



Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP)
Monday January 6, 2025 – 3:30 PM

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The Partnership Current Signatories: *Alpine County*; BLM* City of Bishop*; Inyo County*; CALTRANS*; Mono County; Town of Mammoth Lakes; Inyo National Forest; Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, National Park Service** **have voted or otherwise agreed to sign partnership agreement* **Partners in Process:** NPS; LADWP

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. What is the ESSRP

3. Welcome + Housekeeping

- a. SCALE Grant Application on behalf of ESSRP Awarded
- b. Jonathan Changus - *Director of External Affairs, Visit California*
- c. Chelsea Taylor - *Recreate Responsibly California Coordinator, MLTPA Project Specialist*

4. Headlines of Interest

- a. "Here's how California's snowpack is shaping up so far
- b. "Map shows surprising place that gets the most snow in California
- c. "Sierra snowpack sees promising start but it's a long way until April
- d. "California typically sees its wettest weather now. Are storms on the horizon?
- e. "One Ski Resort's Long-Shot Bet to Survive Low Snowfall and Devastating Wildfires
- f. "The feds closed Mt. Baldy to hiking until December 2025. Rebellion is brewing
- g. "Powder Player: How Reed Hastings Is Disrupting the Ski Industry
- h. "Tahoe is a mess, so I found a California ski area that actually works
- i. "Ski patrol strike disrupting holiday week at Park City may set tone for union talks in Colorado
- j. "Social Responsibility Forward Stance
- k. "Douglas County Comprehensive Trails Plan
- l. "How one mountain biker is resurrecting the longest National Recreation Trail in Nevada
- m. "Biden-Harris Administration Proposes Protections for Ruby Mountains
- n. "Owens Lake Highlighted in United Nations Sand and Dust Storms Toolbox

5. California Updates

- a. California's e-bike voucher program flooded with almost 100,000 applications in 45 minutes
- b. The Life and Legacy of P-22 w/ Beth Pratt
- c. California's population is finally increasing — thanks to this demographic
- d. How fighting affordable housing nearly bankrupted one of America's richest towns
- e. Can Democrats make progress on housing? Two Californians will be key
- f. Insurers Are Deserting Homeowners as Climate Shocks Worsen
- g. California may lose a popular carpool program
- h. Biden to create two national monuments in California honoring tribes



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- i. California Wildfire Taskforce
- j. Biden-Harris Administration Launches New Program to Support Wood Processing Facilities
- k. California Gov. Newsom plans to deliver State of the State address before Trump's inauguration

6. Federal / National Updates

- a. A second Trump presidency could create big shifts in Colorado's outdoor recreation economy
- b. A day without Mexicans in Mammoth? Locals mull how to get a message to Trump
- c. The Worst Idea Ever?: Making the Chief of the Forest Service a Political Appointee
- d. Environmentalists sue to block Utah's 'Stand for Our Land' challenge
- e. USDA to Host Jan. 8 Webinar on Resources to Improve Rural Economies
- f. Upcoming USDOT Funding Resources and Opportunities
- g. U.S. Congress Re-Authorizes the Economic Development Administration
- h. President Biden signs Economic Development Administration Reauthorization into Law
- i. Congress passes "Explore Act" bill to increase outdoor recreation opportunities
- j. The Explore Act: A Turning Point for Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands
- k. President Biden signs Explore Act into Law

7. Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects

- a. Catalyst Applications Update - *Kaela Frank, Sierra Business Council*
 - i. Catalyst Project Submissions
 - ii. Next Steps/Catalyst Calendar for Sierra Jobs First - Dec. 4, 2024

8. Partner Insights and Updates in REVERSE Alphabetical Order

- a. Town of Mammoth Lakes
- b. National Park Service
- c. Mono County
- d. Inyo National Forest, USFS
- e. Inyo County
- f. HT National Forest, USFS
- g. ESCOG
- h. City of Bishop
- i. CALTRANS
- j. BLM
- k. Alpine County

9. Next Meetings

- a. **Regular Meeting** - Monday, February 3, 2025 @ 3:30 Via Zoom