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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



National Park Service

- Jeremy Scheier - *Superintendent, Manzanar National Historic Site*

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Eastern
Sierra
Council of
Governments

Inyo County / ESCOG

- Kristen Pfeiler - *Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator, Inyo County*

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Whitebark Institute

- Claire (Freeman) Galaway -
*Community Resilience Program
Manager, Whitebark Institute*

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MLTPA Foundation

- Robyn Gorecki - *Project Specialist, MLTPA Foundation*



Outdoor Alliance

- Katie Hawkins - *California Program Director, Outdoor Alliance*

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U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley

- Chelyssa Horvat - *District Director, U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley*



IN MEMORIAM

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NEWS

Mammoth Mountain Ski Patroller Caught in Avalanche Dies of Her Injuries

On Valentine's Day, two Mammoth Mountain ski patrollers were caught in an avalanche in the Avy Chutes area of the resort.

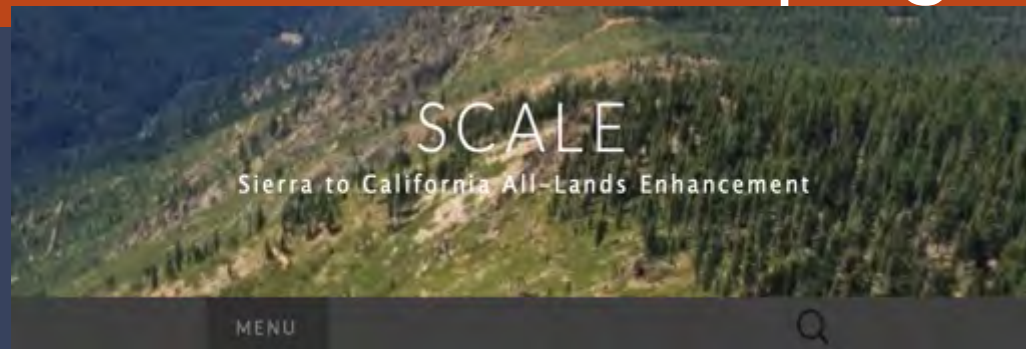
Ian Greenwood • Feb 24, 2025



Photo: FastFoto/Getty Images

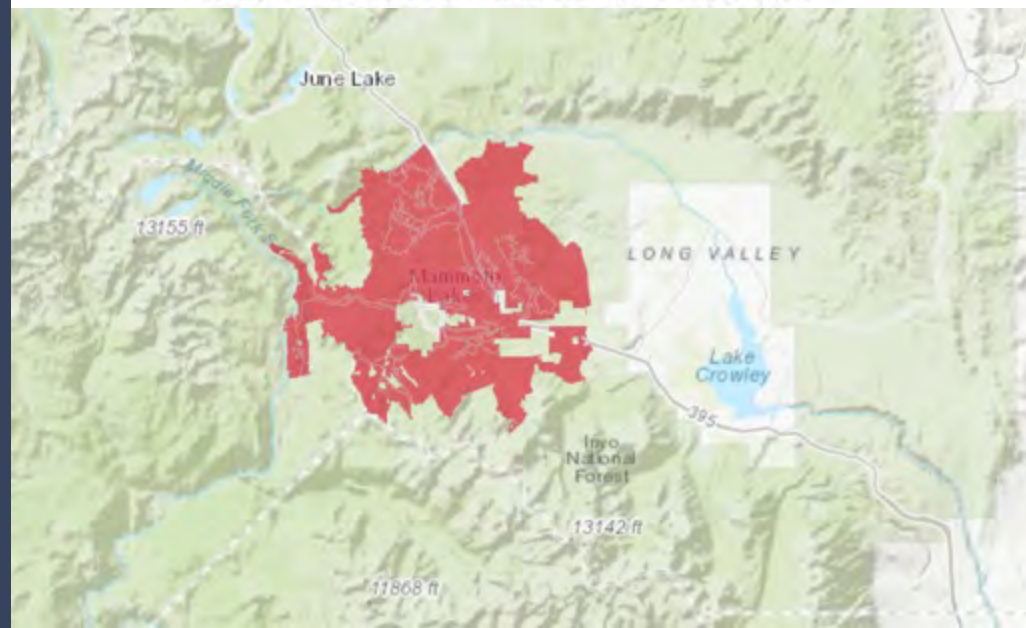
Claire Murphy, one of two ski patrollers caught in the Valentine's Day avalanche at Mammoth Mountain, California, has died of her injuries.

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WELCOME

The Sierra Institute's *Sierra to California All-Lands Enhancement* (SCALE) project is the mechanism for collaboration between collaborative groups working on landscape-scale forest restoration and community improvement across California. This project developed out of Sierra Institute's broader work at the intersection of forest management and rural community well-being. By pro-



SCALE Collaborative Capacity - Notice of Funding Opportunity

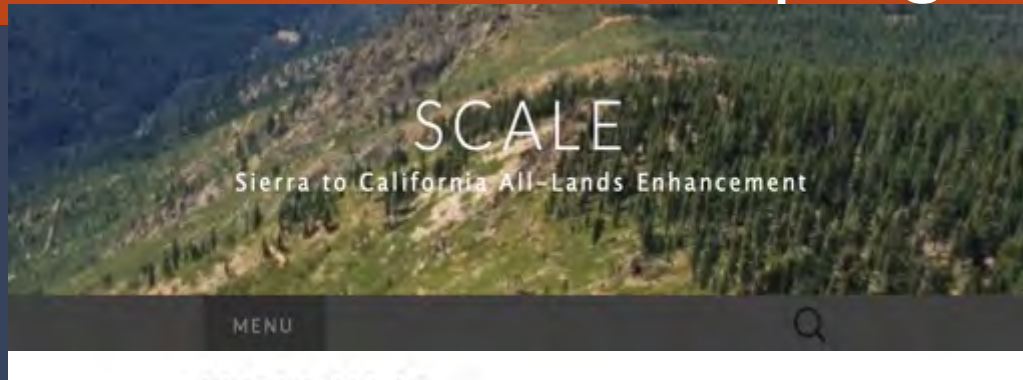
Background: The Sierra Institute's Sierra to California All-Lands Enhancement (SCALE) Project brings together roughly 20 forest collaboratives along with multiple state and federal agencies working to address landscape-scale restoration, as well as community enhancement and resiliency across rural forested 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 a mechanism for long-term forest and community health and resiliency across California by providing invaluable in-person networking and educational opportunities. This includes working with Tribal organizations and entities to integrate knowledge and increase their capacity to steward their lands. In the face of the increased effects of climate change and the growing tide of collaboration to address forest restoration, SCALE fills a much-needed gap and communication mechanism both laterally and vertically across collaborative practitioners, agencies, and policymakers.

As the state and the federal government attempt to tackle climate change, forest health issues, mega-fires, and general community capacity gaps, agencies are increasingly interested in integrating the priorities of community-based collaboratives and underserved communities with those of the agencies. SCALE provides the needed avenue for agencies, funders, policymakers, and place-based collaboratives to interface with each other. This leads to fruitful discussion on land stewardship and serves as a joint communication and problem-solving channel.

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:

- 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.
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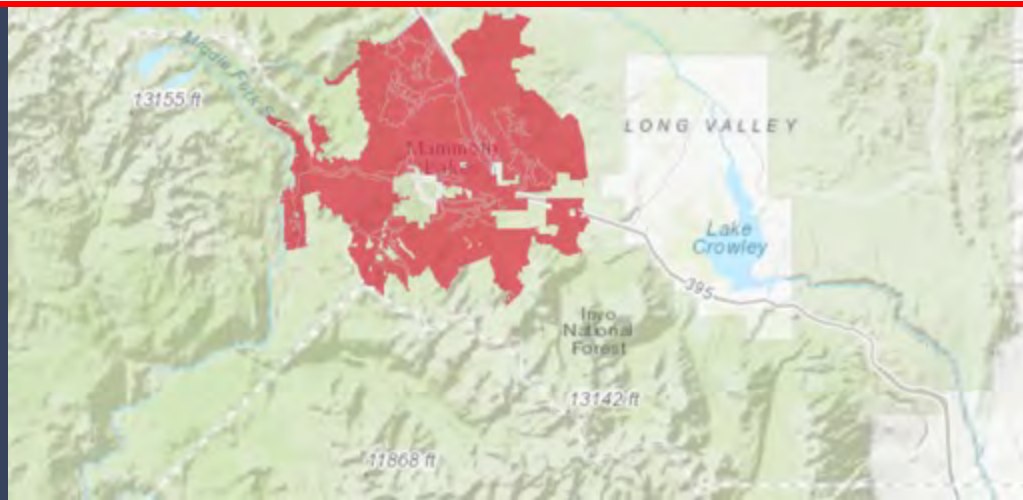


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On behalf of Sierra Institute, we are pleased to inform you that your organization has been selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$9,993.00 for the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership's capacity-building activities. This grant reflects our commitment to fostering collaborative capacity and recognizes the outstanding work your organization does to advance these goals.

We will be in touch with you after the new year to discuss next steps, but wanted to inform you prior to the holidays.



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Sierra Institute:

Sierra Institute for Community and Environment

Jonathan Kusel

Jonathan Kusel, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Date: 2/11/2025



Contractor:

Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation

John Wentworth

John Wentworth, CEO (AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)

Date: 1/29/2025



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Funding Reliability:

Are you able to share any updates on the status of the funds - are they in the hands of the Federal Government, National Forest Foundation or the Sierra Institute? **We have not received any word yet that our invoices will not be reimbursed. Until then, we will be proceeding with the SCALE microgrants, but will communicate a stop work order ASAP if necessary.**



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Situational Awareness

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



















Our Projects



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-  MLTPA Foundation
-  Brice Esplin - Leave No Trace
-  christinethomas
-  Danna Stroud | GO-Biz
-  Emily Bryant
-  Erin Murphy
-  Everett Ó Cillín ~ Oregon Trails Coalition
-  greg williams
-  Haley Caruso, she/her
-  Jody Franklin
-  Lexie, California Outdoor Recreation Partnership
-  Madeline Nieto Hope Cleaner California Coast (she/her/hers)
-  Maggie Flaherty, she/her, BPT
-  Mike Kahn, Explore Local Nature
-  Nancy Caplan (she/her), NPS
-  Ray Murray
-  Rhonda Salisbury - Visit Yosemite | Madera County
-  robyn
-  Steve Messer - CORBA

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COVID 19 – ESSRP Meeting April 6, 2020

ATTENTION TRAIL USERS PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Enjoy this Place while Giving Some Space

- Give users **6 feet of space**
- **Don't use crowded trailheads, trails, and parking lots.** Find another option or a different time to go
- **Avoid using trail amenities** like benches
- **Be prepared** - outhouses are closed - pack out what you bring in
- **Make space for others**—enjoy your hike then head home
- **Say hi** and enjoy the fresh air

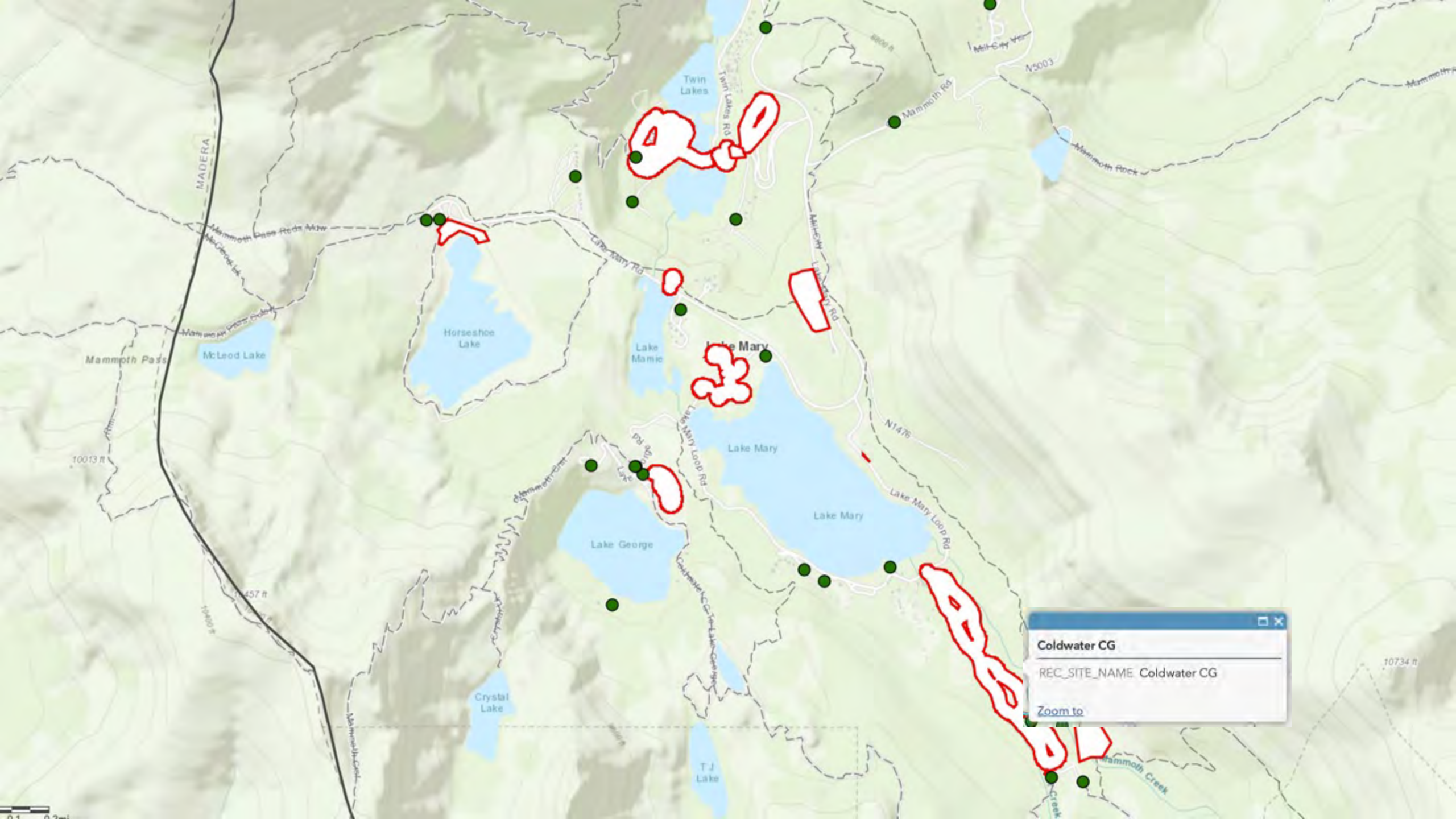


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Developed Rec Sites Closures Per USFS Forest Order
Reconciled with Mammothtrails.org Pages
Mammoth Lakes Region Only
DRAFT - March 31, 2020

| USFS GIS "REC_SITE_NAME" | Naming Convention | Associated Trails/Recreation Infrastructure | mammothtrails.org |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| MAMMOTH ROCK | Bottom of Mammoth Rock Trail (Intersection w/ Sherwin) | Mammoth Rock Trail | Yes |
| Coldwater CG | Coldwater Campground | N/A | Yes |
| MAM MT, BOTTEMLESS PIT, ETC TH | Dragons Back Trailhead | Dragon's Back Trail | Yes |
| MAM MT, BOTTEMLESS PIT, ETC TH | Dragons Back Trailhead | Lava Tube | Yes |
| MAM MT, BOTTEMLESS PIT, ETC TH | Dragons Back Trailhead | Seven Lakes Point Loop | Yes |
| DUCK PASS TH | Duck Pass Trailhead | Duck Pass Trail | Yes |
| DUCK PASS TH | Duck Pass Trailhead | Heart Lake Trail | Yes |
| EARTHQUAKE FAULT PICNIC | Earthquake Fault Picnic Area | Earthquake Fault Trail | Yes |
| TJ LAKE TH | Emerald Lake Trailhead | Coldwater George Trail | Yes |
| TJ LAKE TH | Emerald Lake Trailhead | Emerald Lake-Skelton Lake Trail | Yes |
| Emerald Picnic | Emerald Lake-Skelton Lake Trail Picnic Area | N/A | Yes |
| HAYDEN CABIN INTERP SITE | Hayden Cabin Museum | Hayden Cabin Museum | Yes |
| Horseshoe Lake Picnic | Horseshoe Lake Picnic Area | N/A | Yes |
| MAMMOTH PASS TH | Horseshoe Lake Trailhead | Horseshoe Lake Loop | Yes |
| MAMMOTH PASS TH | Horseshoe Lake Trailhead | Mammoth Mountain-Mammoth Pass Trail | Yes |
| MAMMOTH PASS TH | Horseshoe Lake Trailhead | Mammoth Pass Trail | Yes |
| MAMMOTH PASS TH | Horseshoe Lake Trailhead | Mammoth Pass-Crater Meadow Trail | Yes |
| MAMMOTH PASS TH | Horseshoe Lake Trailhead | McLeod Lake Spur | Yes |
| Lake George CG | Lake George Campground | N/A | Yes |
| DEER LAKE TH | Lake George Trailhead | Crystal Lake Trail | Yes |
| DEER LAKE TH | Lake George Trailhead | Mammoth Crest Trail | Yes |
| Lake Mary CG | Lake Mary Campground | N/A | Yes |
| Mammoth Consolidated Mine | Mammoth Consolidated Mine | Mammoth Lakes Pack Station Trail | Yes |
| Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit | Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit | Mammoth Lakes Pack Station Trail | Yes |
| MAMMOTH RECREATION INC | Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge | Mammoth Mountain Trail | Yes |
| Mammoth Mt RV Park | Mammoth Mt RV Park | Town Loop | Yes |
| Mammoth VC Picnic | Mammoth Visitor Center Picnic Area | Town Loop | Yes |
| MILL CITY HISTORIC SITE | Mill City Historic Site | Mill City Trail (Already Closed) | Yes |
| New Shady Rest CG | New Shady Rest Campground | Shady Rest Path | Yes |

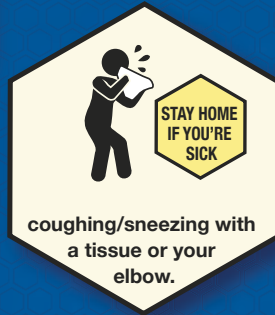


Coldwater CG

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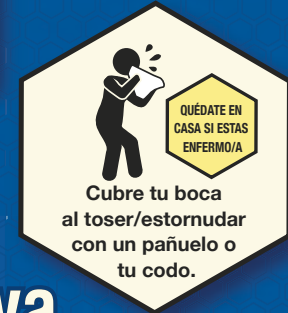


Flatten the COVID-19 Curve at Parks by



#FlattenTheCurve
#SocialDistancing

#CAStateParks



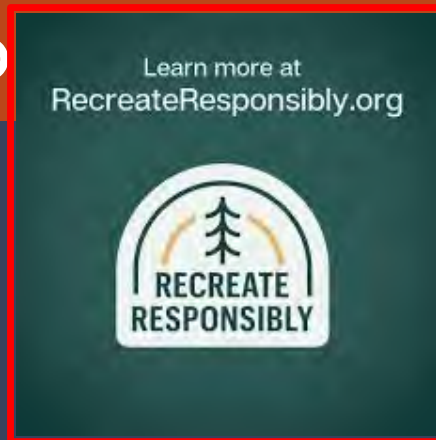
Aplana la Curva de COVID-19 en los Parques



#AplanarLaCurva

#DistanciamientoSocial

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TIMELINE.

Recreate Responsibly
Coalition formed and
campaign launched

Chapters formed and
Steering Committee
Established

Winter Edition
Launched

Mission & Vision
established

Wildfire Edition
Launched

#RecreateResponsibly
hits 4B impressions

Off-Road Edition
Launched

RR Federal Working
Group forms

Create Responsibly
Launched

For the Love Of
Campaign launches

Water Safety Edition
Launched

May 2020

May 2021

May 2022

Welcome and Housekeeping



In the coming months I'll be blogging and **sharing content** about issues related to the **Eastern Sierra economy** and Gateway communities nationally.

I'm focused on **creating research and education Extension programs** and products to support local program development, policy, fundraising, and public awareness on key issues facing our communities.

Stay in touch by joining my socials and subscribing to the newsletter!

Learn more and subscribe to my blog at our UCCE County webpage:

<https://ceinyo-mono.ucanr.edu/Community and Economic Development/>



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Community and Economic Development

Aaron Wilcher
Community Economic Development Advisor

As a Community Economic Development Advisor for UC Cooperative Extension in the Eastern Sierra, I work to strengthen and empower rural communities by addressing complex regional challenges with innovative, data-driven solutions. With over 15 years of experience in workforce development, regional planning, and economic strategy, I bring a collaborative approach to designing programs to serve the region's stakeholders and community.

I collaborate with UC ANR colleagues statewide through the Community Economic Development Lab team ("CED-Lab"), as well as with allied professionals across California and nationally. My work centers on fostering partnerships among public and private stakeholders to tackle critical issues, including small business and entrepreneurship, workforce development, and regional capacity building.

When I'm not collaborating on community initiatives, you'll likely find me exploring the Eastern Sierra's incredible backcountry on ski or a mountain bike.

I invite you to stay in touch by subscribing to our quarterly Eastern Sierra Community and Economy newsletter.

Also check out my blog [here](#).

I'd love to hear from you- send me an email at awilcher@ucanr.edu

UCCE Inyo Mono Community Economic Development Methods

Our program follows the practice of Community Economic Development and Extension nationally and focuses on several key activities:

- **Public and professional education programs:** Strengthening civic and leadership capacity through training on community and economic development topics.
- **Data analysis and technical assistance materials:** Providing economic profiles, policy reviews and other data-driven resources to inform decision making.
- **Extension convening, planning, and development support:** Facilitating strategic planning, stakeholder collaboration, and grant development for regional organizations.
- **Communications resources:** Enhancing regional connections through newsletters, social media updates, and public event promotion.
- **Establishing connections to California's network of CED professionals:** Leveraging statewide expertise and partnerships to support local development initiatives.

Our Community Economic Development (CED) programming aims to create vibrant, resilient communities by supporting local businesses, fostering collaboration, and addressing critical needs like workforce development, small business growth, and entrepreneurship. By building community capacity and prioritizing innovative, data-driven solutions, we empower regions to adapt to change and thrive socially and economically while preserving natural resources.

Hot Links March 3, 2025

- What is the ESSRP
 - Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP)
 - Review the critical documents of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership
 - Origin Story
 - Inyo National Forest Land Management Plan
 - Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative
- Welcome + Housekeeping
 - Welcome
 - Jeremy Scheier - Superintendent, Manzanar National Historic Site
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Let's Talk About the Weather

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NEWS

Storm of the Season? Huge Snowfall Buries California Ski Resorts

Across California, ski resorts like Mammoth Mountain and Palisades Tahoe are digging out after receiving multiple feet of new snow.

Ian Greenwood • Feb 14, 2025



Photo: Cindy Wilson/Mammoth Mountain

Power outages, lift delays, and feet of snow — welcome to what might be California's storm of the season.

Winter Weather Forecast How Much Will It Snow? Tracking Temperatures How to Stay Safe Pro

The Sierra Nevada Just Had an 'Epic Snow Day'

The mountain range straddling California and Nevada has had mostly warm storms this winter. Finally, a cold one has piled up multiple feet of snow.

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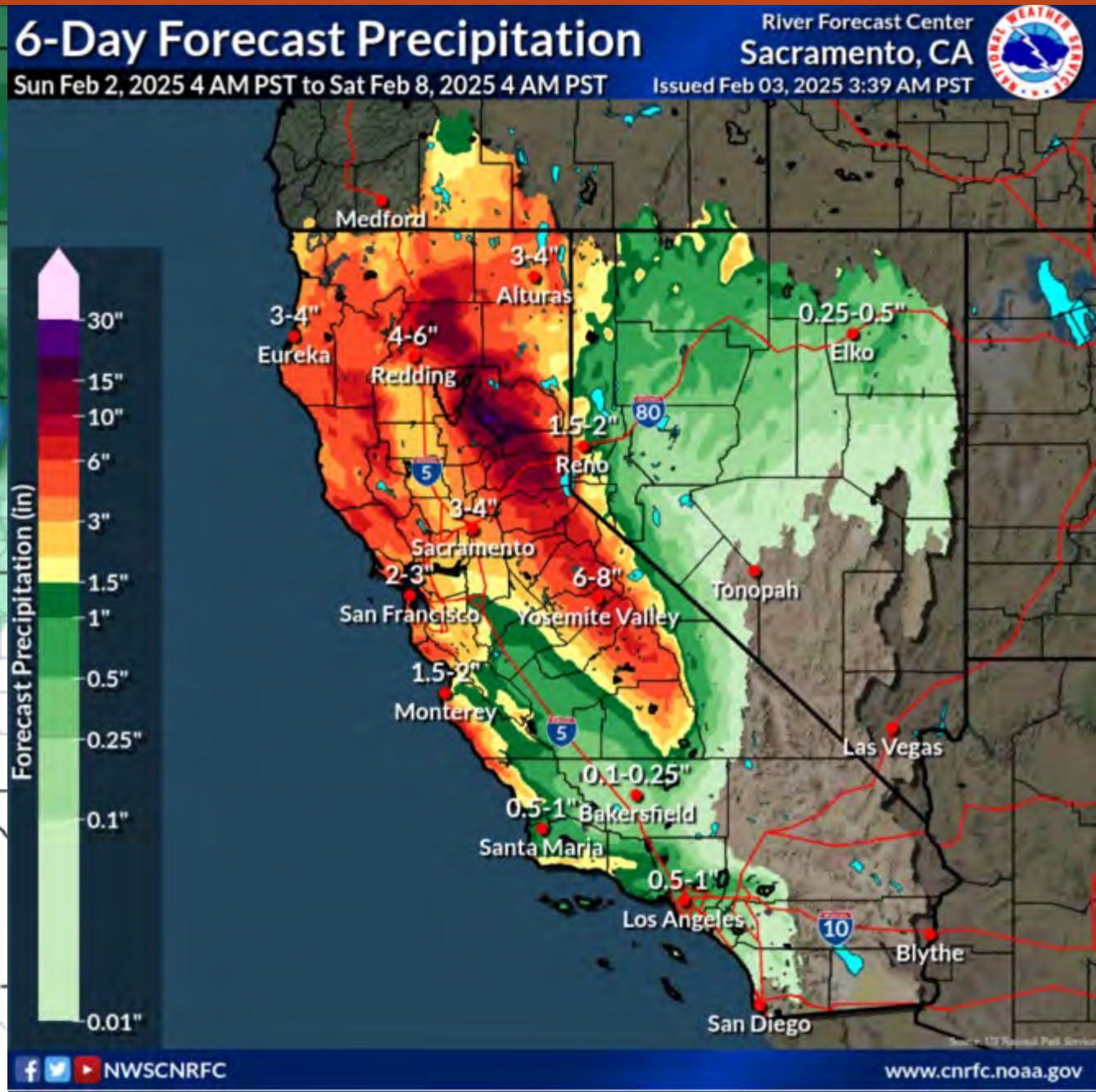
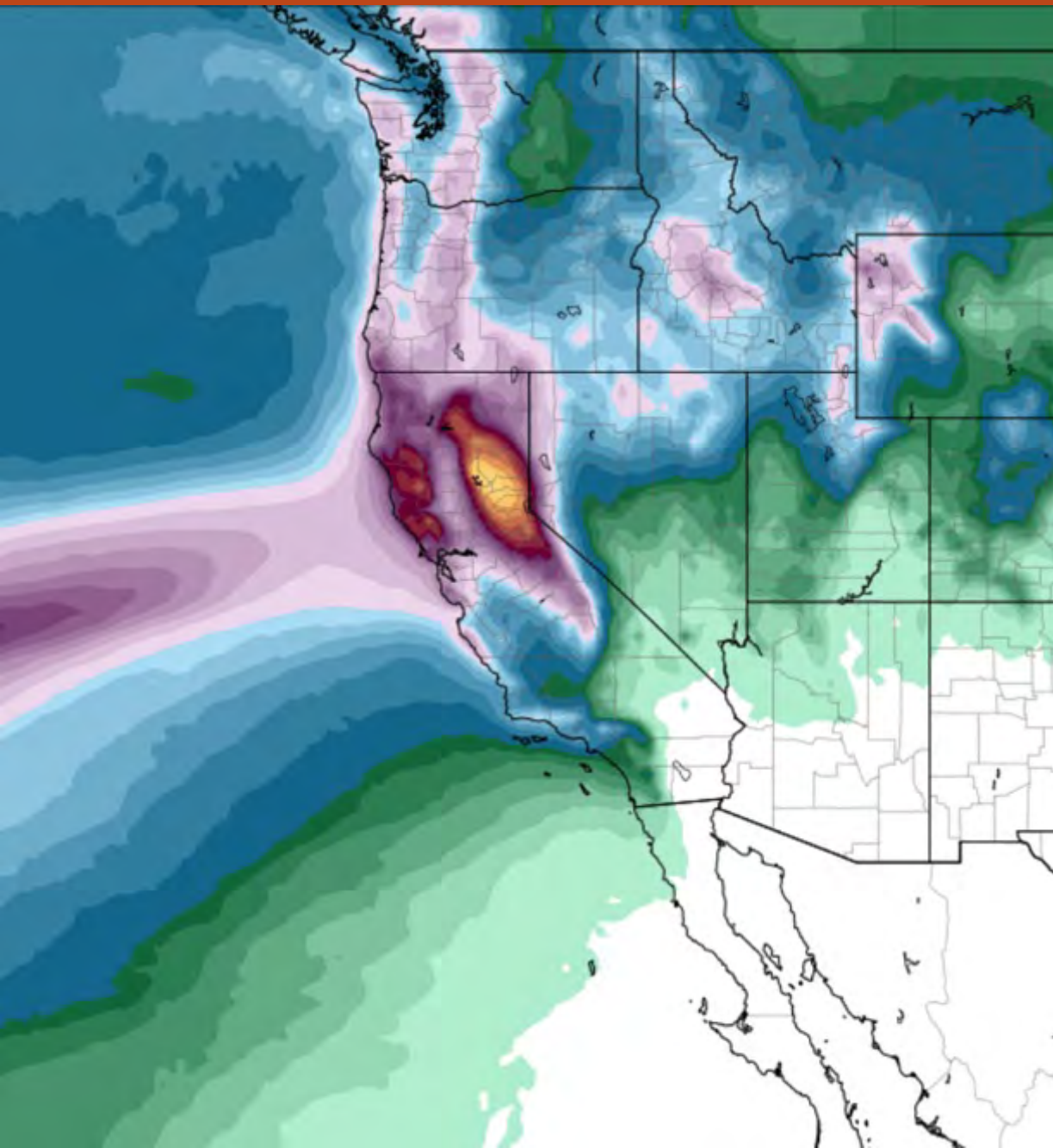
Snow and wind hammered the Sierra on Thursday, creating huge delays on highways with cars spinning out and chain control enforced. *Brooke Hess-Homeier/Associated Press*



By Amy Graff
Amy Graff is a San Francisco-based reporter on The Times's weather team.

Feb. 14, 2025

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6-Day Forecast Precipitation

Sun Feb 2, 2025 4 AM PST to Sat Feb 8, 2025 4 AM PST

Issued Feb 03, 2025 3:39 AM PST

River Forecast Center
Sacramento, CA



Weather West

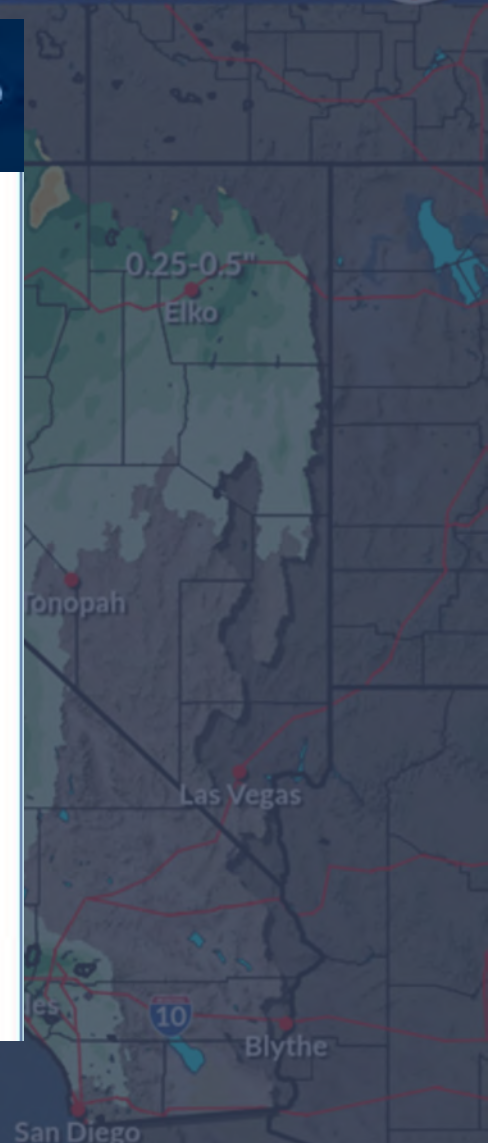
California weather and climate perspectives

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Dr. Daniel Swain is a climate scientist focused on the dynamics and impacts of extreme events—including droughts, floods, storms, and wildfires—on a warming planet. Daniel holds joint appointments as a climate scientist within the California Institute for Water Resources within [University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources \(UCANR\)](#), the [Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at UCLA](#), and as a research fellow at the [NSF National Center for Atmospheric Research](#).



He engages extensively with journalists and other media partners, serving as a climate and weather science liaison to print, television, radio, and web-based outlets to facilitate accessible and accurate coverage and conversations surrounding climate change. Daniel is an alumnus of the University of California, Davis (B.S., Atmospheric Science) and of Stanford University (Ph.D., Earth System Science), and completed his postdoctoral work at UCLA. He also authors the widely-read Weather West blog ([weatherwest.com](#)), which provides real-time perspectives on California weather and climate, and can be found on Twitter ([@Weather West](#)), Bluesky ([@WeatherWest](#)) and YouTube ([@WeatherWest](#)). His full [curriculum vitae is available here](#).





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How February's Atmospheric Rivers Affected California's Water Supply

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Jeffrey Mount and Greg Gartrell

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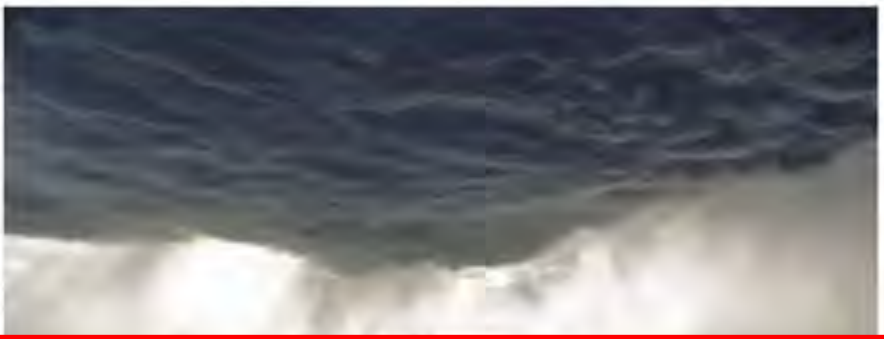
By Ezra David Romero ✕ Feb 28

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National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Earth System Research Laboratory in Boulder, Colorado. Hundreds of workers at the climate research agency are being fired, including at least two Bay Area weather service employees, raising concerns about NOAA's ability to serve the public. (Byunghwan Lim/Getty Images)



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“This is very clearly not what you want to do if you want to remove the fat,” said Daniel Swain, a climate scientist with the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and UCLA. “This is what you would do if you want to purposefully kneecap a well-functioning public agency. It’s really impossible at this point to see it as anything other than that.”

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FEATURED TOP STORY

Forest Service chief resigns, tells Wyoming, national workforce to brace for 'unsettling' times

In an email obtained by WyoFile, Randy Moore bids 31,000 employees farewell and asks them to please take care of themselves and each other.



by Mike Koshmrl

February 26, 2025



Randy Moore is sworn in as the 20th Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service in June 2021. (Tanya Flores/U.S. Forest Service)

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Forest Service chief resigns, tells Wyoming, national workforce to brace for 'unsettling' times

In an email obtained by WyoFile, Randy Moore bids 31,000 employees farewell and asks them to please take care of themselves and each other.



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USDA secretary appoints Idahoan Tom Schultz to serve as U.S. Forest Service chief

Chief oversees forest management, wildfire prevention and natural resource conservation

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At 4,863 feet above sea level, Spruce Knob, on the Monongahela National Forest, is Virginia's highest peak. (Courtesy of Preston Keres/U.S. Department of Agriculture)



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins has appointed Tom Schultz, of Idaho, as the country's top forestry official.

Schultz will serve as the 21st chief of the U.S. Forest Service, an agency under the U.S. Department of Agriculture that oversees the 154 national forests and 20 grasslands across 43 states. In his role, he will lead forest management, research, development and wildland firefighting, the agency **announced** in a press release on Thursday.

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Tuesday January 28, 2025

Boise, Idaho – Governor Brad Little commented today on President Donald Trump's appointment of another Idahoan, Tom Schultz, to a key position in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Schultz will serve as Chief of Staff for Natural Resources and Environment at the USDA, according to a [USDA news release](#). Schultz's appointment comes on the heels of the news that President Trump appointed Idahoan [Michael Boren to serve as Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment](#) at the USDA.

"Forty percent of our state is managed by the U.S. Forest Service, and Idaho will greatly benefit from having two of our own in key leadership roles overseeing Forest Service operations in our state. Both Mike Boren and Tom Schultz bring an incredible amount of innovation and passion to the job. I have a great deal of confidence in their ability to carry out President Trump's vision to fundamentally transform how wildfire and forests are managed across the West. We are blessed to be well represented by Idahoans who reflect Idaho values, and we stand ready to help the Trump Administration prevent and more quickly suppress wildfire, better manage our forests, and improve outdoor recreation on public lands in our state," Governor Little said.

To revitalize America's rural communities, Schultz will play a key role in the federal government's approach to forest management, wildfire prevention, and natural resource conservation, according to the USDA news release.

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White River Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams resigns amid slashing of agency workforce

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U.S. Forest Service supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams speaks at a ceremony designating the Camp Hale WWII military training site as a national monument on Oct. 12, 2022, outside Leadville. (Hugh Carey, The Colorado Sun)

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The White River National Forest — with its 11 major ski areas, eight wilderness areas and four reservoirs — regularly hosts more than 17 million visitors a year. The forest supports more than 22,000 jobs, with forest-dependent workers in its communities — like Aspen, Breckenridge, Carbondale, Eagle, Glenwood Springs, Meeker, Rifle and Vail — earning \$960 million a year, according to the Forest Service's economic analysis of its top 111 properties. The forest's **annual impact of \$1.6 billion in its communities** ranks as the highest in the agency.

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A Storm Named Trump Hits the National Parks Ahead of Busy Season

The president's unpopular cost-cutting measures resulted in thousands of rangers and scientists losing their jobs

By **Alexander Nazaryan**

February 25, 2025



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Overflowing toilets. Injured hikers stranded in the backcountry. Closed visitor centers. Those are just a few of the nightmare scenarios that are likely looming for the nation's 433 national parks and sites, said Kurt Repanshek, the founder and editor of *National Parks Traveler*.

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Trump's Cuts Could Make Parks and Forests More Dangerous, Employees Say

Thousands of employees who helped oversee vast areas of wilderness have lost their jobs in President Trump's moves to shrink the federal work force.

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At least 3,000 employees have been laid off across the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service. Chanell Stone for The New York Times

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US Forest Service, National Park Service employees fired by DOGE speak out

Fired employees of the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service told ABC News that the decision to lay off thousands of employees will have catastrophic effects on firefighting efforts.

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These people protected US forests and lands. Their jobs have now vanished due to Trump



'I loved my job because I got to help preserve things that mean something to so many people,' says former USFS archeologist Erica Dirks. Composite: The Guardian/Getty Images/Fenix Van Tassel/Ryan Schroeder


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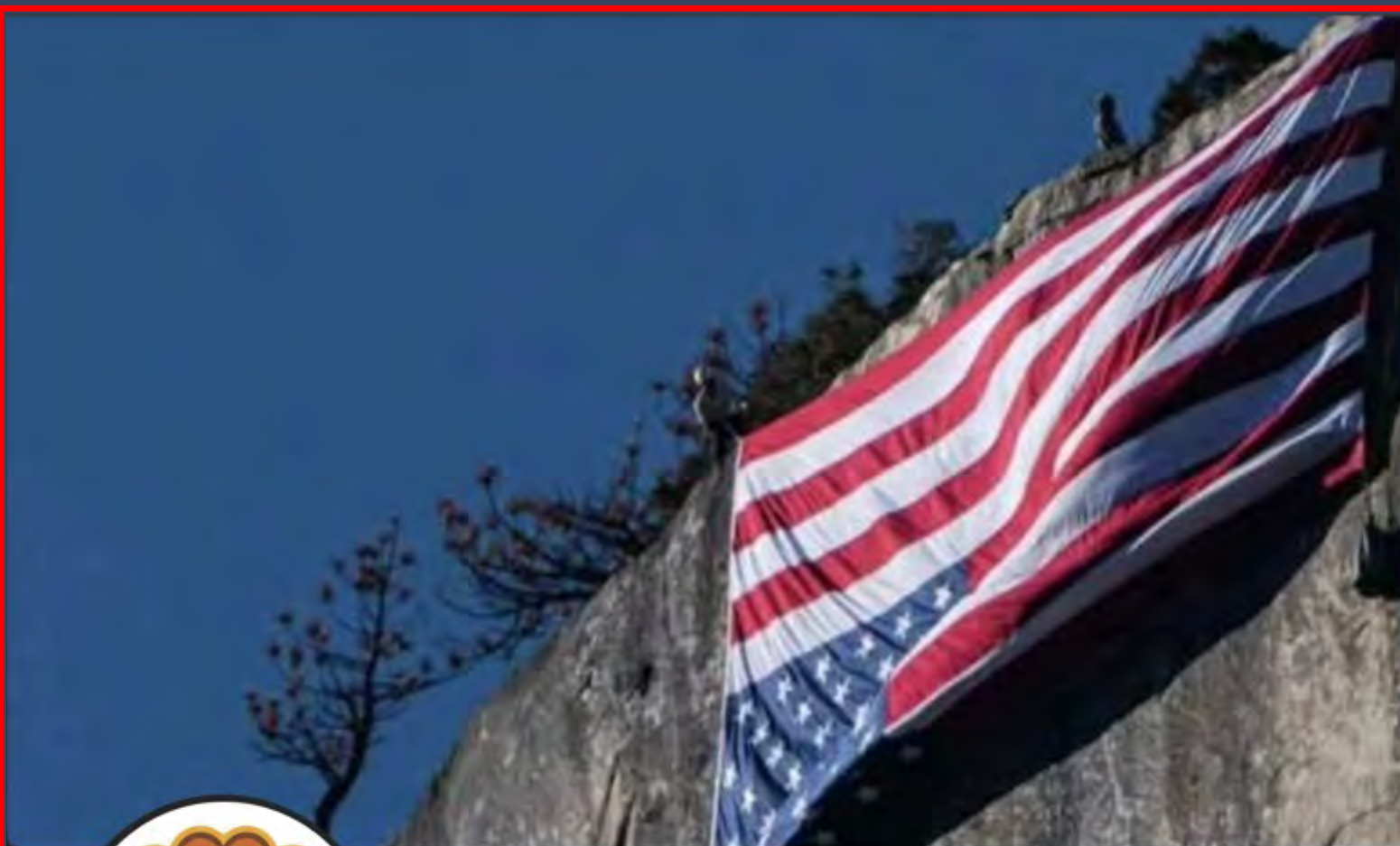
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Outraged protesters to descend on America's national parks

By [Sam Mauhay-Moore](#), Trending News Reporter
Feb 28, 2025



High Desert area residents and climbers hang an American flag upside down in a symbol of distress and protest against federal employee firings at the National Park Service and other agencies at Intersection Rock in Joshua Tree National Park, Calif., on Feb. 26, 2025.
Photo by Stuart Palley



Climbers hang distress flag in Joshua Tree National Park...



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Nearly a week after an upside-down American flag was seen [hanging off Yosemite's El Capitan](#) during the park's annual firefall event, climbers in Southern California have hung the same display off a large rock formation in [Joshua Tree National Park](#). The action comes a day before dozens of [protests](#) against the Trump administration's [sweeping federal layoffs](#) are planned at national parks across the country.

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USFS Stanislaus Forest, Summit Ranger District

- “The consequences are going to be catastrophic for the environment, wildlife, recreation, and winter recreation. Campgrounds may not open, Forest roads may not get opened because there are no one to clear them of winter tree fall, and public Access to our wildlands will definitely be affected.”

Angeles National Forest

- Beth Kyre, formerly the R5 Southern Zone Forest Entomologist. She was the only entomologist for all 4 Forests so now there is no one solely focused on forest pest management which is concerning given the current spread of gold spotted oak borer in the Southern Zone. She was let go on Feb 14.

Plumas National Forest

- “The Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough District lost 18 staff members, including all the rec staff. One of the largest trail systems in the Sierra Nevada is in this district and on the PNF. The Plumas National Forest is now without a Forest Supervisor.”

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US Forest Service Partnerships Under Fire

March 1, 2025 by [Zeke Lunder](#)



As the US Forest Service has lost internal capacity to get projects planned, awarded, and managed, it has become increasingly reliant on 'partners' – NGO agencies – to do a lot of the work Forest Service employees used to do. Until she was fired as a part of sweeping workforce reductions being carried out by ... [Read more](#)

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Secretary Rollins Initiates New Public-Private Partnership to Reduce Wildfire Risk

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U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Forest Service Chief and Sierra Pacific Industries Announce Wildfire Prevention and Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects

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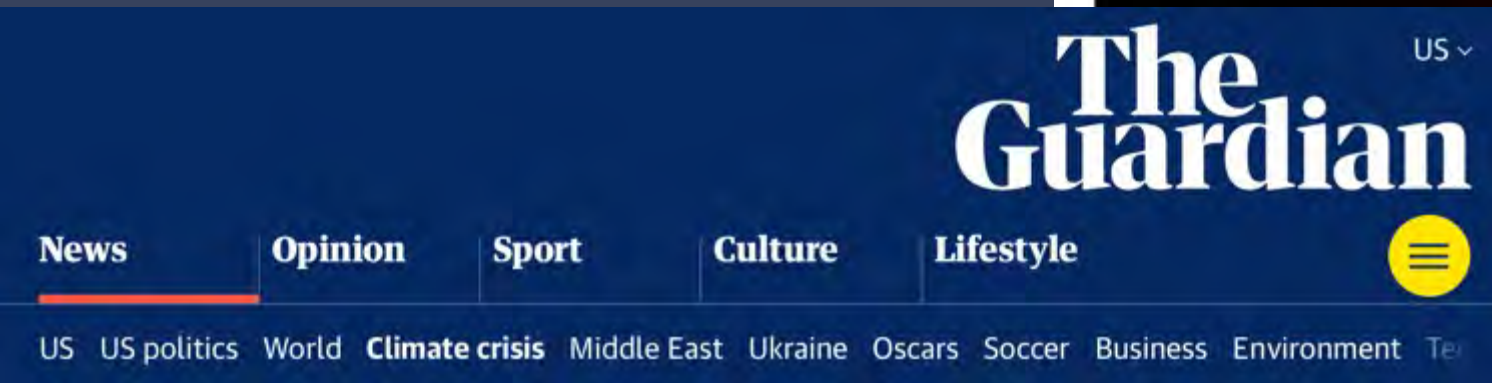
Met with Secretary Rollins, U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore, and Mark Emmerson of Sierra Pacific Industries today to talk about a big investment in wildfire prevention. \$75 million is headed to U.S. Forest Service Region 5 for shaded fuel breaks, with \$70 million going straight to California. This funding, secured through last year's disaster relief legislation, comes at a crucial time as California braces for another tough fire season.



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'The forests are going up in flames - so is the rule of law': Argentina's climate of fear

Wildfires are devastating Patagonia. In response, Argentinian authorities are removing environmental protections and raiding Indigenous communities



📷 A wildfire near El Bolsón, in the Patagonian province of Río Negro in Argentina on 31 January.
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The order takes steps for quicker federal permitting approvals of forestry projects under the Endangered Species Act so that clearing brush, timber removals and other projects aren't delayed by environmental and other regulatory reviews, according to a White House summary of the order reviewed by USA TODAY.

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Trump has long blamed California's environmental polices for forest mismanagement contributing to the state's wildfires including January's destructive wildfires in Los Angeles that killed at least 29 people. Democratic California Gov. Gavin Newsom has defended his state's forest and land management efforts, pointing to \$2.5 billion in state investments on this front.

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Newsom proclaims state of emergency ahead of wildfire season



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With growing fire risk, Governor Newsom proclaims state of emergency to fast-track critical wildfire prevention projects statewide

What you need to know: Governor Newsom is proclaiming a state of emergency to fast-track critical forest management projects – part of the state’s ongoing efforts to protect communities from catastrophic wildfire.

SACRAMENTO – Following the devastation of the Los Angeles firestorms and with the risk of wildfire increasing statewide, Governor Gavin Newsom today proclaimed a state of emergency to fast-track critical projects protecting communities from wildfire, ahead of peak fire season.

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Trump Quietly Plans To Liquidate Public Lands To Finance His Sovereign Wealth Fund

President Donald Trump's executive order to create a sovereign wealth fund requires that the United States come up with heaps of cash quickly, which may make selling out and selling off public lands irresistible.

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President Donald Trump signs an executive order to create a sovereign wealth fund for the United States alongside Secretary of Treasury Scott Bessent and Secretary of Commerce nominee Howard Lutnick. (Getty/Jim Watson)



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The United States already holds a vast sum of highly valued assets that can be invested through a sovereign wealth fund for greater long-term wealth generation.

- The Federal government directly holds \$5.7 trillion in assets. Indirectly, including through natural resource reserves, the Federal government holds a far larger sum of asset value.

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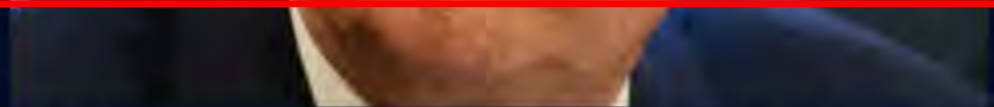
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By Andrew McKean | Posted on Feb 26, 2025



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The issue is top of mind in Las Vegas, which could run out of room to build more homes in just seven years.

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Housing costs in Las Vegas have boomed in recent years as the population grows and builders run out of space. (Louis Grasse/For The Washington Post)

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Residents search for belongings in the remains of their burned-out homes in Altadena on Tuesday. (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

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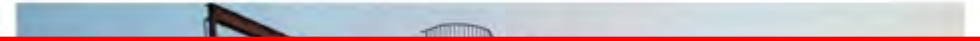
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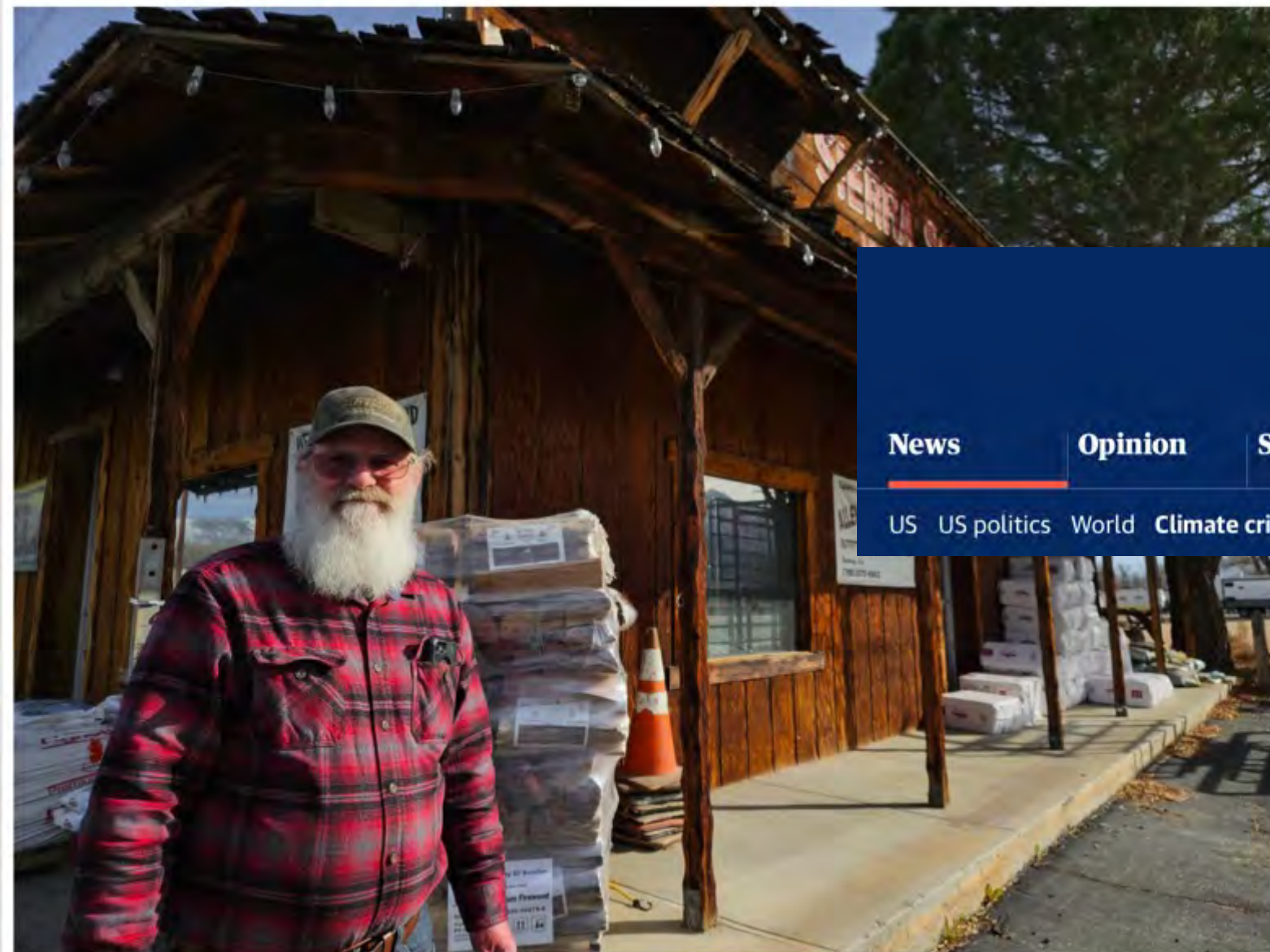


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Nevada Senator Rosen reintroduces Washoe County Lands Bill

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US Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV) has reintroduced a comprehensive piece of legislation designed to promote public land conservation, housing development and economic growth in Washoe County.

The Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act, also known as the Washoe County Lands Bill, would lower housing costs and support tribal communities, and make land available for housing and infrastructure while upholding conservation criteria, according to a press release published by Rosen's office.

Eighty-three percent of public land is owned by federal agencies in Washoe County, and Nevada has the highest percentage of public land owned in the US at 85%. Rosen said federal legislation is vital to making land available for housing and infrastructure while protecting outdoor spaces for future generations.

Local impacts of Forest Service firings, funding freezes and cuts

Wildfire prevention, recreation, transportation projects potentially affected

Fuel reductions and vegetation management impacts

Natural resources specialists and timber staff have been fired from the TNF. These people not only draw up the plans for fuel reduction projects, they go in the field to supervise work done on the projects. For example, areas designated as nesting areas may not be used by wildlife, natural resource specialists verify this on the ground and can then open these areas for timber harvesting or vegetation management. Otherwise, the operational periods to get this work done are severely reduced or projects can not be started or completed. Hazardous fuels reduction work may not occur without the work of biologists who ensure protection of species.

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'We don't know where the bottom is.'



Federal cuts have reduced the number of staff who work in the Stanislaus National Forest, Calif.
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By **Julie Brown Davis**, Tahoe Editor
Feb 21, 2025

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Federal funding cuts to U.S. Forest Service raise wildfire concerns in Placer County

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Senate confirms Project 2025 architect to head OMB

Russell Vought sees the Office of Management and Budget as a “nerve center” that can be used to curtail DEI programs and purge the federal workforce of Trump’s perceived enemies.



U.S. President Donald Trump's nominee for Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought arrives for a Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs confirmation hearing on Capitol Hill on January 15, 2025 in Washington, DC. (ANDREW HARNIK/GETTY IMAGES)



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The federal government is costly, inefficient, and deeply in debt. At the same time, it is not producing results for the American public. Instead, tax dollars are being siphoned off to fund unproductive and unnecessary programs that benefit radical interest groups while hurting hard-working American citizens.

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On February 11, 2025, President Trump's Executive Order *Implementing The President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Workforce Optimization Initiative (Workforce Optimization)* "commence[d] a critical transformation of the Federal bureaucracy." It directed agencies to "eliminat[e] waste, bloat, and insularity" in order to "empower American families, workers, taxpayers, and our system of Government itself."

President Trump required that "Agency Heads shall promptly undertake preparations to initiate large-scale reductions in force (RIFs), consistent with applicable law." President Trump also directed that, **no later than March 13, 2025**, agencies develop Agency Reorganization Plans.

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management ("OPM") now submit guidance on these Agency RIF and Reorganization Plans ("ARRP"), along with the instruction that such plans be submitted to OMB and OPM.

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V. Phase 2 ARRPs

Agencies should then submit a Phase 2 ARRP to OMB and OPM for review and approval **no later than April 14, 2025**. Phase 2 plans shall outline a positive vision for more productive, efficient agency operations going forward. Phase 2 plans should be planned for implementation by September 30, 2025. The Phase 2 plan should include the following additional information:

1. The agency's proposed future-state organizational chart with its functional areas, consolidated management hierarchy, and position titles and counts clearly depicted.
2. Confirmation that the agency has reviewed all personnel data, including each employee's official position description, four most recent performance ratings of record, retention service computation date, and veterans' preference status.



PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

IMPLEMENTING THE PRESIDENT'S

Agencies should continue sending monthly progress reports each month on May 14, 2025, June 16, 2025, and July 16, 2025. All plans and reports requested by this memorandum should be submitted to OPM at tracking@opm.gov and OMB at workforce@omb.eop.gov; when submitting plans and reports, please ensure both OPM and OMB addresses are included on the message.

EFFICIENCY" WORKFORCE OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

February 11, 2025

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CBS NEWS

POLITICS

Congress barrels toward shutdown deadline with few signs of progress on funding bill

By Kaia Hubbard, Caitlin Yilek
Updated on: February 27, 2025 / 6:30 PM EST / CBS News



Government funding expires on March 14, and keeping the government open past the deadline will likely require bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. Republicans control 53 seats in the Senate, but a funding measure requires 60 votes for passage. In the House, Republicans are operating with a razor-thin majority and a divided conference in which conservatives regularly vote against government spending bills.

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DOGE is now dramatically raising the potential for a government shutdown

Adding Musk's cuts to spending talks could help satisfy hard-liners but alienate Democrats whose votes will be needed to fund the government.



House Speaker Mike Johnson speaks with reporters as he walks to a vote on the House budget resolution at the U.S. Capitol on Feb. 25, 2025. | Francis Chung/POLITICO

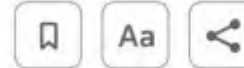
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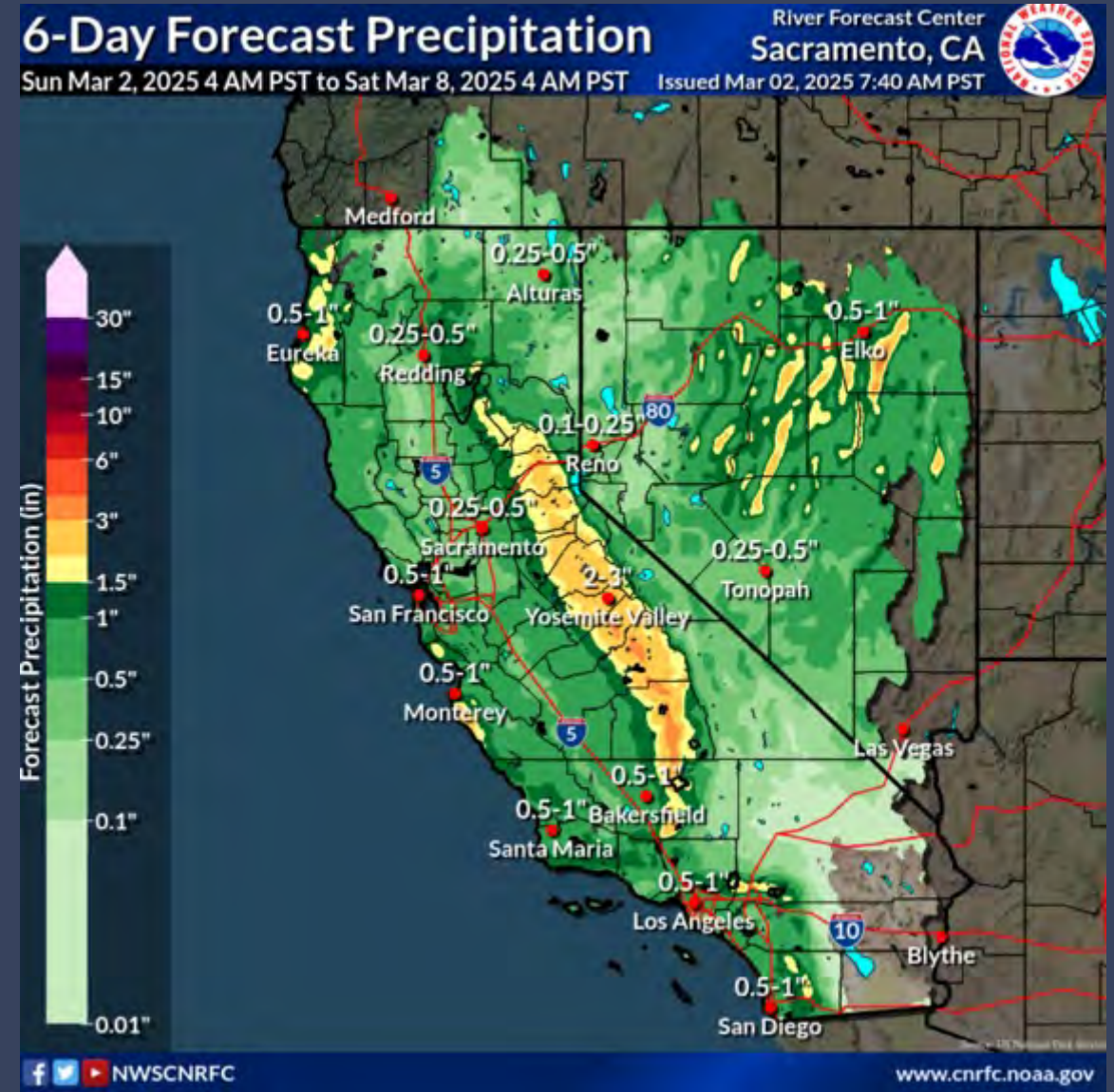
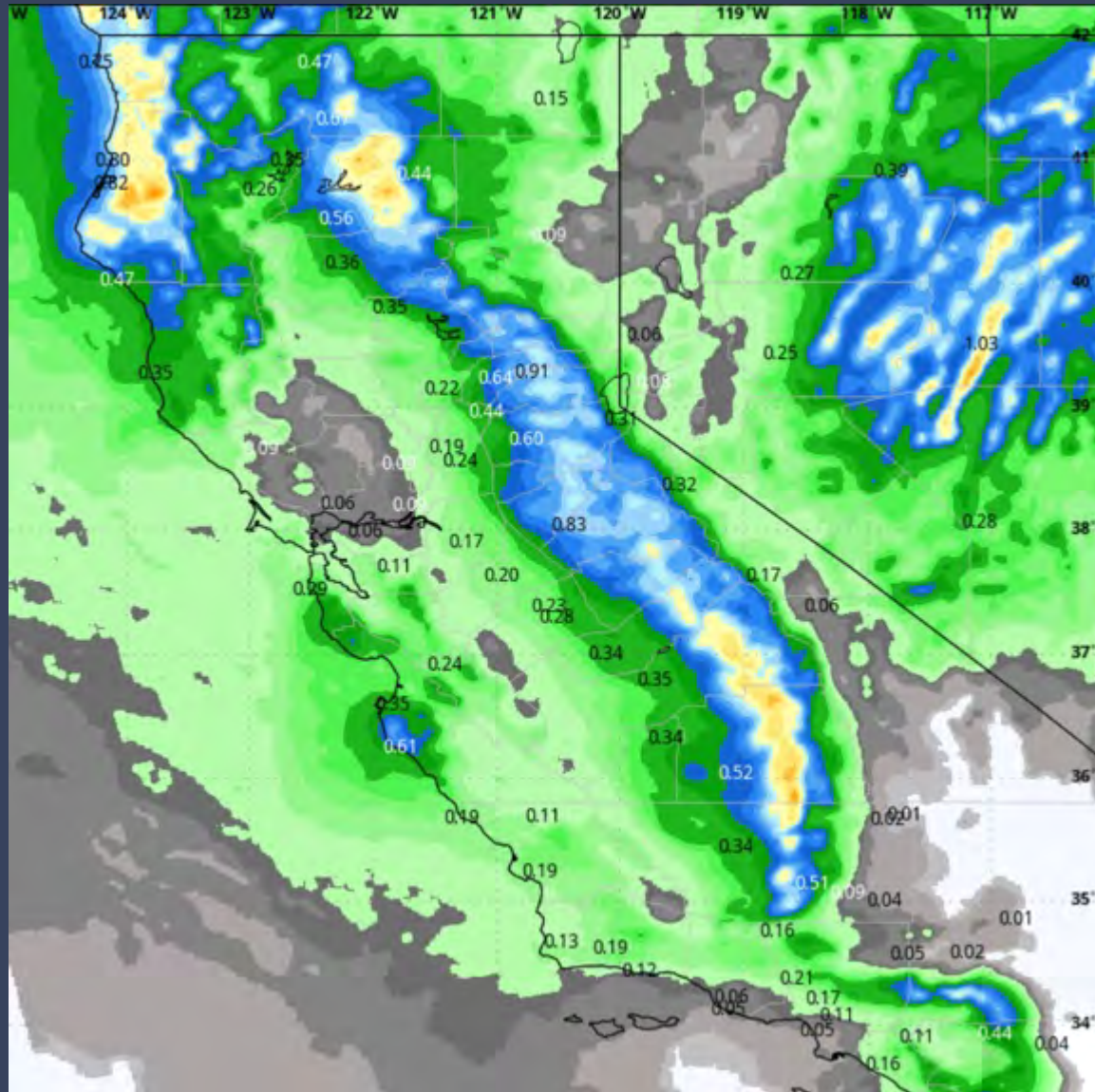


Democratic appropriators say Republicans have left US government funding talks, raising risk of shutdown

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U.S. NEWS

Protestors Ambush Vance During Vermont Ski Weekend: 'Go Ski in Russia'

SLIPPERY SLOPE

One Sugarbush Resort employee wrote a lengthy condemnation of the Trump administration in lieu of the morning's snow report.



Kenneal Patterson
Breaking News Intern

Published Mar. 1 2025 5:49PM EST



Leah Mills/Leah Mills/REUTERS

Journal 127 read by Leah Mills

Good Trouble: JD Vance Chastised by Vermont Snow Reporter

JD Vance, fresh off of helping his boss ambush & insult a foreign leader in the White House yesterday afternoon, is on vacation in Vermont with his family this weekend and will be skiing at Sugarbush Resort in Warren, VT, a 15-minute drive from where I live.

This morning, Sugarbush snow reporter Lucy Welch took the opportunity to make some good trouble by sending out a message of resistance against Vance and the administration he represents. The message went out via email to all Sugarbush daily report subscribers and appeared on the website for a brief time before it was removed. Here is the text of her message:

Mar 1st, 2025, 6:49 AM: Today of all days, I would like to reflect on what Sugarbush means to me. This mountain has brought me endless days of joy, adventure, challenges, new experiences, beauty, community, and peace. I've found that nothing cures a racing mind quite like skiing through the trees and stopping to take a deep breath of that fresh forest air. The world around us might be a scary place, but these little moments of tranquility, moments I've been fortunate enough to enjoy as a direct result of my employment here, give me, and I'd guess you, too, a sense of strength and stability.

This fresh forest air, is, more specifically fresh National Forest air. Sugarbush operates on 1745 acres of the Green Mountain National Forest. Right now, National Forest lands and National Parks are under direct attack by the current Administration, who is swiftly terminating the positions of dedicated employees who devote their lives to protecting the land we love, and to protecting us while we are enjoying that land.



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U.S. NEWS

Protestor Weekend

SLIPPERY
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One Sugarbush Resort
snow report.



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Breaking News Intern



posted 12h ago by Jason Kottke

Could This Be the Last Winter? Climate by Vermont

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Frustrated with crowded resorts, more skiers risk avalanche hazards in backcountry



Veteran guide Howie Schwartz, left, leads Los Angeles Times reporter Jack Dolan into the backcountry near Mammoth Lakes. (Brian van der Brug / Los Angeles Times)

Approaching danger by Brad Powell, with scenarios provided 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

Three trends showcase the strength of the outdoor recreation economy

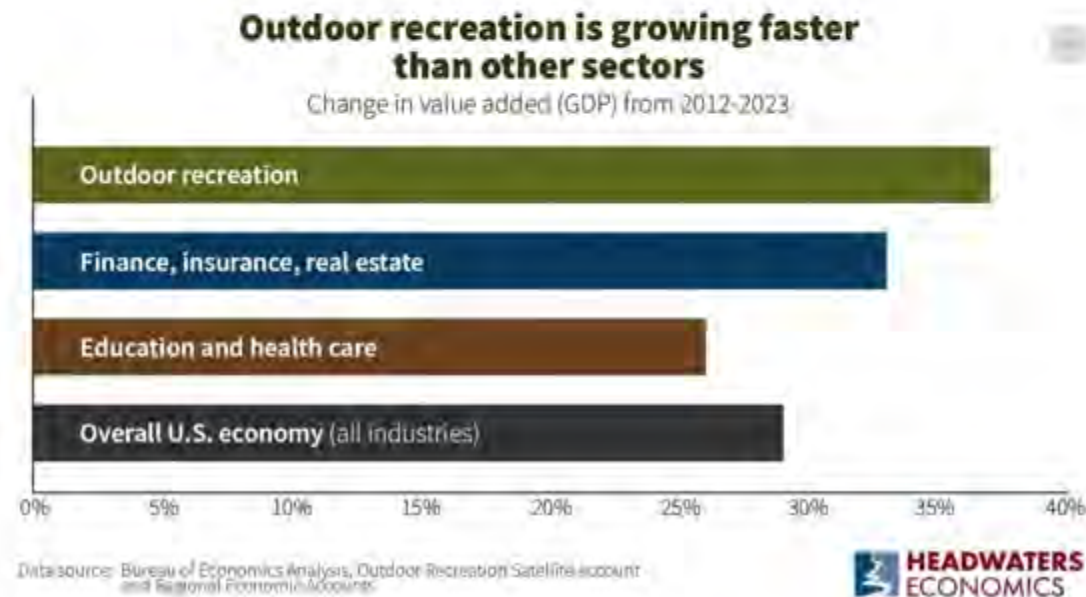
February 6, 2025

More than a [decade of data](#) about the outdoor recreation economy is now available to inform community development and business decisions. The Bureau of Economic Analysis' [Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account](#) (ORSA) tracks the contributions of the outdoor recreation economy to state-level GDP, job types, wages, and more. Headwaters Economics examined the ORSA data for all available years, 2012 to 2023, to discover long-term trends that might shape the future of this evolving sector. Three compelling conclusions stand out.

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1. Outdoor recreation grew faster than the overall economy over the past decade

The outdoor recreation sector grew by 37% between 2012 and 2023, faster than the overall U.S. economy, which grew by 29%. Outdoor recreation outperformed other nationally important sectors like education and health care (26% growth) and finance, insurance, and real estate (33% growth). As outdoor recreation continues to grow faster than the overall economy, it will become a more significant economic driver with greater influence in local and national policy conversations.



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2. Forty-nine states saw growth in their outdoor recreation economy

The size of the outdoor recreation economy increased in 49 states between 2012 and 2023. Only Louisiana and the District of Columbia reported slight declines in their outdoor recreation economies.

The states with the most growth between 2012 and 2023 were:

Utah:
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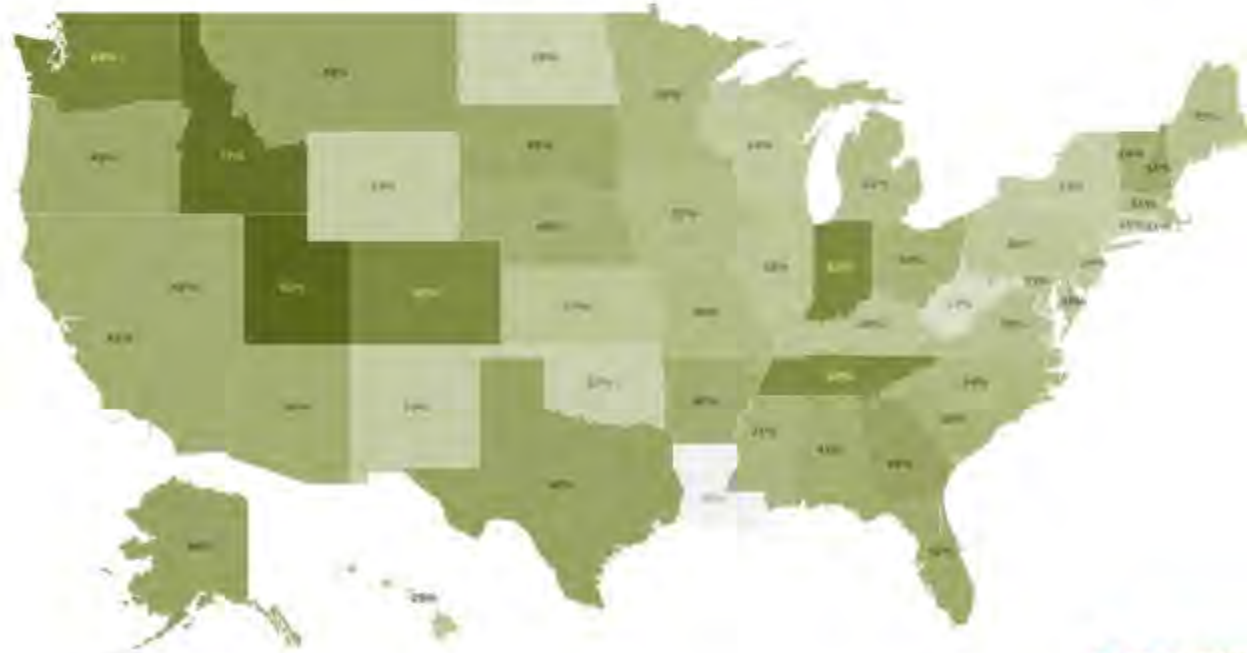
Idaho:
+77%

Washington:
+64%

Indiana:
+62%

Colorado:
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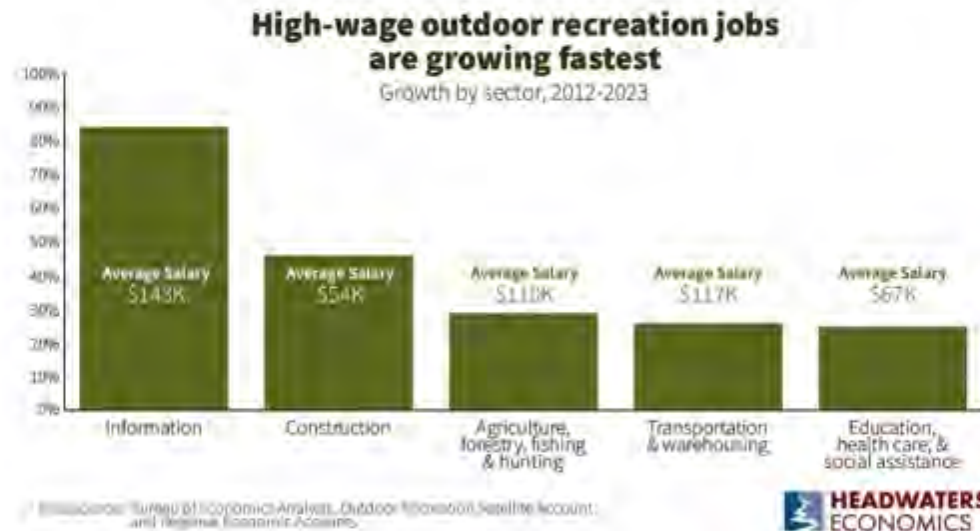
Growth in outdoor recreation economy
Contribution to GDP, 2012-2023



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3. High-wage outdoor recreation jobs are growing fastest

The outdoor recreation sector includes jobs across diverse industries. According to ORSA data, the types of jobs with the fastest growth in outdoor recreation since 2012 are skilled trades and professional industries, including information; construction; agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting; transportation and warehousing; and education, health care, and social assistance.



While hospitality industries such as hotels, food services, and retail trade still account for the largest share of outdoor recreation jobs, other outdoor recreation industries have experienced faster job growth. In other words, jobs in the outdoor recreation economy now extend far beyond ski lift operators and gear retailers.

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Los Angeles Times

Column: Donald Trump and Elon Musk are coming for your summer vacation



The usual line of cars outside the entrance to Yosemite National Park could get even longer this summer amid broad cuts to the federal government workforce. (George Rose / Getty Images)

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THE INDEPENDENCE CIVIC CLUB INVITES YOU TO

A COMMUNITY POTLUCK AND FUNDRAISER

To support Inyo County residents who have recently
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This is a family-friendly,
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Donations will be
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cash/check and
distributed to local
workers who were
terminated from their
jobs as a result of the
recent federal firings.



SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025, 5-7PM
AT THE INDEPENDENCE AMERICAN LEGION HALL
BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE
AND COME OUT TO SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Our Projects

- Eastern Sierra Council of Governments
- Whitebark Institute
- MLTPA Foundation

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG)

- *Elaine Kabala, Executive Director*
 - Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program
 - Towns to Trails Feasibility Planning
- ESCOG Meeting Updates - Wednesday, Feb. 26
- ESCOG - Sierra Jobs First Program

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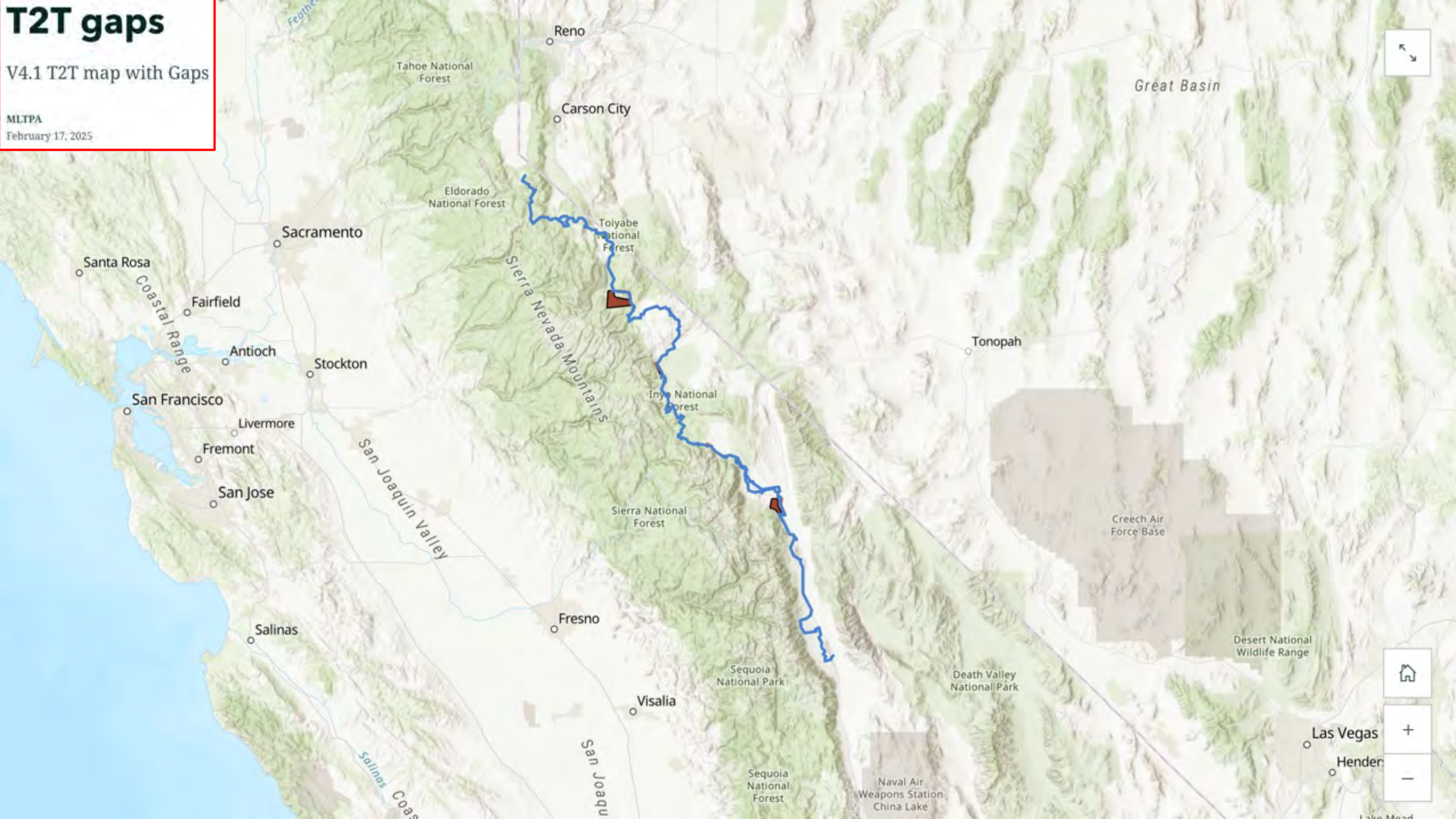
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V4.1 T2T map with Gaps

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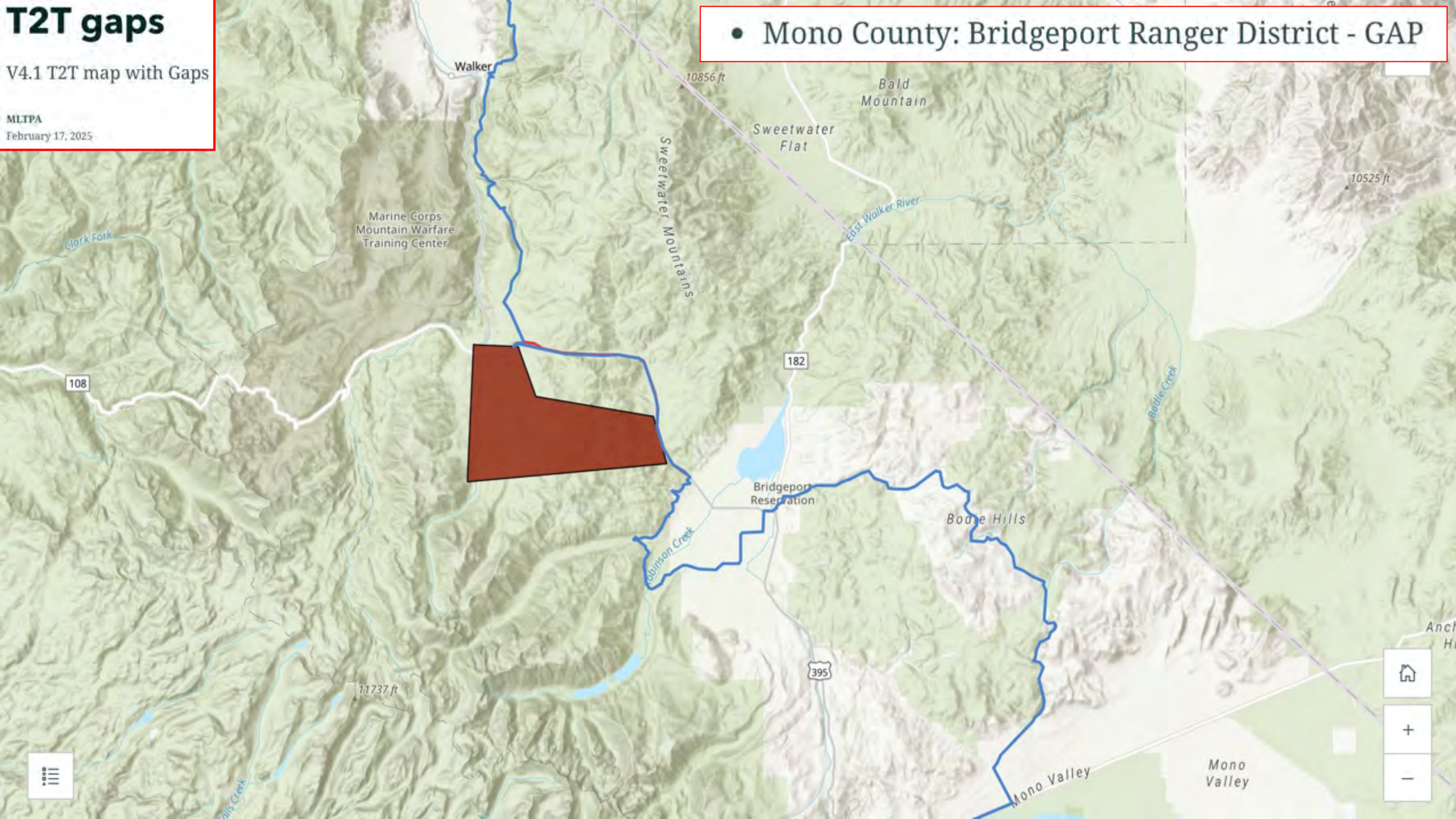
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• Mono County: Bridgeport Ranger District - GAP



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- Mono County: Mono City to Lee Vining - GAP
- Mono County: SNARL - GAP



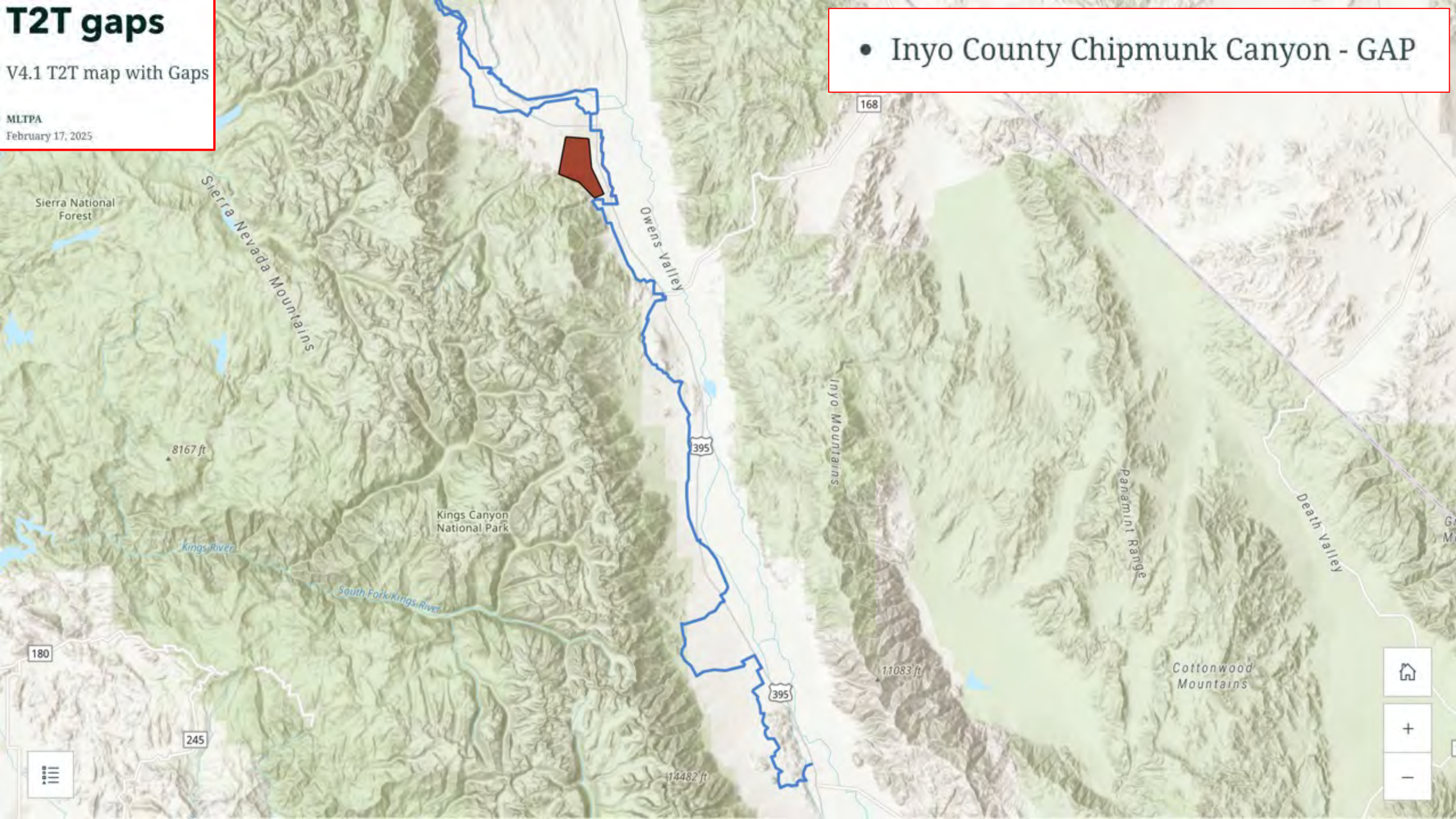
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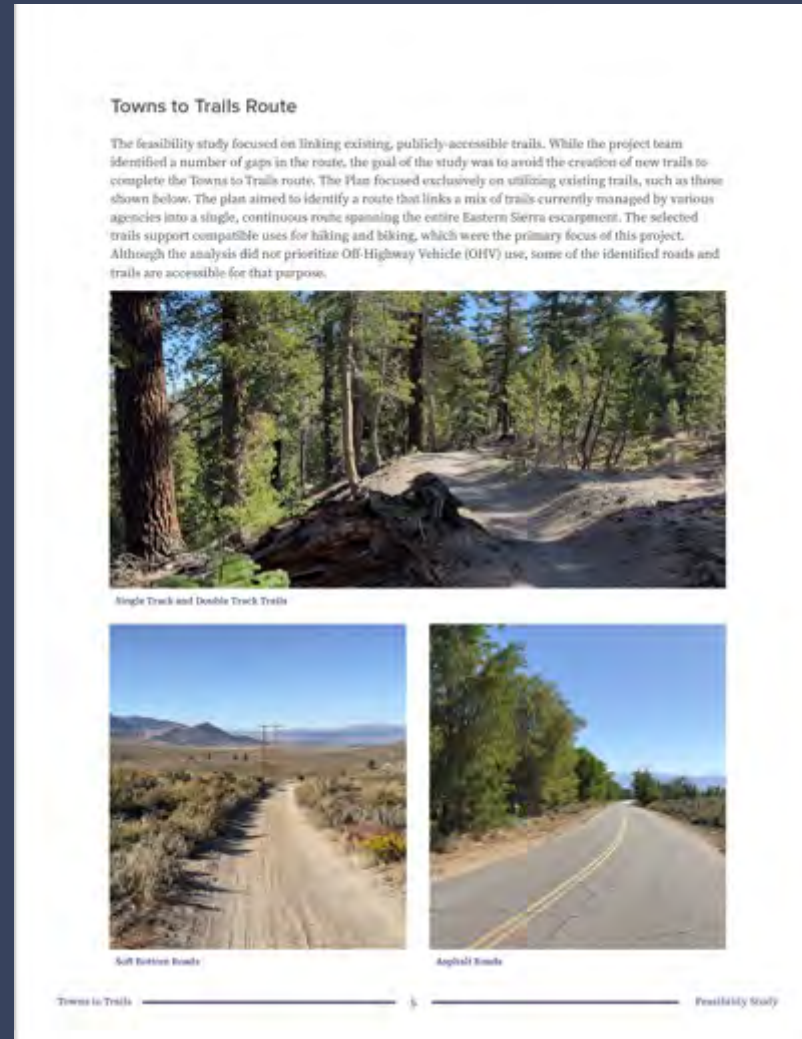
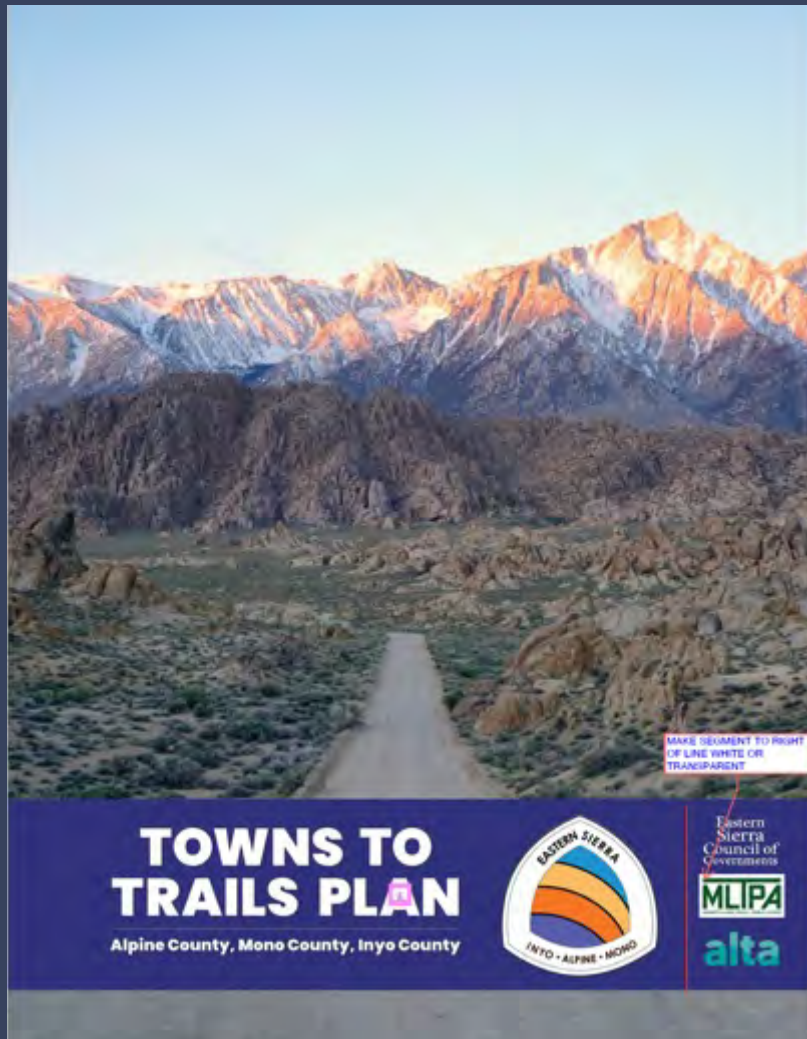
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- Inyo County Chipmunk Canyon - GAP



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DRAFT Final “Towns to Trails” Feasibility Analysis



ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

Final Virtual Workshop/Public Meeting – March 27

Recording



The graphic features a scenic mountain landscape at sunset. At the top center is the logo for the Towns to Trails Plan, which includes a circular emblem with a mountain and the text "TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN". Below the emblem, the title "TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath the title, the logos for "alta" and "MLPA" are displayed. At the bottom, the website "www.townstotrails.org" and email "info@townstotrails.org" are listed.

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Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan (SNC1283-RT)

Summary

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| SCH Number | 2022030262 |
| Public Agency | Sierra Nevada Conservancy |
| Document Title | Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan (SNC1283-RT) |
| Document Type | NOE - Notice of Exemption |
| Received | 3/9/2022 |
| Posted | 3/9/2022 |
| Document Description | The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will provide grant funding to the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments for preparation of a regional trails plan, the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan ("Trails Plan"). The Trails Plan will identify opportunities to connect Eastern Sierra communities in California to each other and to public lands throughout the region, from northern Alpine County to southern Inyo County. The Trails Plan will build upon existing trail and soft-surface infrastructure in the region and will take advantage of existing priorities for trail connectivity developed by federal land managers, stakeholder ideas generated through the "Recreation Stakeholders" track of the SNC Proposition 68-funded Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative (SRTI), and conceptual routes drafted by trail advocates. Partners in the Trails Plan effort will include the region's Indigenous tribes and numerous other stakeholders. |

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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blodgett Drive, Suite 200
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of: Alpine Mono Inyo
99 Water Street 74 School St 168 N Edwards St
Markleville, CA 96190 Bridgeport, CA 93517 Independence, CA 93570

Project Title: Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan (SNC1283-RT)

Project Location - Specific: Northern Alpine County, southern Inyo County, Mono County and the Eastern Sierras

Project Location: Northern Alpine County to southern Inyo County Project Location - County: Inyo, Mono, Alpine

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy


Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG)

Exempt Status: Statutory Exemptions, State code number: Section 15207 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is Statutorily Exempt under Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies of the CEQA Guidelines. This project involves only the planning studies for possible future actions which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has not approved, adopted, or funded. The project is also categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15306, Information Collection (Class B) because it consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Shannon Craft Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 838-7145

If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project: Yes ☐ No ☐

Signed by:  Date: 3/3/2022 Title: Chief Deputy Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency: Yes Signed by Applicant: No

Authority cited: Sections 21063 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21106, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects

ESCOG Meeting Updates - Wednesday, Feb. 26

- Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Strategic Plan
- Approve Agreement Regarding Wildfire Coordinator Services to be Provided by Inyo County to the ESCOG
- Approve Submission of the U.S. Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant to the United State Department of Agriculture
- Accept the State of California's "Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience"
- Authorize the Chair to sign correspondence to The Honorable Representative Kevin Kiley RE: Federal Funding for Critical Wildfire Projects

Whitebark Institute

- *Claire (Freeman) Galaway; Laura Beardsley, Executive Director*
- Regional Fire Prevention Campaign Launch
 - *CAL Fire, Whitebark, and MLTPA*
- Community Directed Grant Program - SCE and Whitebark
- Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project
 - Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Partner Convening
 - Wildfire Resilience Action and Finance Team (WRAFT)

Regional Fire Prevention Campaign Launch

- “Ignite Awareness Not Wildfires” – Coming May 2025!

Community Directed Grant Program

- SCE Service Area
- Application Open through March 12
- Find more at whitebarkinstitute.org



Whitebark Ecosystem Management Projects

Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance

- Enhance partnerships & resource collaboration

2025 Implementation & Federal Funding Freeze

- Total Funding Shortages \$2,384,864

EASTERN SIERRA WILDFIRE ALLIANCE **AGENDA**

FEBRUARY 13, 2025
10AM TO 12 NOON

ONLINE VIA ZOOM: PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE. [CLICK HERE](#)

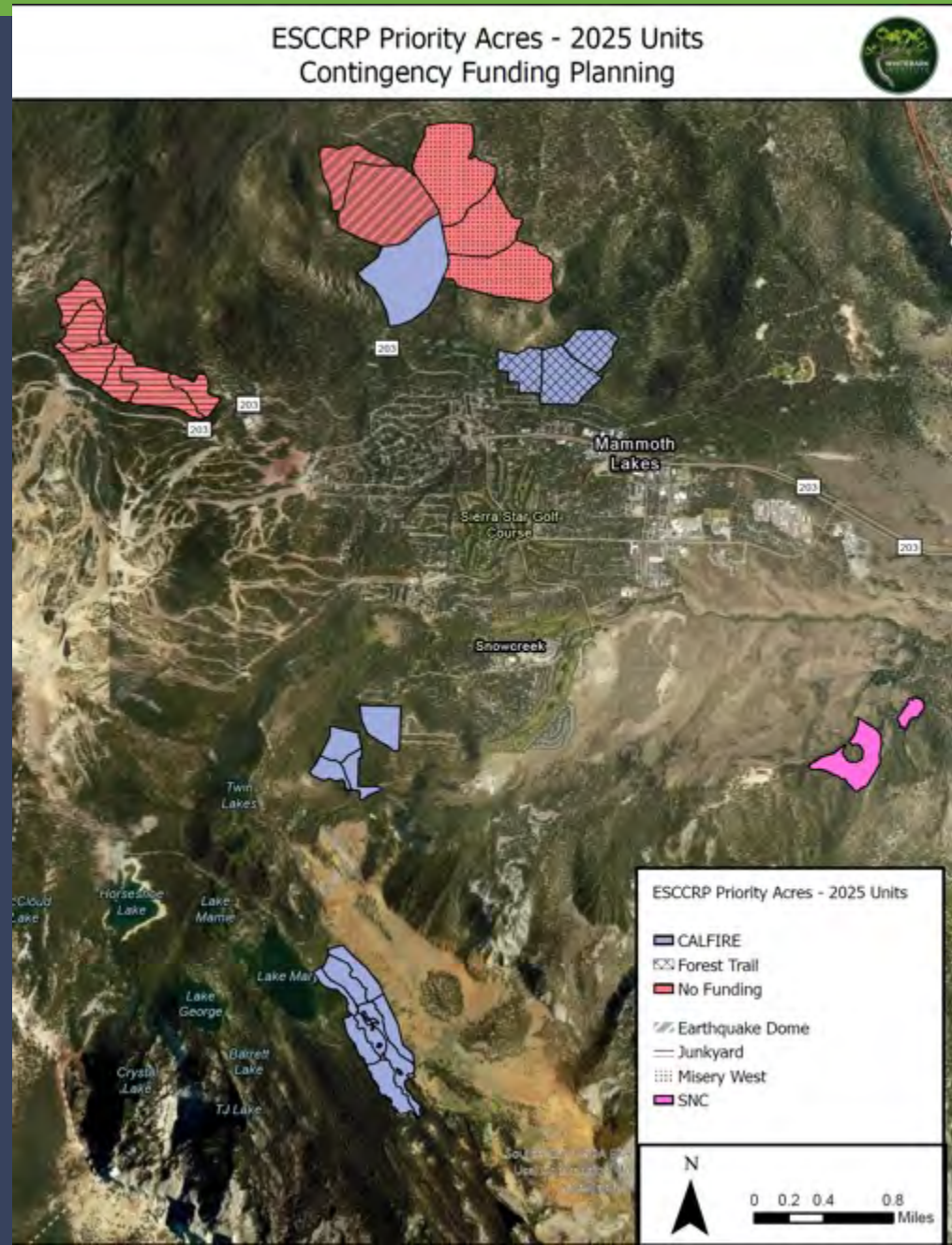
I. Welcome

II. Introductions

- Meeting Agreements & Goals

III. Project Updates

- Participants take a few minutes to share project updates
- Reflection: Opportunities for collaboration and support?
Any great ideas, inspiration?



ESCCRP
WRAFT
FEB 20, 2025
Regular
Meeting



WHITEBARK
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Wildfire Resilience Action & Finance Team



1. Acknowledgement of scale of the problem
2. Acknowledgement of Shared Responsibility
3. Recognition of urgent need for work
4. Leverages State & Federal investment by demonstrating local commitment
5. Address financial barriers to accomplishing the work
6. Proof of concept demonstration
7. Provides Road Map to a better future

Los Angeles Wildfires- Turning Devastation into a Call To Action!

LOCAL RESPONSE

- Personal Reflections
- Rising Constituents Concerns
- Community Coffee Response
- Establishment of TOML Wildfire Team

WORST CASE SCENARIO- AGAIN?



2025 WRAFT GOALS

- MAKE DISCREET
DECISION/COMMITMENT TO
CONSERVATION FINANCE TOOLS USED
FOR ESCCRP
- IDENTIFY & IMPLEMENT BETTER
CASHFLOW MECHANISMS
- EXECUTE MOU FOR ALL
- COMPLETE AND ROLL OUT ESCCRP
BUSINESS PLAN
- SECURE AT LEAST 3 LONG TERM
INVESTMENTS (5+ YEARS)



Planning for Uncertainty

Federal Funding Freeze Impacts to ESCCRP

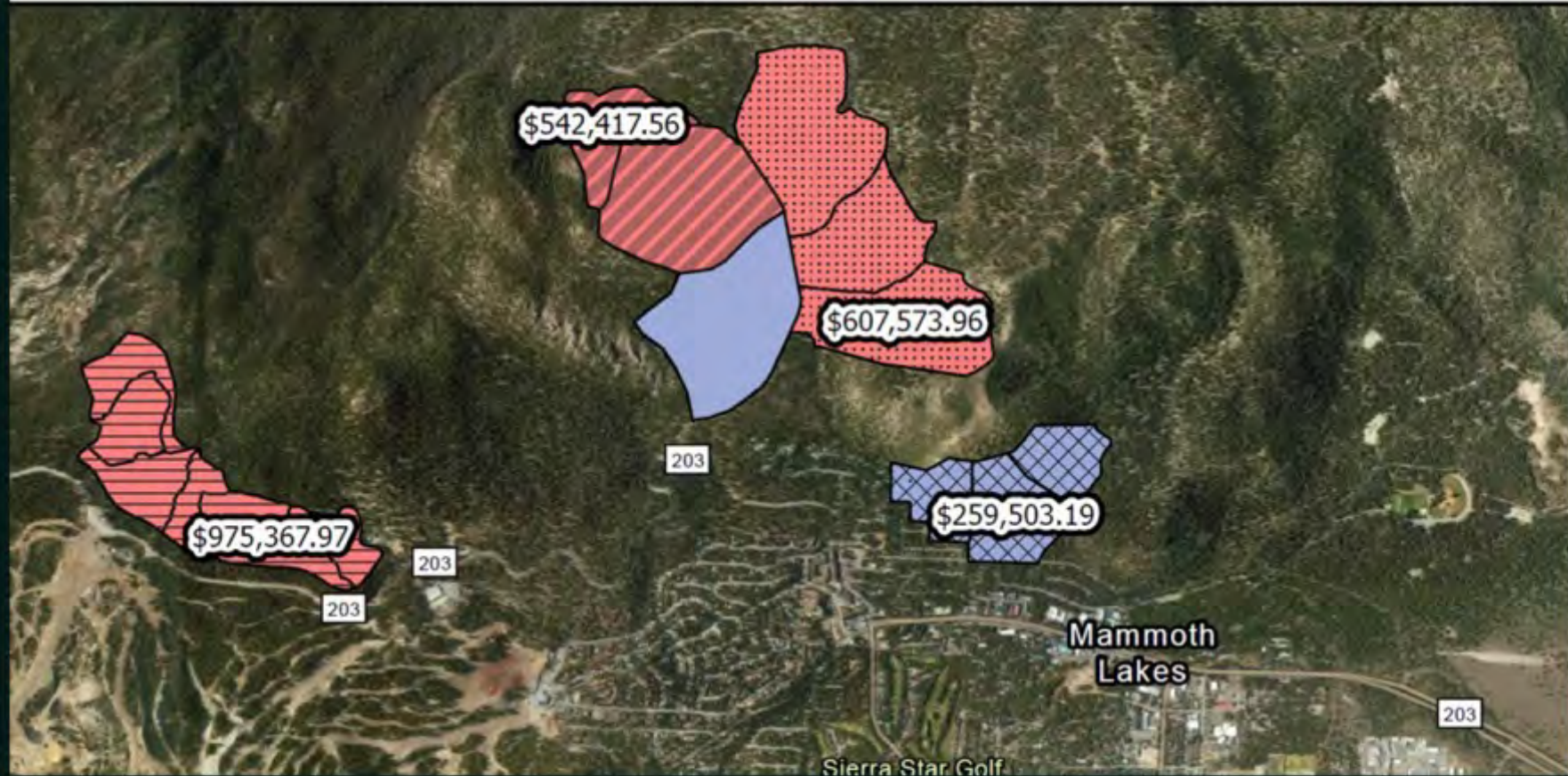


ESCCRP Federal Funding Shortfalls



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ESCCRP Priority Acres - 2025 Units Contingency Funding Planning





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WILDFIRES IN WINTER: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATASTROPHE UNFOLDING IN LOS ANGELES

By [Greg Mullins](#)

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So, let's keep talking about what we need to do today and every day: cut climate pollution further and faster before our kids' futures go up in smoke.

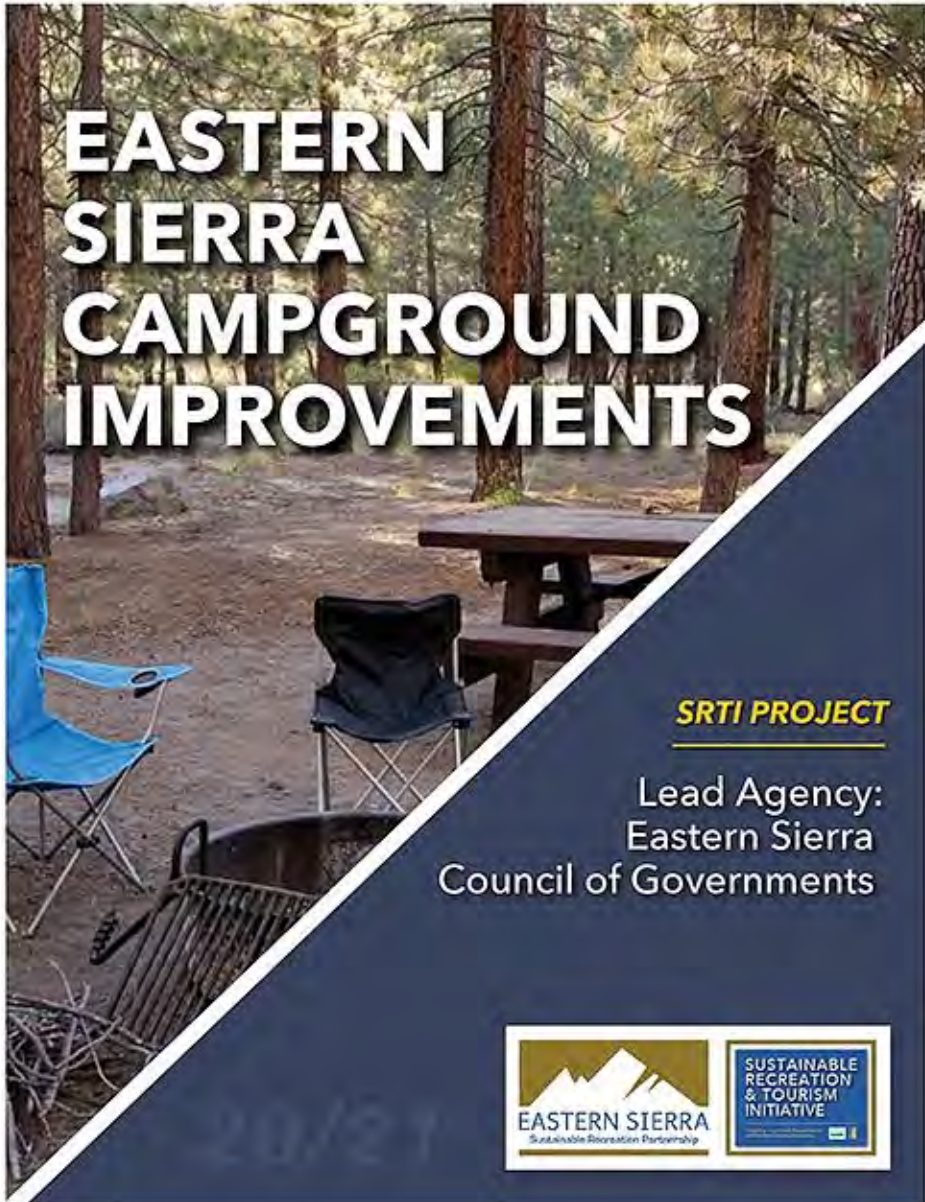
NEXT STEPS



1. DOODLE POLLS GO OUT NEXT WEEK TO IDENTIFY WORKGROUP MEETING SCHEDULES
2. WORKGROUPS MEET INDEPENDENTLY TO ACCOMPLISH GOAL BY APRIL 17TH WRAFT MEETING
 - FINANCE STRATEGY
 - MOU
 - MSA DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY
3. DRAFT ESCCRP BUSINESS PLAN
4. RECONVENE APRIL 17, 3:30-5:00pm

MLTPA Foundation



- Eastern Sierra Campground Improvement Project
- Visitor Connection Package w/Whitebark Institute
- California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience
 - Statewide adoption program
- CALREC Vision - Symposium of Practice
- Recreate Responsibly California
- Sierra Jobs First: Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Projects

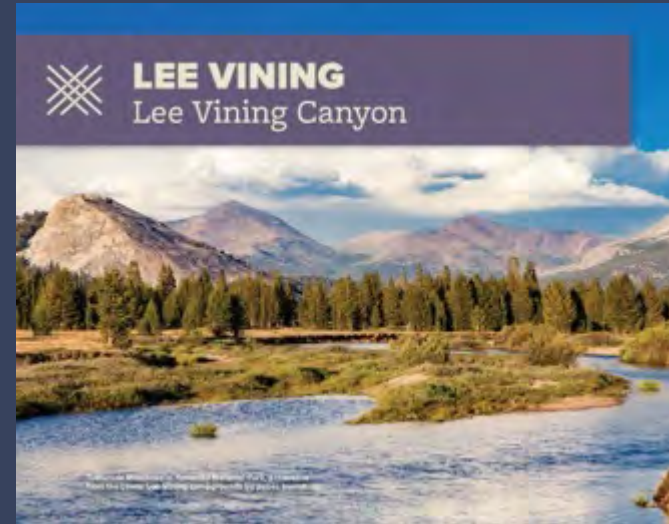


EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

SRTI PROJECT

Lead Agency:
Eastern Sierra
Council of Governments



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MAMMOTH LAKES TRAILS AND PUBLIC ACCESS FOUNDATION

LEE VINING AND INDEPENDENCE CAMPGROUNDS

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

LIST OF DRAWINGS

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PROJECT TEAM

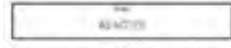
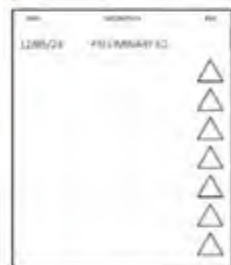
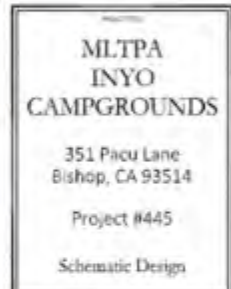
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LOCATION MAPS



MLTPA Sustainable Recreation Projects

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This Independent Contractor Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into on the date of the signature shown here below (the "Effective Date") by and between the Minnesota Lake Superior and Public Access Foundation ("MLTPA"), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, whose principal place of business is P.O. Box 100, PMD 412, Marinette Lakes, CA 95555, and the independent contractor, John Northwood Roberts & Associates, Inc. and referred to herein as "Contractor", collectively referred to as MLTPA as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party", whose principal place of business is 2927 Norbury St., Ste. B, Berkeley, CA 94701.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Services:** During the term of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to provide services ("Services"). Contractor will perform services consistent with customary practices and Contractor's employees or subcontractors.

2. Compensation and Payment

2.1. MLTPA will pay Contractor for the Services as set forth in Exhibit A, the Service Fee. MLTPA will pay Contractor within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of an authorized invoice for the Services or as specified in Exhibit A. Contractor will invoice MLTPA for the Services on a monthly basis for the services provided for each month. Payment shall be made by check or money order payable to MLTPA or as otherwise directed by MLTPA in writing.

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In witness whereof, the Parties have hereunto set their hands and seals on the Effective Date:

MLTPA FOUNDATION

JOHN NORTHWOOD ROBERTS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: 
Name: John Northwood Roberts
Title: President
Date: 08-15-2021

By: 
Name: John N. Roberts
Title: President
Date: 08-16-2021

THIRDPARTY COUSEMENT AGREEMENT

Between
MLTPA FOUNDATION
And
THE NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE
INDEPENDENT FOREST

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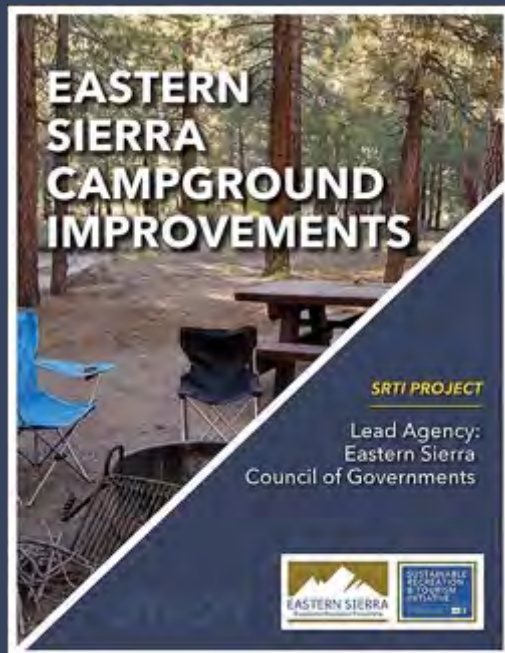
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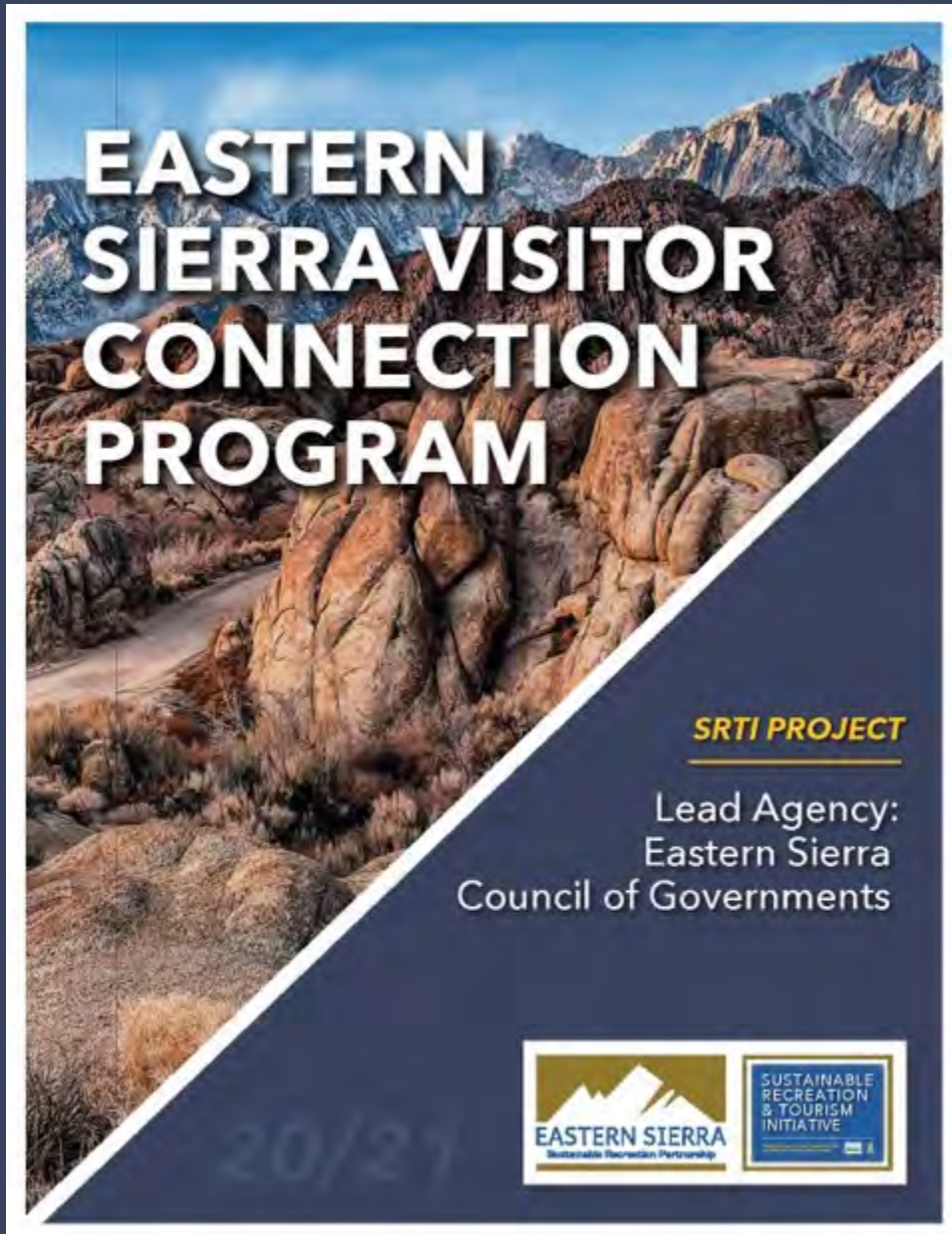
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Visitor Audience Connection

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

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Facebook Paid Ad Results




August 30th 2024 - February 17th 2025

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| Views | 75,378 |
| Post engagements | 4,889 |
| Reach | 55,508 |
| Average Cost per Post Engagement | \$0.079 |

Top Performing Post December 30th

EASTERN SIERRA FIRE TIPS




did you know...

Fireworks can easily spark wildfires. In 2022, their use was responsible for over 31,000 fires nationwide.

HERE'S HOW TO USE THEM SAFELY →

FIREWORKS REGULATIONS

In California, only "Safe & Sane" labeled fireworks which refer to the ones that do not fly or explode are allowed for public use with restrictions that vary per county and by city.




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In Alpine and Mono Counties possession or discharge of ANY fireworks, including the "safe and sane", is illegal except on the 4th of July. In Inyo County they are restricted on federal public land.



AVOID FIRE-PRONE AREAS

Never use fireworks in fire-prone areas or near flammable materials.




SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Always read directions for use & light one firework at a time.

Have a bucket of water and a working hose nearby.

Opt for public displays.



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Instagram Performance



August 30th 2024- February 17th 2025


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| Views | 25,283 |
| Link Clicks | 383 |
| Reach | 18,670 |
| Average Cost per Post Engagement | 0.832 |

Top Performing Post October 10th

WILDFIRE TRAJECTORY

did you know...


In the 21st century, we have seen **hotter** and **more destructive wildfires** due to heavy fuel loads combined with drought and extreme heat.



CALIFORNIA 2024 FIRE SEASON

As of October 8th, **1,005,564 acres** have burned in California compared to **326,809 acres** in the same period in 2023!


429,603 of the 2024 acres burned are from the Park Fire alone, which was a human-caused fire & currently the 4th largest fire in California history.



Source: www.fire.ca.gov; www.silviculture.org


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There's not much we can do to change the weather, but we can do our part to be fire wise while recreating, traveling, or enjoying our homes.



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Every action counts. Let's work together to protect our forests and communities!






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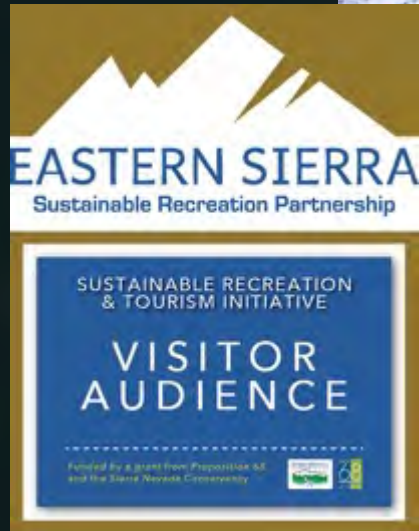
Extinguish grills & campfires. Never leave them unattended!

Check vehicles for dragging chains & exhaust system. Avoid parking on dry grass.

Keep off-highway vehicles (OHV) on designated trails & allow them to cool down on a non-combustible surface before parking or refueling. Use spark arrestors.



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CALREC Vision



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From: Crowfoot, Wade@CNRA Wade.Crowfoot@resources.ca.gov  

Subject: RE: CALREC Vision / Wentworth - Follow up from Nevada County Sustainability Summit

Date: September 12, 2024 at 4:24 AM

WC

“I’m hoping (CNRA Team) can figure into 1) lifting up recreation in the respective regional Jobs First strategies where it is prioritized and talking through how CNRA can help on this priority; and 2) enabling our Oct Wildfire Taskforce meeting to “hit it out of the park” highlighting how recreation figures in centrally to the regional/local wildfire resilience efforts.”

Best,
Wade

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Implement Sec. Crowfoot Direction

- Recreation data integration with Planscape & new Task Force data tools
- Adoption of the Joint Strategy by jurisdictions with recreation economies across the state
- Establish cohort of Industry Sector Coordinator representatives from identified CA Jobs First Regions
- Convene Jobs First / Wildfire Summit in April 2025

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A PLANNING TOOL TO MAXIMIZE
WILDFIRE RESILIENCE + ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS

What is Planscape?

Planscape is a new wildfire resilience planning tool designed to bring the best available state and federal data and science together in a user-friendly, accessible format.

Planscape helps regional planners prioritize landscape treatments to mitigate fire risk, maximize ecological benefits and help California's landscapes adapt to climate change.

Specifically, Planscape:

- Shows the conditions of the landscape across the four main regions of California (Sierra Nevada, Southern California, Northern California, Central Coast)
- Visualizes treatment areas and how they affect the conditions on the landscape
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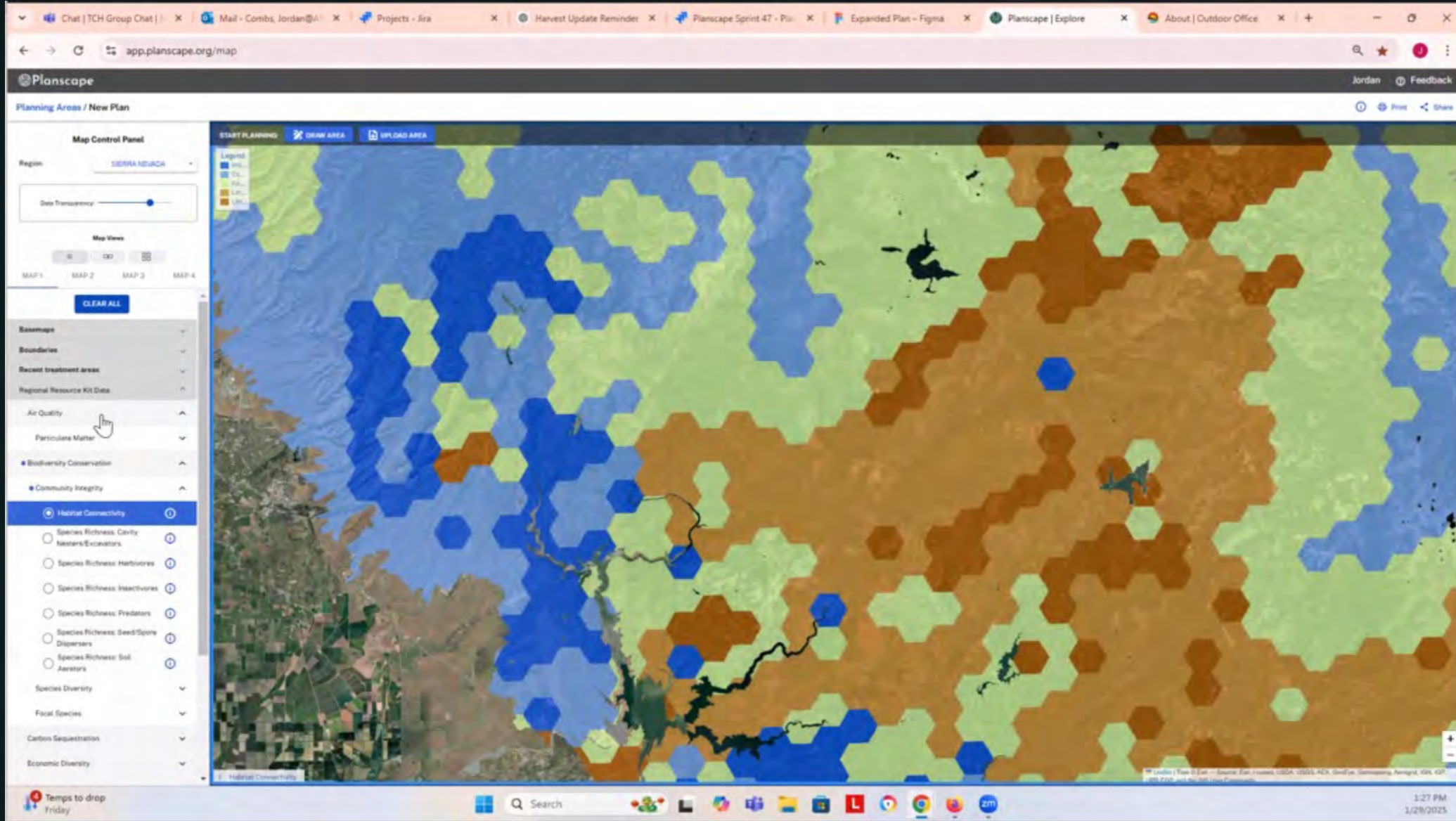
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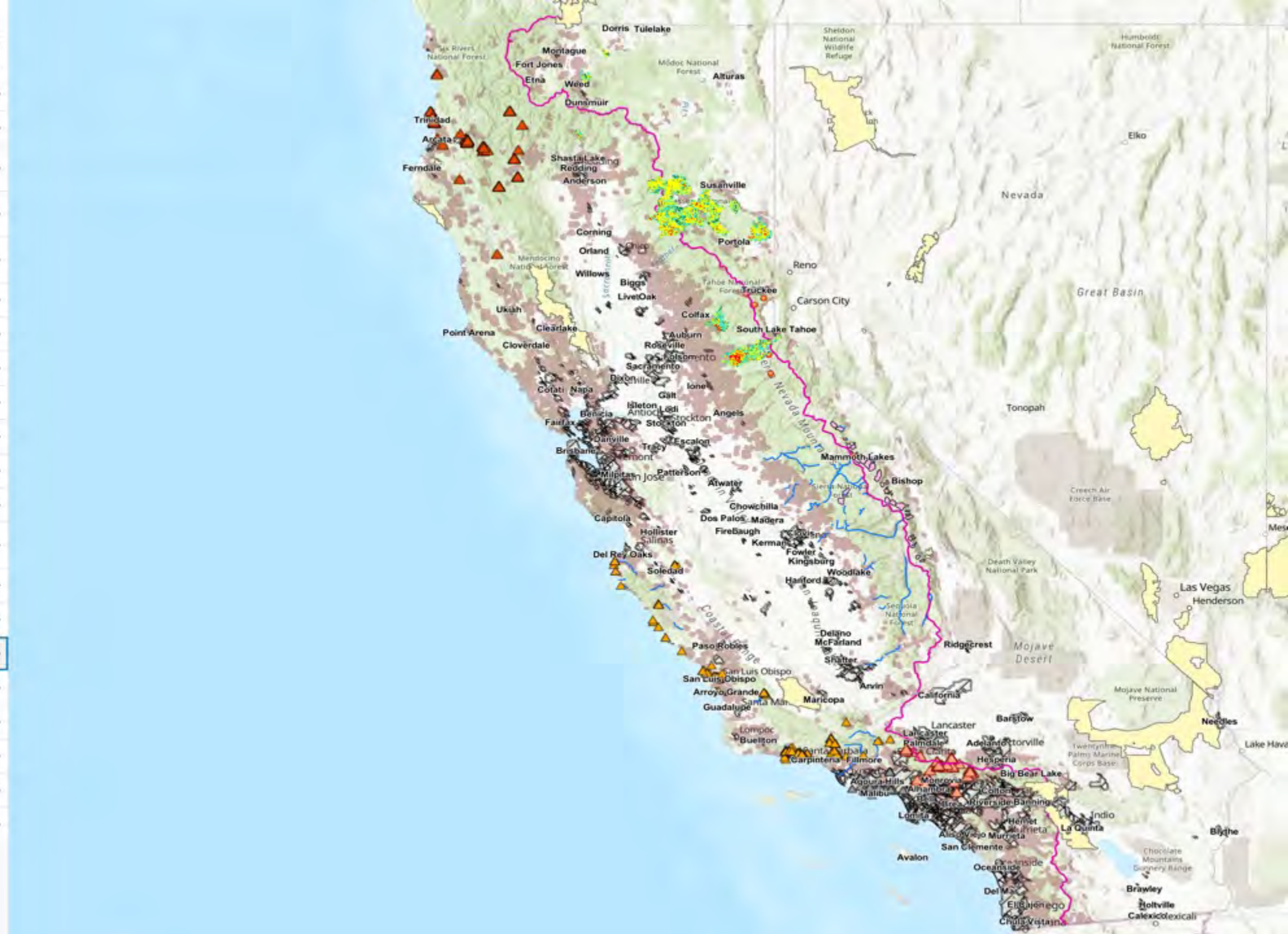
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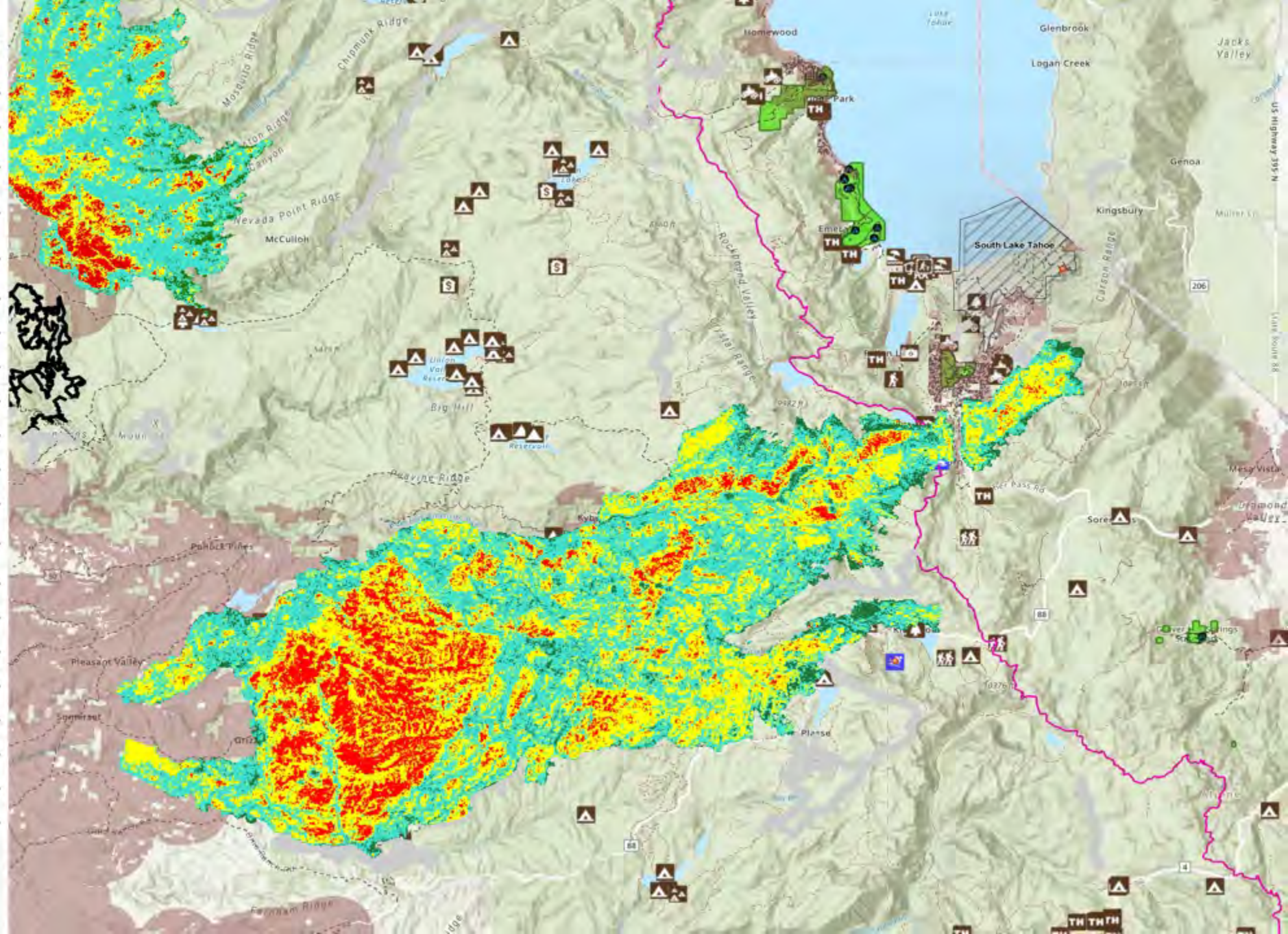
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REGIONAL MEETING**

MARCH 27 & 28, 2025

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PREPARED FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE
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DECEMBER 12, 2022



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TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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

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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



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STAFF REPORT

To: ESCOG Joint Powers Authority
From: Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Executive Director
Subject: Accept the State of California's "Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience"

Meeting date: February 26, 2024

Prepared on: February 15, 2025

Attachments: A) Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience

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| Coun | Linked | Text | Yes/N | Notes |
| 1 | Alameda | Alameda | ? | Oakland; outreach to East Bay Regional Park District/Doug H |
| 2 | Alpine | Alpine | Y | David G, Clim Celio/Wildfire Coord, trails group |
| 3 | Amador | Amador | ? | Work through wildfire collab |
| 4 | Butte | Butte | Y | BOS/Doug Teeter |
| 5 | Calaveras | Calaveras | Y | BOS/Ben Stoppard (former BOS Jack Garamendi also) |
| 6 | Colusa | Colusa | N | |
| 7 | Contra Costa | Contra Costa | Y | BOS John Gioia (CSAC) |
| 8 | Del Norte | Del Norte | Y | BOS Chris Howard (CSAC) |
| 9 | El Dorado | El Dorado | Y | BOS Brook? And City of SLT - John Fried |
| 10 | Fresno | Fresno | ? | |
| 11 | Glenn | Glenn | N | |
| 12 | Humboldt | Humboldt | Y | BOS Mike Wilson |
| 13 | Imperial | Imperial | ? | |
| 14 | Inyo | Inyo | Y | Nate/Trina/Kristen P |
| 15 | Kern | Kern | ? | Kernville/mtb connections, community foundation |
| 16 | Kings | Kings | N | |
| 17 | Lake | Lake | Y | BOS Eddi Crandell (RCRC) |
| 18 | Lassen | Lassen | Y | CAO; Joel Rathje connection/trails |
| 19 | Los Angeles | Los Angeles | Y | Parks and Recreation/Doug H |
| 20 | Madera | Madera | Y | BOS Bobby McCauley (Oakhurst) |
| 21 | Marin | Marin | Y | Bill K, Kevin Wright/Marin Open Space |
| 22 | Mariposa | Mariposa | Y | BOS Rosemarie Smallcombe; Sierra Foothill Conservancy/Bridget Fithian |
| 23 | Mendocino | Mendocino | Y | John - Redwoods Rising contact |
| 24 | Merced | Merced | N | |
| 25 | Modoc | Modoc | ? | BOS Geri Byrne/RCRC |
| 26 | Mono | Mono | Y | Paul, Lynda, Marcella, Wendi |
| 27 | Monterey | Monterey | Y | BOS Chris Lopez/Parks District |
| 28 | Napa | Napa | Y | BOS Anne Cottrell |
| | | | | BOS Hardy Bullock, Heidi Hall; Town |



Friends -

On January 15, the Mammoth Lakes Town Council officially adopted "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience," the first jurisdiction in the state to do so. The strategy was published in March 2023 by the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force of the State of California. Its authors, the Sustainable Recreation/CALREC Vision Key Working Group, received the "Partnership of the Year" award in 2022 from Region 5 of the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region. The Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) convened and facilitated the Key Working Group, collaborating with the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to produce the final document. [Learn more about the Joint Strategy and the CALREC Vision.](#)

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The Wildfire Threat

The Mammoth Lakes economy relies on sustainable outdoor recreation. As the home of Mammoth Mountain, the premier winter recreation resort operated by the Alterra Mountain Company, year-round tourism revenue generated by recreation visitors funds the community's municipal services and is now providing crucial support to address the local housing crisis. But the threat of catastrophic wildfire looms.

The Town Council adopted the Joint Strategy as a guiding document to engage and strengthen its recreation assets in the fight against wildfires and to protect the community's housing and capital assets, all while ensuring public safety and making the jurisdiction attractive for state and federal funding, such as Proposition 4, the climate bond measure passed by California voters in November 2024.

Communities Taking Action

Do you live in or enjoy a California recreation community threatened by wildfire from its surrounding natural environment? Mammoth Lakes may be the first jurisdiction in California to adopt the Joint Strategy, but it must not be the last. Advocate for your local elected officials to adopt "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience" and its [four goals and 31 key actions](#) so that we can act, because the time for action is now. We must proactively engage our communities and their recreation assets in their protection before, during, and as we recover from wildfires.

Sustainable Outdoor Recreation is California

Sustainable outdoor recreation drives economies and creates jobs across California. With Los Angeles in the throes of a catastrophic wildfire event and a new federal administration in power, we must collaborate and stand together. We must protect and safeguard the communities we love and the nature-based experiences they welcome us into, as they represent the very best of California.

If we can help, please reply to this email, we are ready.

[Learn more about the CALREC Vision.](#)

Best to all -

John Wentworth
CEO/Board President
Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation

SUPPORT OUR WORK



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.

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Vision

"Symposium of Practice"

April 24/25

CA Natural Resources Building, Sacramento

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Project Updates



- 47 Catalyst applications in review by Governing Council as of 2/12
- 600 hours review by 6 SJF scorers
- Governing Council receives scoring and funding recommendations 3/12
- Casting virtual ballots by 3/19
- Meeting 3/21 at 9 am on zoom to discuss/finalize Catalyst awards
- Viewable to public, pre-register
- Contact jobsfirst@sierrabusiness.org

California Jobs First: Economic Blueprint



- Announced Wednesday, Feb 26
- Culmination of 2 years of work with 13 economic regions through California Jobs First initiative
- Goal: Help create, attract and increase access to good-paying jobs
- Guide the State's economic investment priorities over the next several years
- <https://jobsfirst.ca.gov/>

California Jobs First: Strategic Sectors

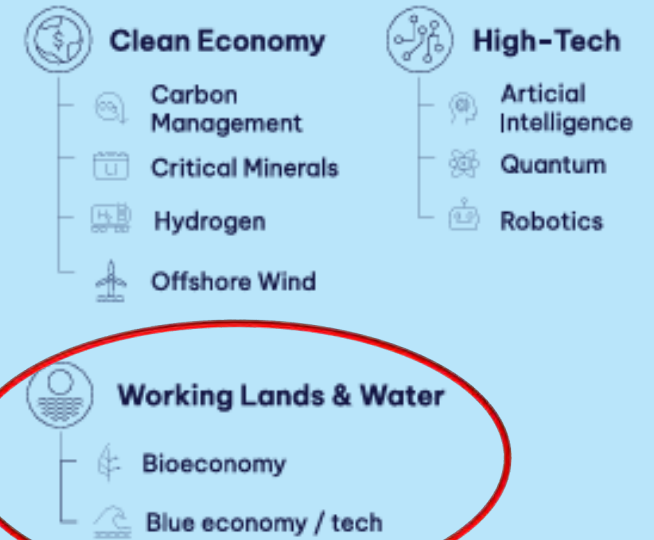
Strengthen



Accelerate



Bet



Anchor



California Jobs First: Funding Opportunities



✓ **\$125 million grant solicitation** to support new “ready-to-go” projects aligned to the state’s strategic sectors

✓ **\$15 million grant solicitation** for economic planning, pre-development, and implementation projects for California Native American tribes.

✓ **\$52 million for new apprenticeships** through the Apprenticeship Innovation Fund

✓ **\$16 million for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship funding for young people ages 16-24**

California Jobs First: Implementation Phase RFP

Two phase competition run by GO-Biz and LWDA*

- Select regional or cross-regional coalitions w/ project clusters (3-8 aligned, interconnected projects) in a tradeable sector in the **accelerate** or **bet** category
- Invest in highly competitive individual projects from those clusters that are ready for implementation

Two application rounds

- Notice of Intent: March 26, 2025 and March 20, 2026
- 24 month period of performance starting September 2025

* *California Labor and Workforce Development Agency*

Andie Stewart – MLTPA Foundation



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

MLTPA has assembled a database of funding opportunities for sustainable recreation and tourism projects for Sierra Jobs First. This database is a snapshot of opportunities that may align with projects submitted by stakeholders consistent with the SJF Regional Strategy.



POLICY RESEARCH

MLTPA has assembled a database of land management policy documents and data resources to inform the development of Sierra Jobs First projects, which may be useful for other Sierra Jobs First regional efforts.

Sierra Jobs First: Industry Sector Coordinator Outreach

March ESSRP Meeting: Draft Agenda

Situational Awareness:

Headwaters Economics Feb 2025: [Three trends showcase the strength of the outdoor recreation economy](#) (takeaways: 1. nationally, the outdoor recreation economy is growing faster than the overall economy; 2. 49 states saw growth in their recreation economy; 3. High-wage outdoor recreation jobs are growing rapidly—promoting workforce development in higher paying outdoor industries means recreation is positioned to accelerate economic growth)

Federal:

[How several of Trump's orders target Biden-era climate policies](#)

[Employees at USDA instructed to scrub website of all climate change related language](#)

[The Environmental Protection Agency instructed to remove climate change from its website](#)

[According to this EDGI report, Trump's first term also eliminated or replaced references to climate change and renewable energy](#)

[What we know about the 14 percent of federal awards in Trump's crosshairs](#)

Memo issued by OMB requesting information on the status of federal programs

[OMB list of caveats](#)

[Doug Burgum is sworn in as Secretary of the Interior](#) (takeaway: large supporter of Recreation and Stewardship)

[Shutting of USAID closes Food for Peace, a government program that provides food aid to vulnerable nations, whose suppliers are US based farmers](#)

[NPS to post 5,000 Summer Jobs](#) per Doug Burgum, new SOI during a Fox News interview (takeaway: Remember, National Park visitation is growing around ~4% each year, and is responsible for \$26.4 Billion in spending in nearby communities (per [Headwaters Economic Sept. 2024 report](#)))

[Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program implements change to infrastructure used to determine cost-share waiver eligibility](#)—Forest Service mandates low income as only criteria for cost-share waiver eligibility, as opposed to the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (takeaway: how public agencies are managing federal changes)

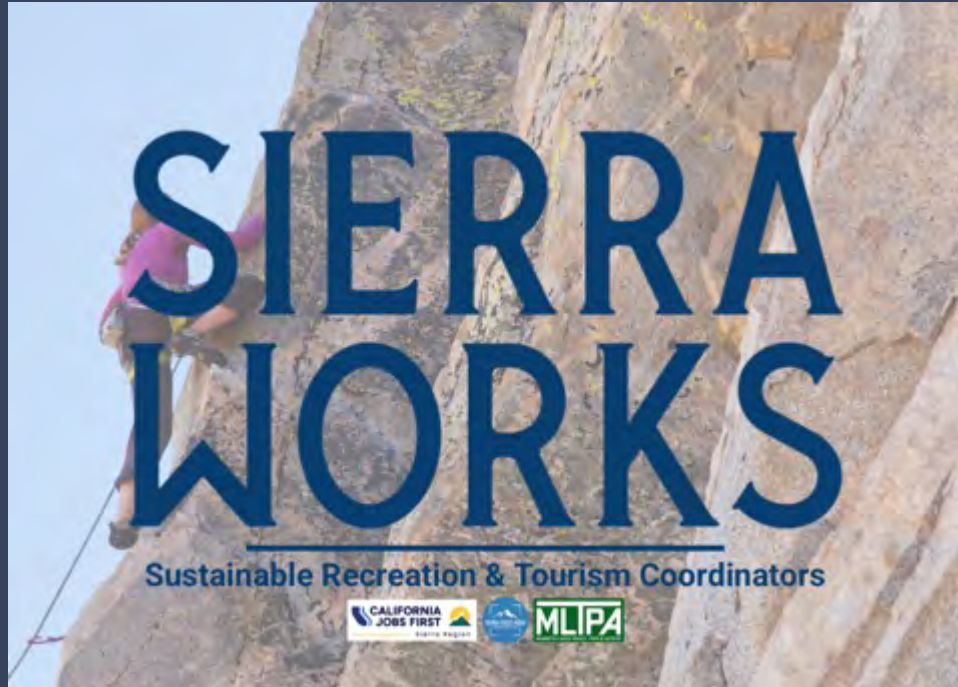
EXPLORE Act ORR Webinar Insights:

- EXPLORE Act is comprised of dozens of bills that are put together in this package
- Explore act will help get people outdoors by modernizing federal system and elimination
 - Technical assistance to modernize campgrounds, infrastructures, marinas, trails
 - Can we extend shoulder seasons for better managed
 - Expanding wifi and broadband in gateway communities
 - Permitting processes to expand
 - Aimed at expanding accessibility and inclusion in the outdoors (youth, veterans)
- Four major provision:
 - Youth access: codifies Every Kid in a Park Act (every 4th grader gets a pass)
 - Access for people with: requires agencies to conduct full assessments for accessibility of recreation infrastructure and trails:
 - Develop new accessible trails
 - Make
 - Veterans
 - Increase awareness of outdoor recreation opportunities for veterans/military service members
 - New materials like therapeutic programs, educational pamphlets,
 - Create opportunities to get funding for Veterans
 - Explore federal career opportunities and hiring programs within land management and outdoor recreation
 - Outdoors for all
 - ORLP (matching grant program to develop/improve parks in urban and underserved communities
 - For the first time, expands eligibility for grant program to include tribes of the first time

Panel with Robert and Ken:

- Robert and Ken Lucero Inquiries:
- Background on Explore:
 - Ken Lucero - Dr. Lucero - Tribal and Indigenous Programs Director for Trust for Public Land
 - Increasing access
 - Schoolyards: creates spaces and communities to utilize safe spaces to play and be together
 - Increase access to parks so they are within a 10 minute walk
 - Outdoors for All Act - matching grant for access to parks and developing trails
 - Bipartisan emphasis: cut through some of the political differences is to approach the values that are at stake (access, freedom, equity, advantages for gateway communities, economic benefits that are provided, etc.)
 - They put a story and a name to the bill
 - Robert Scott: Deputy Director of Federal Policy at the Sierra Club
 - Underserved communities to get kids, families and veterans outside
 - Picnic tables for people in wheelchairs

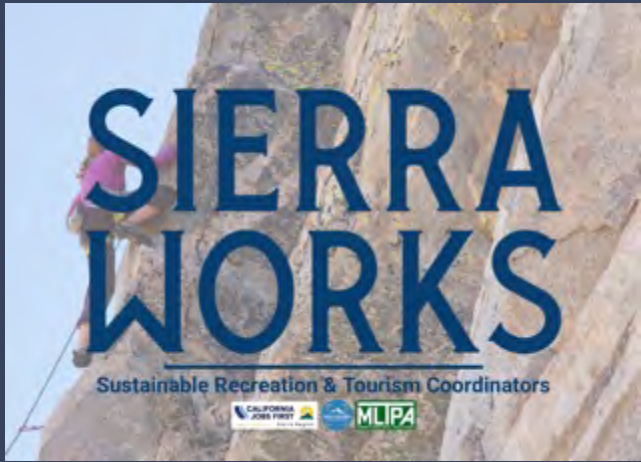
Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects



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

Catalyst Projects We Know About



1. Business Catalyst Program
2. Campground Improvements
3. Chipmunk Canyon Existing Conditions Analysis
4. Climate & Recreation
5. Eastern Sierra Regional Collaborative (ESRC) Capacity Incubator
6. Impact Study for Arts Center in Markleeville
7. Pathway to Prosperity
8. Regional Community Foundation
9. Regional Trail System
10. Sierra Sourced
11. Tree Nursery for the Eastern Sierra/ Great Basin
12. Tri-County Economic Impact Analysis of Recreation
13. Wildfire & Recreation

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects

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2024 Strategic Plan

Regional Plan: Part II



Governing Council Approved August 23, 2024

Pages 70
through
80 of the
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: Catalyst Projects

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2024 Strategic Plan

Regional Plan: Part II



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Recreation & Tourism Projects

- Missing Catalyst Projects?
- New Projects that line up with the Regional Strategy?
- Please Reach Out!

Get Free Technical Assistance



Project Submission Form

Submit your project details here to request technical assistance.

Start

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on 4



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A Guide to Proposition 4:

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



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How Prop 4 Will Impact California's Climate and Natural Resources Investments

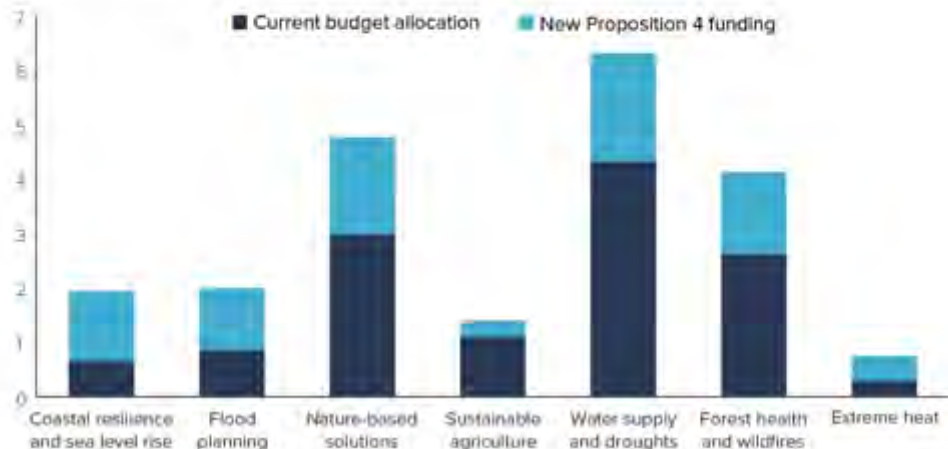


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Proposition 4 will substantially increase the state budget for various water and climate initiatives

Funding (\$ billion)



ADVOCACY



February 20, 2025

Action Alert: Help Us Protect Prop 4 Funding!

Use your voice to protect funding for parks, trails, and wildfire mitigation!

CAMTB has significant concerns regarding how Proposition 4: Climate Bond (Prop 4) funds, approved by voters in November, are being utilized in the Governor's 2025-26 Proposed Budget. The potential negative impact on access to recreation, trails, and public lands cannot be overlooked. Currently, \$273 million of funding from previous years' budgets for climate mitigation investments is being swapped out for Prop 4 funding.

While we are pleased to see Prop 4 funding activated to address climate threats, this application does not reflect voter intent. **Voters were promised that Prop 4 would provide funding over and above what the state already committed.** The Proposed Budget reduces the overall impact of Prop 4 as it pays for projects that already have funding.

Departments' efficiency savings key in 2025 budget discussions

Recent questions have focused on universities' share of the reductions

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Request questions to me have centered on planned budget cuts for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU), both of which were recently analyzed by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO).

The 2024-25 state budget aimed to balance the state budget for a two-year period (2024-25 and 2025-26) with temporary corporate tax measures and withdrawal of about half the rainy day fund, among other actions. A key budget savings in the 2024-25 budget plan was an ongoing reduction in state operations costs of executive branch departments. The UC and CSU systems were included in those reductions. But, the inability of state departments and agencies in the Governor's administration ("state departments") to hit savings targets the administration proposed last May may leave the General Fund portions of these cuts predominantly focused on the universities for 2025-26 and beyond.

Update on Los Angeles wildfire response and recovery spending

ABX1 4 and SBX1 3 required periodic reporting on state spending to date

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READ IN APP ↗

The California Department of Finance has posted its latest report on state spending for Los Angeles wildfire response and recovery pursuant to [ABX1 4](#) and [SBX1 3](#).

The report is here: <https://dof.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/352/2025/02/Los-Angeles-Wildfire-Response-and-Recovery-Expenditure-Report-FINAL.pdf>.

The report indicates that \$246 million of the \$2.5 billion authorized in the special session bills has been augmented to departments' budgets to date. Federal and local funds are also being deployed by other governments, including for many debris removal costs. Federal reimbursement will occur for many funds, but that process typically takes several years to complete.

Thanks for reading. Subscribe for free to receive new posts, or follow me on [Bluesky](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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



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**FOR RURAL
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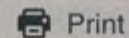


RECREATION

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.

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Federal Updates

SUPPORT

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

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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?

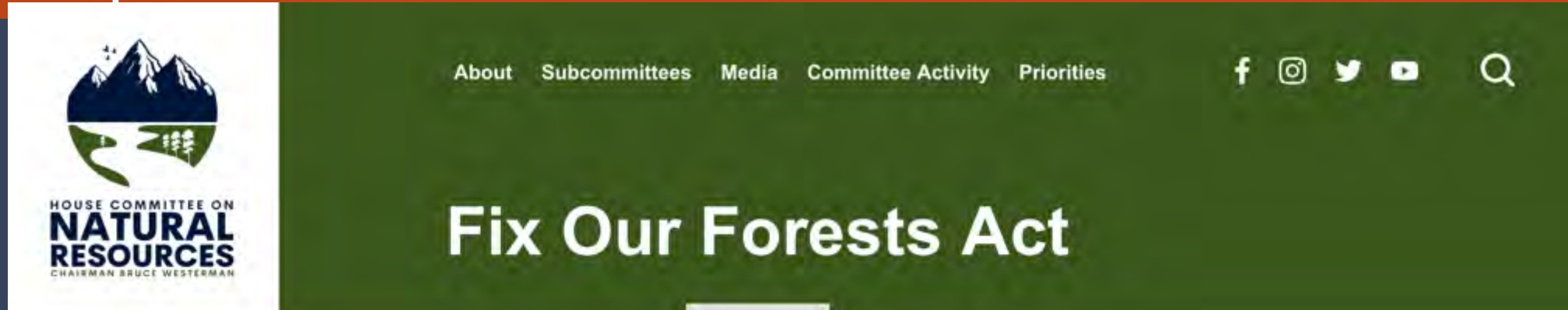
- 1 **Breaks down** government silos to address pressing recreation challenges and opportunities
- 2 **Expands parking** at highly-visited destinations
- 3 **Unifies** and makes data collection consistent
- 4 **Allows** for selling passes and collecting fees online
- 5 **Modernizes** film and photo permitting
- 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

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



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 |



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

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.

119th Congress Press Releases

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

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

OUTDOOR ALLIANCE

HOUSE VOTES TO PASS WILDFIRE PACKAGE THAT COULD HARM OUTDOOR RECREATION

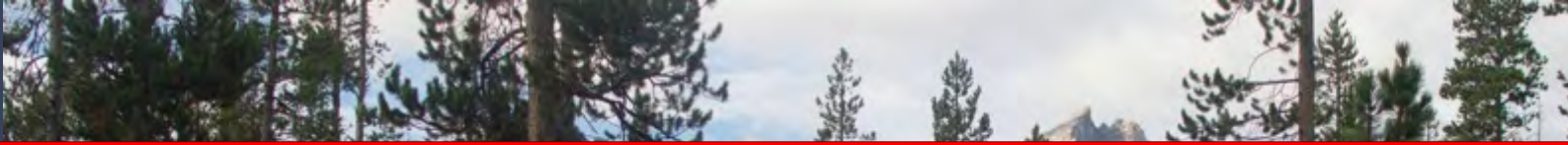
Outdoor Alliance has educated the outdoor community and lawmakers on why fires have become more severe and on how wildfire affects outdoor recreation, including better forest management prescribed burns, better pay for firefighters, and post-fire recovery. This work must be carefully planned in a way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



Federal Updates

OUTDOOR ALLIANCE

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.



The Green Tape Elimination Act which would exempt hazardous fuel reduction activities on federal lands from federal regulations for a decade. 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.

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.

Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

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

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2025 @ 3:30