexts of regions across the state.
- » A dedicated, sustained, and equity-centered engagement process, tools and resources to ensure this information drives climate action on the ground.

DEFINITIONS

- » **Adaptation** is an action or set of actions that reduce climate risk.
- » **Resilience** describes a state of readiness to face climate risks.

OUTCOMES

The Assessment will be informed by ongoing engagement and outreach, and advance the integration of tribal expertise, Traditional knowledge(s) into the Fifth Assessment process and products. Leveraging diverse expertise throughout the state, the Fifth Assessment will contribute to the scientific foundation for understanding climate-related vulnerability throughout California. It will support on-the-ground implementation and decision-making at the local, regional, tribal, and state levels, focusing on the needs of communities most vulnerable to climate change impacts.





Tribal Research Program

California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment

BACKGROUND

California is already experiencing the impacts of climate change. Indigenous peoples are on the frontlines, enduring and adapting to severe droughts, floods, historic wildfires, rising seas, and record temperatures. Building resilience to these impacts requires sustained investment in climate change research and science. Through California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment (Fifth Assessment) and Tribal Research Program, the State is supporting tribally-led climate change research initiatives to address this critical need and further support the work already underway in tribal communities.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Adaptation to climate change refers to adjustments in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects, which moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities.

CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Resiliency as it relates to climate change is the capacity of any entity—an individual, a community, an organization, or a natural system—to prepare for disruptions, to recover from shocks and stresses, and to adapt and grow from a disruptive experience.



CALIFORNIA CLIMATE CHANGE ASSESSMENTS

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California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment [Tribal and Indigenous Communities Report](#) provided a foundation for the Fifth Assessment Tribal Research Program. This inaugural effort highlighted certain tribes' innovative strategies and actions to address climate change, defined key climate impacts at the nexus of tribal lands, histories and current conditions, and proposed overall recommendations for future Assessment(s), including collaborative climate action across the state that incorporates traditional knowledge(s) and areas of tribal study. The Fifth Assessment Tribal Research Program is based on these recommendations and seeks to build on this foundation.

THE TRIBAL RESEARCH PROGRAM WILL SUPPORT

- » A dedicated, sustained, and **meaningful tribal engagement** process to include government to government consultation, listening sessions, workshops, and attending existing tribal workshops to meet tribes where they are.
- » **Tribal expertise, Traditional knowledge(s)**, and other input from California Native American tribes throughout the Fifth Assessment process, where appropriate and meaningful for tribes, such as supplementary components in the regional and topical reports.
- » A **Tribal Advisory Group** to guide the State on meaningful and appropriate tribal consideration during decision points throughout the Fifth Assessment process.
- » A statewide **Tribal and Indigenous Communities synthesis report**.
- » A **Tribal Research Grant Program** to support tribally-led research, implementation of resilience projects, and information sharing amongst tribes.



4th Assessment info: climateassessment.ca.gov
 5th Assessment info: opr.ca.gov/climate/ICASP/climate-assessment
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CALIFORNIA'S FIFTH
CLIMATE CHANGE
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**How is climate change
affecting your region?**

We want to hear from you

**Attend a Listening
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Technical Advisory Council

Item 7: California Fifth Climate Change Assessment Synthesis Reports
November 17, 2023

Introduction

California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment (Fifth Assessment) is a multi-year research effort led by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research in partnership with the Strategic Growth Council, California Natural Resources Agency, and California Energy Commission. It includes a suite of diverse research and informational products that explore the state's current and projected climate impacts and adaptation pathways to build resilience to climate related vulnerabilities. Part of that portfolio is a suite of Regional Synthesis Reports that are meant to compile and synthesize key findings throughout the Climate Assessment into regionally focused materials that meet the needs and context of communities across the state.

The Fourth Climate Assessment established a model for nine regional reports to capture key information developed through the assessment and highlight locally specific applications. Building from this framework, the Fifth Assessment team hosted a series of in-person and virtual engagement events with representatives from tribal communities, non-profit organizations, local governments, academic communities, and residents across the state's nine climate change assessment regions (Central Coast, Inland Deserts, Los Angeles, North Coast, San Diego, Sacramento Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley, and Sierra Nevada) to discuss the scope of each Regional Synthesis Report.

Based on the input received, the Fifth Assessment team is proposing updates to some of the Climate Assessment regions and has developed a general framework that will set a foundation for the scope of each Regional Synthesis Report. Input has also contributed to a deeper understanding of the local nuances and unique climate conditions experienced throughout different communities that will be used, where relevant, to elevate local priorities throughout each report.

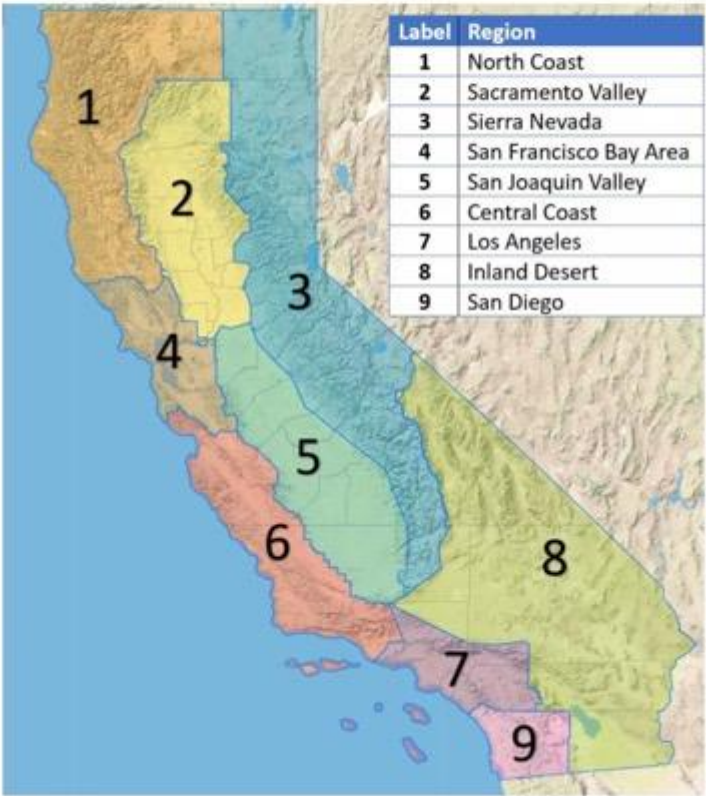
The Fifth Assessment will also include a suite of Topical Synthesis Reports that represent issues of statewide significance. Reports funded through the Assessment will include Racial Equity and Climate Justice, Tribal Communities and Indigenous Knowledge(s), and additional reports to be finalized later. State Agency partners will also contribute Topical Synthesis Reports on various themes, including, but not limited to, Climate Financing and Insurance (led by the Department of Insurance), Workforce and Labor Economics (led by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency), Biodiversity (led by the Department of Fish and Wildlife), and Public Health (led by the Department of Public Health). In addition to the

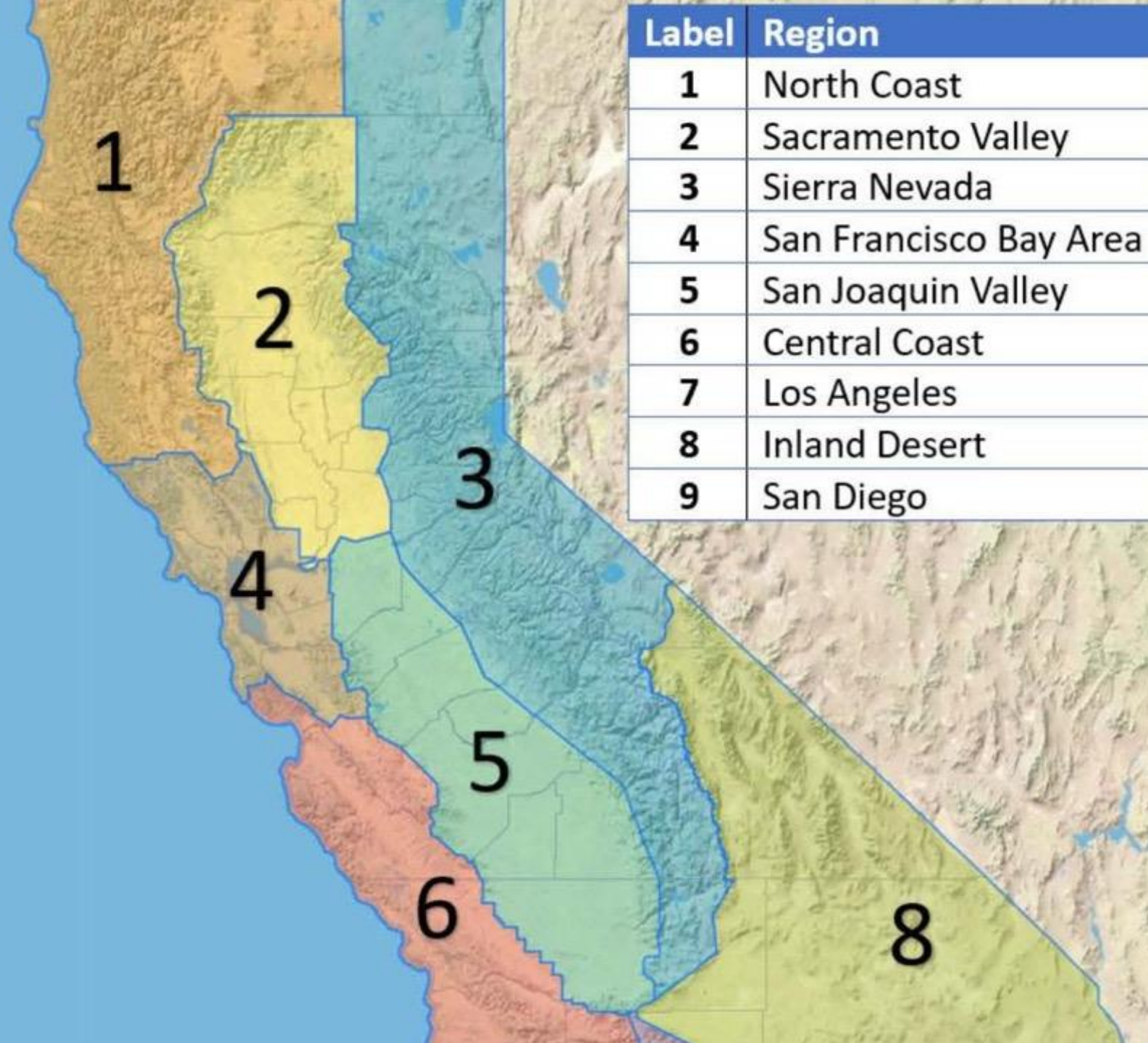
focus of the Topical Synthesis Reports, the Regional Synthesis Reports will also integrate these topics, as relevant.

Regional Boundaries

Draft updates to the boundaries include:

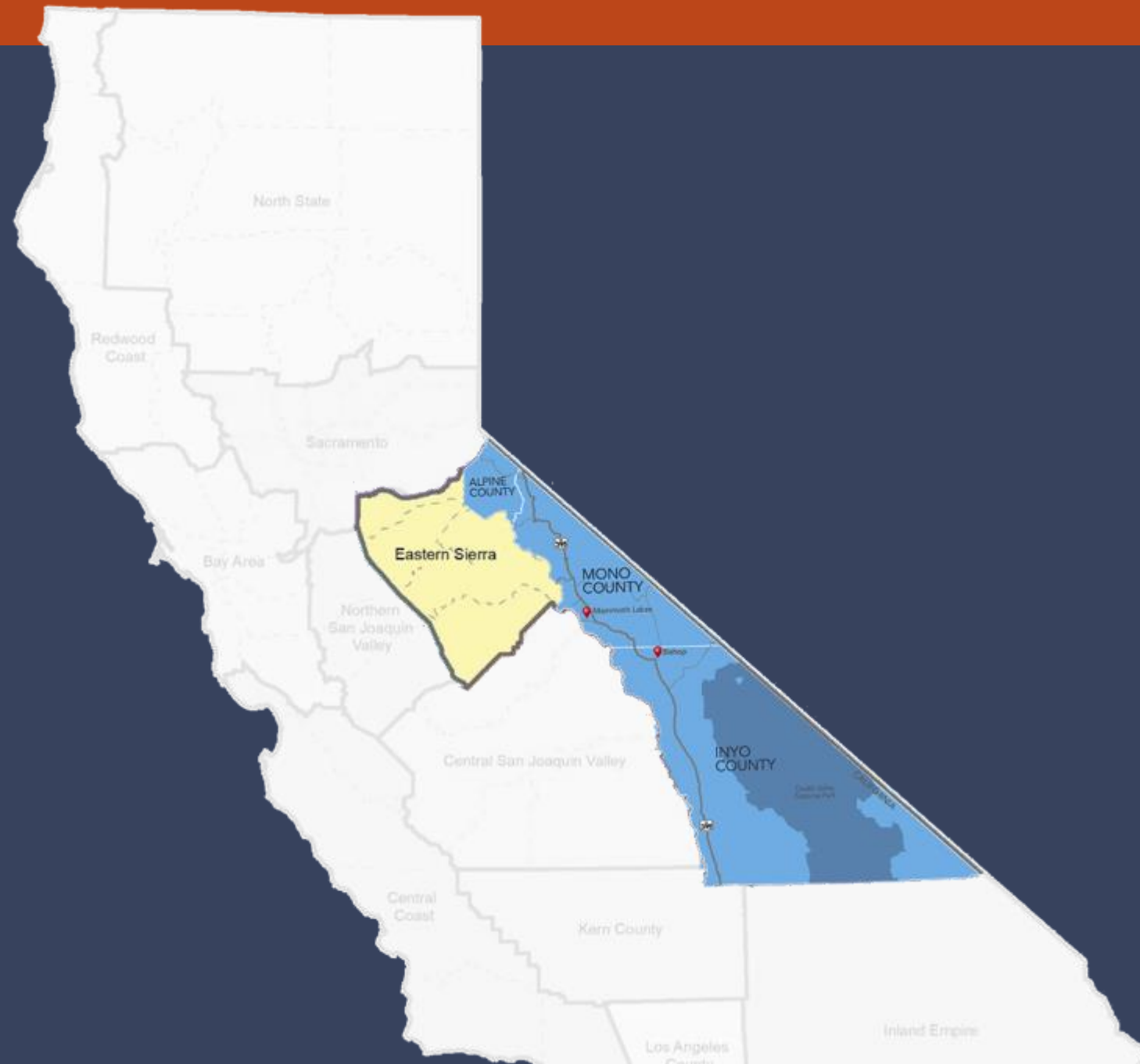
- 1. Expanding the Inland Desert region to incorporate the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, Inyo County, and the White Mountains in Mono county.
- 2. Adjusting the boundary of the Central Coast to include the Northwest portion of Ventura County, maintaining the Santa Monica Mountain range and urban areas in the Southeast of the county within the Los Angeles region.



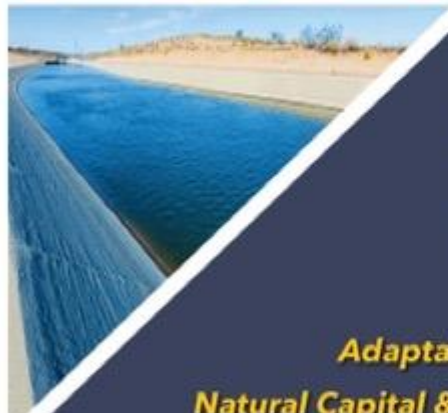


Label	Region
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3	Sierra Nevada
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5	San Joaquin Valley
6	Central Coast
7	Los Angeles
8	Inland Desert
9	San Diego





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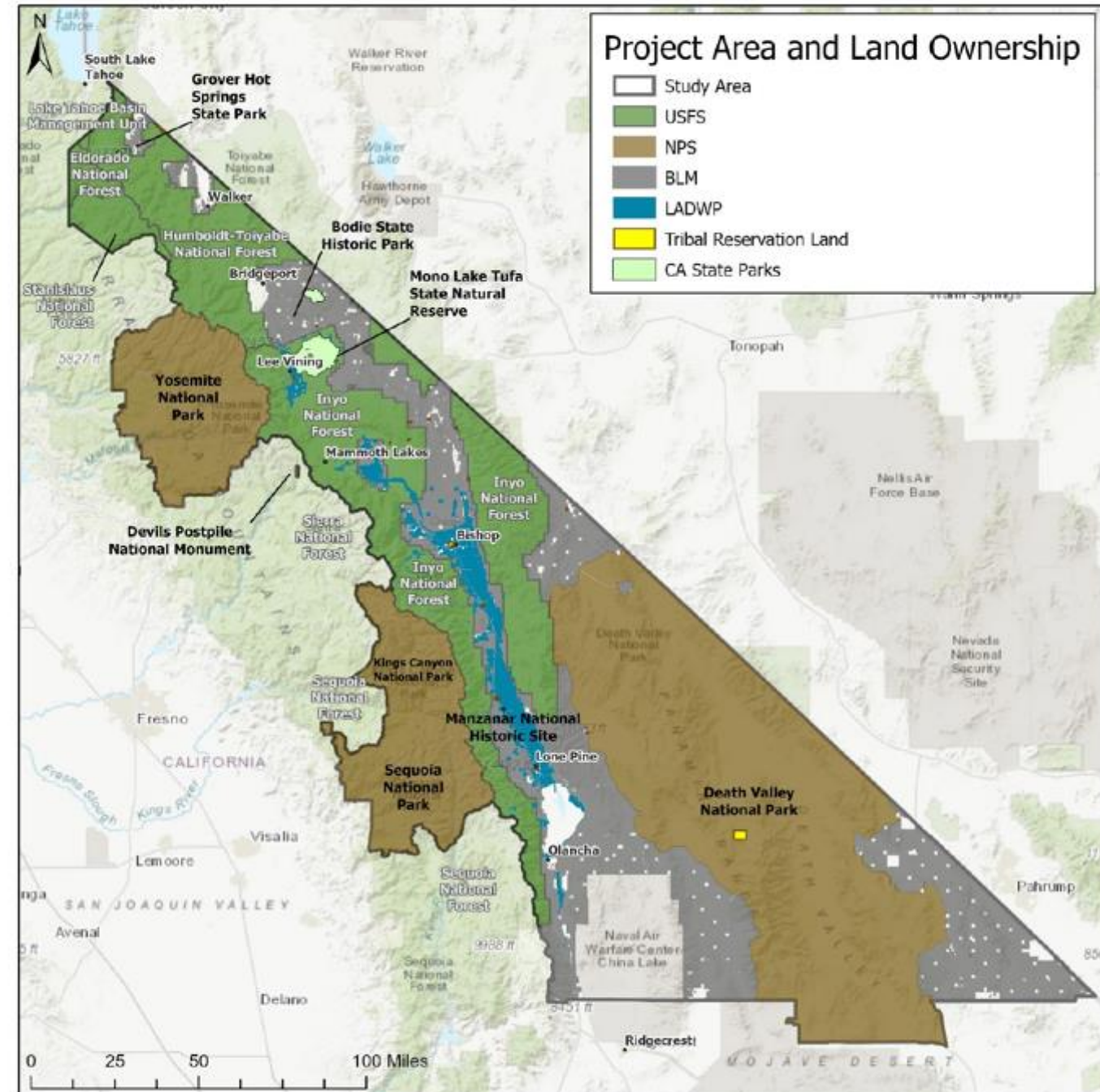
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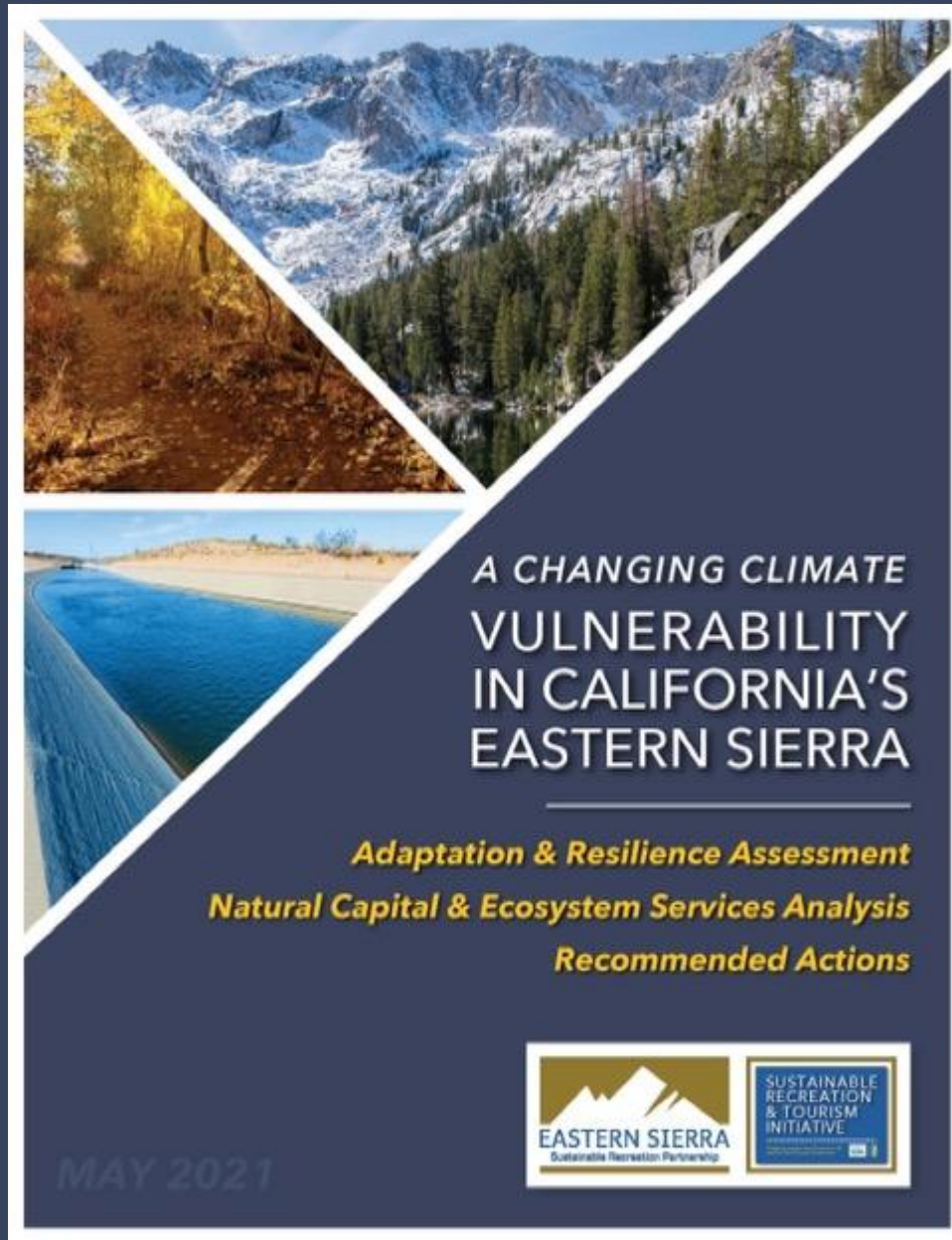
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Figure 1. The Study Area





Evaluates the impacts of climate change hazards on recreation and tourism.

- What are the risks to the region?
- Who and what is most vulnerable?
- What are the impacts to the regional economy?
- Looks at risks by separate management units.



Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP)

Advancing equitable, integrated climate adaptation and resilience solutions
across local, regional, and state efforts

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California Jobs First (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 California Jobs First (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 California Jobs First (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.

[CATALYST PROGRAM](#)[PROJECT IDENTIFICATION](#)

SBC Selected as Sub-convener for Capital Region Counties

Sierra Business Council's sister organization Valley Vision, located in Sacramento, has announced the awardees of its California Jobs First (CERF) sub-region grants. SBC will be working with the Nevada County Economic Resource Council and Tahoe Prosperity Center to oversee the Tahoe/Nevada region, and with the Placer and El Dorado Community Foundations to oversee the Placer/El Dorado region. These processes will be distinct from our Eastern Sierra HRTC, but SBC is grateful for the opportunity to help further equitable development throughout more of our region, and we hope to help align strategies between our mountain counties where possible.

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Newsom Administration, Natural Resources Agency Launch Historic Plan to Increase Outdoor Access in California

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Called the “*Outdoors for All Strategy*,” the plan serves as a blueprint for how the state California Natural Resources Agency and communities will build a movement and further momentum on work already underway — while partnering with key communities across the state to track progress and support future actions that get more people outside and provide outdoor experiences. More specifically, the *Outdoors for All Strategy* lifts up six key priorities:

- **Establishes spaces for people and nature to thrive** by creating and maintaining more high-quality outdoor spaces of all shapes and sizes, especially in park-limited places;
- **Fosters belonging** in the outdoors through policies and programs that build a welcoming and inclusive culture;
- **Connects people and the outdoors** by improving information and transportation;
- **Co-creates with communities** through frequent and meaningful tribal consultation and community engagement, with attention to underserved communities;
- **Builds equitable career pathways and a representative workforce** by improving opportunities for all Californians to enter and sustain outdoor recreation, natural resources and restoration professions;
- **Aligns funding to achieve Outdoors for All** in partnership with federal, state and non-governmental entities.

Championed by Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom, and accelerated by Legislative investments and policies, the *Outdoors for All Initiative* emphasizes how state government can build on current efforts to cultivate an outdoor culture and workforce that reflects California's diversity.

“California is one of the most beautiful places in the world and our connection to nature and outdoor recreation is a key part of our identity,” said California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot. “Yet today, not all Californians can get outside and into nature safely, affordably or comfortably. *Outdoors for All* is about expanding this opportunity to all Californians and providing lifelong outdoor experiences for families and underserved communities across the state. Today’s launch builds momentum to make this vision a reality.”

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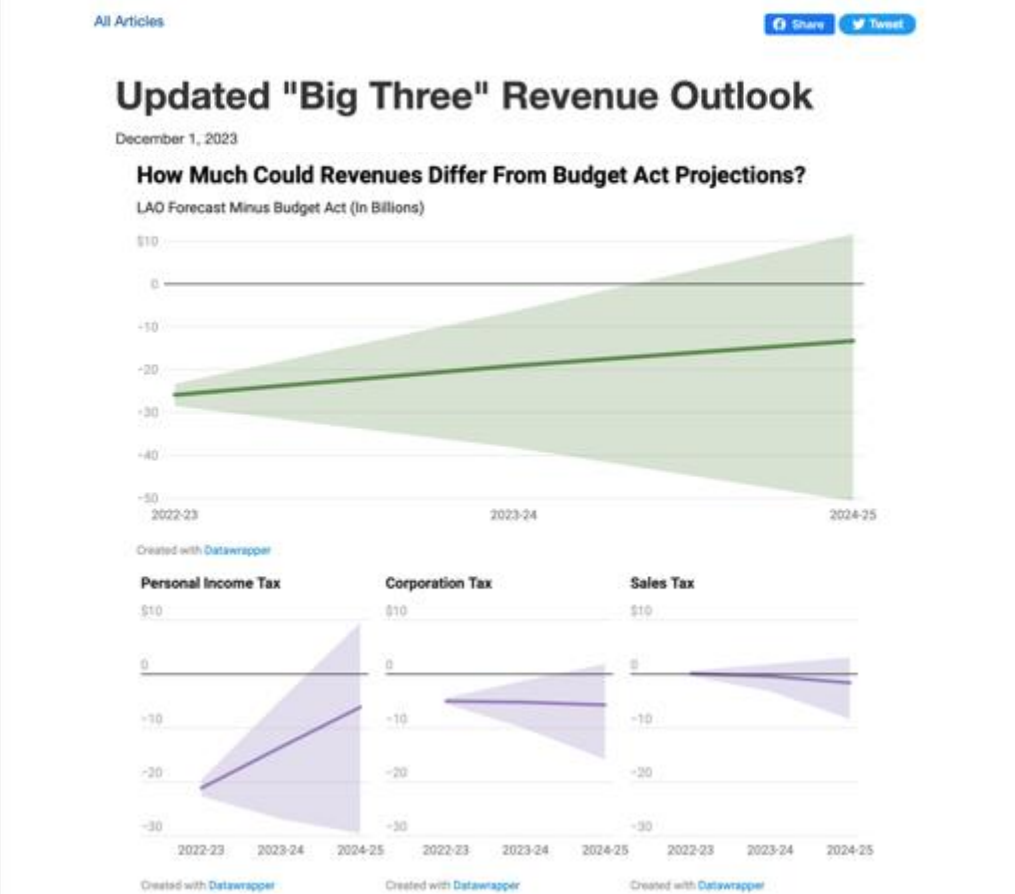
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Projected revenues did not materialize in November

LAO lowers its state revenue outlook considerably in new report

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High-Income and Corporate Payments Much Less Than Projected. California's 2023 budget anticipated that \$42 billion of personal and corporate income tax payments would be delayed from earlier in the year to October due to the IRS's ten-month deadline delay for certain filers' 2022 and 2023 tax obligations (eventually extended to November).

Perhaps around \$15 billion of that was paid by high-income and big corporate filers in October, but very little came to state coffers in November. Accordingly, collections by the Franchise Tax Board for the two months of October and November combined, net of refunds, were about \$27 billion short of budget estimates. These shortfalls seemingly will be spread across three fiscal years (2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24) in the state's budgetary accounting system. The 2023 state budget reflected some lower revenue estimates. The last few weeks' shortfall signifies that 2022 and perhaps 2023 tax liabilities were several percentage points short of those 2023 budget estimates.

California could have a \$58B budget shortfall, Legislative Analyst's Office says

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The LAO's new revenue forecast suggests a 2024 budget problem maybe in the \$40+ billion range (my very rough math). The LAO *Fiscal Outlook*, expected soon, will give its estimate of the 2024 budget problem (the amount of budget-balancing actions needed to pass the June 2024 state budget).

My Take. California will face a significant budget challenge in 2024, requiring cuts or delays to planned one-time spending and other actions. Actions to prioritize classroom funding and other core programs remain important even in such a budget environment. Tens of billions of dollars of reserves remain available and, for now at least, buttress state programs against cash flow pressures.



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State Updates



Hello Recreate Responsibly California Coalition members,

Our next meeting is coming up on **Tuesday, November 28, 2023 from 8 to 9 a.m.** This will be an engaging roundtable discussion where you can share the latest updates on outdoor recreation in your part of the state.

Now, for some resources shared by our Coalition members:

Upcoming Events

November 17 at 10:30 a.m.: The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable will host a discussion about the latest data from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis on the impact of the outdoor recreation economy in 2022.

- Register for the [Outdoor Recreation Roundtable economic impact webinar](#).

Public Input Opportunities

The Department of the Interior will offer three listening sessions and invite public comment to inform its Environmental Justice Strategic Plan. The public can contribute to addressing environmental injustices, supporting President Biden's Executive Order on [Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All](#). The plan aims to advance climate efforts, clean energy, pollution cleanup, and inclusive access to public lands.

- Read the press release about the [Department of Interior's Environmental Justice Strategic Plan](#).
- Provide a [written comment or register for a public listening session on November 30 or December 1](#).

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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Joint Economic Committee Democrats Report on Cost of Climate-Exacerbated Wildfires

The new report shows climate-exacerbated fires more costly than previously...



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CAL FIRE Announces Availability of up to \$117 Million for Wildfire Prevention

Forest Health and Research to follow.



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Recap: Dashboard Virtual Workshop

See video of the Interagency Treatment Dashboard Virtual Public Workshop and take a post-workshop survey.

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CAL FIRE's and ALERTCalifornia's Fire Detection AI Program Named One of TIME's Best Inventions of 2023

The tool helps with early detection and rapid response allow firefighters to combat fires before they grow



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30x30 Becomes Law

Governor Newsom signed Bill (SB) 337, establishing the statewide goal to...



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The Watershed Center Partners to Build CA's Wildfire Resilience Workforce

The Watershed Research and Training Center is partnering with local...

December 14, 2023

- **Time: 08:30**

MEETINGS: CURRENT

- **Location:**
 - *Bishop City Council Chamber and Mammoth Lakes Council Chamber*

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday January 8, 2024 @ 3:30 PM