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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

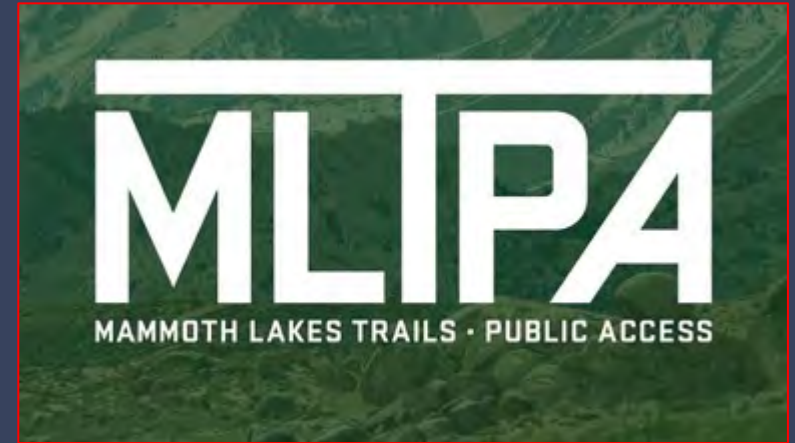


“A public/public partnership between tribal, local, state, and federal government agencies and a regional voice for sustainable outdoor recreation in California.”

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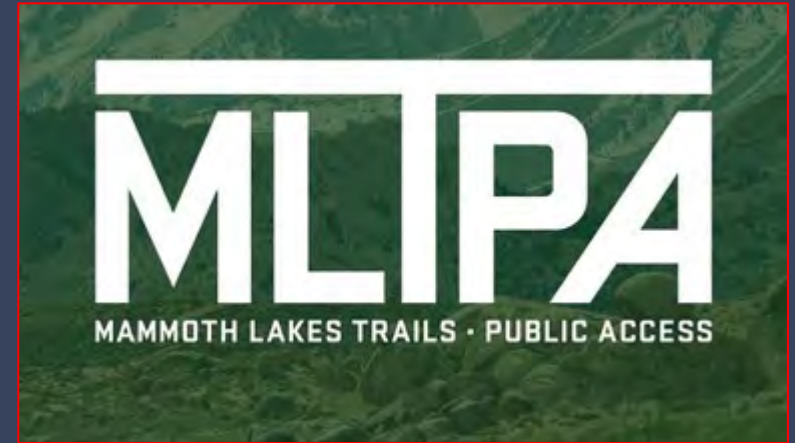
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One Ski Resort's Long-Shot Bet to Survive Low Snowfall and Devastating Wildfires

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What a difference two and a half weeks make -- these photos were taken at the Observatory Jan 9 and Jan 27.



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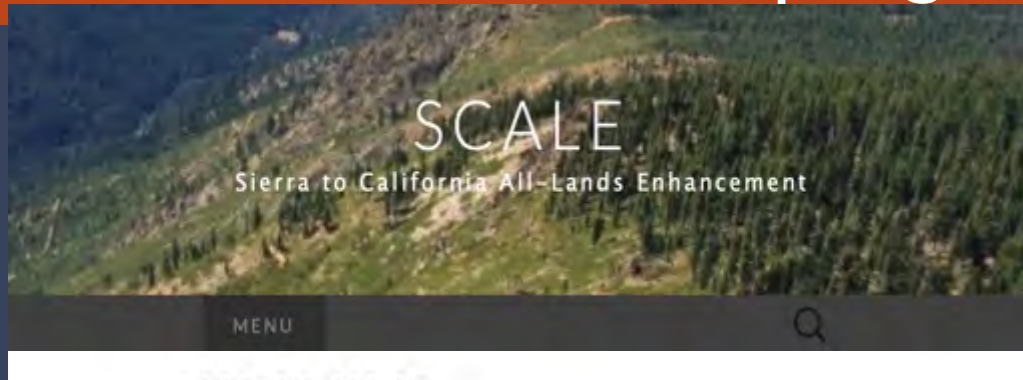
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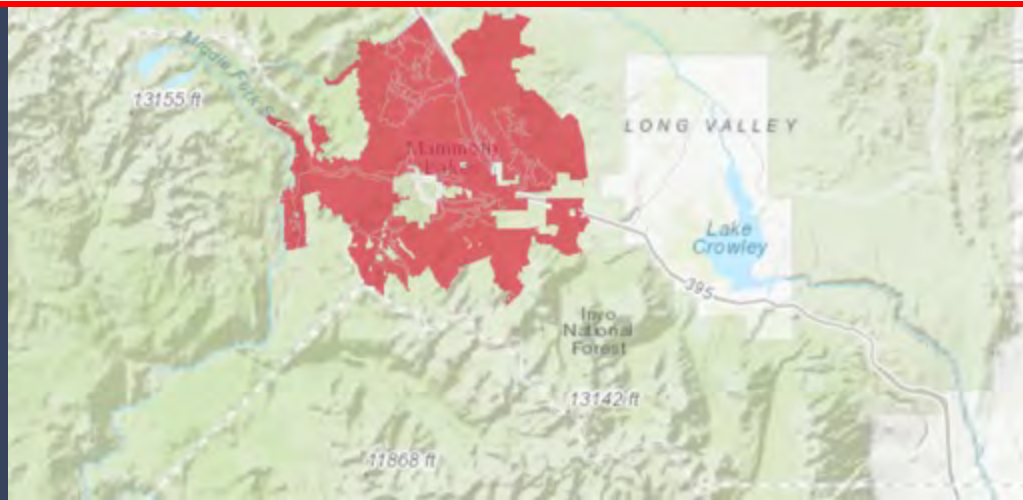


SCALE Collaborative Capacity - Notice of Funding Opportunity

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

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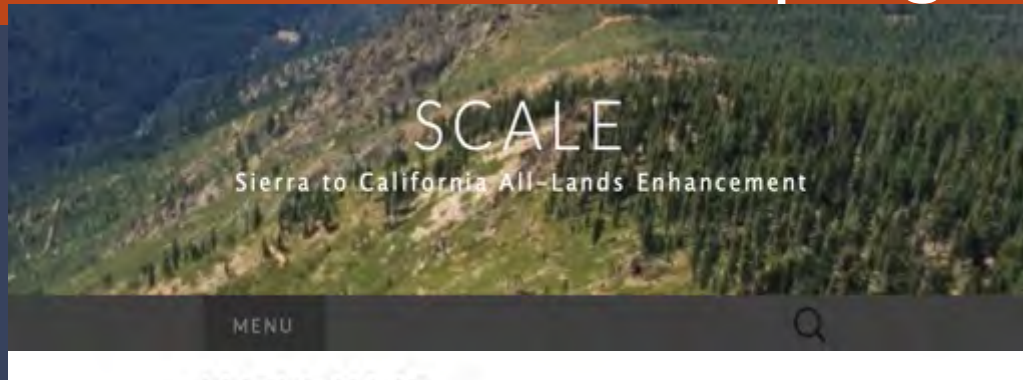
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- Organizing a collaborative retreat to review and improve partnership processes.
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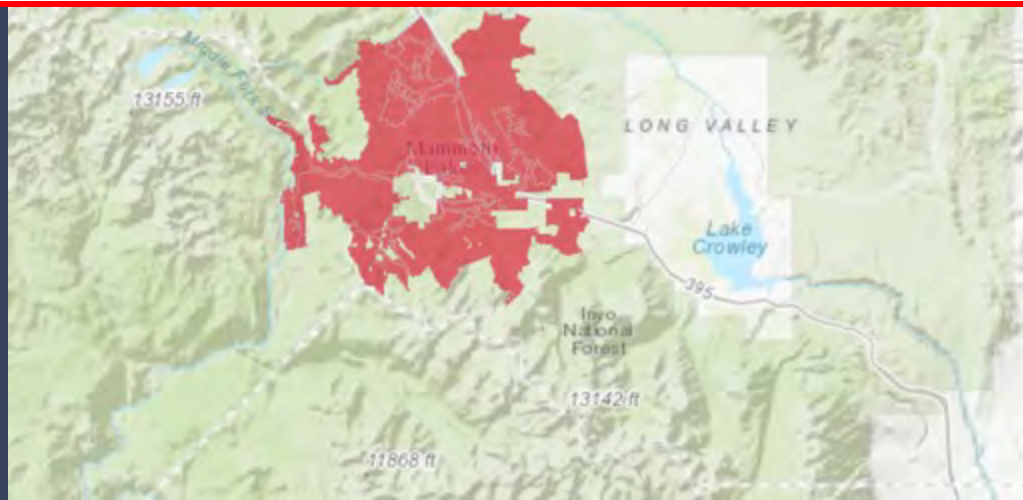


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Sierra snowpack sees promising start but California's water fortunes have 'a long way until April'

By Darrell Smith and Daniel Hunt

Updated January 02, 2025 2:22 PM | 3



As California water officials took the first snowpack survey of the year, measurements collected across the state showed levels above average. By David Caraccio and Department of Water Resources

San Francisco Chronicle

e-Edition

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California typically sees its wettest weather now. Are storms on the horizon?

By Anthony Edwards, Newsroom Meteorologist

Jan 1, 2025

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Precipitation outlook: Mon., Jan. 6 to Fri., Jan. 10

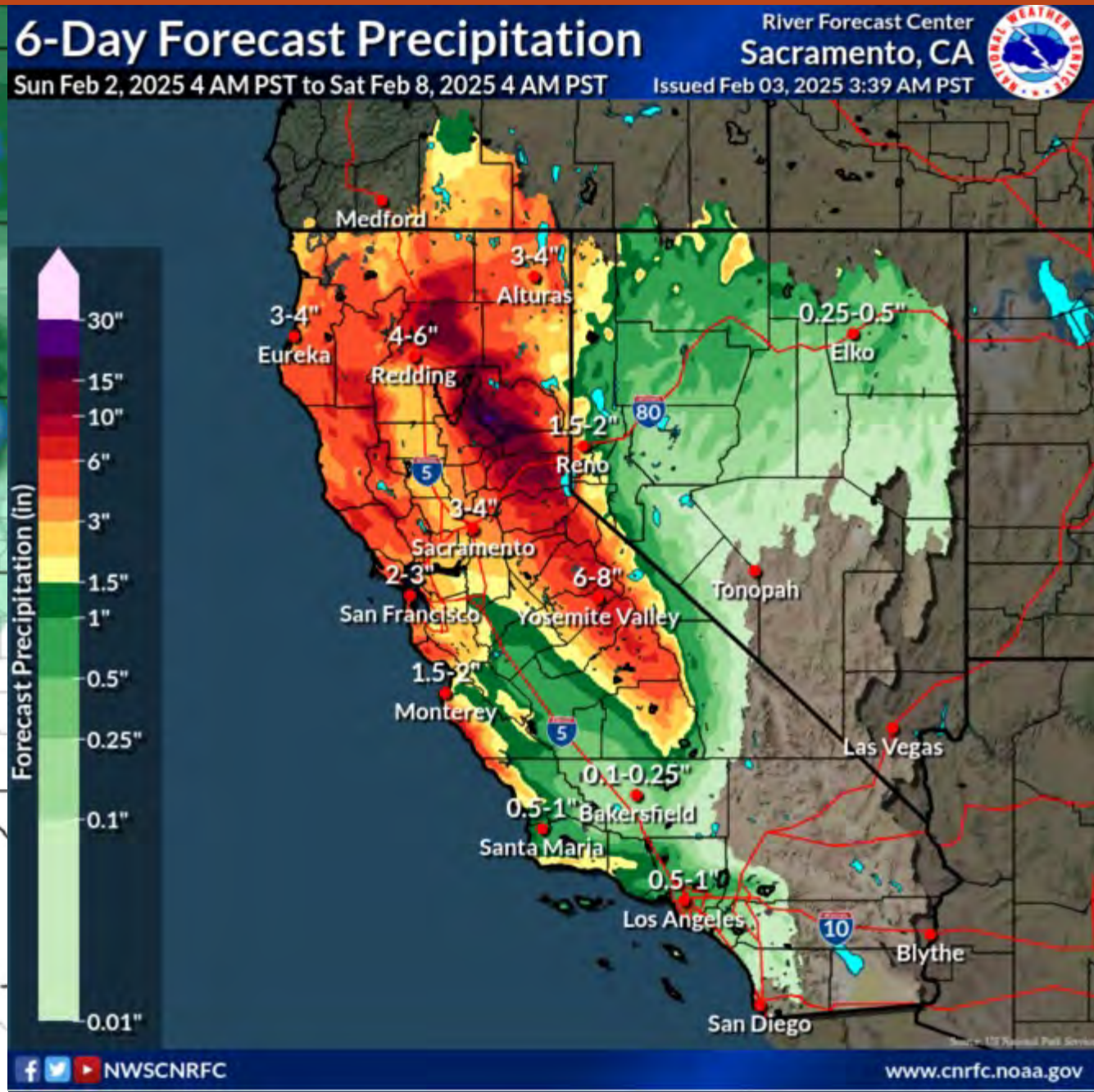
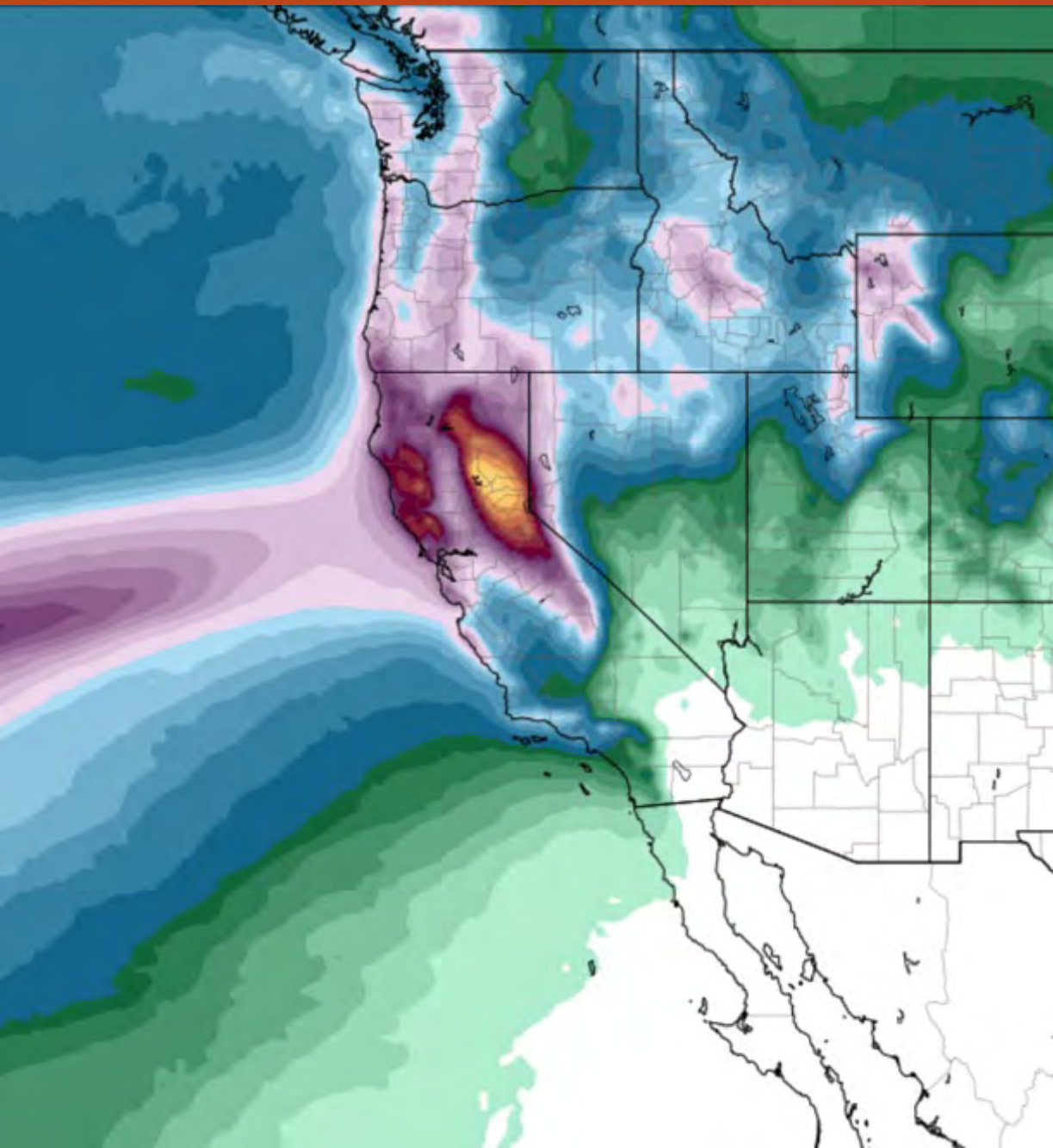
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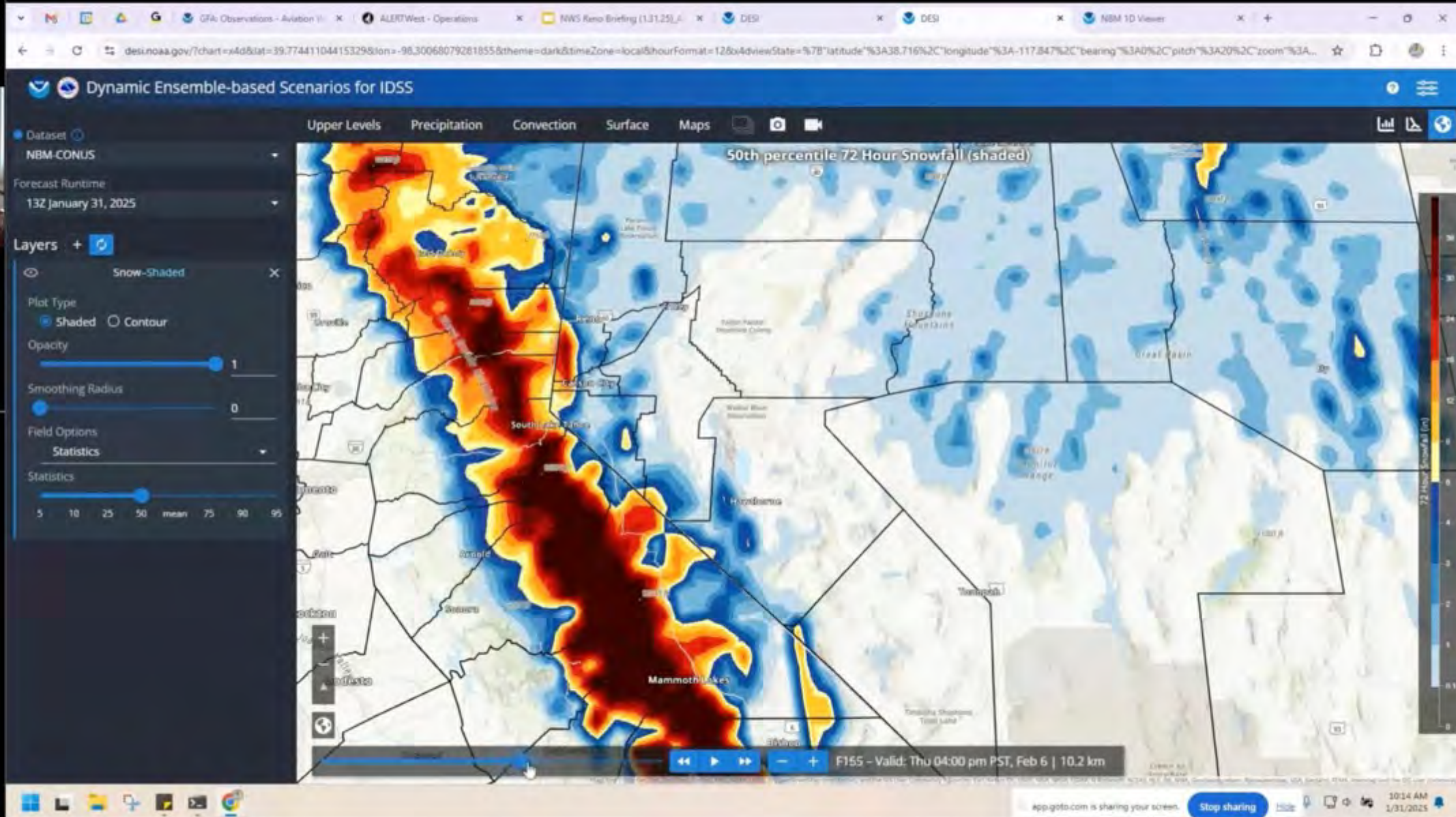


Drier than normal conditions are expected across California in early to mid-January. The Climate Prediction Center forecasts a 60% to 70% chance of below-normal precipitation in the Bay Area from Jan. 6-10.

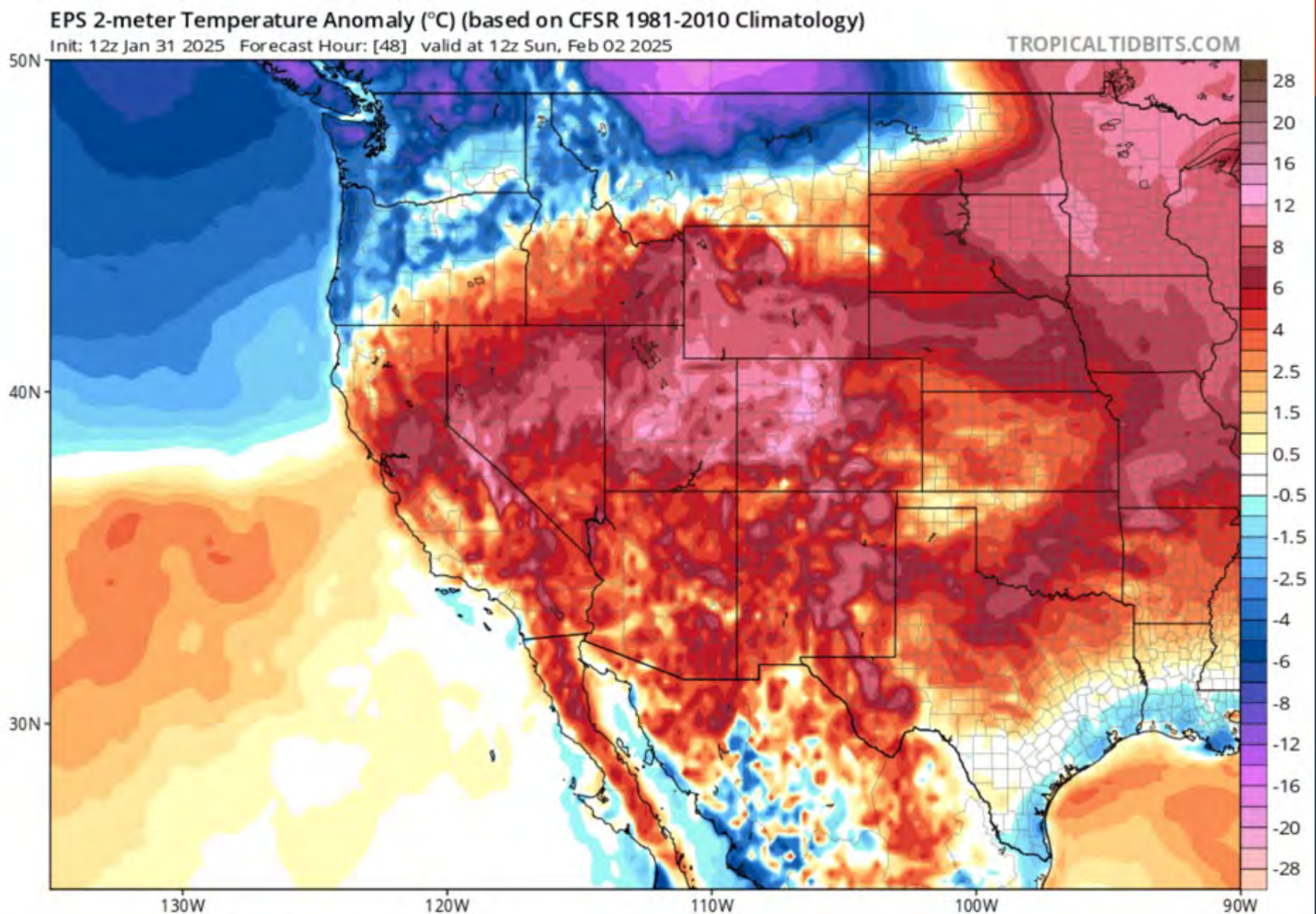
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The strongest portion of the atmospheric river this weekend will be very warm indeed, with notably high snow levels and rain to well above Sierra pass level.

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These maps show how winter has flipped upside down in the U.S.

Parts of the South have had more snow than the North. Will it continue?

January 26, 2025

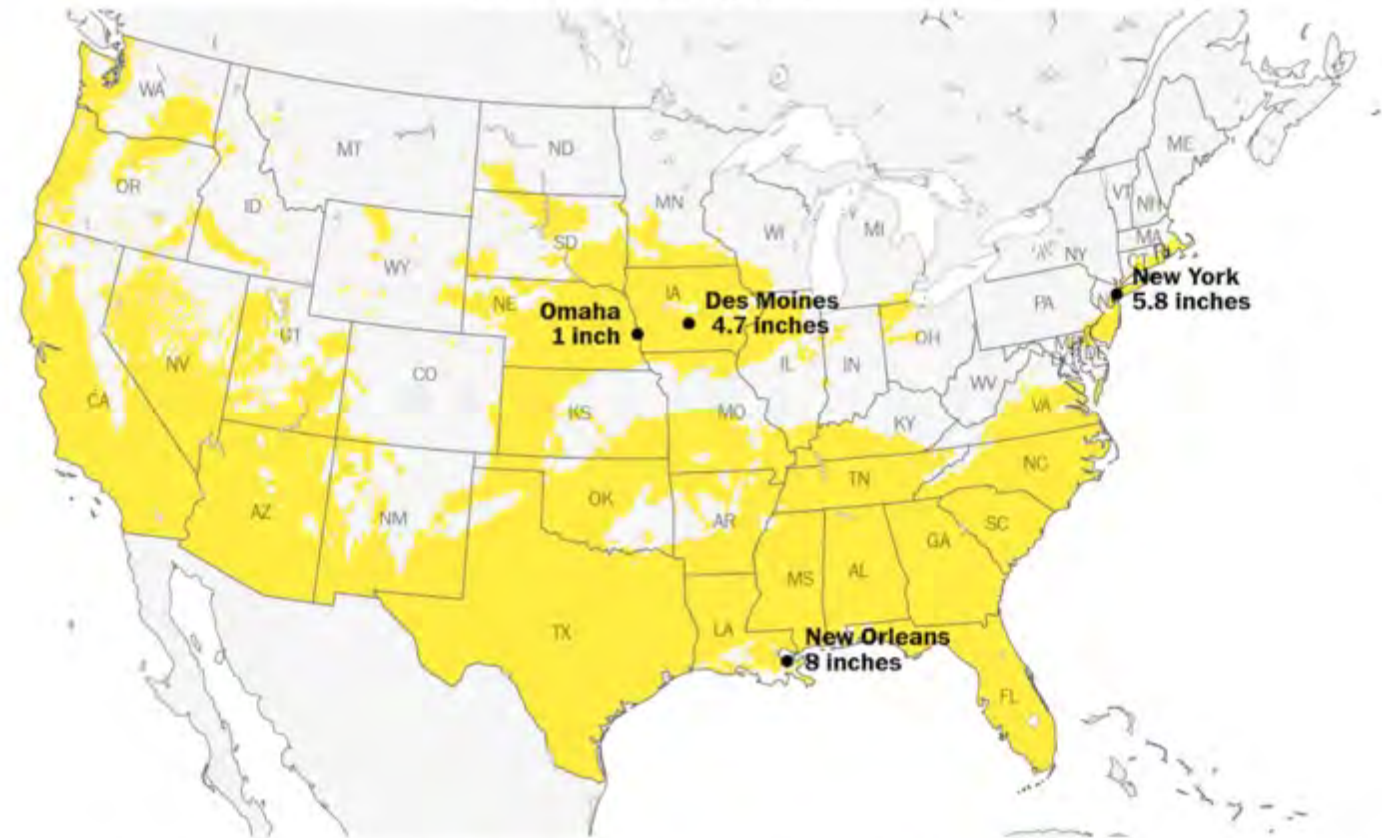
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Snow along North Ocean Boulevard in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. A winter storm brought heavy bands of snow and sleet to much of the South. (Sean Rayford/Getty Images)

Areas that have received less snow than New Orleans

Sep. 30, 2024 - Jan 25, 2025



Cities such as New York, Des Moines and Omaha have received less snow than New Orleans so far this winter. (Ben Noll/The Washington Post/data source: NOAA)

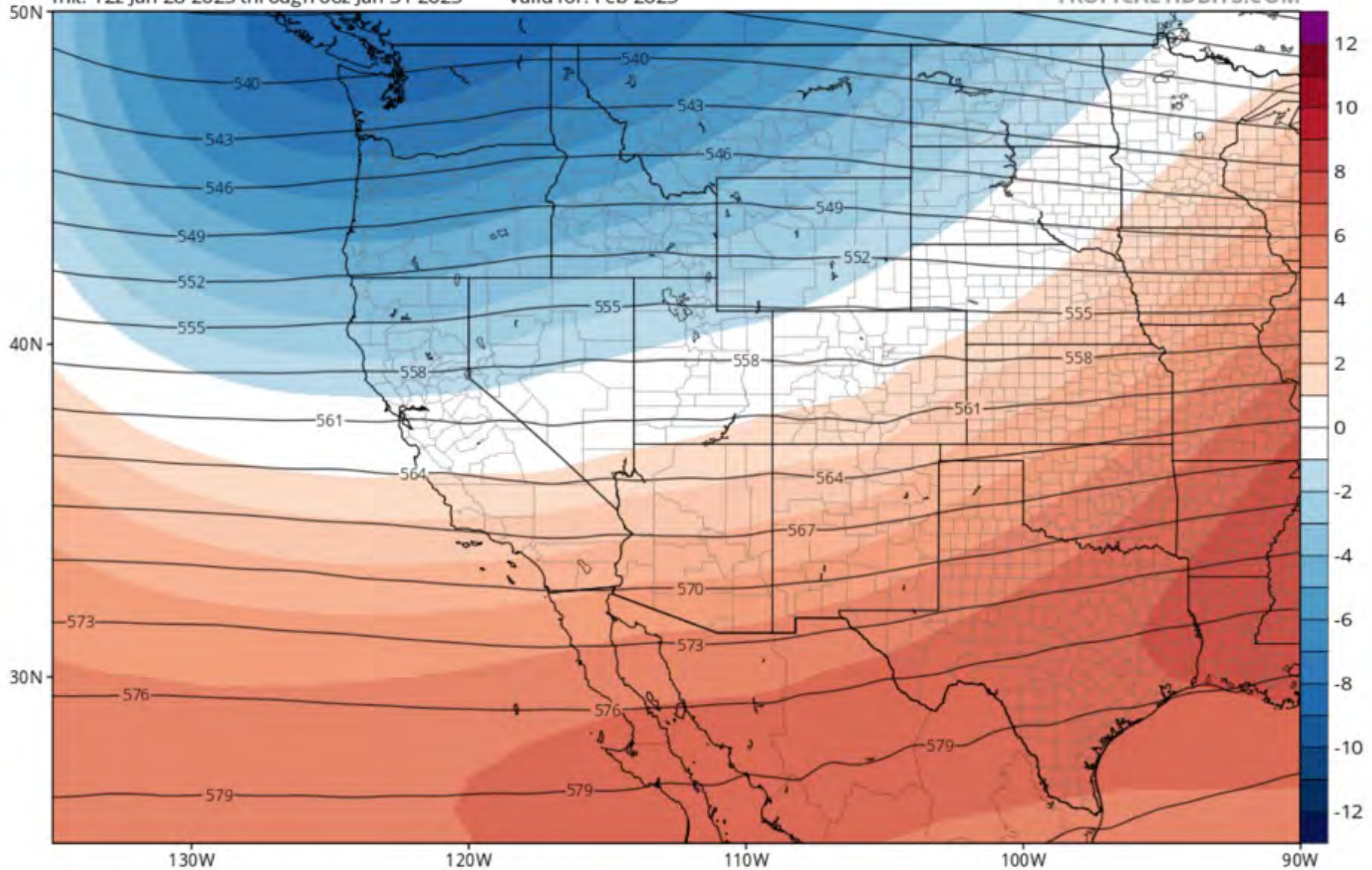
CFSv2 500mb Geopotential Height & Anomaly (dam) (based on 1984-2009 Model Climatology)

Average of last 12 forecasts (12 runs x 1 members)

Init: 12z Jan 28 2025 through 06z Jan 31 2025

Valid for: Feb 2025

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The latest snapshot from the CFS suggests a continuation of the recent “wet north/dry south” dipole pattern in California, here depicted by persistent subtropical ridging across SoCal/SW US and troughing across the PacNW in February.

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Another casualty of a bone-dry winter: LA won't take less water from Mono Lake



BY ALASTAIR BLAND

JANUARY 30, 2025

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Mono Lake on the eastern edge of the Sierra Nevada on May 20, 2023. Los Angeles has been diverting the iconic alpine lake's water to city taps since 1941. Photo by Sierra Farquhar for CalMatters

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Los Angeles Times



Palisades and Eaton fires now 100% contained. But a long road to recovery looms



Lashonda Ellis comforts her grandmother Margaret Martin, 96, who lost her Altadena home built by her husband, Henry Martin, in 1966. (Robert Gauthier / Los Angeles Times)

California Fires

Palisades checkpoints to remain, Bass says, reversing course hours before reopening

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Why hydrants ran dry as firefighters battled California's deadly fires

Firefighters in Pacific Palisades and Altadena have repeatedly been hampered by low water pressure and dry hydrants, revealing limitations in local water systems designed to supply neighborhoods.



L.A. fire officials could have put engines in the Palisades before the fire broke out. They didn't

Fire officials made the critical decision to forgo calling in scores of extra firefighters and equipment in the hours before the fire, according to internal documents reviewed by The Times.



As western Altadena waited hours for evacuation orders, fire commanders faced utter chaos



The politics of debris removal prove treacherous for L.A.-area leaders



L.A.'s first atmospheric river storm of winter is coming. What you need to know

L.A. County's evacuation alert system broke down during fires. It's part of a larger problem

Despite upgrades to wireless alerts system, emergency warnings were often ineffective when most needed during the Los Angeles wildfires. Some were sent to too many people, some to too few.



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Trump's order to cut off funding to sanctuary cities could threaten L.A. fire relief

By Tony BarbozaStaff Writer Jan. 22, 2025 3 AM PT • Nov. 20, 2024



President Trump signs executive orders in the Oval Office on Monday.

(Jim Lo Scalzo / EPA/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

As Los Angeles rebuilds from a devastating wildfire that destroyed swaths of Pacific Palisades, the city's access to federal money could be imperiled by one of President Trump's first-day immigration actions targeting "sanctuary cities."

An executive order that Trump signed Monday, shortly after he was sworn in, directs federal officials to take actions "to ensure that so-called 'sanctuary' jurisdictions, which seek to interfere with the lawful exercise of Federal law enforcement operations, do not receive access to Federal funds."

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Los Angeles Against the Mountains

Debris flows generally are much less destructive of life than of property. People get out of the way.

By John McPhee • September 19, 1988



Photograph by Myung J. Chun / Los Angeles Times / Getty

In Los Angeles versus the San Gabriel Mountains, it is not always clear which side is losing. For example, the Genofiles, Bob and Jackie, can claim to have lost and won. They live on an acre of ground so high that they look across their pool and past the trunks of big pines at an aerial view over Glendale and across Los Angeles to the Pacific bays. The setting, in cool dry air, is serene and Mediterranean. It has not been everlastingly serene.

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His town burned in California's most destructive fire. This is his advice for rebuilding in L.A.



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“Between 1990 and 2020 nearly 45% of homes built in CA were in “wildland-urban interface”.

Although these areas account for less than 7% of CA’s landmass, they accounted for more than 80% of the structures destroyed by wildfires between 1985 and 2013.”

HOUSING

Why California keeps putting homes where fires burn



BY BEN CHRISTOPHER

JANUARY 16, 2025

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The devastation from the Palisades Fire is seen from the air in the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles on Jan. 9, 2025. Photo by Mark J. Terrill, AP Photo

Approaching danger by Brad Powell, with scenarios prepared by Headwaters Economics



Future-proofing the outdoor recreation economy

November 26, 2024

Communities with outdoor recreation economies are rich in natural assets such as mountains and rivers, but their proximity to these resources also puts them on the front lines of natural hazards such as wildfire and flooding.

Outdoor recreation communities often experience disproportionate economic and social impacts from disasters because of their reliance on natural assets. Damage to infrastructure such as roads or water systems can keep away the visitors that keep

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Good morning, California.

Over \$4 billion in LA fire claims distributed, more to come




A chimney remains standing in a home destroyed by the Eaton Fire in Altadena on Jan. 8, 2025. Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

From CalMatters economy reporter Levi Sumagaysay:

Insurance companies have paid out \$4.2 billion in claims so far to survivors of the Los Angeles County fires, the state Insurance Department said Thursday.

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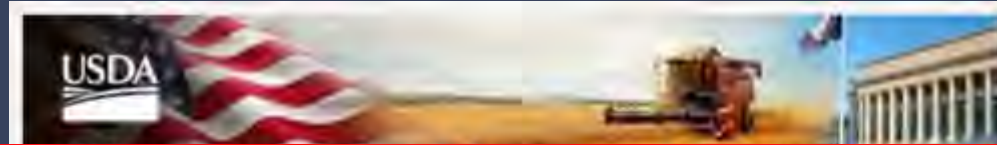
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A day without Mexicans in Mammoth? Locals mull how to get a message to Trump



Trump Says U.S. Will Hold Migrants at Guantánamo

The president suggested 30,000 migrants could be housed on the base. It is unclear how the plan will take shape.

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The U.S. Navy base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, in 2023. Marisa Schwartz Taylor/The New York Times



By Hamed Aleaziz and Carol Rosenberg

Hamed Aleaziz reported from Washington, and Carol Rosenberg reported from Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

Jan. 29, 2025

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President Trump on Wednesday ordered his administration to prepare to house tens of thousands of “criminal aliens” at the Navy base at Guantánamo Bay, the latest prong in his widening crackdown on immigration.

Tariffs

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Wall Street Journal slams Trump's tariff plans: 'The dumbest trade war in history'

Ashleigh Fields

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The Wall Street Journal's editorial board published a punchy [Saturday op-ed](#) listing all the failed reasons for President Trump's tariff plan, citing a declining trend in trade and manufacturing culpability following signed sanctions.

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A sign marks the border between the United States and Canada at Peace Arch Park in Blaine, Wash., Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025. PHOTO BY DAVID RYDER /Getty Images

We agree with the editorial in *The Wall Street Journal* — the paper of record of American capitalism — that this is “[The Dumbest Trade War in History.](#)”

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Canada and Mexico Move to Retaliate on Trump Tariff Orders

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Eastern Sierra Spirit and Ale Trail

Wednesday, March 27, 2024



June Lake Brewing in June Lake



Welcome to the Eastern Sierra Spirits and Ale Trail, where the artistry of craft brewing and distilling intertwines with the rugged beauty of the Eastern Sierra, creating a sensory adventure like no other. A collaboration created in 2023, the Trail includes eight establishments from Bishop to Bridgeport along US Highway 395.

While the Eastern Sierra is a mecca for outdoor adventures and activities, the Spirit and Ale Trail is a great *inside* activity that can be completed any time of year, no matter the season or weather (although all establishments have lovely outdoor seating, too). That being said, it's always a good idea to check weather

and road conditions before embarking on this spirited journey.

And of course, drink responsibly. Plan your trail trek with a sober driver or consider breaking up your visits into different days, months, or even years to fully enjoy the experience while prioritizing safety. ABV packs a bigger punch at higher altitudes and it's especially important to stay hydrated.

Purges

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Trump's DEI purge targets federal workers who did not work in DEI

Julian Mark

The Washington Post
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The Education Department headquarters in Washington on Jan. 15. (Sarah L. Voisin/The Washington Post)

At least 50 employees at the Education Department have been put on leave in recent days after President [Donald Trump](#) ordered federal agencies to [eliminate all positions](#) related to diversity, equity and inclusion. But almost none of them worked in jobs directly related to DEI, according to union officials and interviews with affected workers.

Instead, most all were involved in some sort of DEI initiative in the past, such as diversity training, an affinity group, or other programs inside the department aimed at creating a more inclusive workplace.

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FBI purges top officials, agents who worked on Trump's criminal cases

The Trump administration forced out a number of FBI officials Friday, removing agents who worked on the criminal cases into President Trump as well as the heads of various field offices.

A source familiar said agents who had worked on the Mar-a-Lago and Jan. 6 investigations were escorted out of the Washington Field Office.

The same source said officials in charge of the Washington, D.C., Miami, Seattle, New Orleans and Las Vegas field offices were removed.

The full scope of the removals remains unclear but has sparked concerns from members of Congress.

A statement from Sen. [Mark Warner](#) (Va.), the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, indicated the move may have impacted "dozens" of agents.

"It is deeply alarming that the Trump administration appears to be purging dozens of the most experienced agents who are our nation's first line of defense," he said.

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America has never witnessed so many people purged or punished by an incoming president so quickly. White House sources tell us this is just the beginning.

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A statement from Sen. Mark Warner (Va.), the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, indicated the move may have impacted "dozens" of agents.

"It is deeply alarming that the Trump administration appears to be purging dozens of the most experienced agents who are our nation's first line of defense," he said.

"F--k it: Release 'em all": Trump's last-minute decision to issue sweeping pardons for Jan 6 rioters

Updated: 6 days ago

As one of his first moves as president, President Trump issued sweeping pardons for [1,500 individuals](#) connected to the January 6 Capitol riots. According to White House advisers familiar with the discussions, this last-minute move aimed to swiftly close the chapter and deliver on his campaign promise to MAGA base.

Why it matters

The decision underscores Trump's unpredictable leadership style and his willingness to deliver on promises to his MAGA base, even when a significant number of Republicans disagree.



Michael Sparks, the First Rioter to Enter Capitol on Jan. 6, Sentenced to Over 4 Years in Prison

Aug 28, 2024

Donald Trump says again he would 'absolutely' pardon Jan. 6 rioters

Aug 1, 2024

Trump Promises Pardons for Jan. 6 Rioters, Does Not Rule Out Violent Offenders

Jun 14, 2024

Key Players

Appeals Court Upholds Steve Bannon's Conviction Over Jan. 6 Probe Defiance

May 10, 2024

Peter Navarro Sentenced to 4 Months in Prison for Stonewalling Congress in Jan. 6 Inquiry

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Elon Musk's Team Now Has Access to Treasury's Payments System

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent gave Mr. Musk's representatives at the so-called Department of Government Efficiency a powerful tool to monitor and potentially limit government spending.

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The New York Times



Trump hits NIH with 'devastating' freezes on meetings, travel, communications, and hiring

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Researchers facing "a lot of uncertainty, fear, and panic"



Freeze and Buy Outs

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How the World Is Reeling From Trump's Aid Freeze

Jan. 31, 2025 *The New York Times*



Delivering U.S.-funded food aid in Bentiu, South Sudan, in 2023. Supplies of aid to the country have been disrupted since the freeze announced by President Trump. Jim Huylebroek for The New York Times

White House says Trump funding freeze remains in effect despite rescinding OMB memo



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A 2nd U.S. judge says Trump administration must pause its federal spending freeze

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State litigation secures win in case on Trump OMB spending freeze

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Federal employees confused, angered by Trump's offer to quit

CNN — none

President Donald Trump's offer to most federal employees to [resign now](#) and be paid through September stunned the workers who received it – angering some, confusing many and raising questions about whether the offer is even legal.

When a US Department of Agriculture staffer based in Mississippi received the deferred resignation offer on Tuesday, they read through it, laughing because it was just “nonsensical,” and then deleted it.

“I’ve got my whole entire life invested in the federal government,” said the staffer, who also spent time in the military. “I’m not going to throw everything away.”

Across the United States, multiple federal workers who spoke with CNN said they weren't willing to sacrifice benefits beyond their salaries – including health and retirement benefits and student loan forgiveness – not to mention careers. They requested their names not be used for fear of retaliation.

Air traffic controllers were initially offered buyouts and told to consider leaving government

Just a day before a deadly midair collision at Reagan National Airport outside Washington, D

ABC News



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Park Service yanks job offers after Trump hiring freeze

The National Park Service rescinded roughly 400 job offers for seasonal positions, prompting concerns that parks could be short-staffed during the summer.

Maxine Joselow • Updated January 24, 2025

What's in a Name? Mount McKinley and Gulf of America, Explained

In a recent executive order, Trump announced name changes for two major geographical landmarks.

Kiley Price • January 28, 2025



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A group of EPA workers in white hazmat suits and respirators are working in a wooded area. The background is dark and out of focus.

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'They'll have to drag me out before I go.' EPA workers stand firm despite Trump chaos

Staff outside D.C. headquarters respond to funding freeze and other orders from the new administration.

Shi En Kim January 30, 2025

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A group of wildland firefighters in yellow gear and red helmets are standing in front of a large, snow-capped mountain range. The sky is blue and clear.

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OPINION

Pay wildland firefighters a living wage

To reimagine our relationship with wildfire, we must recognize the real value of federal wildland firefighters — and compensate them accordingly.

Riley Yuan January 24, 2025

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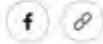
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Leaked recordings detail a major environmental agency quietly gutting its workforce

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.

Nick Bowlin is a freelance journalist whose work has appeared in Harper's, ProPublica, and the Guardian, among others. He lives in Gunnison, Colorado, and is a contributing editor at High Country News magazine.

This story was published in collaboration with High Country News.

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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'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

Executive Orders Affecting Charitable Nonprofits



National
Council of
Nonprofits

Updated January 29, 2025

New updates are highlighted in beige.

After his January 20th inauguration, President Trump signed dozens of Executive Orders (EOs) covering a broad range of issues, including diversity, equity, and inclusion programs; government grants and contracts; civic engagement; immigration; and certain nonprofit subsectors. **Some of the EOs won't take effect immediately, and many are expected to be immediately challenged in court.** This chart outlines some of the EOs that may affect nonprofits directly or indirectly.

This document will be updated frequently, so please use this link to see the most up-to-date version:

<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/files/media/documents/2025/chart-executive-orders.pdf>

Help us track the impacts of the recent Executive Orders on the nonprofit sector by sharing your stories of observed impacts on your work and the people you serve:

<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/form/effects-executive-actions-nonprofits>



"A public/public partnership between tribal, local, state, and federal government agencies and a regional voice for sustainable outdoor recreation in California."

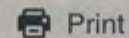


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The EXPLORE Act is a blueprint for bipartisan conservation legislation

Bipartisan support for the act highlights the outdoor industry's growing political clout, but questions remain about its cultural and environmental impact.

Zoë Rom January 13, 2025



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Susie Lee, Alex Honnold tout new laws to expand outdoor recreation in Nevada

LAS VEGAS (KSNV) — U.S. Rep. Susie Lee, D-Nevada, is touting new legislation that will help protect and expand outdoor recreation in Southern Nevada.

Lee spoke at Red Rock Canyon outside Las Vegas Friday about the [EXPLORE ACT](#) being signed into law and how provisions will protect rock climbing and bicycling.

"Outdoor recreation is something that everyone can get behind," Lee said.

For climbing, the bill will keep fixed anchors in place and protect access to climbing, the congresswoman said. For cycling, the Interior Department and U.S. Forest Service will be directed to map and promote at least 10 existing long-distance bike trails and find at least 10 new areas for potential trails.



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Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Applauds Final Passage of Economic Development Reauthorization Act with New Emphasis on Outdoor Recreation

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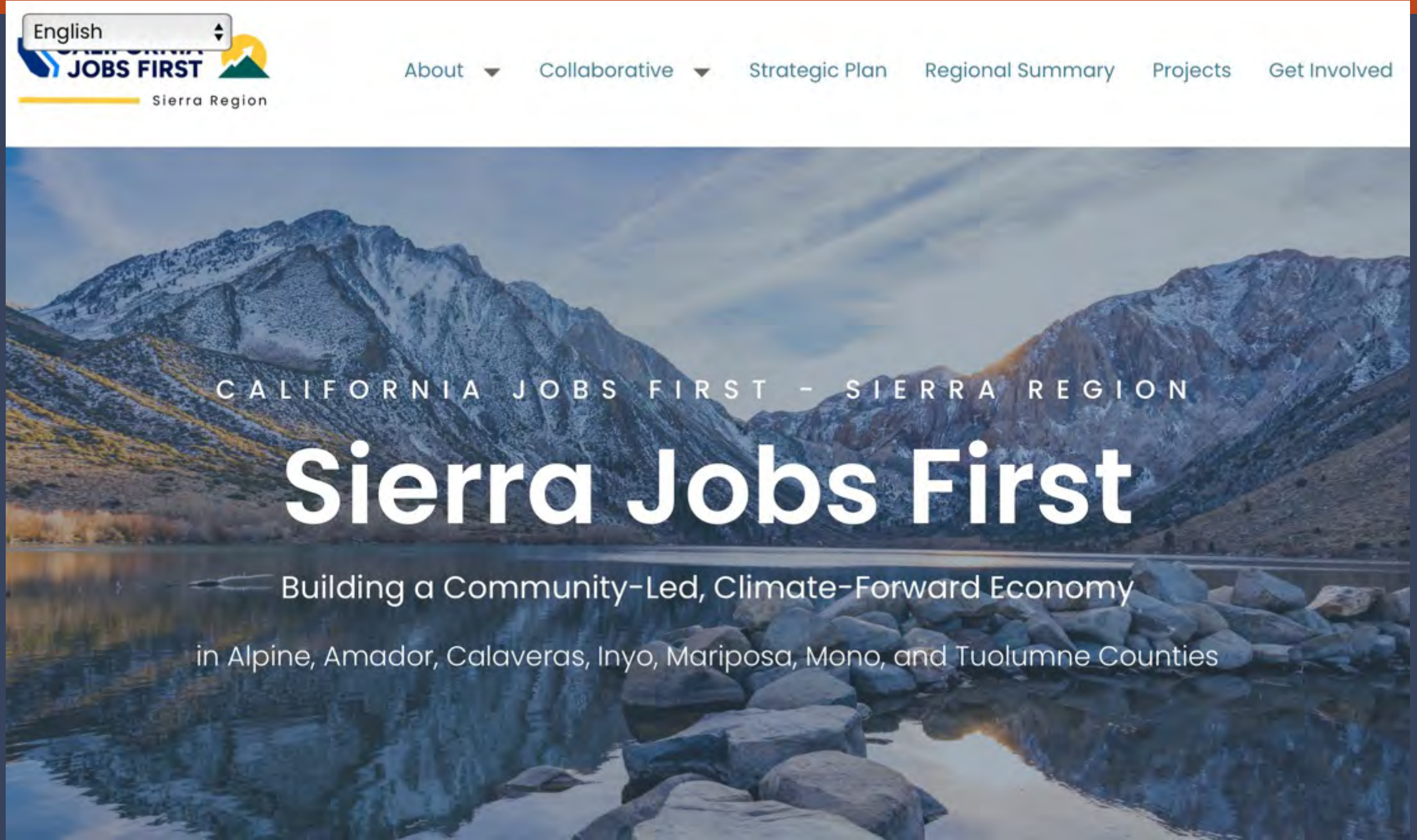
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Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Releases Annual State Rankings Based on \$1.2 Trillion Economic Impact Report

Rank	Overall GDP 2023	\$B	% State GDP 2023	%
1	California	\$81.5	Hawaii	6.3
2	Florida	\$57.8	Vermont	4.8
3	Texas	\$55.8	Montana	4.6
4	New York	\$33.9	Alaska	4.6
5	Illinois	\$24.4	Wyoming	4.1

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

BY ALEJANDRO LAZO
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 UPDATED NOVEMBER 6, 2024

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A photograph showing a young man in a red shirt standing next to a large stack of empty five-gallon water containers. The containers are stacked in rows, and the man is looking at them. The background shows a white building and some trees.

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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A Guide to Proposition 4:

The Safe Drinking Water,
Wildfire Prevention, Drought
Preparedness, and Clean
Air Bond Act of 2024



Wade Crowfoot



Kealii Bright



Published: August 2024

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Climate Bond Implementation Briefing

January 24th, 2025 1pm-2pm Meeting and January 30th, 2025 4pm-5pm

Wade's Goals for the Climate Bond:

- Strategic: advance legal targets and create resilience where we need to (climate action targets), emphasis on achieving multi benefit projects
- Coordinated: programs funded by bonds are not as coordinated as they can be (to the extend possible, work together to achieve things that are bigger than one could do alone)
- Bond funding should be more successful than they've ever been, accessed by groups or communities that haven't been able to access them in the past (assure accountability for this public funding, and do it in a way that reduces paperwork and red tape)
- Lift up the most vulnerable and underserved communities, nod to Noaki Schwartz and Kealii Bright

Karen Ross, Secretary of the CA Dept of Food and Agriculture talking points:

- This climate bond will emphasize deep stakeholder engagement
- Soils, working lands, fairgrounds will all be emphasized on the agricultural side of climate bond funding
- Block grant funding will be paramount in the upcoming climate bond funding (building out the infrastructure of our partners, especially for those in resource conservation districts)
 - Must be able to provide seamless information and help people tap into resources through local and state knowledge
- California Strategic growth council - administering funding opportunities and making sure they are aligned

These folks (in addition to others) will be in charge of making funding decisions about these climate bond:

- Amy Hutso at Coastal Conservancy - help communities adapt to climate change, public access/increasing it for those with barriers to access
 - Surveys to improve their process - two step process and rolling process
 - Technical assistance, we are proud of our assistance, how to create an invoice,
- Jennifer Norris at WCB - protect biodiversity and wildlife oriented recreation, habitat protection, conservation easements, restoration, and public access projects
 - Emphasis on rolling funding, technical assistance available

Kealii Bright: Moved from Department of Conservation to appointment as Undersecretary of the CA Natural Resources Agency in Dec '24

- Undersecretary - devoted to improve grant programs (just came over from DOC)
- Landscape scale and multi benefit grants (that centers the leaders of our partners in the region and in the field in the work)
- Support critical objectives across sister agencies
- Goal: the projects brought to the state are multi benefit in nature

Noaki Schwartz, Deputy Secretary for Equity and Environmental Justice:

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POLITICO

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.



Biden Trump-proofs \$74bn in climate funding but \$20bn remains vulnerable

Allocation of funds from Inflation Reduction Act makes it harder for president-elect to halt green initiatives



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📷 Joe Biden signs the Inflation Reduction Act on 16 August 2022. More than 75% of spending linked to the law has been in Republican-held areas. Photograph: Mandel Ngan/AFP/Getty Images



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Fix Our Forests Act

This comprehensive, bipartisan legislation restores forest health, increases resiliency to catastrophic wildfires, and protects communities by expediting environmental analyses, reducing frivolous lawsuits, and increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration projects. Led by House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) and Congressman Scott Peters (D-Calif.), it will provide agencies with critical tools to implement the most vital forest management projects immediately.

Legislation

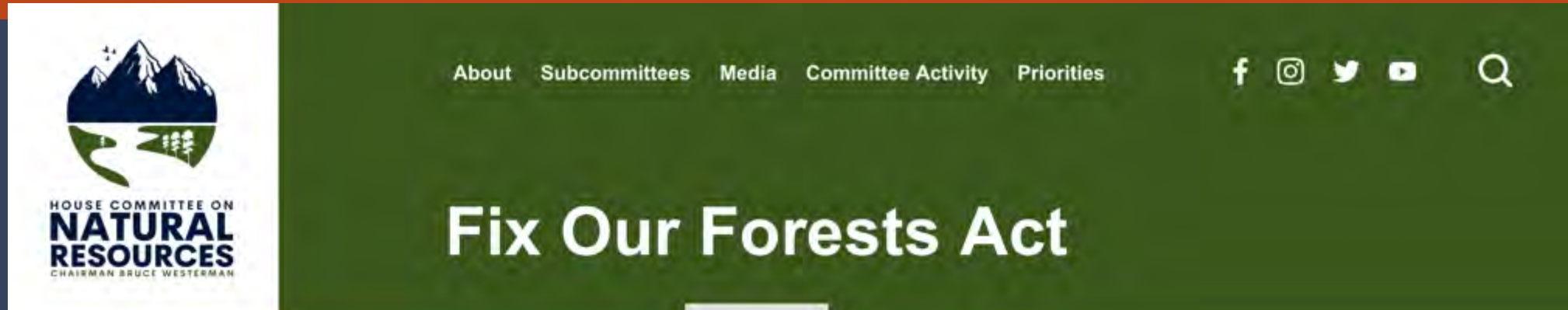
[H.R.8790](#) - To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes.

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[Westerman Testifies in Support of Bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act](#)

[In Wake of Catastrophic Wildfires, Westerman and Peters Re-Introduce Fix Our Forests Act](#)

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FOFA codifies emergency authorities to increase the pace and scale of management. Without these tools, completing a single forest management project takes 3 to 5 years. With them, land managers can act immediately. FOFA expands existing categorical exclusions to meet the scale of this crisis. If agencies wanted to treat an area roughly the size of the Palisades Fire, they would need 8 separate CEs. Under FOFA, they would only need 2

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Outdoor Alliance has educated the outdoor community and lawmakers on why fires have become more severe and on how wildfire affects outdoor recreation, including better forest management prescribed burns, better pay for firefighters, and post-fire recovery. This work must be carefully planned in a way that protects outdoor recreation and other public lands values.



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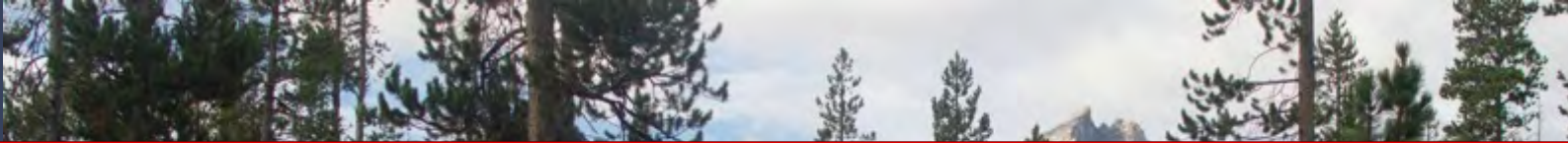
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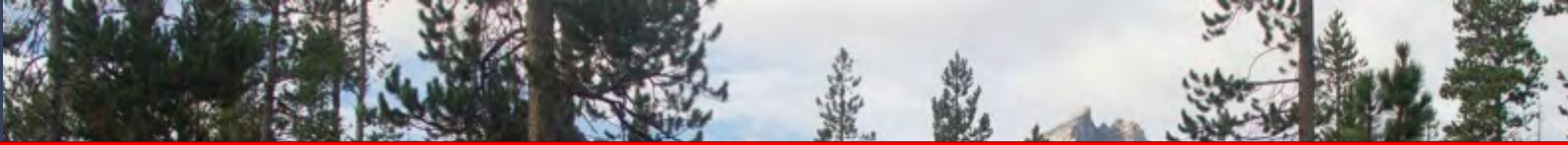
Public lands provide valuable ecosystem services like clean air and water, are a large source of government revenue, form the foundation of the \$1.2 trillion outdoor recreation economy, and are instrumental to the well-being of local communities across the country. National Parks, National Forests, BLM lands, and Wildlife Refuges are invaluable for the climbing, hiking, camping, paddling, mountain biking, and skiing opportunities they provide.



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PUBLIC LAND SELL OFFS ARE BACK AS HOUSE RULES PACKAGE CONTAINS GIVEAWAY PROVISION



The House Rules package, passed in early January, included a provision to make it easier to transfer or sell off public lands. This provision, a replica of a land transfer provision included in 2017 and again in 2023, is a statement that the House is open to seeing public lands sold off during this Congress.



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ICYMI - Fox News: 'We can't wait': Issa fights back against 'green tape' regulations impacting firefighters

January 25, 2025 [In The News](#)

Issa Introduces Bill to Fight Fires

The legislation is named the 'Green Tape Elimination Act.'

GOP Congressman Darrell Issa has introduced a bill in response to the devastating California wildfires aimed at slashing through the regulatory burdens that prevent firefighters from most effectively preventing the fires.

Issa, who represents California's 48th Congressional District, is putting forward the Green Tape Elimination Act which would exempt hazardous fuel reduction activities on federal lands from federal regulations for a decade.

Eliminating those regulatory burdens, Issa says, will allow firefighters to clear brush, cut shrubs, prescribe fires, along with other fire prevention activities without being hindered by six major federal environmental regulations.

Those regulations include the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Air Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

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POLITICO *in 2025*

Why Republicans won't let Newsom off the hook for raking the forest

By CAMILLE VON KAENEL | 01/23/2025 09:00 PM EST | Updated 01/29/2025 06:29 PM EST

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TOP OF THE DAY



President Donald Trump keeps telling Gov. Gavin Newsom to manage his forests. It's a good point, but there's a lot of nuance to it. | Saul Loeb/AFP via Getty Images

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Trump blames California for wildfires, tells state 'you gotta clean your floors'

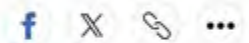


President Donald Trump talks to reporters. | Anna Moneymaker-Pool/Getty Images

By JEREMY B. WHITE

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OAKLAND — President Donald Trump on Thursday blamed California for its raging wildfires and threatened to withhold federal money, reprising his attacks from previous rounds of catastrophic blazes.



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California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience Goals and Key Actions – December 12, 2022

GOAL 1: INTEGRATE FOREST HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION

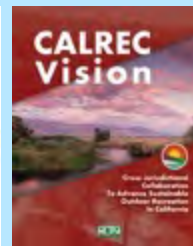
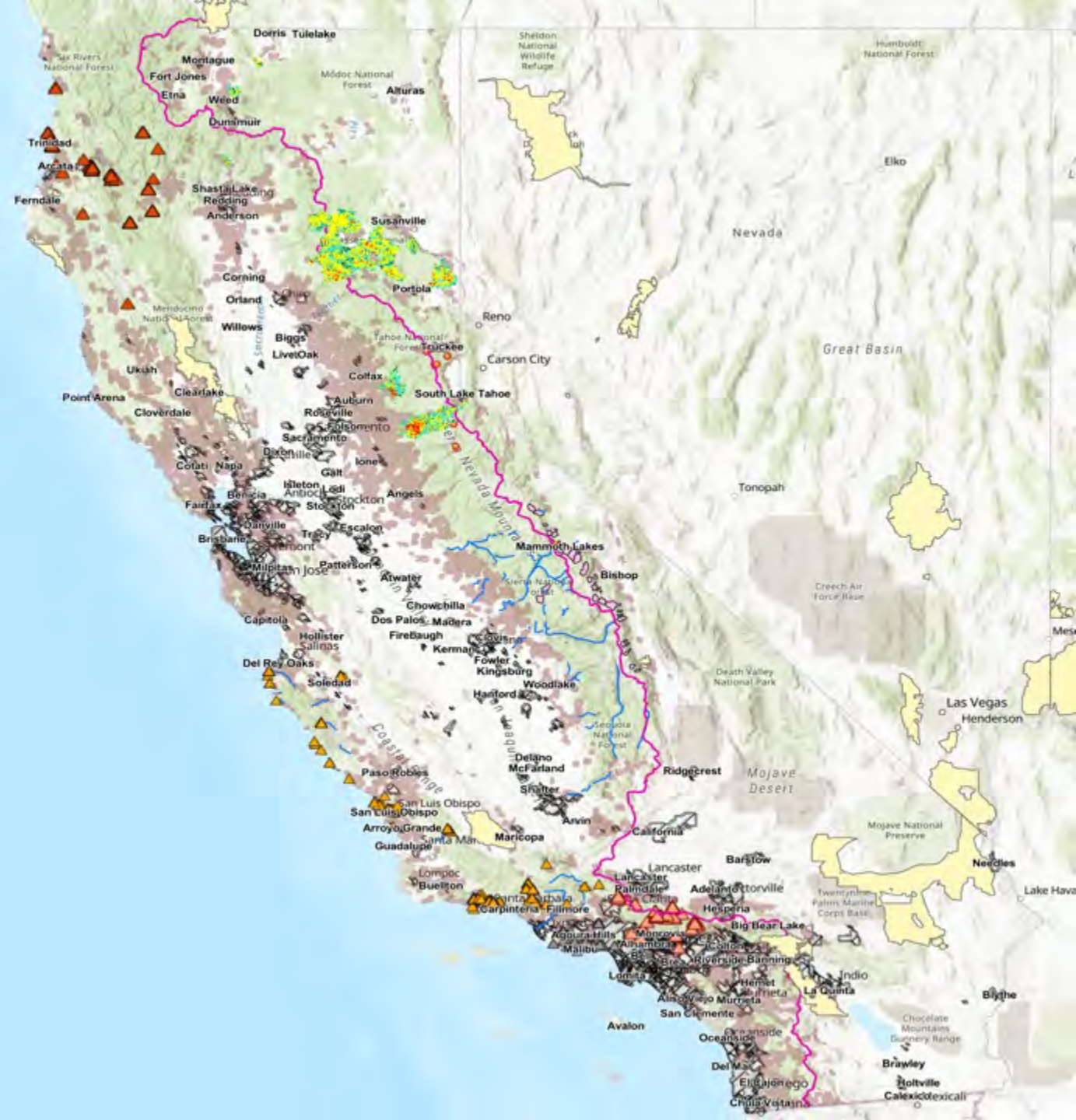
Integrate the provision of high-quality, sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities with forest health and resilience and wildfire and climate mitigation efforts so that all people can connect to the benefits and wonders of the natural world.

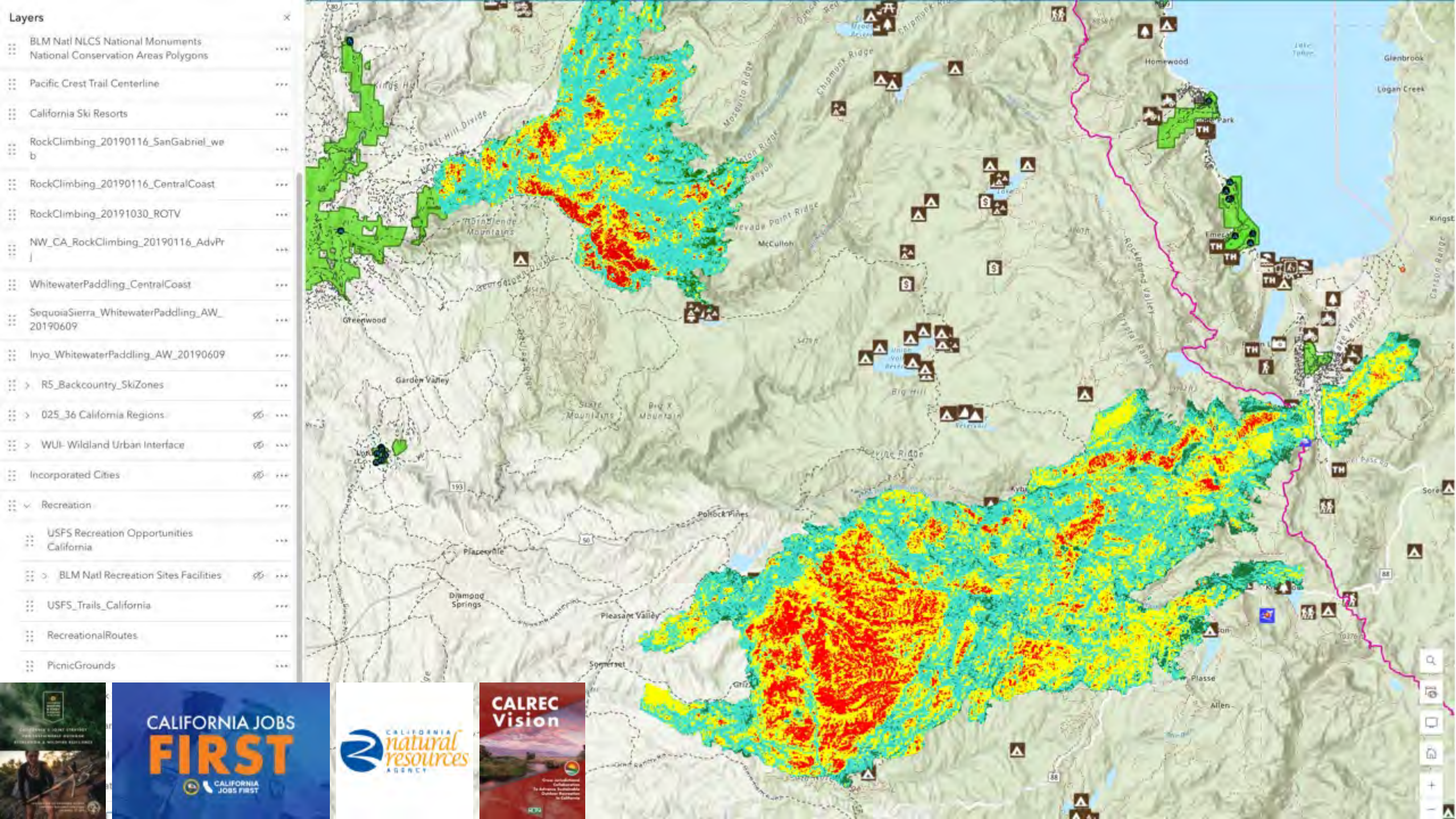
Key Actions

- 1. Maintain Public Access as the Climate Changes:** Develop climate-smart best practices toolkits and resources to be used by land-management organizations for programs and projects associated with forest and wildland health, vegetation management, transportation, and visitor use that enhance public access to outdoor recreation on public lands and waters as the climate changes.
- 2. Develop Educational Materials Targeted at Reducing the Human Causes of Ignition:** Create and distribute educational materials in multiple languages targeting human causes of ignition of wildfires.
- 3. Develop Integrated Communications Systems:** Establish integrated and standardized communication systems to provide consistent information to the public about forest health projects, and wildfires and other natural disasters, across jurisdictional boundaries and among federal, state, regional, and local organizations. Partner with Destination Management Organizations (DMOs), chambers of commerce, fire safe councils, cultural groups, outdoor recreation and stewardship groups, and local media to communicate in multiple languages and with digital media about closures, restrictions, smoke, and alternative facilities.
- 4. Incorporate Sustainable Outdoor Recreation into the State Department of Conservation's Regional Forest Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program:** Incorporate the Key Actions from California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience into the RFFC Program, Regional Forums, and Regional Priority Plans being developed by RFFC Program Regional Block Grantees.
- 5. Add Public Education to Forest Health Projects:** Forest health projects on public lands under state and federal funding programs will include a component to educate the public about the project's purpose, techniques, and impact on outdoor recreation opportunities. Education efforts will serve to promote public safety, minimize impacts to recreation user groups, and develop public support for the value of forest health projects, including prescribed fire.
- 6. Strengthen Partnerships Between Resource Conservation Districts or Other Appropriate Partners and Land Managers:** Where feasible, recreation land managers will enter into partnerships with Resource Conservation Districts and other appropriate land-management partner entities or authorities to support work including design, permitting, and construction

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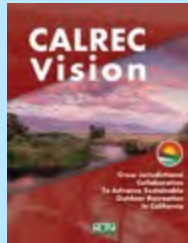
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TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Title: Town Council Adoption of California Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildlife Resilience

Meeting Date: January 15, 2025

Prepared by: Rob Patterson, Town Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Town Council review and adopt "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience," as published by The California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force in March of 2023, as a guiding document in the Town's effort for resource protection, community investment, and public safety.

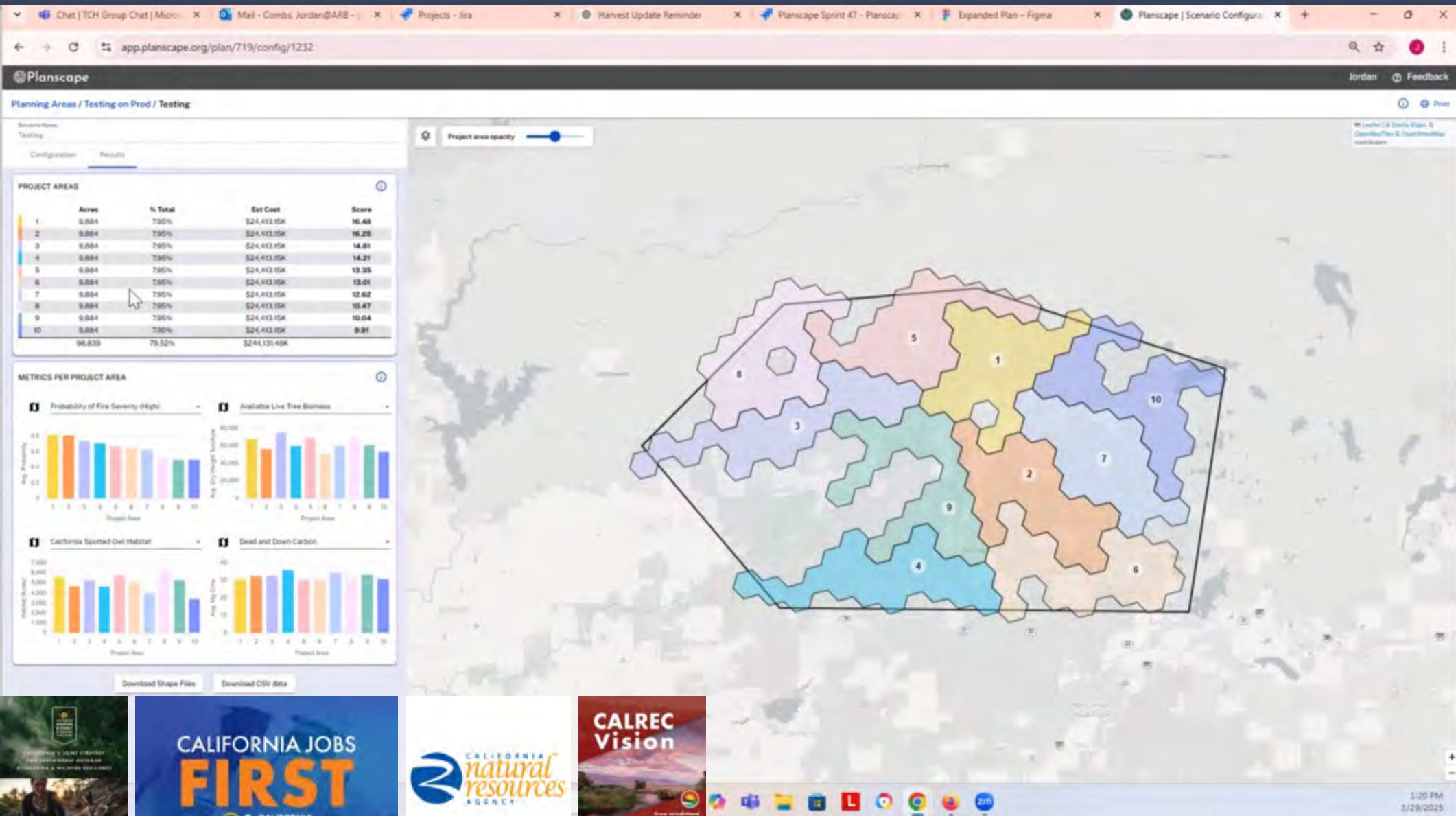
BACKGROUND:

The Town of Mammoth Lakes, like many communities and regions in rural California, has an economic model centered around recreation, tourism and the natural environment, most of which is managed by the federal government. These vital natural resources are under pressure from both overutilization and the threat of catastrophic wildfires. The principal economic driver in our Eastern Sierra region is our recreation-based tourism economy and without the natural resources for these activities, the Town loses the ability to sustain itself financially. To rebuild from a natural disaster like a wildfire would take many years and require dependence on outside resources to recover. In light of the current and anticipated wildfire risk environment in California, the recovery may not even be economically feasible. The goal of adopting "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience" is to engage on a state and federal level with programs that can provide funding to mitigate our exposure to these catastrophic events before they happen. A part of our success has been to leverage programs that are complementary to our own stated goals. This force multiplier, using state and federal initiatives that align with our own goals, allows us to achieve more than we could on our own, with our own funding sources. Adopting this plan should enhance our eligibility to receive state-level and federal funding for programs that will be generated from the recent passing of Proposition 4 and the reauthorization of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provide funding for wildfire prevention, recreation infrastructure and programming, and the protection of communities and natural lands from climate risks. By adopting this plan, the Town would become the first in the state to recognize this strategy, and the implementation of its key actions that will address our unique concerns.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

The joint strategy consists of four goals with a number of specific key actions to address the effects of climate change and the threat of wildfire on sustainable outdoor recreation infrastructure and programs that drive economic activity. The Sustainable Recreation/CALREC Vision Key Working Group, which developed the joint strategy, was awarded Partnership of the Year from the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region in recognition of their efforts. The joint strategy

California Updates



Headlines of Interest



October 10, 2024

New tools created by CAL FIRE and Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force simplify data, boost transparency, and help inform wildfire planning and response – adding to the suite of tools the state has created



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Integrated Acquisition System

GENERAL INFORMATION

New IAS Controls to Enforce January 21, 2025, Moratorium

A memorandum issued by the Acting Secretary on January 21, 2025, titled "Hiring, Regulatory and Obligation of Funding Moratoriums" included the following:

In order to ensure that grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts entered into on January 21, 2025, and thereafter conform to all applicable laws and policies of the new Administration, a short-term moratorium on the execution of such documents is effective immediately. In addition, no action shall be taken to issue new requests for proposals and no notices of funding availability shall be issued.

To comply with this memorandum, the Integrated Acquisition System (IAS) has added a new validation that requires an additional approval on all IAS requisitions, solicitations and awards. **Starting immediately, all requisitions, solicitations and awards will require the selection of a user with the MORATORIUM012125 Route Role in IAS.** Individuals with the MORATORIUM012125 route role can approve transactions. IAS Agency Leads will be assigned the MORATORIUM012125 route role, but additional individuals may be assigned this role as time progresses and Mission Areas define their processes for reviewing and approving transactions."

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Building Situational Awareness – New Federal Policies

Regional Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Exposure

- Tribal Partners
- NGOs
- Contractors
- Cities and Towns
- Counties
- Regional JPAs
- State Agencies
- Federal Agencies

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Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects



Updates from Sierra Jobs First

- 47 Catalyst applications in review (15 Sustainable Rec & Tourism)
- Governing Council Mtg – March 21
- Waiting for Implementation RFP
- Role of Industry Sector Coordinators
- Contact
 - jobsfirst@sierrabusiness.org

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects



Catalyst RFP Closed- Nearly 50 Projects Submitted!

January 6, 2025

The Catalyst RFP submission period, which opened October 15 and closed December 15, was a resounding success, with several projects coming in just under the wire to bring the total project submissions to 47. The enthusiastic response means we expect to fully deploy the available funding to the many worthwhile projects that applied in the first round.

To further break down the 47 projects and give you a sense of the broad reach and impact of the Sierra Jobs First initiative, the projects included:

- 20 westside-focused projects
- 15 eastside-focused projects
- 12 regional projects
- 13 projects had tribal participation or a tribal letter of support

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects

January 6, 2025

Applications addressed the following target industries as their primary:

- 15 Sustainable Rec & Tourism
- 6 Sustainable Ag & Food Systems
- 6 Natural & Working Lands
- 5 Clean Energy & Energy Resilience
- 4 Community Healthcare

*11 focused solely on Foundational Elements (all 6 represented)

Projects addressed the following foundational elements as their primary:

- 17 Workforce Development and Education
- 13 Small Business & Entrepreneurship
- 15 Physical Infrastructure
- 6 Land Use & Tenure
- 6 Social & Civic Infrastructure
- 4 Housing & Placemaking

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Between all the projects, just over \$22 million was requested, meaning the Project Identification subcommittee and Governing Council will have their work cut out for them in Q1 of 2025 to determine the best way to allocate the \$9M in available funding to best serve the Sierra region.

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Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects

Next Steps and Important Dates for Catalyst Funding

With 47 project applicants having submitted RFPs for Catalyst funding, the assessment and voting process has changed slightly to enable efficiency in the assessment process. Notably, the public Pitch Session originally slated for February has been canceled. Project applicants will be contacted as needed if the Governing Council requests more details.

- **January 9:** On or before January 9, the Sierra Jobs First team will notify projects whether they are moving on to be voted on by the Governing Council. (Industry Sector Coordinators will work with projects that do not fit the Sierra Jobs First or Catalyst funding criteria to identify more suitable funding opportunities)
- **February 12:** Governing Council Onboarding meeting to review Catalyst priorities and criteria, voting process, best practices, and materials
- **February 13 - March 14:** Governing Council to receive all applications for review and pre-vote by virtual ballot
- **March 21:** Governing Council meeting (virtual, open to the public) to discuss and finalize vote
- **March 25-26:** Award announcements
- **April - May:** Contract process

Please note, these dates are subject to change. Any changes will be reflected on the [calendar page](#) of the Sierra Jobs First website and/or emailed to project applicants and the Collaborative.

January 6, 2025

UPDATE NEEDED

January 9 notifications
have been bumped to
January 10 in respect to
the passing of President
Jimmy Carter.

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects



Opportunities for Recreation & Tourism Projects

- Free Funding Advice
- Free Policy Advice
- Free Technical Assistance
- Free Working Group
- Submitted Catalyst Projects
- New Projects that line up with the Regional Strategy

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects

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2024 Strategic Plan

Regional Plan: Part II



Governing Council Approved August 23, 2024



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Pages 70
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Regional
Strategy

Chapter 4

Target Industries

Strategy Area

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

Building a Sustainable Tourism Economy

SECTOR DEFINITION

The Sustainable Tourism Industry Sector includes natural and cultural attractions, arts, outdoor activities, events, and historic sites. Sustainable tourism is focused on current and future economic, social, and environmental impacts and addresses the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment, and host communities. Data and feedback indicate the region's robust recreation and tourism sector is a critical economic driver. Leveraging the region's natural assets, arts, historic sites, and community events has significant potential for developing quality jobs.

SECTOR SNAPSHOT

Sustainable recreation and tourism dominate the regional economy and represent nearly 25% of all employment.

This industry sector is broad in scope and includes everything from accommodations and lodging to outdoor recreation, arts and cultural attractions, food service, and some retail operations.

The location quotient is 1.64, indicating that 64% more tourism jobs exist in the region than the employment average in California for this sector. The highest number of jobs exist in food service and accommodations for this sector, as listed on the next page. Jobs in these two industries tend to be low-wage jobs. This industry sector represents one of the most significant areas for wage improvement to achieve region-wide income goals, as many jobs in this sector today pay under \$50,000 annually.

Strategies in this sector will need to work to find creative ways to build opportunities for high-quality job growth in these specific industry areas.

OUTCOME STATEMENTS

- Sierra employees, especially those in the food service and accommodations, can access high-quality jobs in the recreation and tourism sector.
- Local, state, tribal, federal, and private landowners work together to unlock regional opportunities.
- Significant regional public and private investments support new opportunities and ongoing maintenance needs in the arts, history, and recreational opportunities.
- A climate-resilient, environmentally responsible recreation and tourism economy exists in the region.

BY THE NUMBERS SECTOR LOCATION QUOTIENT

1.64

Sustainable recreation represents an area of economic specialization for the region, with an occupation rate 64% higher than statewide averages across this economic sector. With its high employment numbers, this is an important regional investment area.

TOTAL SECTOR EMPLOYMENT IN REGION 2023

17,642 jobs

**28.1% of
region
employment**

Regionally, about three of every 10 jobs fall within the sustainable recreation sector, indicating that these economies are heavily tied to the continuation and advancement of the local workforce.

Sierra Jobs First: Industry Sector Coordinator Outreach

Mathew Galvan – Sierra Focus Media

SIERRA WORKS



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Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Coordinators



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Welcome to Sierra Works

Sierra Works is a regional initiative dedicated to advancing projects that enhance the recreation and tourism sectors, key drivers of the Sierra region's economy.

Led by the **Industry Navigators for Recreation & Tourism**, the program focuses on fostering sustainable growth, supporting businesses, and strengthening local industries through strategic investments and collaboration.

Funded through the California Jobs First initiative, Sierra Works aligns with broader state efforts to drive economic resilience, promote climate-conscious development, and create long-term prosperity for the region.



Serving Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa,
Mono, and Tuolumne Counties

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Free Technical Assistance for Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Projects Provided By



Get Started With Technical Assistance For Free!

California Jobs First is driving economic resilience and sustainable growth in the Sierra region by providing expert guidance and technical assistance at no cost. **Supported by the Industry Navigators for Recreation & Tourism**, Sierra Focus Media, and the MLTPA, this initiative helps communities, businesses, and organizations bring their projects to life.

Whether you're developing a recreation and tourism strategy, seeking funding, or refining your outreach efforts, our team is here to support your success. **Take advantage of these free resources and let's build a stronger, more connected Sierra together.** Reach out today to get started!

[Get Free Technical Assistance](#)

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Contact & Organization Information

Organization Name *

Organization Address

Address

City

State / Province

ZIP / Postal code

Organization Description *

Website

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Available Services

Project Strategy & Development

Recreation & tourism planning, funding alignment, and policy consultation.

Collaboration & Engagement

Stakeholder coordination, tribal engagement, public outreach, and meeting facilitation.

Messaging & Design

PR support, messaging strategy, graphic design, and GIS/mapping.

Funding & Grant Assistance

Budget development, grant application support, and funding strategy.

Trails & Infrastructure

Ground truthing, trail design, and alignment planning.

WORKING GROUPS

Working Groups for Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Projects Sponsored By



Working Group Sign-Ups

Join a Working Group! We are convening a collaborative **Working Group** to bring together partners, industry leaders, and community stakeholders to exchange ideas, align projects with resources, and drive impactful solutions for recreation and tourism in the Sierra region.

This is an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, share expertise, and help shape the future of our local economy. **Sign up today to get involved and be part of the conversation!**

[Join Our Working Groups](#)

Sierra Jobs First: Industry Sector Coordinator Outreach



What is Sierra Jobs First?

Sierra Jobs First is our new name for this regional initiative, which was shortened from "California Jobs First Eastern Sierra Region" in the Spring of 2024. Not only is it easier to say, Sierra Jobs First reflects the streamlined, collaborative effort to create strategies for job growth, climate resilience, and economic prosperity for our unique region.

California Jobs First (formerly the Community Economic Resilience Fund or CERF) is a Statewide Investment in **job creation, industrial strategy, and economic development initiatives to create a greener and more equitable economy.**

The state is divided into thirteen separate regions, each with its own process. **Sierra Business Council (SBC)**, a Sierra-based nonprofit, was selected as the convener for what the state defined as the "Eastern Sierra" region, comprising the seven counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, and Tuolumne.



[Learn More](#)

INDUSTRY SECTOR COORDINATORS

Meet the Team

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



Andie Stewart – MLTPA Foundation



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - UPDATED JANUARY 30, 2025

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Grant Name	Grantor	URL	Summary	Eligible Project Type	Eligible Project Sub-Type	Eligible Geographic Area
Affordable Housing and Sustainable Community Development	CA Strategic Growth Council	https://sgc.ca.gov/grant-programs/ahsc/				
Land and Water Conservation Fund	California Department of Parks and Recreation	http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21360	Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants provide fun	Acquisition, Infrastructure	Acquisition: Land, Programming: Regulations and Rec: Expansions/connections.	California
Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (202)	Department of Fish and Wildlife	https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/FRGP/Solicitation				
Capacity and Project Development Grants	Department of Conservation	https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/SALC				
Environment Program Grant	Ittleson Foundation	https://ittlesonfoundation.org/how-to-apply/		Legal/regulatory, Maintenance (hard infrastructure only), Planning (public, public-public, public-private), Programming (in execution)	Maintenance: Labor, Planning: Collaborative, Planning: Programmatic.	The Ittleson Foundation We particularly seek to
Temper of the Times	Temper of the Times Foundation	http://temperfund.org/lobby	Programming (in execution)	Programming: Educational, Programming: Outreach and communication, Planning: Strategic, Planning: Programmatic, Planning: Collaborative	Grants are typically between \$5 Nationwide	
Landscape Conservation Catalyst Fund	Network for Landscape Conservation	https://landscapeconservation.org/catalyst-fund/			The Catalyst Fund strives to achieve	Nationwide
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with State	US Department of Transportation	https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants	Grants for capital investments in unmet surface transportation infrastructure	Infrastructure	Rec: New construction, Rec: Rebuilds/repairs, Rec: Improvements, Rec: Stewardship, Staffing: Permanent, Staffing: Temporary	Nationwide
National Forest System Trail Stewardship	National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance	https://www.wildernessalliance.org/trail_funding	The Trail Stewardship Partner Funding Program will award funds	Infrastructure, Staffing (programs, facilities, administrative)		Nationwide
Legacy Trails Program	American Trails					
Our Town	National Endowment for the Arts	https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town	Infrastructure, Maintenance (hard infrastructure only), Planning (public, public-public, public-private)	Planning: Programmatic, Planning: Strategic, Planning: Surveying & Mapping	Our Town projects must demonstrate	Nationwide
Boating Access Grant Program	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/Boating-Access			One of the two primary partners	Nationwide
Prop 4 Specific Funding	Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)	https://wcb.ca.gov/Grants	Funds are available for restoration and public access projects	Restoration, Public access		
Sustainable Forestry Investor Club	Impact Finance Center	https://www.impactfinancecenter.org/ https://investing.impactfinancecenter.org/investor-club/			Private investors interested in funding social ventures	



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Data Category	Data Needs	Data Gatherer	Data Type	Data Source	Description/Title
General	CAR Extent	MLTPA	GIS	MLTPA	GIS file of the ESSRP boundary
General	National Park Boundaries	MLTPA	GIS	NPS	GIS file of boundaries
General	State Park Boundaries	MLTPA	GIS	CA State Parks	GIS file of boundaries
General	US Forest Service Units	MLTPA	GIS	USFS	GIS file of boundaries
General	TOML Parks	MLTPA	GIS	Mono GIS	GIS file of boundaries
General	Bishop Parks	MLTPA	GIS	City of Bishop	GIS file of boundaries
General	Alpine County Parks	MLTPA	GIS	Alpine County	GIS file of boundaries
General	Mono County Parks	MLTPA	GIS	Mono GIS	GIS file of boundaries
General	Inyo County Parks	MLTPA	GIS	Inyo County	GIS file of boundaries
General - Mgmt Plans	Alpine County - Mgmt Plan	MLTPA	Link	https://www.alpinecountyca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/51	Alpine County General Plan, March 2017
General - Mgmt Plans	Bodie SHP - Mgmt Plan	MLTPA	Link	https://archive.org/details/BodieShpResourceManagementPlanGeneralDevelopmentPlanAndEnvironmental/mode/2up	Bodie State Historic Park Resource Management Plan, General Development Plan, and Environmental Impact Report, Sept. 1979
General - Mgmt Plans	City of Bishop - Mgmt Plan	MLTPA	Link	https://www.cityofbishop.com/departments/planning/general-plan/	City of Bishop General Plan, Nov. 1993
General - Mgmt Plans	Death Valley National Park - Mgmt Plan	MLTPA	Link	https://www.nps.gov/deva/general-management-plan.htm	Death Valley National Park General Management Plan, 2002
General - Mgmt Plans	Devils Postpile National Monument - Mgmt Plan	MLTPA	Link	https://parkplanning.nps.gov/showFile.cfm?projectId=26581&MIMEType=application%252Fpdf&filename=Devils%5FPostpile%5FDraft%5FGMP%5Fand%5FEA%2Epdf&sfid=188941	DRAFT of Devils Postpile National Monument General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment, Jan. 2015
General - Mgmt Plans	Devils Postpile National Monument - Mgmt Plan	MLTPA	Link	https://parkplanning.nps.gov/showFile.cfm?projectId=26581&MIMEType=application%252Fpdf&filename=DEPO%5FGMP%5FEFONSI%2Epdf&sfid=188941	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Devils Postpile National Monument, Jan. 2015

Questions / Updates from Industry Sector Coordinators

- Sierra Focus Media
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KNEE DEEP TIMES: Coho salmon remain afloat four years after CZU fire

👤 Knee Deep Times 📁 News 🕒 January 28, 2025 👁 263

Underwater view of Coho salmon. Credit: Roger Tabor /USFWS

By Mark DeGraff, Knee Deep Times

Landslides. Falling trees. Scorched forests. These are just a few ways the 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Fire transformed habitats in the Santa Cruz Mountains.



California

'Chaos agent' Trump revives California water wars as experts warn of turmoil

President claims to be 'putting people over fish' but critics say order could derail years of carefully crafted water policy



📷 The California aqueduct and farm fields in the state's Central valley. Trump has, for some time, vociferously attacked California's water policies. Photograph: Lucy Nicholson/Reuters

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Acting on Trump's order, federal officials opened up two California dams



Aerial view of Success Dam, which feeds into the Tule River. (Robert Gauthier/Los Angeles Times)

By Ian James and Jessica Garrison

Jan. 31, 2025 Updated 4:40 PM PT

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- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers abruptly increased the amount of water flowing from two California dams.
- The federal agency made the decision after President Trump signed an order calling for increased water deliveries.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Times

Can the Central Valley's agriculture industry survive the Trump administration?



A woman covers her face with a flannel to withstand the sun's rays while sitting on a machine planting tomatoes in the Central Valley. (Soudi Jimenez / Los Angeles Times)

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California bill would let insurers, policyholders sue Big Oil for climate disasters

By **Christian Leonard**, Data Reporter

Jan 27, 2025

Gift Article



State Sen. Scott Wiener, seen here in January 2024, wants to make it easier for homeowners and insurers to sue major oil and gas companies over disasters that climate change has worsened, such as wildfires.

Stephen Lam/The Chronicle

California Updates

#CABudget



Trump OMB claims unilateral authority to pause federal assistance programs

But OMB memo was rescinded on January 29, 2025, after being temporarily blocked by a federal court

JASON SISNEY
JAN 28, 2025



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Key Points (updated January 29, 2025 at 10:15 am, L.A. time)

- On January 27, 2025, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) appeared to be ordering a broad temporary pause on many federal grant and other funding programs, excluding Social Security, Medicare, and some other programs.
- While an OMB memo stated the pauses would occur only to the extent permissible by law, reports indicated that a fairly broad funding pause is contemplated, potentially affecting many small and medium-sized programs important to poorer communities, educational institutions, state and local governments, businesses, and others. On January 28, there was considerable confusion about the scope of the OMB directive.
- Federal law and past court cases make it clear that Presidents cannot unilaterally delay or cancel funding appropriated by Congress. Therefore, broad court challenges to OMB's actions were certain unless the pause was rescinded. California's Attorney General and 22 other state attorneys general [filed suit](#) against the OMB directive on January 28. Also, on January 28, a federal judge in the District of Columbia [temporarily blocked](#) the OMB directive.
- On January 29, [OMB rescinded the directive](#).

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State litigation secures win in case on Trump OMB spending freeze

SBX177 would provide supplemental funding, if needed, for future litigation

JASON SISNEY
JAN 28, 2025



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This week, the Trump administration's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has attempted to freeze many categories of federal spending. The confusing initial information on the attempted freeze was discussed [here](#).

Today, January 31, 2025, a coalition of states, including California (represented by [Attorney General Rob Bonta](#)), secured a [temporary restraining order \(TRO\)](#) that President Trump, OMB, and other federal defendants "during the pendency of the TRO...shall not pause, freeze, impede, block, cancel, or terminate Defendants' compliance with awards and obligations to provide federal financial assistance to the States, and Defendants shall not impede the States' access to such awards and obligations, except on the basis of the applicable authorizing statutes, regulations, and terms." Federal defendants also are barred "from reissuing, adopting, implementing, or otherwise giving effort to the OMB Directive under any other name or title or through any other Defendants (or agency supervised, administered, or controlled by any Defendant), such as the continued implementation identified by the White House [Press Secretary's statement of January 29, 2025](#)." The TRO was filed in Rhode Island's U.S. District Court.

The Rhode Island judge noted in the order that "the pause in federal funding will also hurt current disaster relief efforts," citing support for disaster recovery in both North Carolina and California. The judge noted threats to drug trafficking enforcement, highway planning and construction, childcare, veteran nursing care funding, special

California Updates

California Gov. Newsom plans to deliver State of the State address before Trump's inauguration

California's total expenditures for this current year are \$450.8 billion. According to the California Budget and Policy Center, **federal dollars account for a little more than a third of that** with about \$153 billion. The majority of that money, about \$116 billion, helps the state with health and human services expenses. The rest goes toward public schools, higher education, workforce development and transportation programs.

GOVERNOR ADJUSTING HIS TIMELINE



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*



California Jobs First: State Launches First-of-its-Kind Council to Create Thousands of More Jobs Across All Regions

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Governor Newsom today announced a new council and operational plan focused on creating jobs and the awarding of \$182 million in new investments through the California Investment Initiative to accelerate economic and workforce development across the state.

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today announced a new council and operational plan focused on streamlining the state's economic development process to create more jobs, faster. The Council and operational plan will focus on workforce development to create more family-supporting growth.

WHAT GOVERNOR NEWSOM SAID: "California has created more jobs than any other state, but we need to ensure that our new council and these investments, we're aligning all of our efforts for Californians in every community."

Co-chaired by Dee Dee Myers, Senior Advisor to Governor Newsom and Director of the Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development, and Stewart Knox, Secretary of Labor & Workforce Development, the California Jobs First Council will bring together various state entities, including:

- **Director of the Governor's Office of Planning & Research:** promoting alignment with General Plan guidelines and land use policies
- **Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency:** representing nature-based solutions and clean energy industries
- **Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture:** representing the agriculture industry
- **Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency:** representing the circular economy
- **Secretary of the California Health & Human Services Agency:** representing the healthcare industry and promoting jobs for disabled and disadvantaged workers
- **Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs:** representing the more than 1.6 million former service members that reside in the state

California's Diverse and Dynamic Economy is Reflected in its Strategic Sectors

Strengthen



Creative Economy



Film, TV & the Arts



Manufacturing



Financial & Professional Services



Transport & Logistics



Tourism & Outdoor Recreation



Working Lands & Water



Agricultural Production



Food Processing

Accelerate



Aerospace & Defense



Aircraft



Space, Defense & Satellites



Life Sciences



Medtech



Pharma / Biotech



High-Tech



Hardware



Semiconductors & Microelectronics



Software & Services



Clean Economy



Batteries



Onshore Wind



Solar



ZEVs



Working Lands & Water



Agtech & Farm Equipment

Advanced & Precision Manufacturing¹

Bet



Clean Economy



Carbon Management



Hydrogen



Critical Minerals



Offshore Wind



High-Tech



Artificial Intelligence



Quantum



Robotics



Working Lands & Water



Bioeconomy



Blue Economy / Tech

Anchor



Education & Skilled Workforce



Housing



Infrastructure



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Childcare



Broadband



Transportation Infrastructure



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Food Processing

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Aerospace & Defense



Aircraft



Space, Defense & Satellites



Life Sciences



Medtech



Pharma / Biotech



High-Tech



Hardware



Semiconductors & Microelectronics



Software & Services



Clean Economy



Batteries



Onshore Wind



Solar



ZEVs



Working Lands & Water



Agtech & Farm Equipment

Advanced & Precision Manufacturing¹

Bet



Clean Economy



Carbon Management



Hydrogen



Critical Minerals



Offshore Wind



High-Tech



Artificial Intelligence



Quantum



Robotics



Working Lands & Water



Bioeconomy



Blue Economy / Tech

Anchor



Education & Skilled Workforce



Housing



Infrastructure



Healthcare



Childcare



Broadband



Transportation Infrastructure



Transmission & Distribution



Water

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PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

DECLARING A NATIONAL ENERGY EMERGENCY

EXECUTIVE ORDER

January 20, 2025

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*) ("NEA"), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The energy and critical minerals ("energy") identification, leasing, development, production, transportation, refining, and generation capacity of the United States are all far too inadequate to meet our Nation's needs. We need a reliable, diversified, and affordable supply of energy to drive our Nation's manufacturing, transportation, agriculture, and defense industries, and to sustain the basics of modern life and military preparedness. Caused by the harmful and shortsighted policies of the previous administration, our Nation's inadequate energy supply and infrastructure causes and makes worse the high energy prices that devastate Americans, particularly those living on low- and fixed-incomes.

This active threat to the American people from high energy prices is exacerbated by our Nation's diminished capacity to insulate itself from hostile foreign actors. Energy security is an increasingly crucial theater of global competition. In an effort to harm the American people, hostile state and non-state foreign actors have targeted our domestic energy infrastructure, weaponized our reliance on foreign energy, and abused their ability to cause dramatic swings within international commodity markets. An affordable and reliable domestic supply of energy is a fundamental requirement for the national and economic security of any nation.

Trump Says U.S. Will Hold Migrants at Guantánamo

The president suggested 30,000 migrants could be housed on the base. It is unclear how the plan will take shape.

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The U.S. Navy base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, in 2023. *Meredith Schwartz Taylor/The New York Times*



By Hamed Aleaziz and Carol Rosenberg

Hamed Aleaziz reported from Washington, and Carol Rosenberg reported from Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

Jan. 29, 2025

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President Trump on Wednesday ordered his administration to prepare to house tens of thousands of "criminal aliens" at the Navy base at Guantánamo Bay, the latest prong in his widening crackdown on immigration.

Mr. Trump did not offer details on how the plan would take shape, but he instructed the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security to get the site ready.



PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY

EXECUTIVE ORDER

January 20, 2025

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Background. America is blessed with an abundance of energy and natural resources that have historically powered our Nation's economic prosperity. In recent years, burdensome and ideologically motivated regulations have impeded the development of these resources, limited the generation of reliable and affordable electricity, reduced job creation, and inflicted high energy costs upon our citizens. These high energy costs devastate American consumers by driving up the cost of transportation, heating, utilities, farming, and manufacturing, while weakening our national security.

It is thus in the national interest to unleash America's affordable and reliable energy and natural resources. This will restore American prosperity — including for those men and women who have been forgotten by our economy in recent years. It will also rebuild our Nation's economic and military security, which will deliver peace through strength.

Sec. 2. Policy. It is the policy of the United States:

(a) to encourage energy exploration and production on Federal lands and waters, including on the Outer Continental Shelf, in order to meet the needs of our citizens and solidify the United States as a global energy leader long into the future;

Federal Updates

 SUPPORT 

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

 Jun 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

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Increased Access

- Prioritizing better access to public lands and waters for diverse recreational activities, creating more opportunities for outdoor experiences.

Technology Modernization

- Enhancing visitor experiences through increased broadband availability, digital recreation passes, and improved data collection systems.

Streamlined Permitting

- Reducing permitting fees and simplifying processes for small businesses like guides and outfitters who rely on public land access.

Infrastructure Investments

- Funding restoration and modernization projects for campgrounds, trails, and other recreational facilities on public lands.

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Long-Distance Trails

- Promoting the creation of new long-distance biking trails through the "Biking on Long-Distance Trails (BOLT) Act"

Inclusivity

- Emphasizing accessibility for people with disabilities, veterans, and youth by creating more inclusive outdoor spaces and programs

Gateway Community Support

- Addressing housing shortages and infrastructure challenges in communities surrounding public lands to foster sustainable economic development

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP)

- Codifying the ORLP program to provide grant funding for developing parks and trails in underserved communities

Federal Updates

Rock Climbing Protection

- Safeguarding rock climbing access in iconic wilderness areas

Management Improvements

- Providing land managers with new tools to manage recreation on public lands sustainably.

By Jordan W. Smith, Ph.D. | January 2, 2025



BEYOND THE TRAIL: The Science, Policy, and Business of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

The EXPLORE Act: A Turning Point for Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands

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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

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2025 @ 3:30