

## ESSRP Meeting Notes | 8/7/2023

33 participants

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### Introductions

- Elizabeth Glazner, Communications Manager of the Whitebark Institute
- Bethanie DeRose, JLL/Visit California. She will visit the region August 20-27.
- State Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil and Representative Kevin Kiley will attend the Tri-County Fair.

### Regional Updates

- The Inyo NF and H-T NF are under fire restrictions.
- We distributed the ESSRP MOU and received several responses.
  - David: Irvin Jim is no longer chair of the Hung-a-lai-ti. He may be vice chair.
  - David: Alpine County approved the MOU last week.
- The CEDS document is out for public review.
- The CERF stakeholder engagements are rolling throughout the month of August.
- There will be Towns to Trails Plan meetings in each county at the end of August.
  - TOWNS TO TRAILS - August 21, 2023, 5:30PM-7:30PM: Inyo County Stakeholder Meeting  
Location: TBD (Bishop)  
Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/towns-to-trails-inyo-county-stakeholder-meeting-tickets-687397944757?aff=oddtcreator>
  - TOWNS TO TRAILS - August 23, 2023, 5:30PM-7:30PM: Mono County Stakeholder Meeting  
Location: Mono County Civic Center, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA  
Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/towns-to-trails-mono-county-stakeholder-meeting-tickets-689676459857?aff=oddtcreator>
  - TOWNS TO TRAILS - August 24, 2023, 5:30PM-7:30PM: Towns to Trails - Alpine County Stakeholder Meeting  
Location: Turtle Rock Park Community Center, 17300 State Route 89, Markleeville, CA  
Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/689677593247?aff=oddtcreator>
- There will be a BIRPI meeting in Bishop at the end of August.
  - BIRPI (Buttermilk Infrastructure & Recreation Planning Initiative)  
Public meeting with opportunities for input, feedback, and conversation.  
August 22, 2023, 5:30-7:30 BIRPI Public Meeting  
Location: TBD (Bishop)  
Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/689679749697?aff=oddtcreator>

### National Updates

## Climate

- The world got its first taste of what life is like when it's 1.5 degrees Celsius hotter.
- It's been an interesting time getting to ski while cities around the world suffer under extreme heat.
- We still expect an El Nino winter next.

## Reimagining Recreation

- This is an ambitious U.S. Forest Service effort to develop national recreation policy.
- The recreation economy is going strong.

## Recreation Programming

- Flathead Rivers Alliance launched an interesting citizen science and responsible recreation stewardship program.
- Deaf Community Inclusion in New York state.
- MAPLand Act is an effort to make recreation data more accessible and high quality.
- The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable presented on the outdoor recreation workforce.
- National Public Lands Day is coming up on September 23, 2023.

## State Updates, Stacy Corless

- There is legislation coming up to create a bond measure: AB 1567. It would support recreation and nature resilience.
  - Here is information, a registration form and a short survey for the AB 1567/Climate Bond listening session next week. Please consider completing the survey even if you can't attend.  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jiv\\_ulp4h6jX7lVpZLqam\\_4wD7PoMPI22K3w08HH6Uc/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jiv_ulp4h6jX7lVpZLqam_4wD7PoMPI22K3w08HH6Uc/edit)
- They want to be sure that the Sierra is represented in the bill. They will meet with the sponsoring senator in Auburn.
- The Fifth Climate Change Assessment is underway.
  - 5th Climate Change Assessment:  
Registration for the Aug 10 in-person meeting here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jiv\\_ulp4h6jX7lVpZLqam\\_4wD7PoMPI22K3w08HH6Uc/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jiv_ulp4h6jX7lVpZLqam_4wD7PoMPI22K3w08HH6Uc/edit)
  - And virtual meeting for the Sierra Nevada region will be Oct 4 - registration here:  
<https://governorca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lduirrjgvHdIXe6Z3uHlywEYaAbAteuK#/registration>

## BIRPI Updates, Tim Bevins

- They are requesting feedback from people within the study area through an online SWOT analysis and map.
  - <https://escog.ca.gov/buttermilk>
- The study has been open for a week and has received about 400 comments.
- The public input collection survey closes on August 9.

#### Towns to Trails Update, Tim Bevins

- Alta is in the area August 21-24.
- They continue to study possible trails using existing trails and terrain. They will work with the public to study how the trails meet the public's desires.

#### ESCCRP, Janet Hatfield

- Work began today east of Shady Rest campground.
- They put out signage to prepare campers to deal with noise.
- Next, they'll treat some parcels on Town-owned land around Mammoth Creek.

#### Partner Updates

##### Alpine County, David Griffith

- The MOU should arrive in John's inbox soon.
- David is concerned that we're moving towards encouraging too much visitation rather than improving the behavior of current visitors.
- The draft CEDS is not acceptable to Alpine County. David submitted comments through JT. It seemed like Alpine County was totally forgotten.

##### Bureau of Land Management

- No representative.

##### Caltrans

- Welcome to Andrew Besold. He'll take over from Ben Downard as a primary contact for this meeting.
- Andrew is excited about the Highways to Boulevards program. It could benefit Downtown Bishop.

##### City of Bishop

- No representative.

##### Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, Brian Hansen

- Brian is working through the information about the MOU for his leadership.

##### Inyo County

- No representative.

##### Inyo National Forest, Adam Barnett

- The forest went into stage 1 fire restrictions on August 4.
- They completed the hazard tree removal project in Reds Meadow.
- There will be 30-minute traffic delays on Reds Meadow Rd as they conduct blasting.
- They started the planning and design process for the Reds Meadow campgrounds.
- They've done a lot of work on road repair.

## Mono County

Marcella Rose

- They are fully staffed with three trail crew members.
- They are working to expand Tangle Free Waters and Adopt a Trail throughout the County.

Lynda Salcido

- They are conducting interviews for key positions in the county.

## National Park Service

Nichole Andler

- From July 14-30, DVNP had its third longest heat wave.
- DVNP received its seasonal hiring certificate that will let it hire more interpretive staff for the winter.

Joe Meyer

- Devils Postpile is happy to be open for the summer season! The park is currently operating without water or phone services, but portable toilets and a hand-wash station are available on site. Public information is available at the historic ranger station, educational programs, guided tours, and the ESIA bookstore are available on weekends. ESTA bus service is available at Devils Postpile.
- Yosemite is happy for the Tioga Road to be open for the season! Visitors should be careful where they see barriers indicating road damage. No lodging, food, or gas on Tioga Road. Campgrounds coming online, but Tuolumne Meadows Campground is closed for construction.
- Yosemite Valley and west-side gates have been very busy.
- Visitor Access Management Plan: currently in public engagement period #2, which ends on 9/6.  
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=113113>

## Town of Mammoth Lakes

Dan Holler

- They're making repairs to the trail system.
- They're working on issues with dogs off leash.
- There will be special events every weekend of the summer.

Lawson Reif

- The Mammoth Donut and Parcel burning will occur at the end of the month. The town loop will be very busy. TOML is working to put out signage.
- The host program is going well.
- E-bikes have been a challenge along the MUPs.

Andrew Mulford

- They've been busy working on hazard trees in the Lakes Basin with USFS and CAL FIRE crews.

- They're finishing a trail called Black Bear Run. The construction will probably take the remainder of the crew's season.