

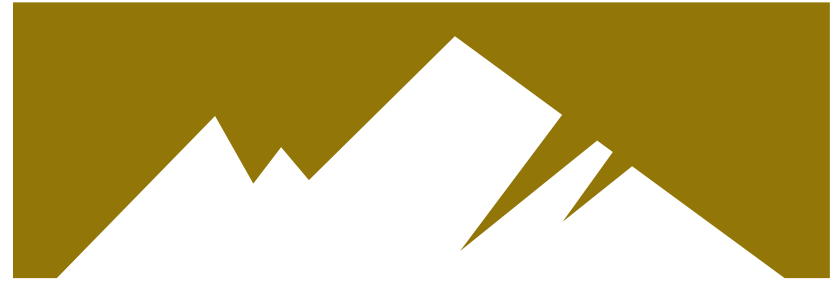
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Recording in Progress

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.”

Welcome and Housekeeping



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- Kaela Frank, Project Navigator

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Voters Broadly Positive About How Elections Were Conducted, in Sharp Contrast to 2020

Trump voters' skepticism about election administration and voting by mail declines sharply after their candidate's 2024 victory

How we did this

American voters overwhelmingly say the 2024 elections across the country and in their own communities were run well this year, and they express high levels of confidence that votes were counted accurately.

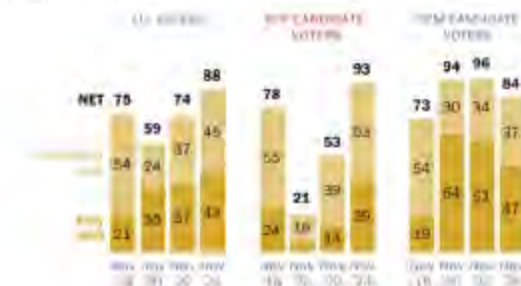
This stands in stark contrast to four years ago, when far fewer voters expressed confidence.

Today, 88% of voters say that elections across the United States were run and administered at least somewhat well, up from 59% of voters in 2020.

This year's rosier view of election administration is

More voters say the U.S. elections were run and administered well than in 2020

% of 1,000+ voters saying elections this November in the United States were run and administered well



ELECTION 2024



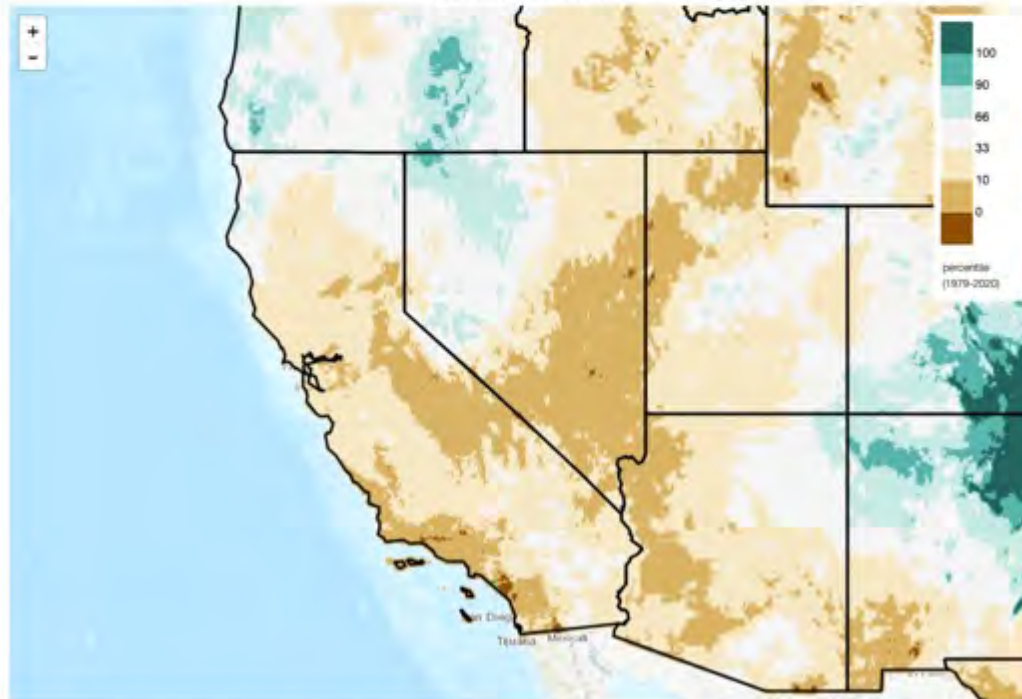
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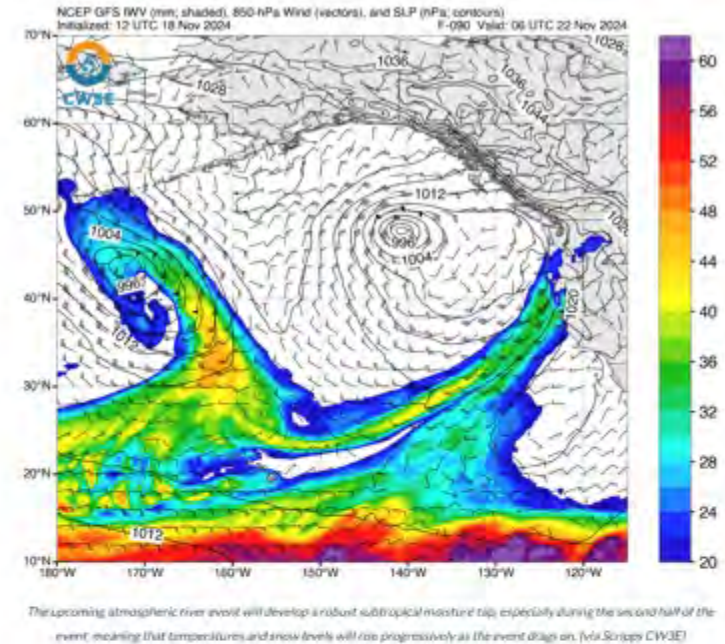
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A dry autumn to date in most of California! But hydroclimate whiplash to come...

Total Precipitation Percentile, Last 60 Days
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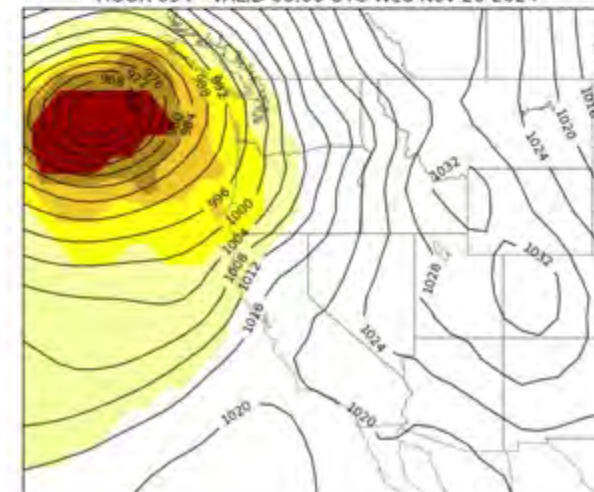


Through mid-November, autumn 2024 has been a substantially drier than average one across nearly all of California (especially central and southern portions) and much of the broader Southwest (except along the CA North Coast and portions of northern mountains). (via climatetoolbox.org)



Yes, there will be a "bomb cyclone" in the northeastern Pacific again...and it'll be a doozy.

NAEFS Mean MSLP (hPa) and Return Interval
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This Bay Area city just had a once-in-a-millennium amount of rain

Greg Porter

San Francisco Chronicle



Hampton Inn & Suites and Sutter Urgent Care on Piner Road in Santa Rosa are inundated with water during Friday's rainstorm. The 12.47 inches of rain that downtown Santa Rosa received over a 72-hour period from Tuesday through Friday qualifies as a once-in-1,000-year storm.

Brian Feulner/Special to the Chronicle

The National Weather Service on Saturday released some of the observations from the three-day atmospheric event that finally came to a conclusion late Friday.

The most eye-popping statistic — the 12.47 inches that downtown Santa Rosa received over a 72-hour period from Tuesday through Friday — qualifies as a once-in-1,000-year storm. The rarity designation comes from a calculation that determines how frequently one would expect to see that amount of rain in Santa Rosa and is used to make flood risk maps.



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12.47" over 3 days qualifies as a 1000 year event at Downtown Santa Rosa. hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/pfds/

PDS-based precipitation frequency estimates with 90% confidence intervals (in inches) ¹										
Duration	Average recurrence interval (years)									
	1	2	5	10	25	50	100	200	500	1000
1-min	0.152 (0.136-0.173)	0.152 (0.162-0.207)	0.223 (0.180-0.255)	0.257 (0.225-0.290)	0.305 (0.257-0.365)	0.343 (0.282-0.421)	0.383 (0.306-0.483)	0.425 (0.320-0.554)	0.483 (0.356-0.662)	0.564 (0.400-0.805)
10-min	0.218 (0.194-0.248)	0.262 (0.232-0.297)	0.320 (0.283-0.365)	0.380 (0.323-0.425)	0.437 (0.366-0.524)	0.492 (0.404-0.604)	0.548 (0.430-0.693)	0.609 (0.471-0.795)	0.693 (0.511-0.940)	0.809 (0.573-1.15)
15-min	0.264 (0.235-0.300)	0.316 (0.281-0.360)	0.387 (0.342-0.441)	0.448 (0.381-0.513)	0.529 (0.446-0.633)	0.594 (0.489-0.730)	0.663 (0.530-0.836)	0.736 (0.569-0.961)	0.838 (0.617-1.15)	0.978 (0.693-1.40)
30-min	0.359 (0.328-0.419)	0.442 (0.393-0.503)	0.540 (0.478-0.616)	0.623 (0.540-0.717)	0.729 (0.623-0.885)	0.830 (0.685-1.02)	0.927 (0.741-1.17)	1.03 (0.795-1.34)	1.17 (0.863-1.60)	1.37 (0.965-1.95)
60-min	0.514 (0.457-0.584)	0.615 (0.547-0.700)	0.752 (0.666-0.858)	0.887 (0.761-0.999)	1.03 (0.867-1.23)	1.16 (0.951-1.42)	1.29 (1.03-1.63)	1.43 (1.11-1.87)	1.63 (1.29-2.23)	1.90 (1.35-2.71)
2-hr	0.770 (0.685-0.874)	0.921 (0.818-1.05)	1.12 (0.980-1.27)	1.27 (1.12-1.46)	1.48 (1.25-1.77)	1.64 (1.35-2.01)	1.80 (1.44-2.27)	1.96 (1.51-2.55)	2.17 (1.69-2.97)	2.33 (1.85-3.32)
3-hr	0.974 (0.867-1.1)	1.16 (1.04-1.32)	1.40 (1.24-1.60)	1.60 (1.40-1.84)	1.84 (1.55-2.21)	2.03 (1.67-2.49)	2.21 (1.76-2.78)	2.39 (1.85-3.12)	2.62 (1.93-3.59)	2.80 (1.95-3.96)
6-hr	1.48 (1.30-1.66)	1.74 (1.55-1.98)	2.09 (1.88-2.38)	2.36 (2.07-2.72)	2.70 (2.35-3.24)	2.98 (2.43-3.83)	3.20 (2.56-4.04)	3.43 (2.66-4.48)	3.74 (2.75-5.12)	3.96 (2.80-5.64)
12-hr	2.06 (1.84-2.34)	2.46 (2.19-2.79)	2.94 (2.60-3.35)	3.31 (2.90-3.81)	3.78 (3.19-4.53)	4.12 (3.28-5.06)	4.47 (3.56-5.62)	4.77 (3.69-6.22)	5.17 (3.81-7.09)	5.47 (3.88-7.80)
24-hr	2.82 (2.54-3.29)	3.37 (3.03-3.83)	4.04 (3.62-4.60)	4.58 (4.06-5.23)	5.22 (4.51-6.16)	5.70 (4.83-6.85)	6.15 (5.11-7.56)	6.60 (5.35-8.31)	7.16 (5.68-9.36)	7.58 (5.74-10.2)
2-day	3.63 (3.25-4.12)	4.45 (3.98-5.06)	5.45 (4.88-6.20)	6.21 (5.52-7.12)	7.16 (6.19-8.46)	7.84 (6.65-9.43)	8.49 (7.05-10.4)	9.12 (7.39-11.5)	9.90 (7.74-12.9)	10.5 (7.98-14.1)
3-day	4.11 (3.69-4.68)	5.15 (4.62-5.85)	6.40 (5.74-7.30)	7.35 (6.54-8.43)	8.54 (7.36-10.1)	9.37 (7.95-11.3)	10.2 (8.44-12.5)	10.9 (8.85-13.8)	11.9 (9.27-15.5)	12.5 (9.50-16.9)
4-day	4.55 (4.09-5.16)	5.78 (5.17-6.65)	7.22 (6.46-8.22)	8.31 (7.39-9.53)	9.67 (8.36-11.4)	10.6 (9.07-12.8)	11.5 (9.57-14.2)	12.4 (10.0-15.8)	13.5 (10.5-17.6)	14.3 (10.8-19.2)
7-day	5.67 (5.10-6.43)	7.21 (6.45-8.20)	9.06 (8.12-10.3)	10.4 (9.29-12.0)	12.2 (10.5-14.4)	13.4 (11.3-16.1)	14.5 (12.0-17.8)	15.6 (12.8-19.6)	16.9 (13.2-22.1)	17.8 (13.5-24.8)
10-day	6.48 (5.82-7.35)	8.25 (7.40-9.37)	10.4 (9.28-11.8)	11.9 (10.6-13.7)	13.9 (12.6-16.4)	15.2 (12.8-18.3)	16.5 (13.7-20.3)	17.7 (14.3-22.3)	19.2 (15.8-25.1)	20.2 (15.3-27.2)
20-day	8.58 (7.71-9.74)	10.9 (9.83-12.4)	13.7 (12.3-15.8)	15.8 (14.0-18.1)	18.3 (15.6-21.8)	20.0 (17.6-24.0)	21.6 (17.9-26.5)	23.1 (18.7-29.0)	24.9 (19.4-32.5)	26.1 (19.8-35.2)
30-day	10.4 (9.34-11.8)	13.3 (11.9-15.4)	16.6 (14.9-18.9)	19.0 (16.9-21.8)	22.0 (18.9-25.9)	24.0 (20.3-28.8)	25.8 (21.4-31.7)	27.5 (23.4-34.6)	29.5 (23.1-38.6)	30.9 (23.4-41.7)
45-day	12.7 (11.4-14.4)	16.1 (14.5-18.3)	20.1 (18.0-22.9)	23.0 (20.4-26.4)	26.4 (22.6-31.2)	28.7 (24.4-34.8)	30.8 (25.6-37.9)	32.8 (26.6-41.3)	35.1 (27.4-45.8)	36.8 (27.8-49.4)
60-day	15.0 (13.5-17.0)	19.0 (17.1-21.6)	23.6 (21.2-26.9)	26.9 (24.0-30.9)	30.9 (26.7-36.5)	33.5 (28.4-40.3)	35.9 (29.8-44.1)	38.0 (30.8-47.9)	40.6 (31.7-53.0)	42.3 (32.9-57.8)

¹ Precipitation frequency (PF) estimates in this table are based on frequency analysis of partial duration series (PDS). Numbers in parentheses are 90% estimates of lower and upper bounds of the 90% confidence interval. The probability that precipitation frequency estimates (for a given duration and average recurrence interval) will be greater than the upper bound (or less than the lower bound) is 5%. Estimates of upper bounds are not checked against probable maximum precipitation (PMP) estimates and may be higher than currently valid PMP values. Please refer to NOAA Atlas 14 document for more information.

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California Ski Resort Projected Opening Dates

When will ski resorts in California open for the ski season? The 2024/25 Ski season in California starts from 2024/11/15. See this list of projected opening dates for California mountains. Important Note: Not all dates listed here are official and final, as resort opening dates are projected and subject to change. Check back for updates on when the lifts are set to start spinning at California, and don't miss opening day at your favorite resort!

Resort Name	Projected Opening Date	
Mt. Shasta Ski Park	December 11, 2024	 LODGING
Bear Mountain	December 13, 2024	 LODGING
Tahoe Donner	December 13, 2024	 LODGING
Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area	December 13, 2024	 LODGING
June Mountain	December 14, 2024	 LODGING
Mt. Baldy	December 14, 2024	 LODGING
Homewood Mountain Resort	December 05, 2025	 LODGING
Bear Valley	Weekends Only	 LODGING

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Bear Valley Mountain Resort, Bear Valley

Under California Mountain Resort Company's new ownership, Bear Valley has installed a new triple chair for beginners and a new fixed-grip quad chair serving intermediate and advanced terrain. New food service options include a pizza bar in the day lodge. [Cali Pass](#) holders now have unlimited access to Bear Valley. *Opens: TBD*

Big Bear Mountain Resort, Big Bear Lake

Each of Big Bear's three mountains—Snow Valley, Snow Summit, and Bear Mountain—have benefitted from major capital improvements in the past few years. This December, Bear Mountain will debut its new Midway high-speed six-passenger chairlift. [Ikon Pass](#) holders get unlimited skiing and riding at Big Bear. *Opens: TBD*

Boreal, Truckee

The only California resort to offer [night skiing and riding](#) seven days a week, Boreal will celebrate its 60th anniversary season this year. Play Forever Fridays will take place one day each month with \$25 lift tickets for everyone. *Opens: Nov. 22*

Heavenly, South Lake Tahoe

Heavenly's [California Lodge](#) will debut Golden State Kitchen, a new eatery featuring healthier fare. Events like the [Air & Après](#) big-air competition, [Brews and Views](#), and Heavenly Holidays will return this winter, and the resort will continue its [reservations-based parking program](#) on weekends and peak periods. Guests can sign up for [My Epic Gear](#), a membership program that combines gear rental with premium valet services. *Opens: Nov. 22*

Kirkwood, Carson Pass

Kirkwood will institute a new [reservations-based parking program](#) this winter with a mix of free and paid parking options on weekends and peak periods. Planned events will include a New Year's Eve celebration with torchlight parade and fireworks, Banked Slalom, and Slush Cup. [Expedition Kirkwood](#) programs offer advanced coaching and guided backcountry experiences. *Opens: Dec. 6*

Mammoth Mountain, Mammoth Lakes

Mammoth's new Chair 1 (Broadway Express) will start spinning on Nov. 15 with an uphill capacity of 3,000 people per hour, a 25 percent increase over its predecessor. The resort has also committed \$3.5 million to improve its snowmaking capacity. Non-skiing families can play at the revamped [Woolly's Adventure Summit](#): Zoom down groomed lanes in the Tube Park, zip around on the new Mountain Coaster, or cozy up at the snack bar. *Opens: Nov. 15*



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Getting to Bishop, CA

Bishop and the beautiful Owens Valley have been described as "California's Hidden Treasure." While it's true that the treasures abound here in the Eastern Sierra, Bishop is not quite as "hidden" as you might imagine. In fact, Bishop is located in the very middle of California, where Highways 6 and 395 intersect. Whether you are traveling from Southern or Northern California, or a major city in Nevada, you'll drive 4 1/2 to 5 hours to reach Bishop. From any direction, the roads are well maintained and the views are spectacular. Getting here is part of your vacation and we hope you enjoy your journey.

Off the Beaten Airstrip – Fly to Bishop, CA

Bishop Airport is the new entrance gate to California's Eastern Sierra

Fly to Bishop during summer and winter with the newly established commercial service offering flights from San Francisco and Denver. These seasonal flights connect Bishop to the world and open up a world of adventure for visitors to the Eastern Sierra. Our beautiful big backyard just got bigger as this seasonal service makes access to two of our country's most beautiful National Parks, Death Valley and Yosemite, easier and quicker. After a short flight of less than an hour, you could be hiking, fishing, climbing, biking, and sightseeing in minutes.

Commercial flights are available this winter from both San Francisco (SFO) and Denver (DEN)



FLYING TO MAMMOTH LAKES

Mammoth Lakes is accessible by plane from hundreds of cities across the country.

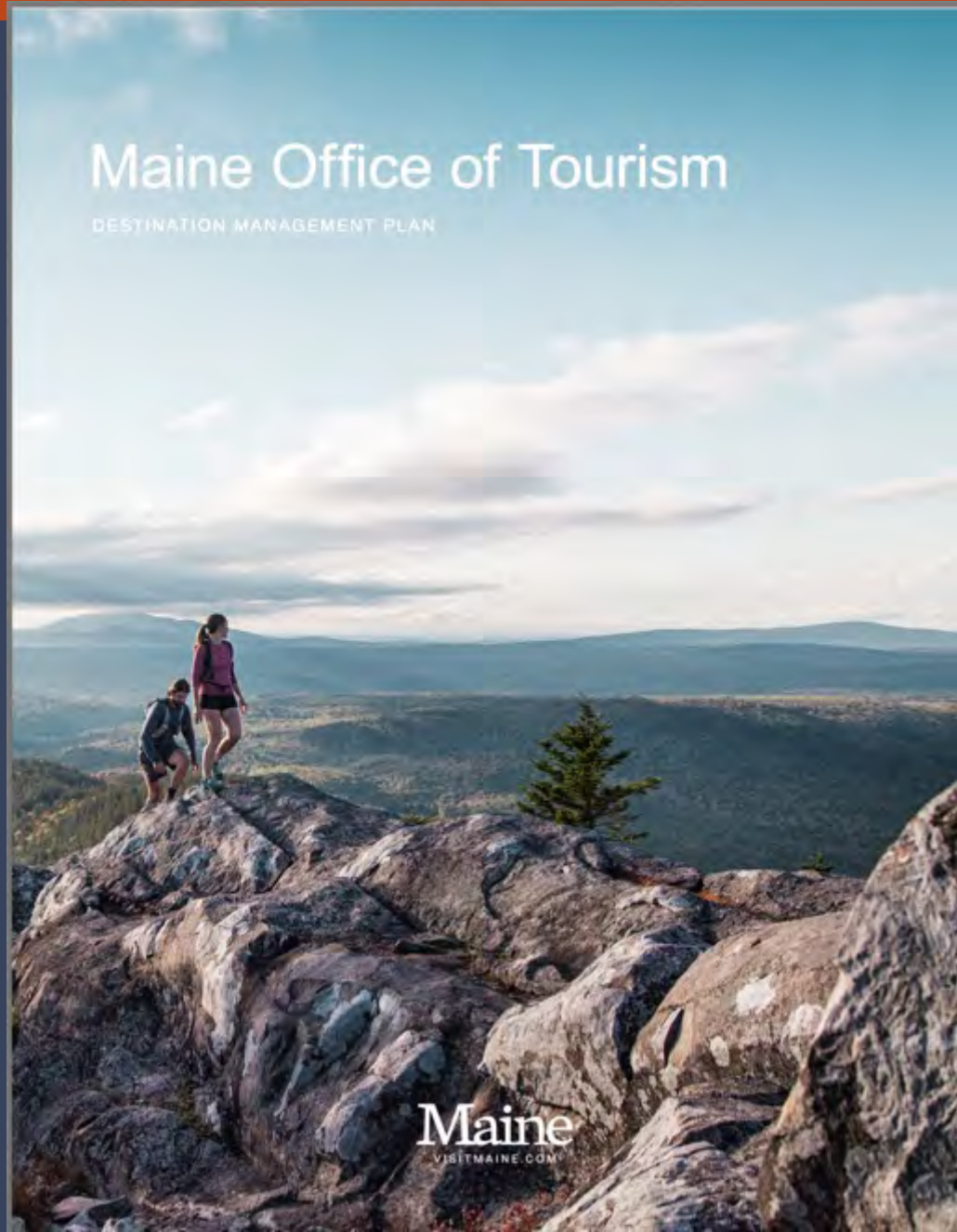
Flights to Mammoth Lakes and Bishop are now more convenient than ever! Advanced Air service flies from Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH) to Carlsbad and Hawthorne-LAX.

Just 45 minutes south, Eastern Sierra Regional Airport in Bishop operates flights to San Francisco (SFO) and Denver (DEN). Between our two airports, you can easily get to Mammoth Lakes from almost anywhere.

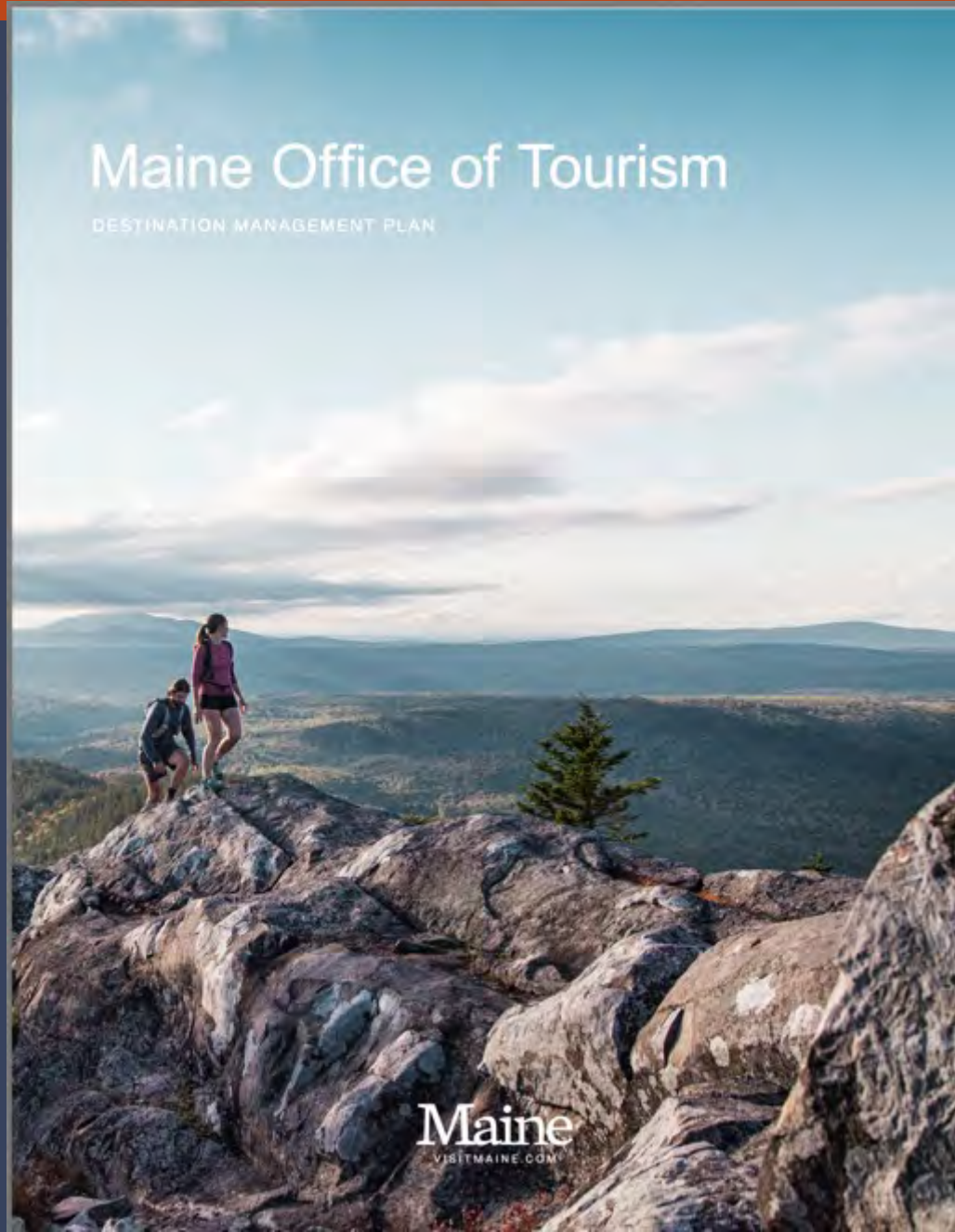
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The Forest Service is Losing 2,400 Jobs— Including Most of its Trail Workers

In response to a shrinking budget, the land management agency is suspending seasonal hiring next year. Public lands will bear the cost.

Published Oct 21, 2024



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Leaked recordings detail a major environmental agency quietly gutting its workforce

Seasonal workers help keep our forests healthy. What happens when you fire them?

by **Nick Bowlin**

Oct 8, 2024 at 4:00 AM PDT



Temporary workers for the US Forest Service work in areas like timber, wildlife, watershed, botany, recreation, and visitor services. Facing budget woes, the agency has confirmed it has put a hiring freeze on all seasonal positions until further notice. Dave Gardner Creative/National Forest Foundation.

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Americans visit hiking and camping areas managed by the US Forest Service more than 150 million times each year.



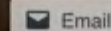
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The Forest Service is cutting its seasonal workforce and public lands will suffer

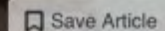
Employees warn that important work will go undone all over the country.

Nick Bowlin

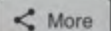
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'Public is going to be so impacted': California's national forests face huge staffing cuts

By Kurtis Alexander, Reporter

Dec 2, 2024

Gift Article



Joshua Kilgore tends to mules that haul gear to his trail crew in the backcountry at the Stanislaus National Forest. Kilgore is among many U.S. Forest Service employees who aren't expected to be hired back next year.

Courtesy of the U.S. Forest Service

At the Stanislaus National Forest, the staffing cuts will hit hardest in the popular Pinecrest area. Tens of thousands of people, many from the Bay Area just 2½ hours away, descend on the woodsy community and its glistening lake to camp, boat and swim in the summer.

"It's not a park, but it almost seems like a park because of how crowded it is," said Faye Mealing, who has worked as a seasonal interpretive ranger in the area for four years but was told she won't be hired back for a fifth. "I've talked to people who have been coming to Pinecrest for 60 years. There are so many families. The kids are older. I can tell how much they've grown."



Seasonal interpretive ranger Faye Mealing provides information to visitors at Pinecrest Lake at the Stanislaus National Forest. Her job is not being funded next year because of budget problems at the U.S. Forest Service.

Courtesy of U.S. Forest Service

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Northern California earthquake threatens rare fish in remote Death Valley pool

By Aidin Vaziri, Staff Writer

Dec 6, 2024

Gift Article



The Devils Hole pupfish, one of the world's most endangered species, survives in the extreme conditions of Death Valley National Park.

Courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The sudden disturbance disrupted the fish's delicate environment, particularly the shallow shelf where the pupfish spawn. The waves swept organic material, including potential food sources and fish eggs, into the cavern's depths, more than 500 feet below the surface.



Underwater photos of Devils Hole in Death Valley before (above) and after an earthquake triggered a wave disturbance called a seiche on Thursday.

Courtesy of National Park Service

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News and Updates from Sierra Jobs First

Industry Sector Coordinators Selected

We're pleased to welcome our Industry Sector Coordinators to the Sierra Jobs First team!

Industry Sector Coordinators are boots-on-the-ground specialists, deeply knowledgeable about the industries and communities they serve. They are available to provide one-on-one, specialized technical assistance and counsel on Catalyst and Implementation processes and protocols and to facilitate representation, engagement, and collaboration within sectors.

Thank you to all members of the Sierra Jobs First Collaborative for your ongoing patience and trust in the process as we worked through state requirements and contracting protocol for these coordinators in the event of state audits.

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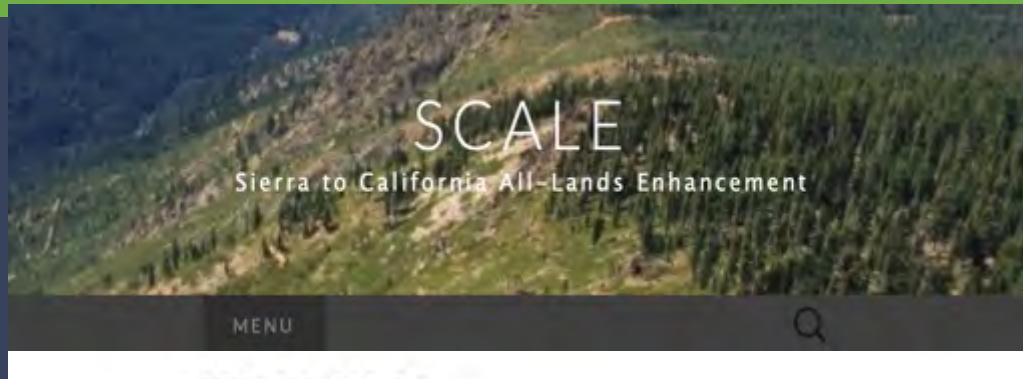
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- Headlines of Interest
 - "Voters Broadly Positive About How Elections Were Conducted, in Sharp Contrast to 2020"
 - "Sudden shift to very wet conditions in NorCal with strong & very slow-moving atmospheric river poised to soak region in coming days; flooding likely in north"
 - "12.47" over 3 days qualifies as a 1000 year event at Downtown Santa Rosa"
 - "California Ski Resort Projected Opening Dates"
 - "What's New at California Ski Resorts for Winter 2024–2025"
 - "Off the Beaten Airstrip – Fly to Bishop, CA"
 - "Flying To Mammoth Lakes"

Governor Newsom announces appointments 12.4.24

Joyce Kaufman, of June Lake, has been appointed to the Eastern Sierra Tri County Fair Board. Kaufman was a Professor at Whittier College from 1985 to 2019. She is the Chair of the Mono County Democratic Central Committee, member of the International Studies Association and the American Political Science Association. Kaufman earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in International Relations from the University of Maryland, Master of Arts degree in Political Science from New York University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from New York University. This position does not require Senate confirmation, and there is no compensation. Kaufman is a Democrat

Alonso Escobar, of Mammoth Lakes, has been appointed to the Eastern Sierra Tri County Fair Board. Escobar has been the Arts Advocacy and Policy Director at Mono Arts Council since 2023. He is a member of the Mammoth Unified School District Board of Trustees, California for the Arts Board of Trustees, and California Arts Advocates Board of Trustees. Escobar earned a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from American University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International and Area Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles. This position does not require Senate confirmation, and there is no compensation. Escobar is a Democrat.

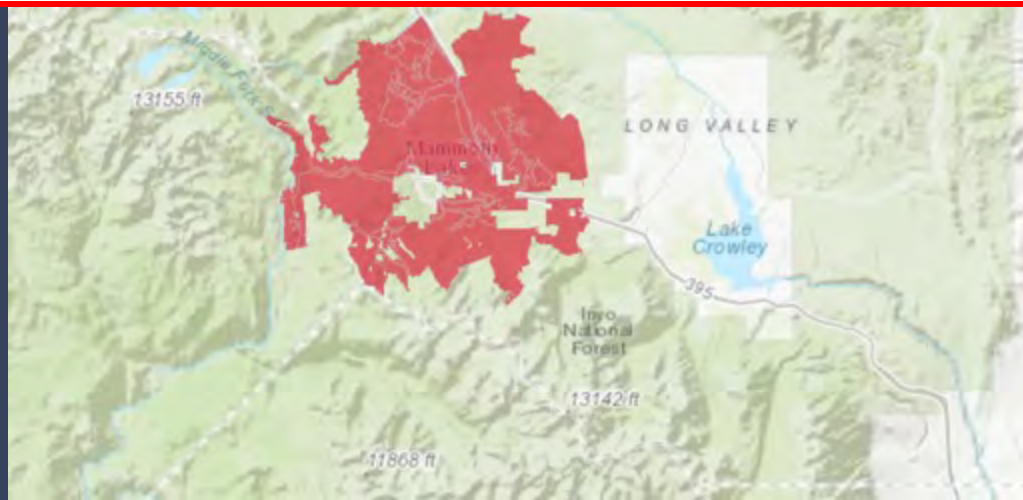
Regional Sustainable Recreation Project Updates



SCALE Collaborative Capacity - Notice of Funding Opportunity

Background: The Sierra Institute's Sierra to California All-Lands Enhancement (SCALE) Project brings together roughly 20 forest collaboratives along with multiple state and federal agencies working to address landscape-scale restoration, as well as community enhancement and resiliency across rural forested areas of California. SCALE utilizes annual and virtual meetings as a peer-learning forum to bring collaborative groups together to identify and address collective and unique social and political challenges to advance landscape restoration. SCALE's vision is to create

Micro-Grant Opportunity: To support the capacity building of collaboratives within the SCALE network, the Sierra Institute, with funding from and in partnership with the USFS, has established a fund for micro-grants up to \$10,000. These grants are intended to assist collaborative groups in strengthening their capacity to move forward work on the national forests and across boundaries by addressing specific collaborative group needs. Eligible applicants include non-profits, collaborative groups, and partner entities that participate in the collaborative (e.g., Resource Conservation Districts). Eligible capacity-building activities include, but are not limited to:



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- Developing and finalizing a charter or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or enhancing an existing charter/MOU.
- Organizing a collaborative retreat to review and improve partnership processes.
- Hosting outreach events or training sessions, such as public meetings, Tribal outreach meetings, field tours, workforce development training, or training on the use of existing decision support tools such as the regional resource kits.
- Creating strategic plans to guide collaborative processes, including post-fire recovery plans, development of strategic fire management plans and focal areas of interest to address the wildfire crisis, expansion of wood utilization including business plans for wood utilization facilities or project monitoring plans.

Regional Sustainable Recreation Project Updates

ESCOG: Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program

- Towns to Trails
- Next ESCOG Meeting - Friday, Dec. 13

Whitebark Institute

- Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Partner Convening - Update

MLTPA Foundation

- Eastern Sierra Campground Improvement Project
- Visitor Connection Package w/Whitebark Institute
- Recreate Responsibly California

ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1	Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting October 23, 2024
4.2	Approve Amendment Number 3 to the Agreement Between the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments and the Whitebark Institute of Interdisciplinary Environmental Sciences for the Provision of National Environmental Policy Act Services for the Eastern Sierra Pace and Scale Accelerator
4.3	<u>Approve</u> Amendment Number 2 to the Agreement Between the Eastern Sierra Council Of Governments and the Whitebark Institute of Interdisciplinary Environmental Sciences for the Provision of National Environmental Policy Act Project Management and Project Implementation Services
4.4	Approve Revision #1 to Agreement No. 1283-RT: Sierra Nevada Conservancy Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Grant for the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trail Plan
4.5	Approve Memorandum of Understanding Among the County of Inyo, the County of Mono, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, the City of Bishop and the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Authorizing the County of Inyo to Enter into and Administer a Contract for the Preparation of a Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan and Providing for Reimbursement to the County of Inyo for the Cost Thereof
4.4	Ratify Subaward Agreement Number SBC-2024156: Agreement Between the Sierra Business Council and the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments for Sierra Jobs First Catalyst Phase

5. POLICY MATTERS

5.1	Receive presentation from IMBC Coordinator Scott Armstrong
5.2	Review and Approve Submission for Sierra Jobs First Catalyst Applications: 1) Eastern Sierra Regional Collaborative Capacity Incubator 2) Chipmunk Canyon Existing Conditions Analysis 3) Start-up Programming Funding for Regional Business Resource Center
5.3	Discuss 2024 Election Results
5.4	Recognize Chair Bob Gardner for Years of Service to the ESCOG
5.4	Executive Director Report

Regional Updates: ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects



Regional Updates: ESCCRP Projects

November 15 Convening

9am-12pm, Mammoth Lakes (Mono County Civic Center) & Zoom

Who:

- Hosted by Whitebark Institute, with support from the Inyo and Mono County Wildfire Coordinators
- Wildfire Alliance partners, past participants, fire management agencies, and regional wildfire resilience stakeholders

What:

- **Learn** from state and regional leaders about programs & funding
- **Celebrate** recent successes
- **Contribute** knowledge & expertise on wildfire needs and opportunities
- **Determine** the next steps for building a regional wildfire collaborative

EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE ALLIANCE



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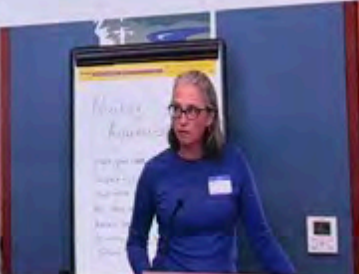
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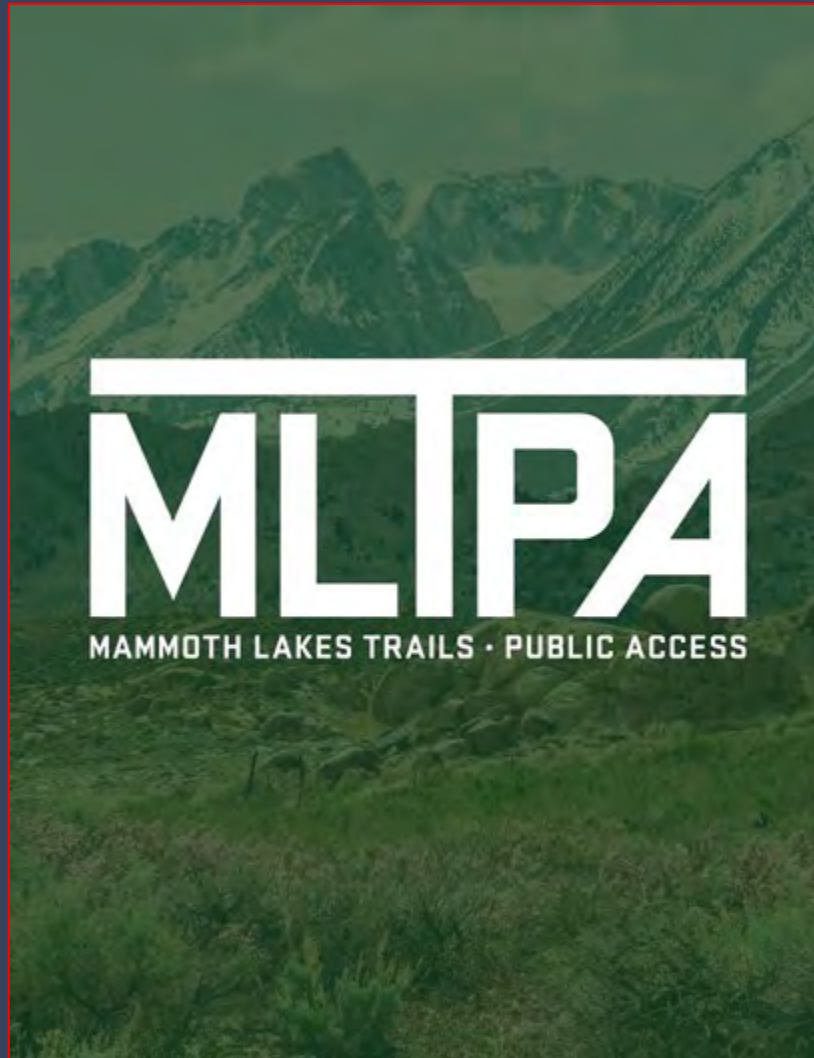
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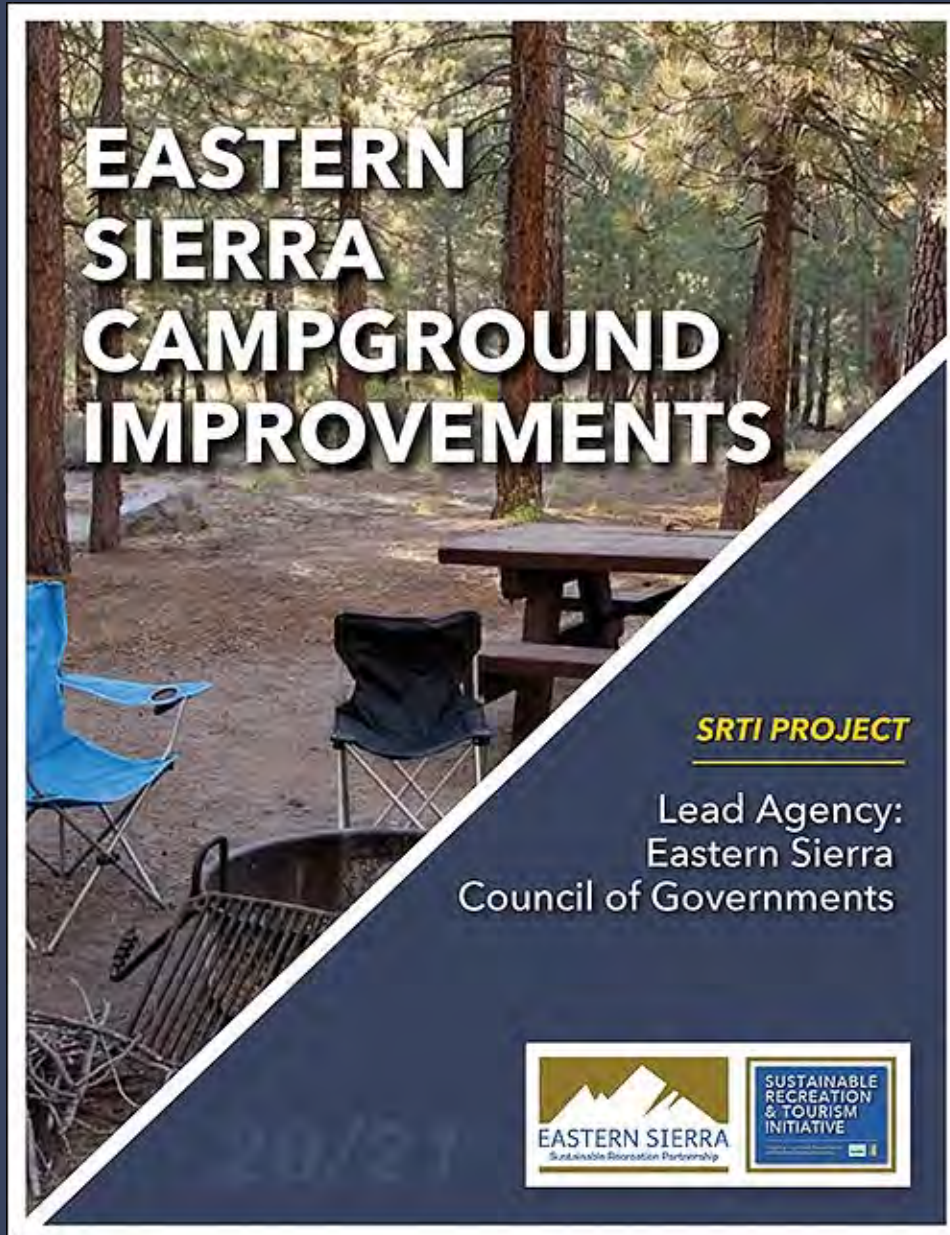


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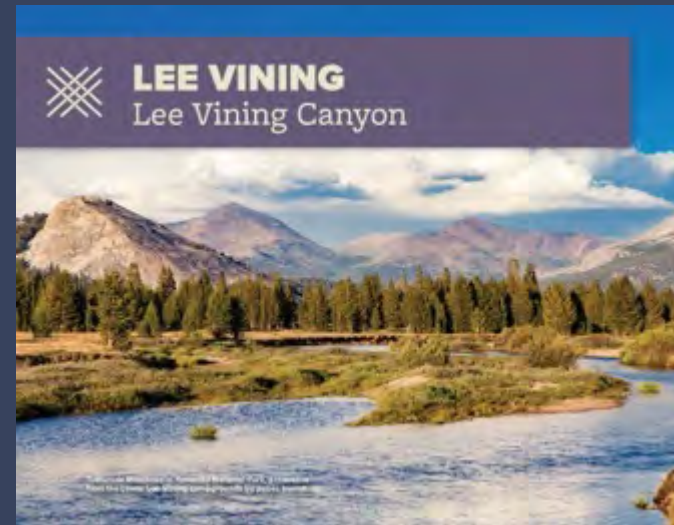
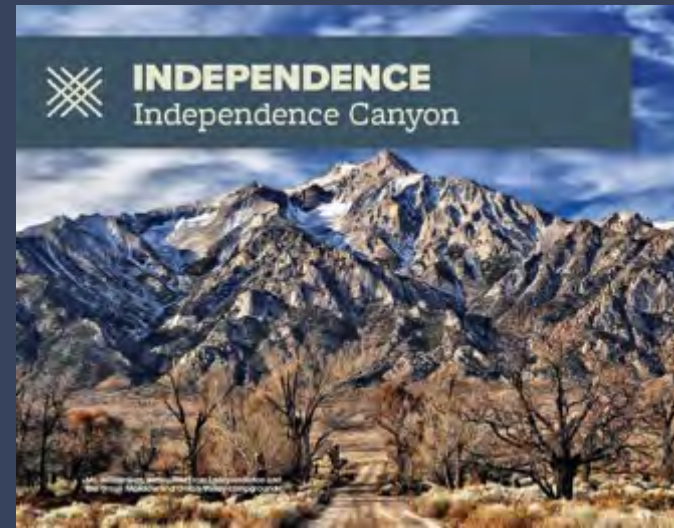
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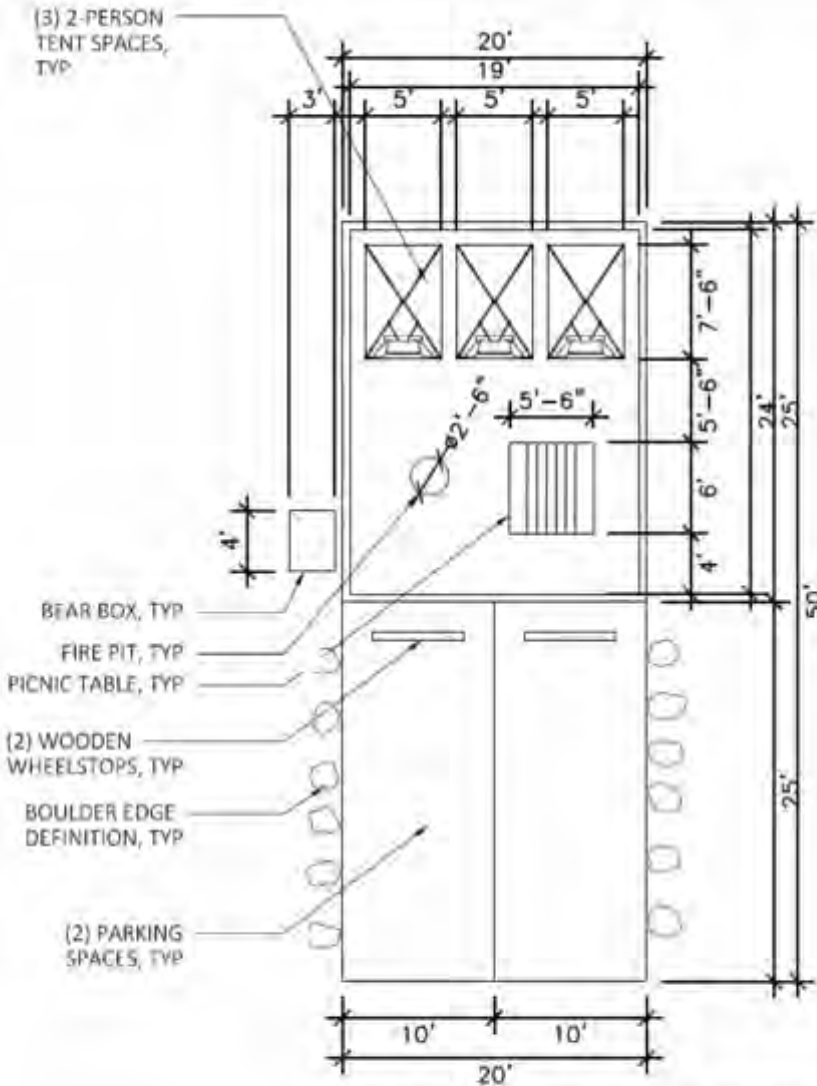
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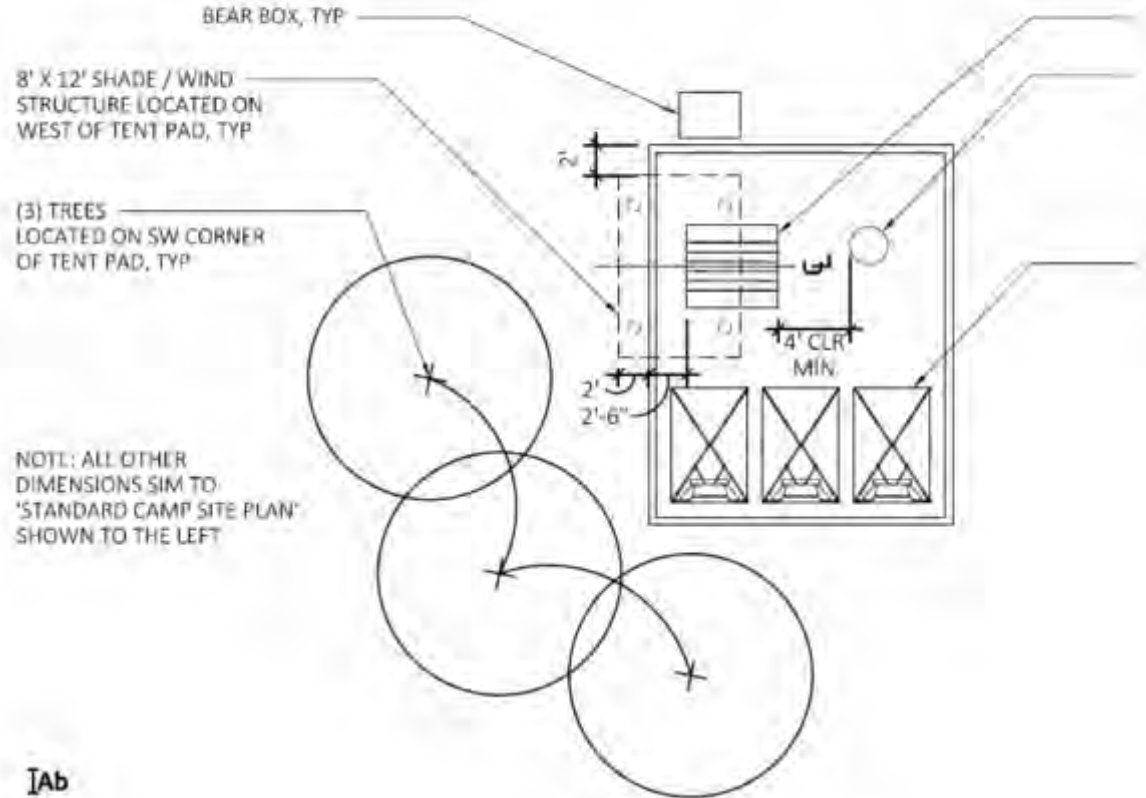
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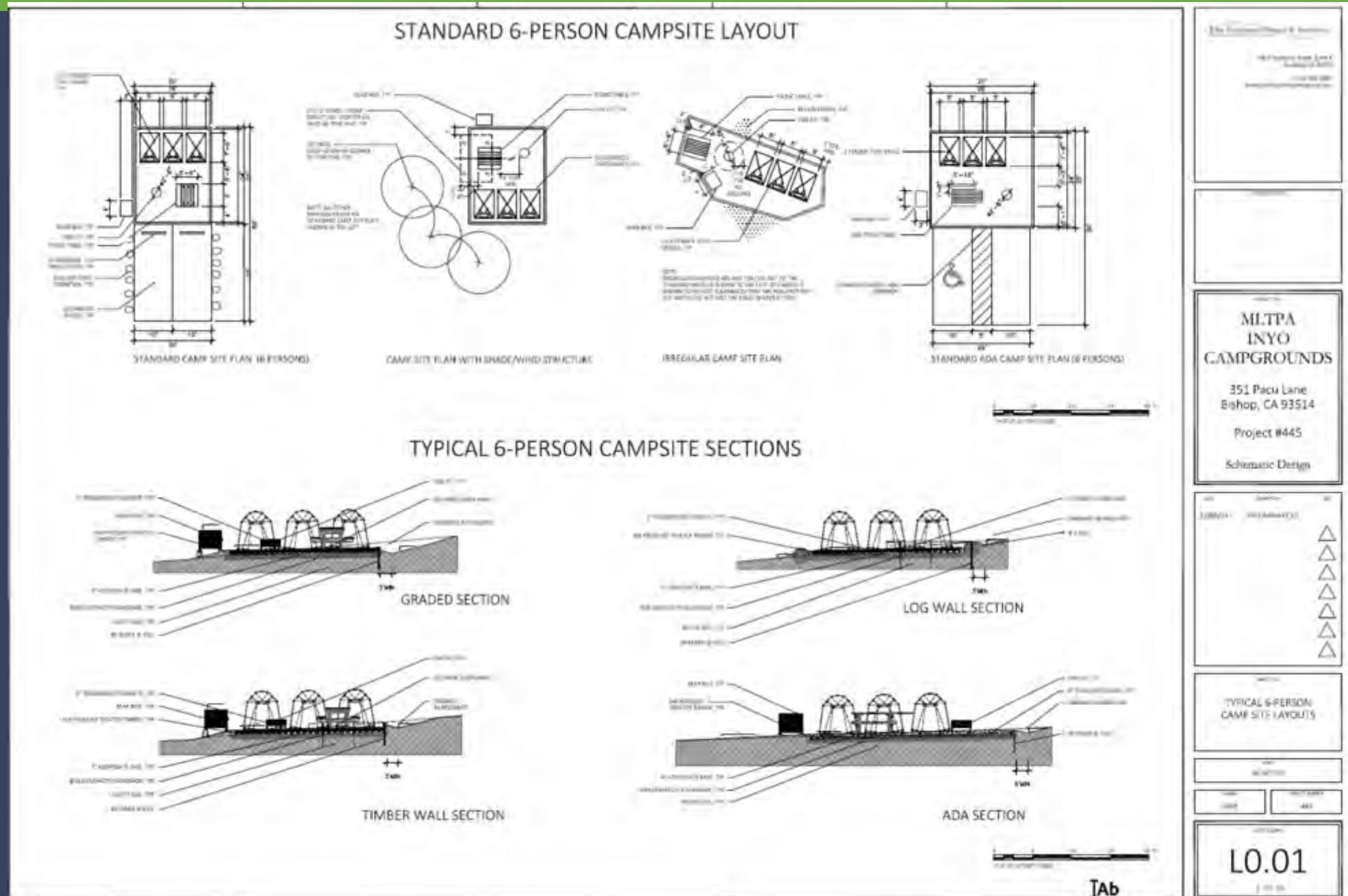


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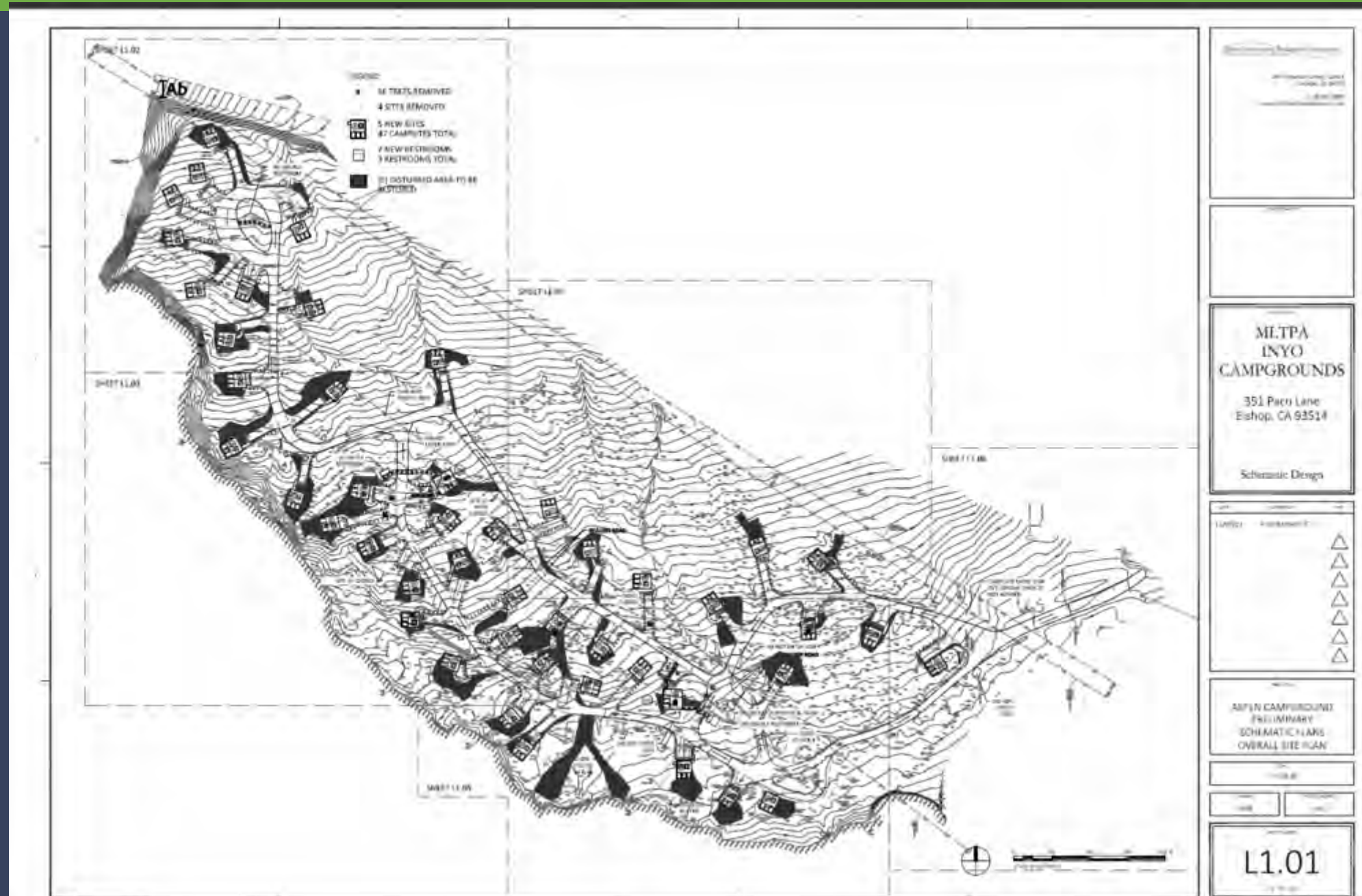


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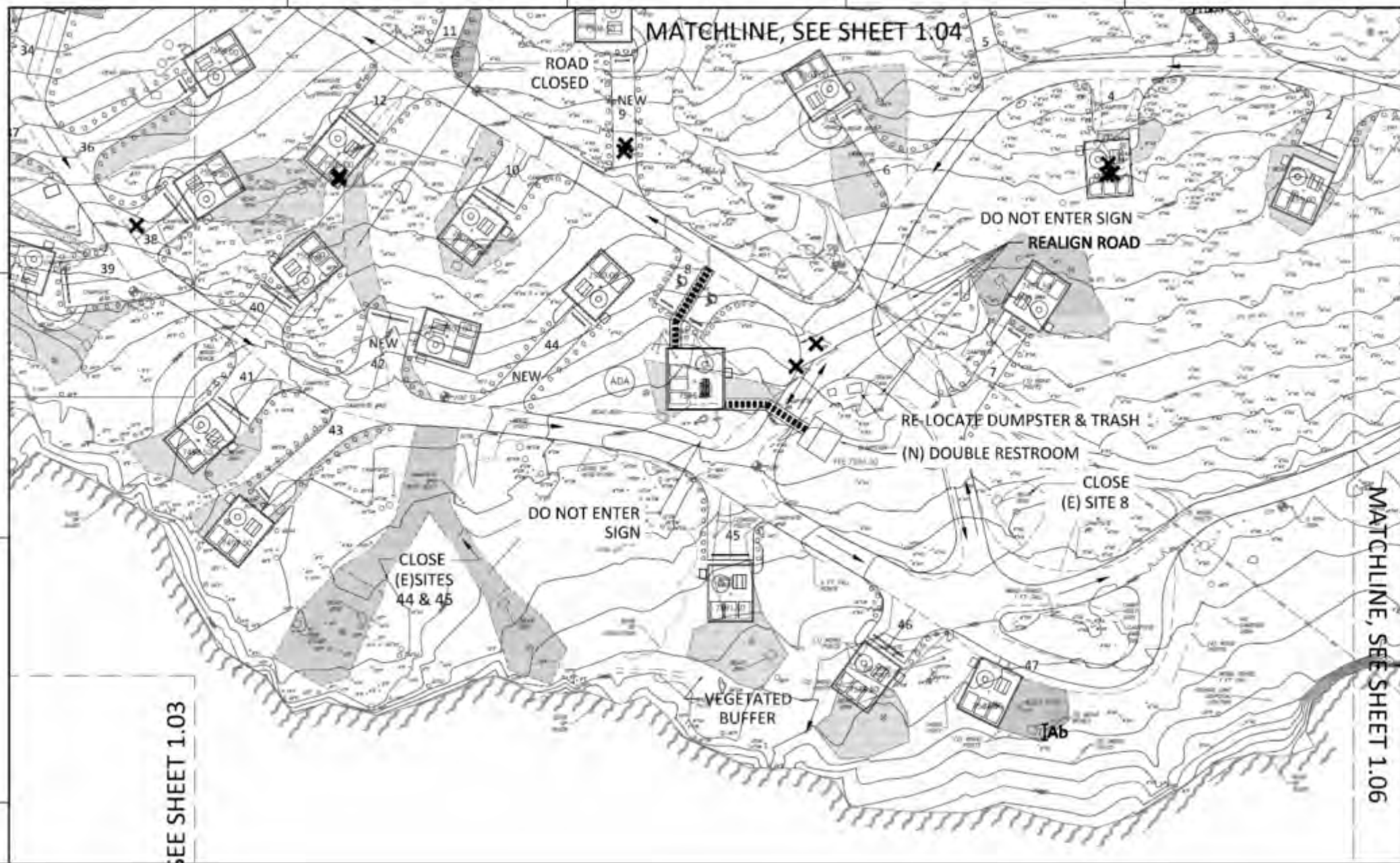
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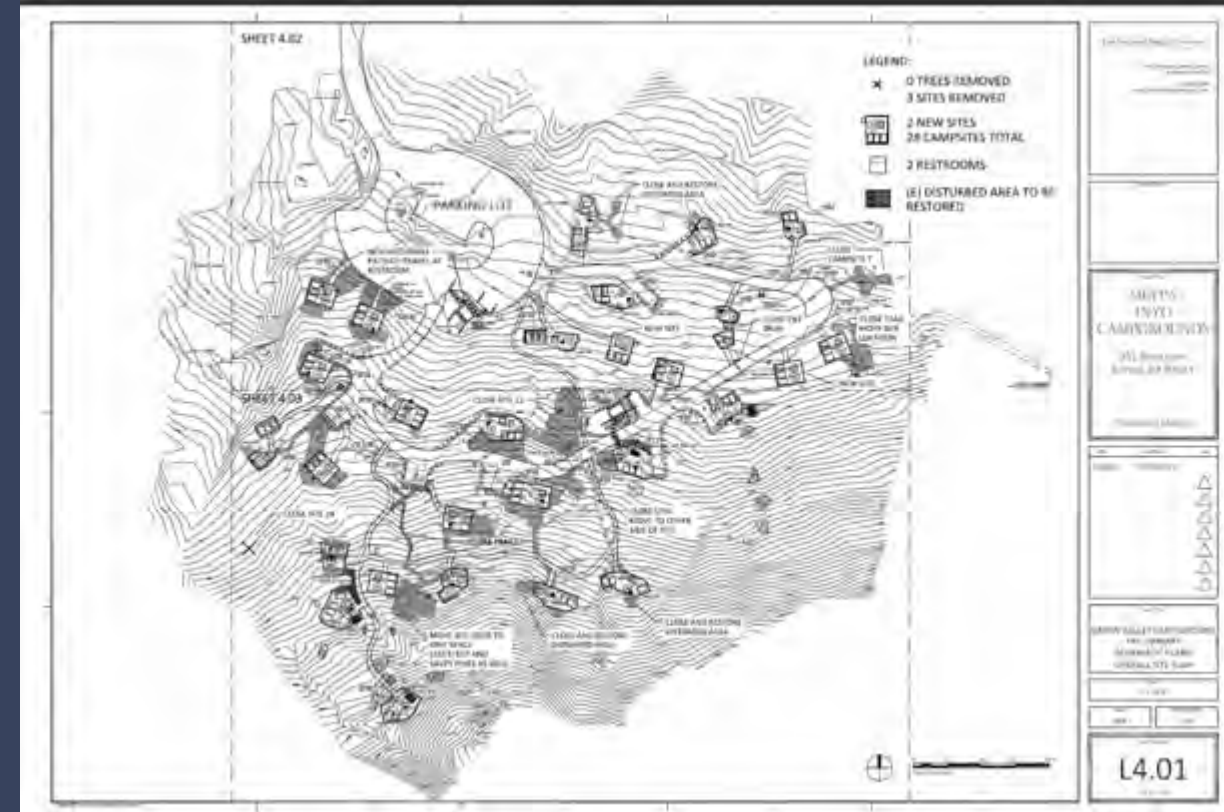
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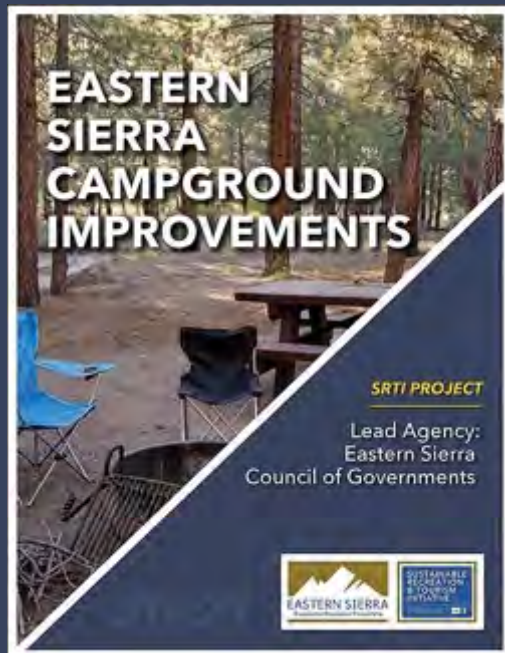
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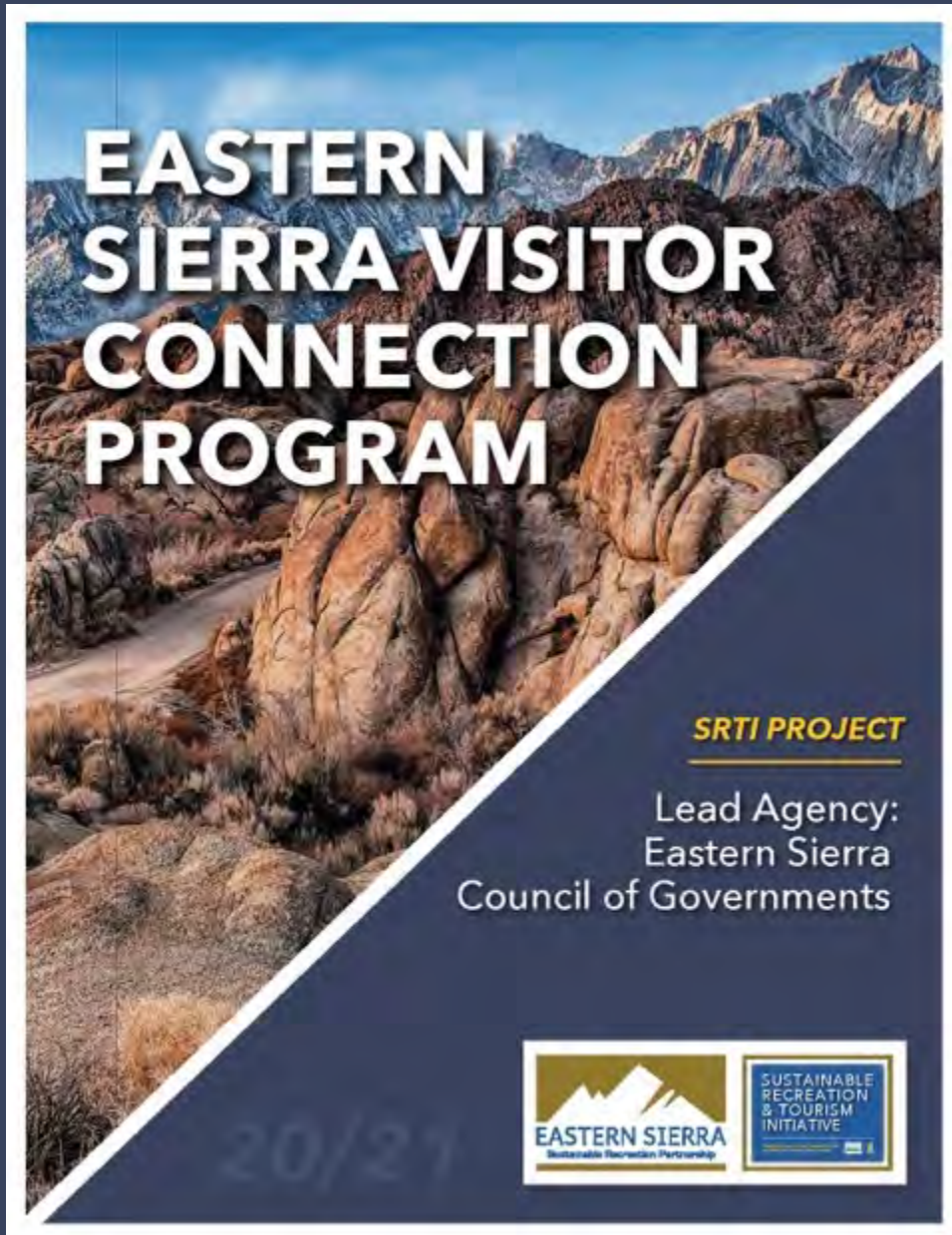
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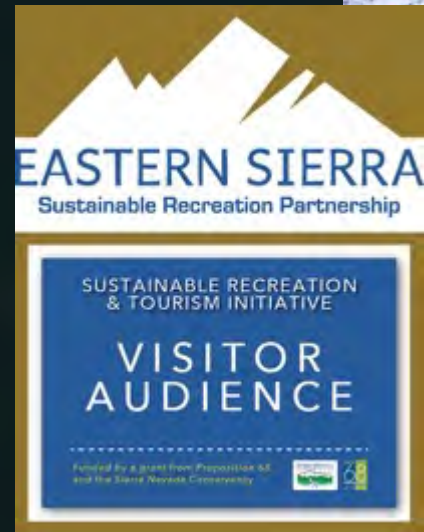
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Visitor Audience Connection

- CALFIRE "Visitor Education and Outreach Addendum"
- Opportunities with "Camp Like A Pro"
- Needs of "Visitor Connection Program"



Recreate Responsibly California



Hello Recreate Responsibly California Coalition Members,

We're excited to bring you a fresh roundup of updates and opportunities. This edition highlights budget cuts, creative collaborations, new parks, and how it all works together. For those new to our coalition, "Recreate Responsibly" emphasizes safe and sustainable outdoor practices for all.

Before diving in, please note that our November and December meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of the month—**November 19** and **December 17**—to accommodate holiday schedules.

Education Campaigns

Stay Prepared with BeFirewise.org

Madera County has partnered with Visit Yosemite to provide essential tips and guidelines for minimizing wildfire risks—whether you're a resident, visitor, or vacation rental owner. Knowing how to stay firewise can make a difference! Check out their resource [here](#).

New Leave-No-Trace Articles



Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects



- Industry Sector Coordinators
- Regional Catalyst Projects
 - Regional Capacity
 - Regional Campgrounds
 - Regional Trail System
 - Climate and Recreation
 - Recreation and Wildfire
 - Other Regional Projects

Important Updates from Sierra Jobs First



Kaela Frank, Project Navigator

Good afternoon,

Here are a few new or updated resources for Sierra Jobs First.

Plus - We want to know: What's the best way **for you** to get important updates about Sierra Jobs First? Reply to this email to let us know, or reach out to a [Sierra Jobs First team member](#).

Minor Updates - Catalyst RFP

In an effort to provide further clarity and streamline the Catalyst RFP process, we are sharing the minor updates that were made to the document and application. **No changes were made to the documentation/application form that applicants who have completed their submission are required to provide.**

Catalyst PDF:

- Clarifying language edits have been made based on feedback from the Collaborative— These are not material changes to the program or the process.
- We have removed language referencing the use of specific templates we expected to receive from the state.

Application:

- We have added a space for applicants to provide a short project name. This is to give the Governing Council shortcut language that makes discussions about your project more efficient.
- We have added a yes/no checkbox to indicate whether your project will be able to proceed with a partial award of the total amount requested in Catalyst funding.

Again, if you submitted your application before these questions were added, it will not impact your project's consideration.

New/Updated Resources

Updated FAQ

We have updated the [FAQ page](#) on SierraJobsFirst.com to include questions asked during Technical Assistance calls, reflect the most current information we've gotten from the State, and further support the clarifying language edits to the RFP. While much of this information was included in prior communications, we hope that an easier-to-find FAQ page makes the information more accessible for your reference.

Team Page

The Sierra Jobs First website has been updated with a [Team Page](#) that now includes both the core Regional Convener team at Sierra Business Council and our newly-placed Industry Sector Coordinators, who are available to provide technical assistance and guidance for Catalyst applications and beyond.

Catalyst RFP Deadline December 15

Reminder: The Catalyst RFP closes December 15. We've already received, or expect to be receiving, quality project applications over and above the Catalyst funding available. If you have been holding your application in anticipation that there would be following rounds, we highly encourage you to submit prior to the December 15 deadline.

Thank you for your continued collaboration,

The Sierra Jobs First Team

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Erin Murphy, Mathew Galvan

Question:

How should multiple "partners" be identified on the RFP "Application" ? Should they be included either as part of:

- **Applicant's & Organization's Experience in the Region; or**
- **Project Management and Community Support Project Team** – provide information on roles, responsibilities, and prior experience. For partnerships, provide evidence of commitment or MOU explain your long-term strategy for collaboration with local organizations and community stakeholders. Clearly define their scope of work, detailing their respective activities.
- Or somewhere else?

Answer:

Erika confirmed you can list partners in both sections. Applicant's will not be penalized for putting something in a different section. It's most important to include the information requested somewhere in the application and hopefully in a place that makes sense. Due to word limits, I recommend the following:

List all partners (co-applicants) under "Affiliated Organization Name and Description" (no word limit)

- List the name of the organization, the entity type, mission and role in proposed project starting with the lead applicant and then any partners (co-applicants)

List just the lead applicant's Name, E-mail, and Phone Number

Under Applicant's & Organization's experience in the region, you can focus on experience of the lead applicant and if there is space, summarize the experience of partners as well (if you run out of space you can include that below)

Under Project Management and Community Support

-Detail roles and responsibilities (scope of work) for each partner and if you need more space for prior experience for partner organizations, you could add that here since there is a longer word limit.

Hope that helps,
Kaela



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12/3/24 Updates from CJF State Call

To: Mathew Galvan, Erin Murphy, John Wentworth

Hi all,

I mentioned that SBC meets with Go-Biz and all regional convenors for California Jobs First twice a month. Below are the relevant updates we received:

- Governor Newsom visited San Joaquin and Kern counties to formally accept their regional plans. Go-Biz does not know if the Governor is planning to go to any other regions at this time. Go-Biz plans to formally launch their Economic Blueprint in January.
- Activation Plans: Each region should submit one activation plan per industry sector that has a hired industry sector coordinator (capped at 5). January 31 is the deadline for one tradable sector and the other activation plans are due June 30.
- Their guidance for the activation plan is to prioritize five tactics over the first 18 months of implementation (up to Sep 2026), but activation plans can be developed for a longer timeframe or more tactics as they are ultimately meant to be a project management tool for the regions
- The state is planning to host some more investor meetings in partnership with [California Forward](#) in early 2025

We are hoping to organize a meeting between all ISCs in the Sierra Region on December 9, 2-3 pm. Are you available at that time? The plan is to cover coordinator roles, how we will collaborate among the priority industries and the activation plan deliverables we have to submit to the state.

Thank you,
Kaela



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California Updates



**California Jobs First: State
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Creative Economy



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Working Lands & Water



Agricultural Production



Food Processing

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Aerospace & Defense



Aircraft



Space, Defense & Satellites



Life Sciences



Medtech



Pharma / Biotech



High-Tech



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Semiconductors & Microelectronics



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Onshore Wind



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Education & Skilled Workforce



Housing



Infrastructure



Healthcare



Childcare



Broadband



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Transmission & Distribution



Water

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects



Responses to the Catalyst RFP
are due on Sunday, Dec. 15

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Potential collaborator suggestions were identified through community outreach sessions and public review of this document and will be codified and or expanded upon during the implementation of action steps

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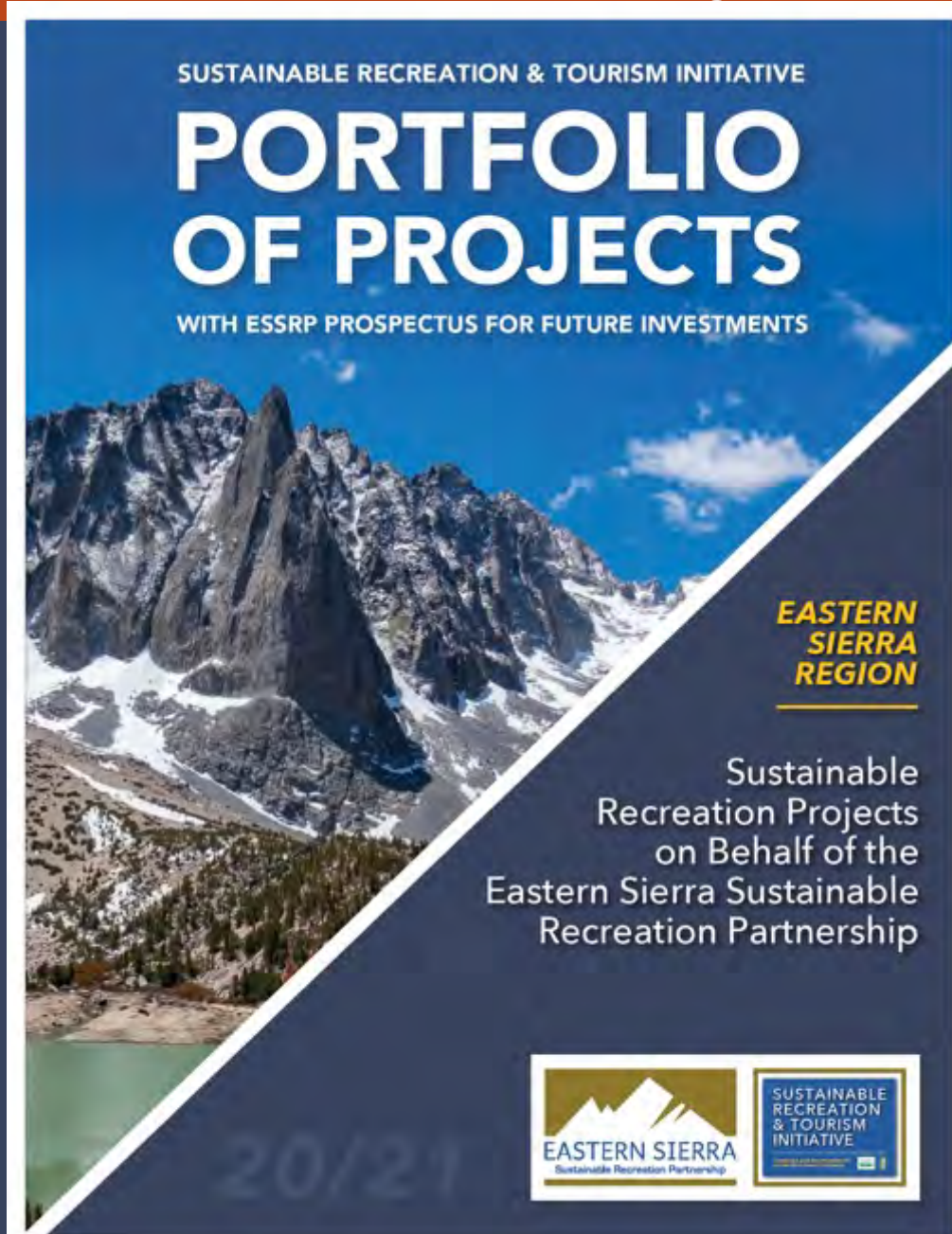
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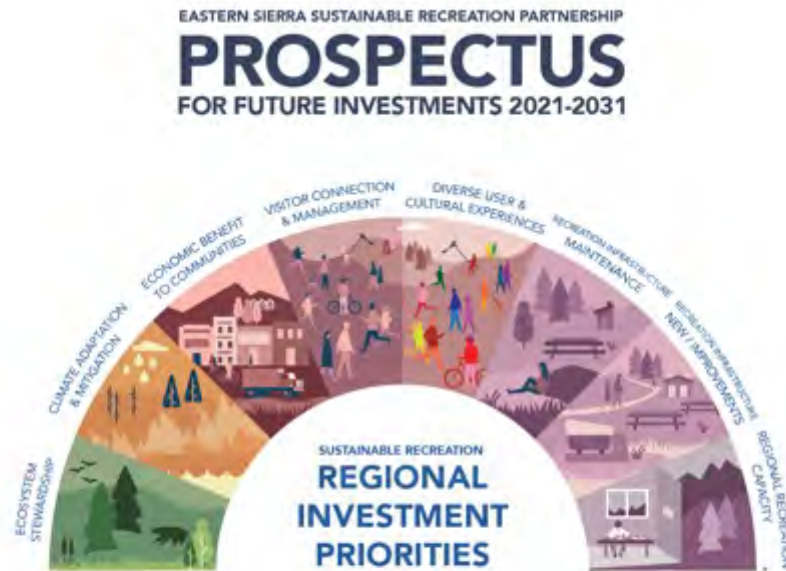
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Regional Project Concepts

- Regional Capacity
- Regional Campgrounds
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- Climate and Recreation
- Recreation and Wildfire

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PROJECT SELECTION & IMPLEMENTATION GUIDES

FEASIBILITY FUNDING REQUIREMENTS	REGIONAL LEADERSHIP GUIDING PRINCIPLES	PILLARS "THAT WHICH WE SHALL ALWAYS DO"
SELECTED PROJECTS SHOULD: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintain existing assetsReflect strategic alignmentEnsure full cost recoverySupport operational capacityDemonstrate public demand and supportAddress environmental / climate / economic sustainability	WE WILL COLLABORATIVELY PRIORITIZE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintenance of what is there near and long termShared goals across boundariesShared responsibility for long term asset managementFinancial or match contribution from all partner agenciesMeeting local needs in a regional contextProtection of the region's natural and cultural resourcesBest investment(s) for equity, inclusivity, diversity	PROJECT SELECTION MUST: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Operate within a cohesive local need and regional benefit approachBe driven by effective collaboration to achieve measurable resultsManage visitor capacity to support responsible recreationProtect/Preserve public lands, including biological and cultural resources

* Graphic elements courtesy of the Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative Framework for Resilience

Regional Project Concepts

- Regional Capacity
- Regional Campgrounds
- Regional Trail System
- Climate and Recreation
- Recreation and Wildfire

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REGIONAL RECREATION CAPACITY

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

*ESSRP Memorandum of Understanding

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

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



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Recreation Capacity

- Identified Collaborators
- *ESCOG / Inyo County*
- Speakers
- *Nate Greenberg*
- *Elaine Kabala*

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EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

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

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Campground Improvements

- Identified Collaborators
 - *Inyo and Stanislaus National Forests; Inyo County; MLTPA (lead)*
- Speakers
 - *Adam Barnett*
 - *John Wentworth*

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TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

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

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

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO COMMUNITIES

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

INFRASTRUCTURE NEW/IMPROVEMENTS



Regional Trail System

- Identified Collaborators
 - *Amador Trail Stewardship;*
 - *Alpine Trails Association;*
 - *Westside Partners TBD;*
 - *MLTPA (lead)*
- Speakers
 - *John Wentworth, Bradley Booker*

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

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

FUNDING APPLICATION LEAD AGENCY:

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



Climate and Recreation

- Identified Collaborators
 - Cerro Coso C.C.; Inyo National Forest; MLTPA (lead)
- Speakers
 - Peter Fulks
 - John Wentworth



Wildfire and Recreation

- Identified Collaborators
 - *Whitebark Institute; Sierra Focus Media; MLTPA (lead)*
- Speakers
 - *John Wentworth; Mathew Galvin; Laura Beardsley*

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Other Regional Projects

- "Tri-County Recreation Economic Impact Study – Inyo, Mono & Alpine Counties"
 - *JT Chevalier*
- "Pathways to Prosperity: A Regional Multimodal Safety and Recreation Initiative"
 - *Bradley Booker*
- *Others - ?*



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Trump says he can't guarantee tariffs won't raise U.S. prices, won't rule out revenge prosecutions

Donald Trump says he can't guarantee tariffs won't raise prices for Americans, and he won't rule out revenge prosecutions or abortion restrictions.



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2024 California propositions voter guide: minimum wage, crime, marriage, healthcare, rent and more



Your guide to the L.A. County district attorney's race: Gascón vs. Hochman



Election day has long passed. In some states, legislatures are working to undermine the results



This Latino Republican flipped a deep-blue California Assembly district. How?



Trump's own unorthodox rise, focus on loyalty loom large as nominees face headwinds

Calmes: Trump's predatory Cabinet choices are added proof that #McToo is over


A bright spot for Democrats as voters shifted right: Flipping 3 House seats in California

Trump offers a public show of support for Pete Hegseth, his embattled nominee to lead the Pentagon

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POLITICS

Reporter's Notebook: Trump gained support in California. What does that mean for the so-called resistance?



Adam Gray, shown in 2023 at UC Merced, was elected to a House seat in the Central Valley by 187 votes. (Paul Kuroda / For The Times)

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Prop. 4 passes: Californians approve \$10 billion for water, wildfire, climate projects

BY ALEJANDRO LAZO

NOVEMBER 5, 2024UPDATED NOVEMBER 6, 2024

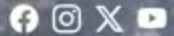




A stack of empty five-gallon water containers at Shady Lane Estates in Thermal on March 23, 2023. According to some residents, there is no clean drinking water from the mobile park, so these five-gallon containers are their only option. Pablo Unzueta for CalMatters

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President Joe Biden is betting that \$1.6 trillion in climate and infrastructure money can transform America, create green jobs, outcompete China — and maybe catapult him to a second term.



Maximize Investment into Communities

\$190 Billion in Federal Funding for California

\$48 Billion*

California Climate
Commitment
3-Year Horizon*

**\$41.9
Billion***

Infrastructure
Investment and Jobs Act
2026 Horizon*

**~\$390
Billion***

Inflation Reduction
Act
2026 Horizon*

**~\$52
Billion***

Chips & Science Act
2026 Horizon*



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\$551 BILLION
ESTIMATED IN
TAX CREDITS

\$1.1 TRILLION IN PASSED SPENDING

According to a POLITICO analysis of public data, only a small portion of that money has been spent.

\$125 billion has gone out the door under Biden's infrastructure and pandemic relief laws.

\$125 BILLION SPENT

Federal Updates

ENERGY

Trump vows to pull back climate law's unspent dollars

The former president also pledged to establish a government efficiency commission floated by Tesla's Elon Musk, who he suggested could lead the commission.



Former President Donald Trump did not specify which IRA programs he would target. | Alex Brandon/AP

POLITICO

ENERGY

'No big plan B': A global anti-Trump climate resistance struggles to gain ground

Diplomats and activists from around the world are discussing ways to keep up the fight against global warming, even in the face of an absent or hostile U.S. administration.



Protesters hold up signs in front of the White House on June 1, 2017, objecting to then-President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the 2015 Paris climate agreement. | Paul J. Richards/AFP via Getty Images



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Leading Researchers Share Latest Science to Drive California's Actions to Improve Wildfire Resilience

At the December 13 meeting in Sacramento, a panel of scientists will present new findings to guide California's efforts to respond to increasing wildfire risks in a changing climate.

California Updates



October 10, 2024

POLITICO

Newsom's new Trump-proofing plan

By CHRISTOPHER CADELAGO | 10/21/2024 09:00 PM EDT

With help from Wes Venteicher, Camille von Kaenel, Alex Nieves and Ry Rivard

TOP OF THE DAY



Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to tap state funds to fend off a Trump administration. | Eric Thayer/AP

Trump or no Trump, California is worried

TOP OF THE DAY



California's tailpipe regulations could be at risk if they wind up before the Supreme Court. | Alex Brandon/AP

DON'T CALL IT TRUMP-PROOFING: As California officials scramble to Trump-proof their climate policies ahead of the November election, a new reality is dawning.

Federal Updates

Vox

Leaked recordings detail a major environmental agency quietly gutting its workforce

Seasonal workers help keep our forests healthy. What happens when you fire them?

by **Nick Bowlin**
Oct 8, 2024 at 4:00 AM PDT




Temporary workers for the US Forest Service work in areas like timber, wildlife, watershed, botany, recreation, and visitor services. Facing budget woes, the agency has confirmed it has put a hiring freeze on all seasonal positions until further notice. Dave Gardner Creative/National Forest Foundation.

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Americans visit hiking and camping areas managed by the US Forest Service more than 150 million times each year.

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The Forest Service is cutting its seasonal workforce and public lands will suffer

Employees warn that important work will go undone all over the country.

Nick Bowlin October 8, 2024

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SUMMIT DAILY Serving Summit County, CO.

Concerns grow in Colorado's mountain towns as U.S. Forest Service freezes hiring for swath of seasonal employees

Ryan Spencer • Oct 26, 2024



A White River National Forest sign is pictured on March 27, 2022. Local officials are growing concerned about a plan to freeze hiring of non-fire employees at the U.S. Forest Service, which support many initiatives in Summit County, a hotspot for outdoor recreation in the nation.

Liz Copan/Summit Daily News archive

The U.S. Forest Service has issued a nationwide hiring freeze on all non-fire seasonal employees, a decision that could have ripple effects across Colorado mountain communities, where vast swathes of land are national forests.

One-fifth of Colorado is comprised of U.S. Forest Service-owned lands. In

SUMMIT DAILY Serving Summit County, CO.

'Unacceptable': Colorado's federal lawmakers respond to U.S. Forest Service seasonal hiring freeze

Ryan Spencer • Oct 29, 2024



U.S. Senator Michael Bennet listens to U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Michael Woodbridge on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2023. Bennet and other members of Colorado's United States congressional delegation are criticizing the Forest Service's hiring freeze and calling for changes.

John F. Russell/Steamboat Pilot & Today

The Colorado congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., is calling on the U.S. Forest Service to continue partnerships with Rocky Mountain communities amid the [agency's hiring freeze on seasonal employees](#).

Colorado Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper as well as Colorado Representatives Joe Neguse and Brittany Pettersen penned a letter Monday, Oct. 28, to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas

Federal Updates

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US & WORLD // CALIFORNIA

'Public is going to be so impacted': California's national forests face huge staffing cuts

By Kurtis Alexander, Reporter

Dec 2, 2024

Gift Article



Joshua Kilgore tends to mules that haul gear to his trail crew in the backcountry at the Stanislaus National Forest. Kilgore is among many U.S. Forest Service employees who aren't expected to be hired back next year.

Courtesy of the U.S. Forest Service

At the Stanislaus National Forest, the staffing cuts will hit hardest in the popular Pinecrest area. Tens of thousands of people, many from the Bay Area just 2½ hours away, descend on the woodsy community and its glistening lake to camp, boat and swim in the summer.

"It's not a park, but it almost seems like a park because of how crowded it is," said Faye Mealing, who has worked as a seasonal interpretive ranger in the area for four years but was told she won't be hired back for a fifth. "I've talked to people who have been coming to Pinecrest for 60 years. There are so many families. The kids are older. I can tell how much they've grown."



Seasonal interpretive ranger Faye Mealing provides information to visitors at Pinecrest Lake at the Stanislaus National Forest. Her job is not being funded next year because of budget problems at the U.S. Forest Service.

Courtesy of U.S. Forest Service

Federal Updates

SUPPORT

Letter Signed by 250 Outdoor Businesses and Organizations Calls on Senate to Pass EXPLORE Act

NewsJun 16 2024



SENATE LETTER

Broad Coalition Calls on the Senate to Make History During Great Outdoors Month® and Pass the EXPLORE Act to Expand Access to Outdoor Recreation for All

WASHINGTON – Hundreds of national and local businesses and organizations spanning the entire \$1.1 trillion outdoor recreation economy are calling on the Senate to pass the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act, this bipartisan legislation would increase access and transform outdoor recreation opportunities across the country for all activities and all Americans.

The EXPLORE Act [passed the House in April](#) by unanimous consent and is poised to stimulate local and national economies, enhance access for Americans—particularly those in underserved communities and with disabilities—to the outdoors, and modernize policies to bolster the recreation businesses that bridge people with nature and support 5 million jobs across America. The bill is similar to the America's Outdoor Recreation Act (AORA), which passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee last year.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- 1 **Breaks down** government silos to address pressing recreation challenges and opportunities
- 2 **Expands parking** at highly-visited destinations
- 3 **Unifies** and makes data collection consistent
- 4 **Allows** for selling passes and collecting fees online
- 5 **Modernizes** film and photo permitting
- 6 **Creates** more transparency in processes
- 7 **Provides** flexibility in cross-agency outings
- 8 **Updates** infrastructure
- 9 **Improves** resources for hunters and anglers
- 10 **Supports** youth and veterans
- 11 **Builds** sustainable local economies

Partner Updates – In Alphabetical Order

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

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



Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2025 @ 3:30