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Recording in Progress

Public lands in the United States hold the creation stories, burial grounds, and ceremonies of Indigenous people who were killed or forcibly removed from their ancestral homes during territorial acquisition.

Many tribes, comprised of different bands, live in the Eastern Sierra region, caring for their native lands as they coexist with the ongoing impacts of colonization. Past or present tribes and bands associated with the region that this effort is aware of include, but are not limited to, the Miwok, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a, Mono/Monache, Nüümü (Paiute), Newe (Shoshone), Timbi-Sha, Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute, and Washoe.

Two Nüümü terms describe the region and provide important context to ideas offered in this presentation. The first is Pamidu Toiyabe (Western Mountains), and the other, more widely known, place name is Payahuunadü (The Place Where Water Flows).

This acknowledgement is an invitation to all organizations, residents, and visitors to recognize the way this history has shaped the present as all parties work together in anticipation of a better future.

What is the ESSRP



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

Welcome and Housekeeping



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U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley

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

Introducing

- Natalia Vasquez – *Regional Representative for El Dorado, Alpine, Mono, & Inyo County*





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Here's when California's first heat wave of 2025 could hit

By **Anthony Edwards**, Newsroom Meteorologist

April 2, 2025

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Over 2,300 Sierra Club supporters like you shared how they are most excited to celebrate Earth Day and explore, and enjoy, and protect the planet.

Based on what we heard, here are the top three ways you can get involved and celebrate Earth Month!


From spending time in nature to activities for kids or protesting in the streets, there's something for everyone this Earth Month. Here are three ideas to get you started:

Get Outside

 **63 percent of you said you wanted to go on a hike or get outdoors.** Our local chapters across the county are hosting hikes, nature walks, as well as activist and educational events nationwide. [Find an event in your state!](#)


[Attend an Event Near You](#)

Live Sustainably

 **49 percent of you said you wanted to learn how to live more sustainably.** We created a guide with some of our top sustainability tips and tricks on green living in your daily life from finances, to transportation, to fashion. [Check out the five sustainability tips here.](#)

[Get Your Sustainability Tips](#)

Take Action

 **38 percent of you said you wanted to contact your elected officials.** Every month, we're getting together virtually to take actions like calling our federal representatives, writing them letters, sharing on social media, and more. Join our next Action Hour to get the latest updates on Trump's agenda and take meaningful action against it. [Join the Earth Month Action Hour on Tuesday, April 15.](#)

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[If you haven't already, you can still take the two minute survey and share your opinion here!](#)

Keep an eye out for more Earth Month activities and invitations! We're looking forward to celebrating with you all month long.

Sierra Club

P.S. For those of you who are excited to attend a march or protest, there's a great opportunity coming up this Saturday. We're standing up to Trump and corporate polluters to say our air, water, and environment are not for sale. [Find a local "Hands Off!" rally or event near you on April 5!](#)

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BAY AREA // HEALTH

People in this rural California town are dying of the virus that killed Gene Hackman's wife

By **Nora Mishanec**, Breaking & Enterprise Reporter

April 3, 2025

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Building a resilient and sustainable future for
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Industry comment period ends: March 31, 2025
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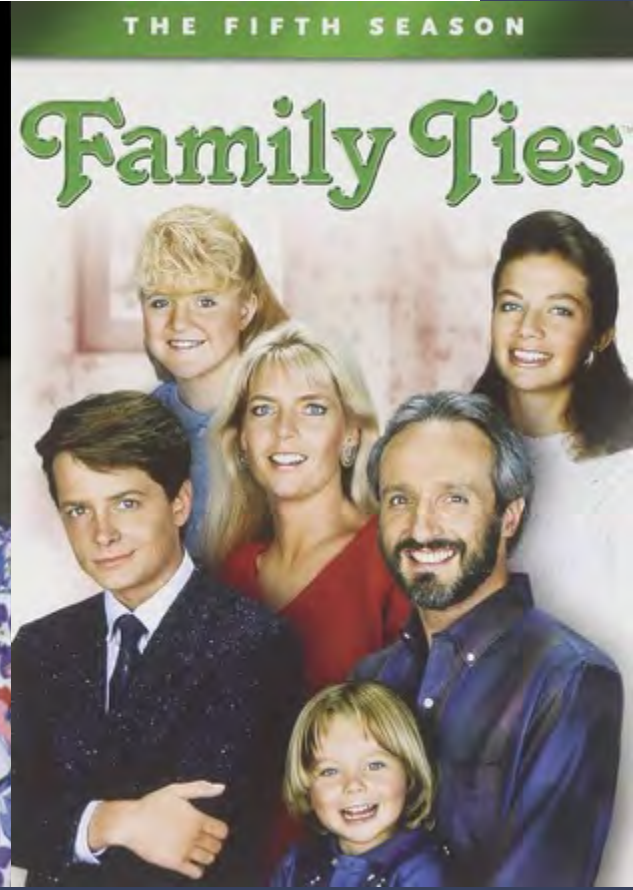
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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

March 25, 2025

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Meghan Hertel	Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat	California Natural Resources Agency
Gloria Sandoval	Deputy Secretary for Access	California Natural Resources Agency
Madeline Drake	Assistant Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat	California Natural Resources Agency
California Outdoor Recreation Community		
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Annie Burke	Executive Director	Together Bay Area
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Emily Blackmer	Government Affairs Director	Sierra Business Council
Greg Williams	Executive Director	Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship
Hannah Wintucky	Government Affairs Manager	Outdoor Industry Association
Hilary Eisen	Policy Director	Winter Wildlands Alliance
Jazzari Taylor	Policy Advocate	Parks Now / Latino Outdoors
Jennifer Savage	California Policy Associate Director	Surfrider Foundation
John Wentworth	CEO/President	MLTPA Foundation
Jordan Lim	Program Manager	Resources Legacy Fund
Kathleen Baker	Executive Director	Runners for Public Lands
Katie Hawkins	California Program Director	Outdoor Alliance
Katie Goodwin	Western Regional Director/Policy Analyst	Access Fund
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Maricela Rosales	California Associate Program Director	Conservation Lands Foundation
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Michael Anzalone	Executive Director	California Mountain Biking Coalition
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Stephanie Lynn Dashiell	Protect CA Deserts Coalition Facilitator	Protect CA Deserts / Protect Chuckwalla Campaign
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As the list of nations issuing travel warnings to the US grows, some visitors are opting to boycott it entirely. Here's why many foreigners are changing their travel plans and what this could mean for Americans.



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Republicans weigh sales of public land in reconciliation

By Garrett Downs, Kelsey Brugger | 04/02/2025 06:47 AM EDT

The plans are still fuzzy, and some Republicans say they fiercely oppose the idea.



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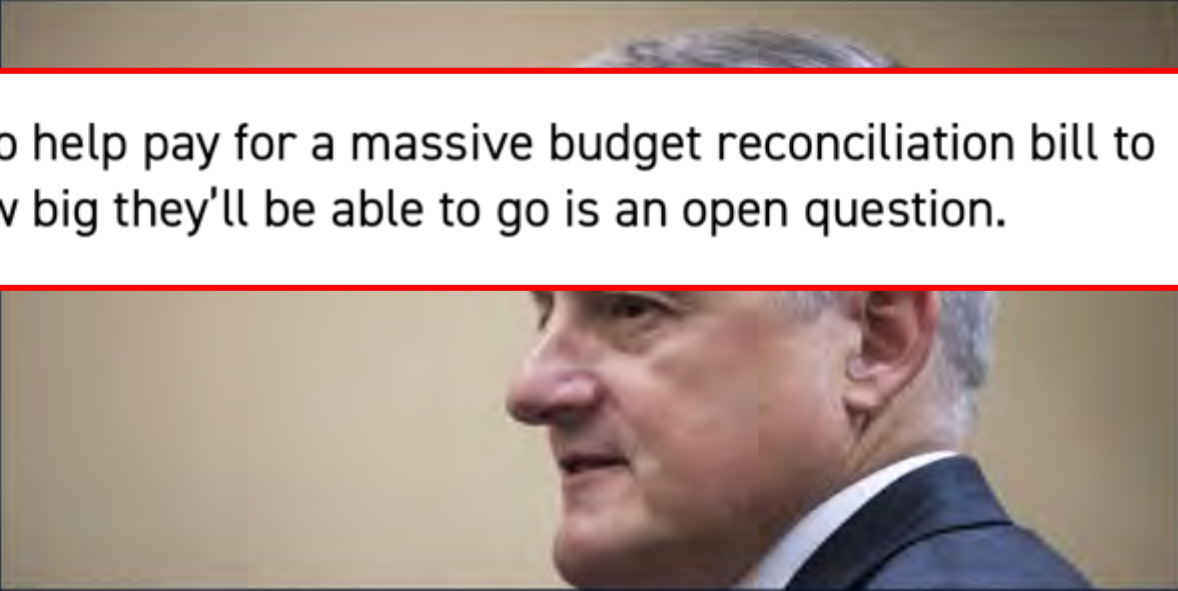
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Republicans are mulling the sale of some public lands to help pay for a massive budget reconciliation bill to advance President Donald Trump's agenda. But just how big they'll be able to go is an open question.

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Protecting Our Public Lands: Countering Current Attacks on our National Parks & America's Public Lands

Date & Time Apr 9, 2025 03:00 PM in [Eastern Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

Description In recent days federal officials have proposed selling-off lands in our National Parks. Massive recent firings of federal park and forest employees threaten to close campgrounds, trails and outdoor access this summer. And reports point to an attempt to roll-back protections of the most environmentally and cultural sensitive areas on federal public lands. Join us for an important discussion with outdoor recreation leaders to track these threats and discuss how to protect our public lands for all Americans.



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Trail Towns & Gateway Communities: Survey Findings and Impact Summary

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Trail Towns & Gateway Communities: Survey Findings and Impact Summary

This comprehensive report provides survey findings from 20 responses received from 19 programs in the U.S. and Canada. This is the first collective study to share insights from program managers into the diverse approaches Trail Town and Gateway Community programs take, the challenges they face, and the perceived impacts they have on their communities. The report outlines the current state of these initiatives and offers valuable recommendations for program managers, policymakers, and stakeholders looking to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of trail community programs.

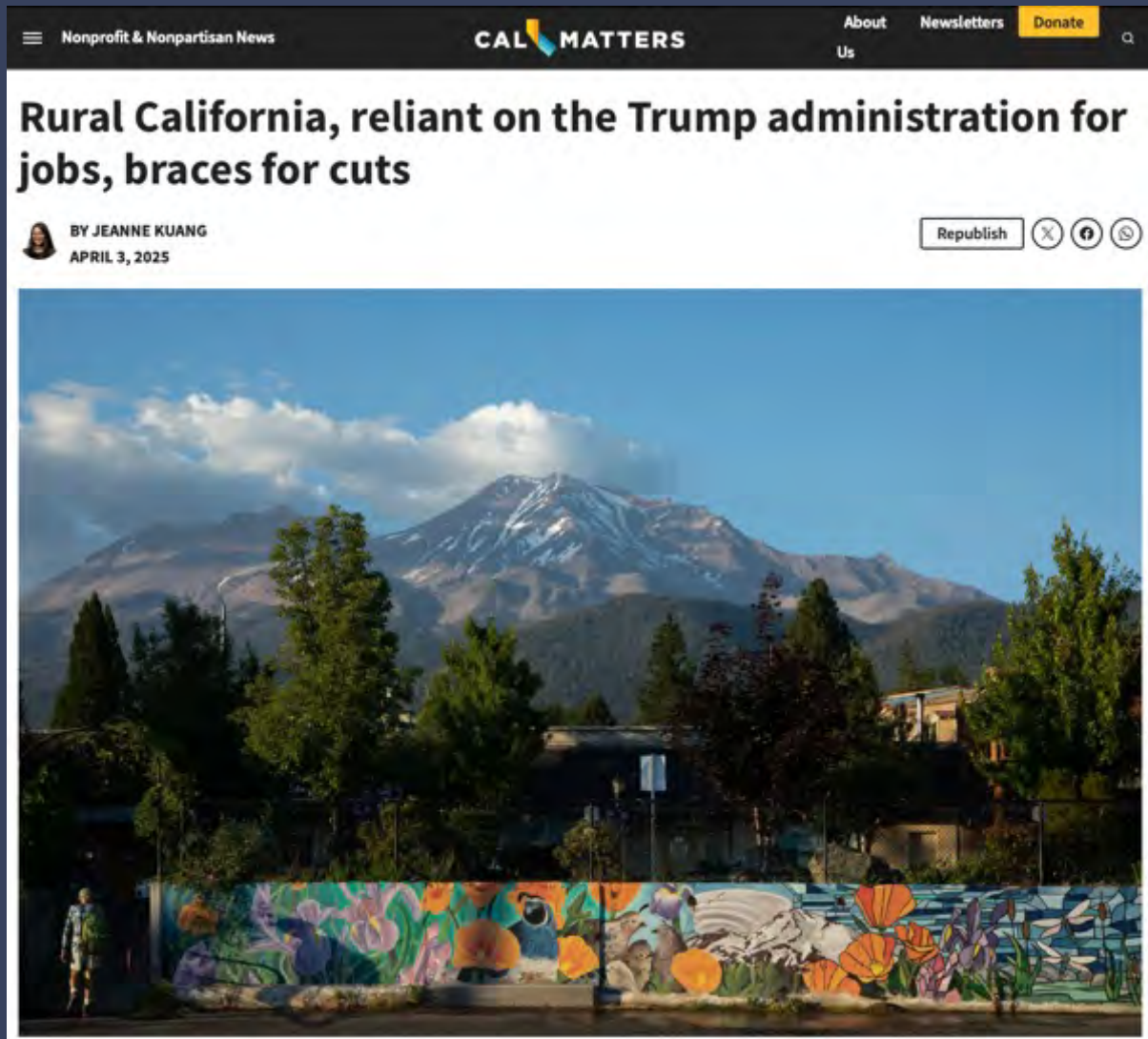
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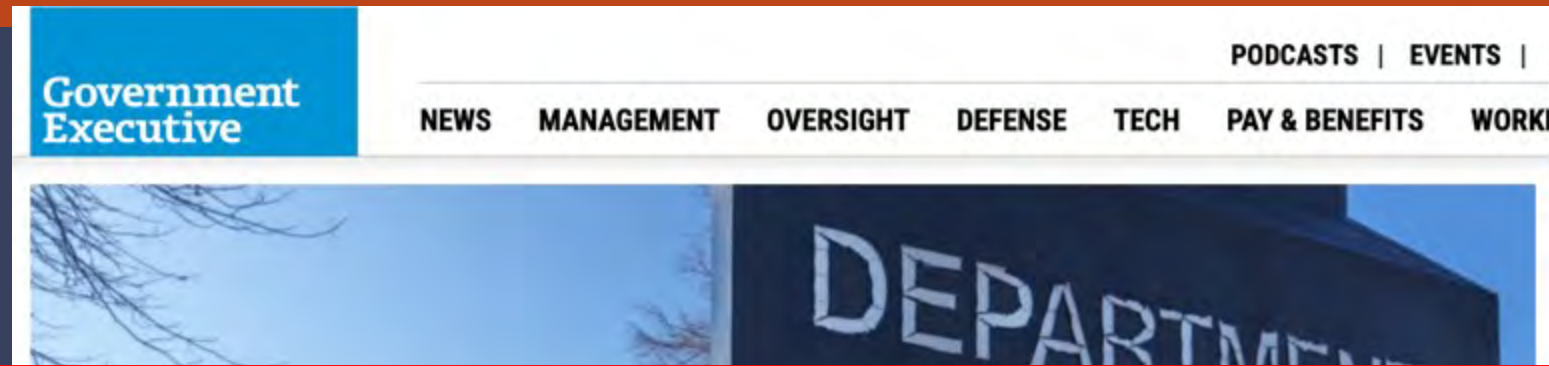
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Some USDA RIF plans take shape as department warns employees of major cuts

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In the coming weeks, USDA will be “optimizing and reducing the size of the workforce to become more efficient,” Rollins said. She made clear the department cannot offer “full assurance regarding which positions will remain—or where they will be located—after USDA’s restructuring.”

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Some of the layoff plans have begun to take shape. According to a source briefed on the matter, the U.S. Forest Service is planning to consolidate its nine regional offices into as few as three. USFS' research team, which focuses on priorities such as new tools to model fire risk, markets, forest restoration and water and employs around 1,500 people, is expected to face cuts. The agency's five Research Stations are slated to be pared back. The nation's 154 National Forests are expected to be consolidated and the plan is to move the Wildland Fire division into another part of the government. USFS' Washington headquarters is slated to be "hollowed out," the source said.

Cuts

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USFS – “None Functional Custodian” - ?

- “I think the USDA plan came out Friday, but the only details I've heard are fire to Department of Interior (DOI), USFS will drop to 10-12,000 employees, HR will be cut to 250 and be required to go to New Mexico Service Center.”

Small Businesses Face a 'Tornado' of Challenges: Cuts, Freezes and Now Tariffs

The New York Times

President Trump vowed to aid entrepreneurs by reducing taxes and slicing red tape. But some owners say other policies have put them at a disadvantage.



Ben Coryell, owner of Golden Mountain Guides in Colorado, is concerned about how long his business can continue to offer climbing courses and mountaineering expeditions. Rachel Woolf for The New York Times



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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

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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.

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IMMEDIATE EXPANSION OF AMERICAN TIMBER PRODUCTION

EXECUTIVE ORDER

March 1, 2025



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A [map](#) accompanying [the order](#) with areas targeted by the declaration shows large swaths of California, including northern woodlands and what appear to be the Angeles, San Bernardino, Los Padres and Cleveland national forests.

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Sherwin Area Recreation Plan 3 (SHARP) #67687

Commenting on This Project

The Forest Service values public participation. Communications from the public regarding this project, including commenters' names and contact information, will become part of the public record. Comments, including anonymous comments, will be accepted at any time. However, comments posted after the close of a designated comment period may not be able to be given full consideration. Anonymous comments and comments submitted after the close of the final designated comment period will not provide the commenter standing for administrative review. Comments, or in some cases other expressions of interest, along with respondent's contact information, submitted during the comment period may be necessary to establish a respondent's eligibility to participate in an administrative review for this proposed action. Interested members of the public should review the proposal's information to determine the applicable administrative review process and the eligibility requirements for that process.

- The date of the legal notice of opportunity to comment on this proposed action is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period.
- For proposals to be documented with an Environmental Assessment, the legal notice announcing the comment period appears in the Newspaper of Record.
- For Draft Environmental Impact Statements, the Notice of Availability announcing the comment period appears in the Federal Register.

Your comments are requested through 5/3/2025 11:59:59 PM (Pacific Standard Time).

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MAMMOTH TRAILS
RECREATION FOR ALL

Thursday, April 17
5pm - 7pm
Open House Style - Drop in Anytime!


AT THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY CENTER
1000 Forest Trail

- Get updates from: Town's Trails Program Manager, USFS, BLM, and Mono County.
- Review the **Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP)**: Open for public comment through May 3 (estimated).
- Get involved and let your voice be heard: clubs, groups, families, and individuals welcome!

For more information on the Sherwins Area Trails Project or to submit your comment to the USFS go here

The Sherwins Area Recreation Plan
Recommendations and Proposals
for the Inyo National Forest



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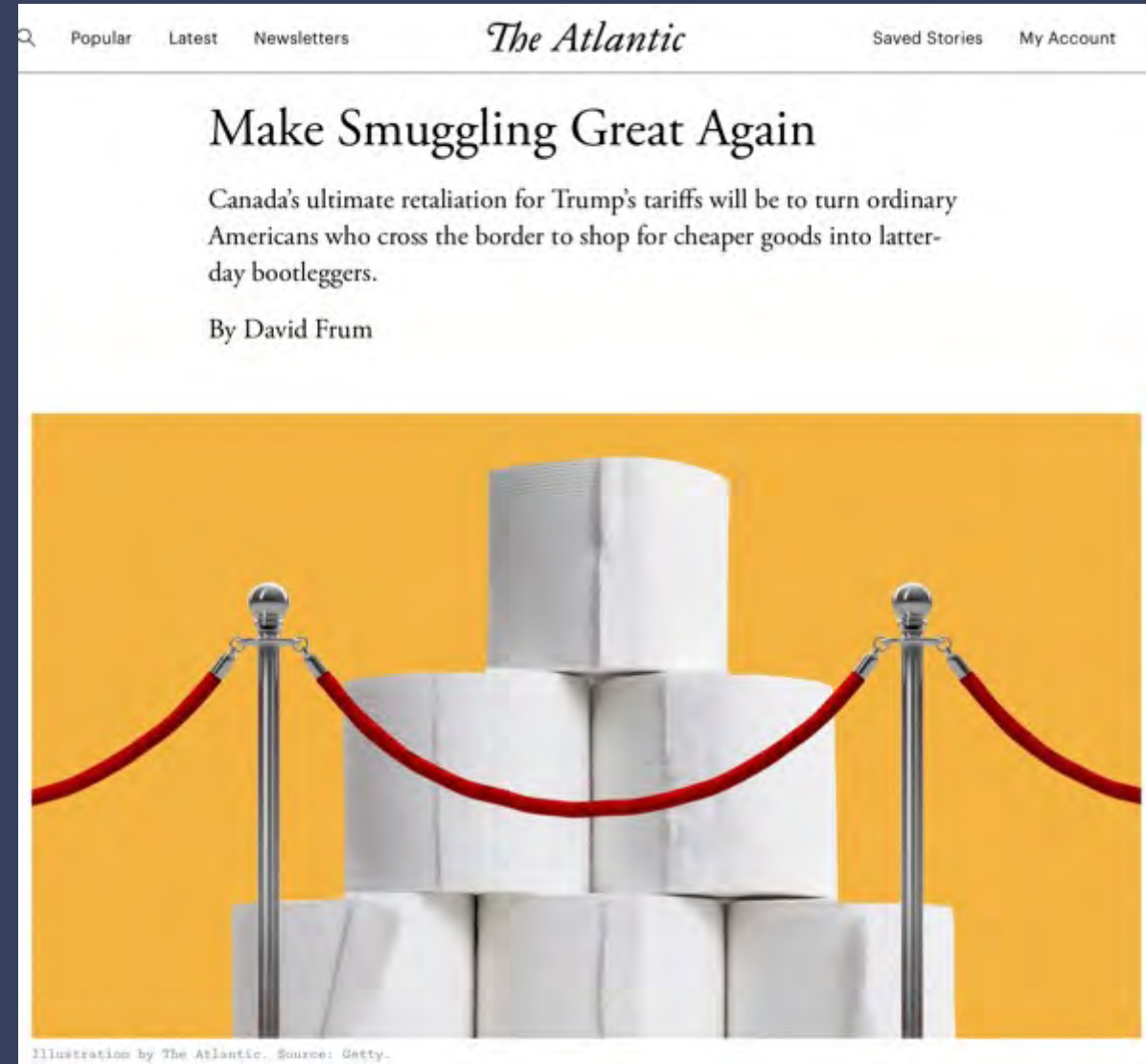
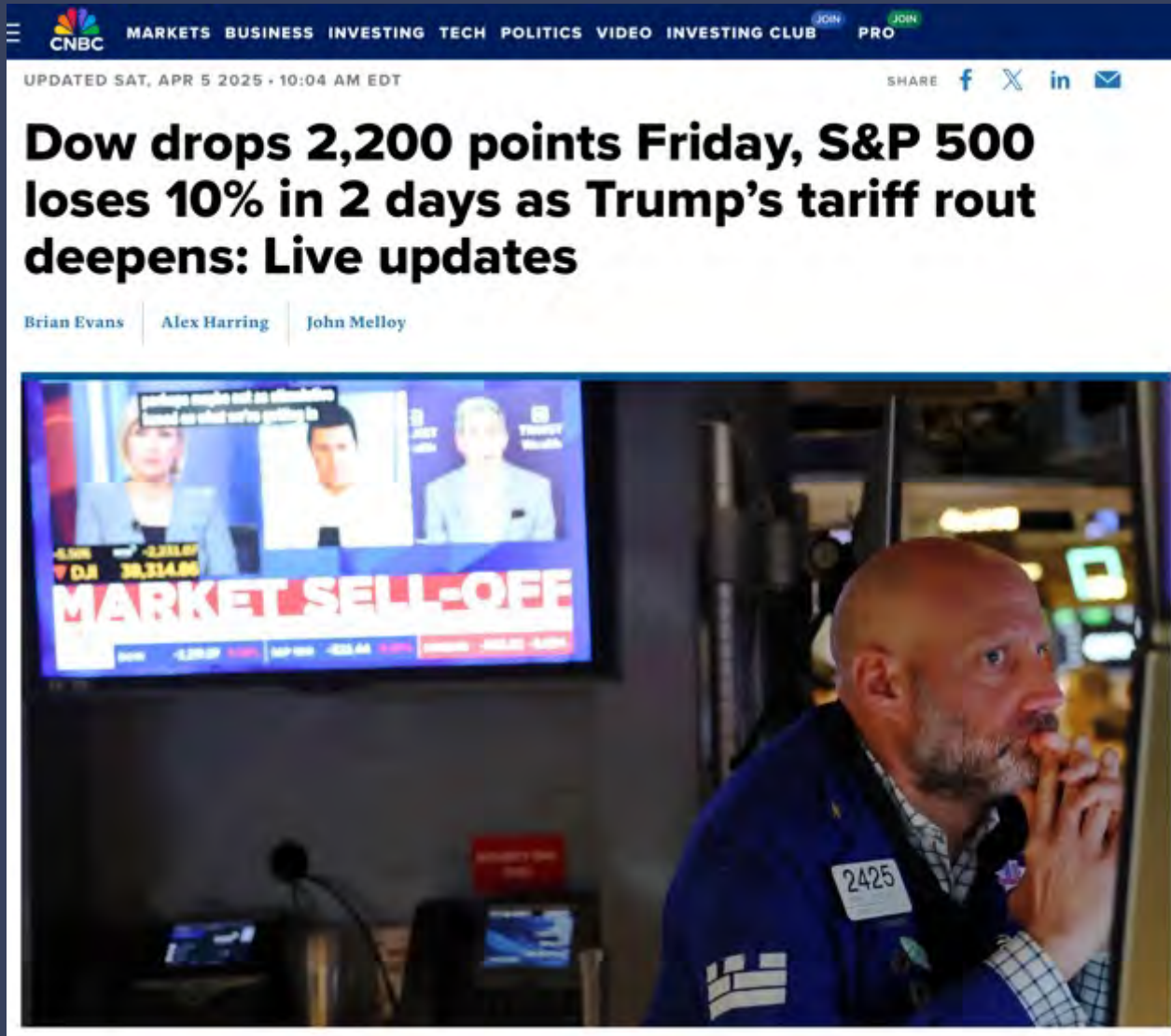
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Apr 4, 2025

Governor Newsom directs state to pursue strategic relationships with international trading partners; urges exemptions of California-made products from tariffs

"California is not Washington, D.C."

What you need to know: As President Trump's tariffs take effect, Governor Gavin Newsom is pursuing new strategic partnerships with international trading partners while calling for California-made products to be excluded from any retaliatory measures and affirming California's long-standing commitment to fair, open, and mutually beneficial global trade.

SACRAMENTO – As global responses to the Trump Administration's tariffs take shape, Governor Gavin Newsom today directed his Administration to pursue new strategic trade relationships with international partners aimed at strengthening shared economic resilience and protecting California's manufacturers, workers, farmers, businesses, and supply chains. As part of this effort, the Governor is also calling on long-standing trade partners to exempt California-made products from any retaliatory measures, reinforcing the state's commitment to fair, open, and mutually beneficial trade.



Protecting California's economic dominance

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Federal Workers Are Being Fired by the Thousands. California Wants to Hire Them



By [Farida Jhabvala Romero](#) Apr 4 Save Article



A former USAID employee pushes personal items on a skateboard as he leaves the former USAID offices at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center on Feb. 27, 2025, in Washington, D.C. Amid the Trump administration's mass layoffs, California has launched an initiative to recruit federal workers, especially in fields such as firefighting and medical and mental health. (Pete Kiehart/The Washington Post via Getty Images)

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Governor Newsom Proclaims State of Emergency to Fast-Track Critical Wildfire Prevention Projects



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SPRING 2025 REGIONAL MEETING RECAP

MARCH 27, 2025

A full-capacity audience of over 400 people came together in Marin County (with over 300 joining online) for the Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force's Spring 2025 Regional Meeting. Hosted by Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority and Fire Safe Marin, the agenda and activities focused on critical issues related to community wildfire risk reduction and landscape management in Marin County and lessons from the Los Angeles fires.

If you couldn't make it in person, or missed the real-time webinar, video recordings are available below.

SPRING REGIONAL MEETING AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- **Lessons from the Los Angeles Fires:** Presenters highlighted key lessons from the 2025 LA wildfires relating to response, community safety, ecosystem resilience and home hardening.
- **Building Resilient Communities in Marin and Beyond:** Regional leaders shared their progress and priorities for protecting communities since the 2017 North Bay wildfires.
- **Director's Report:** Director Wright presented the Task Force's 2025 Key Deliverables outlining the highest priority actions underway this year to increase wildfire resilience across the state.
- **Emergency Proclamation on Wildfire Prevention Projects:** Secretary Crowfoot discussed the Governor's State of Emergency to expedite projects intended to protect California communities from catastrophic wildfire.
- **Tools for Improving Community Resilience:** A panel of experts explored local and state-level initiatives that are defining data needs, driving down wildfire risk, and influencing access to affordable insurance.
- **Expanding Career Pathways in Fire & Forestry:** Recent graduates of the FIRE Foundry program shared perspectives on priorities for employee-centered career and workforce development programs.

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WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS



- Wade Crowfoot, CA Natural Resources Agency
- Jennifer Eberlien, USDA Forest Service
- Task Force Executive Committee
- Lorelle Ross, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
- Damon Connolly, Assemblymember, District 12

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: 2025 KEY DELIVERABLES



- Patrick Wright, Task Force

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LOS ANGELES FIRES



- Alexandra Syphard, Conservation Biology Institute
- Steve Hawks, Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION ON WILDFIRE PREVENTION PROJECTS: NEXT STEPS



- Wade Crowfoot, CA Natural Resources Agency

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES IN MARIN & BEYOND



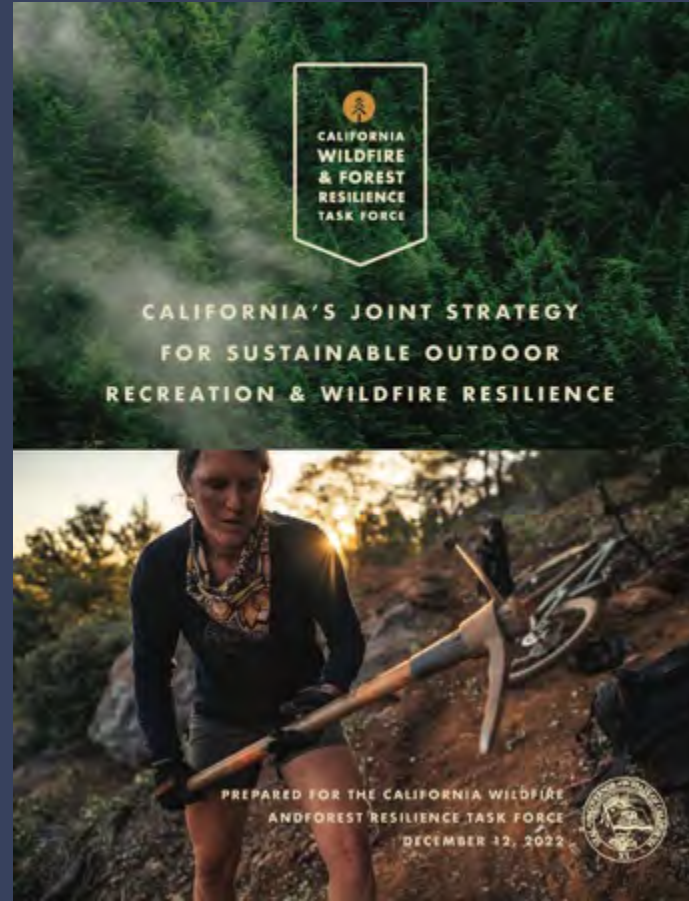
- Moderator: Jacy Hyde, CA Fire Safe Council
- Jason Weber, Marin County Fire
- Julie McMillan, Ross Town Council
- Mark Brown, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority
- Claire Mooney, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy

TOOLS FOR IMPROVING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



- Moderator: Chris Anthony, UCSD ProWESS Center
- Daniel Berlant, CAL FIRE
- Genevieve Biggs, Moore Foundation
- Jason Brooks, Fire Aside
- John Battles, UC Berkeley

Happenings of Interest



Regional Sustainable Recreation Project Updates



Eastern Sierra Projects



Eastern Sierra Projects

- Eastern Sierra Council of Governments
- Town of Mammoth Lakes "Wildfire Working Group"
- Whitebark Institute
- MLTPA Foundation

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG)

- *Elaine Kabala, Executive Director*
 - ESCOG Meeting Reschedule - Wednesday, April 30
 - Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program
 - “Towns to Trails Feasibility Analysis” - *Project Wrap*

ESCOG Sustainable Recreation Projects





TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

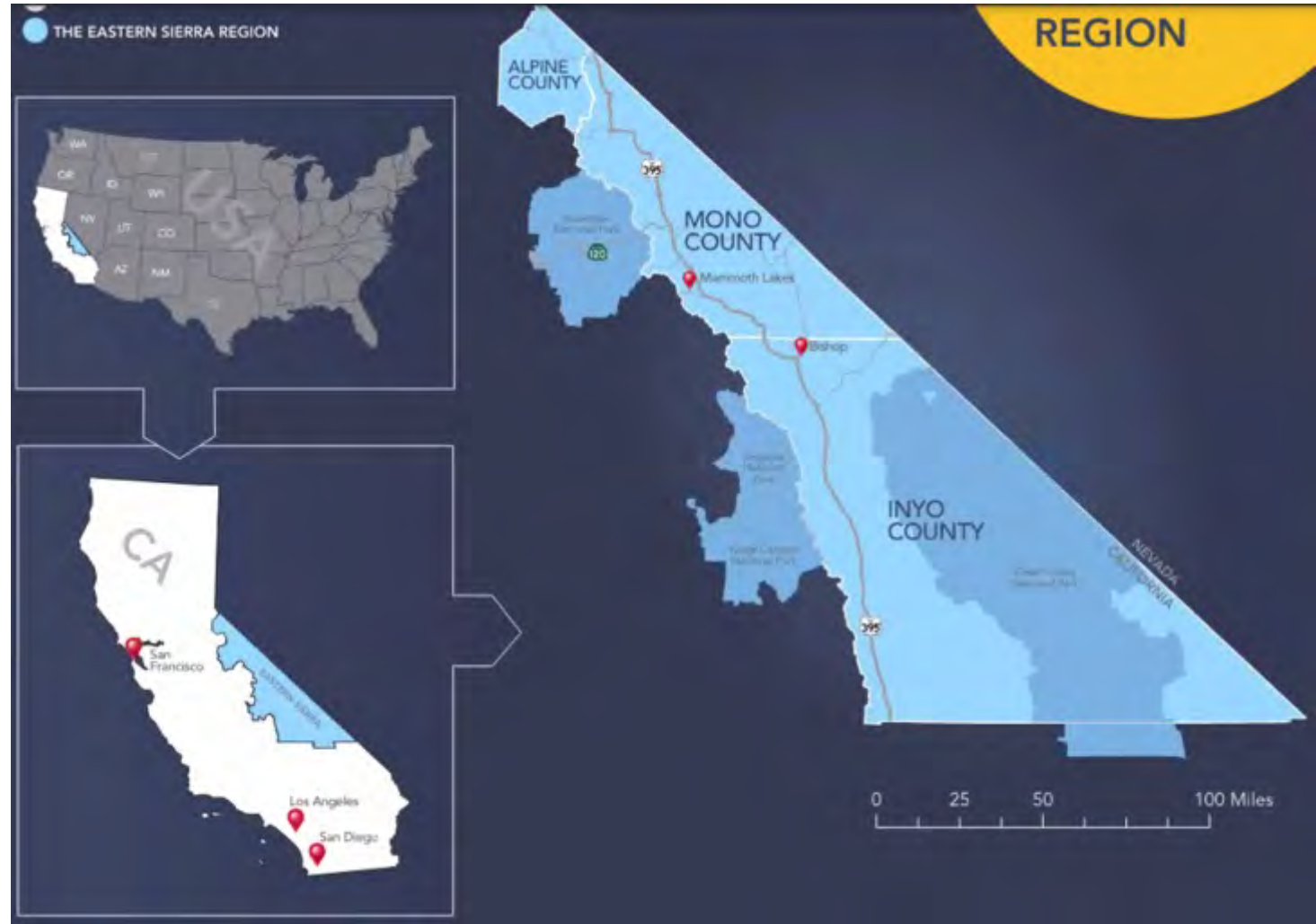
Alpine County, Mono County, Inyo County

Final Community Meeting | March 2025

Vision

The Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan will **identify a backbone trail, following existing infrastructure and uses, that will connect Eastern Sierra communities, public lands, and destinations south and north.**

The project parallels the Eastern Sierra escarpment (west of Highway 395), from northern Alpine County, through Mono County, and on into southern Inyo County, over approximately 300 miles.



Goals

- Connect Eastern Sierra communities through a public-lands experience
- Leverage existing regional partnerships
- Establish implementation roadmap
- Bring economic benefit to communities
- Enhance recreational opportunities
- Commit to sustainable recreation
- Identify gaps and opportunities for connectivity to existing and future networks

Key Considerations

- The primary focus of Towns to Trails is to utilize existing infrastructure
- Any “new build” will be to close any identified gaps that will be determined by agencies and stakeholders
- Towns to Trails is not an effort to establish hundreds of miles of new trails; this is about taking full advantage of the existing trails and soft surface road network to address connectivity issues
- Should gaps in the existing network arise and be identified, then the issue of new construction may be explored, but only after the existing legal networks have been fully reviewed and exhausted in close coordination with agencies and landholders
- *There may be locations that will take further investigation to determine if increasing or focusing recreation in these locations would be appropriate/sustainable*
- *Segments may include highway use or some sections may not be feasible due to these resources*



Alignment Development



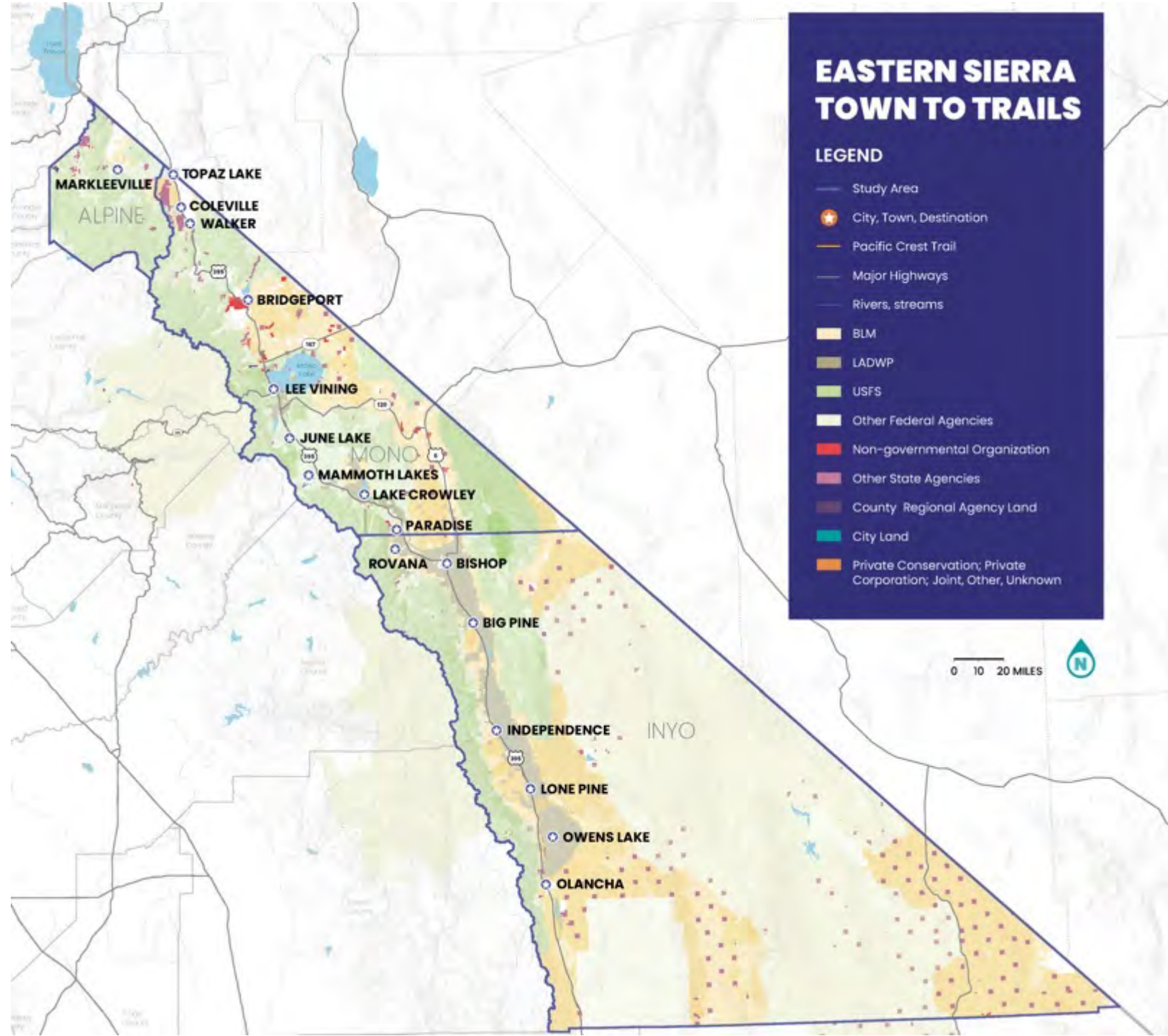
Study Area

- **Counties**

- Inyo
- Mono
- Alpine

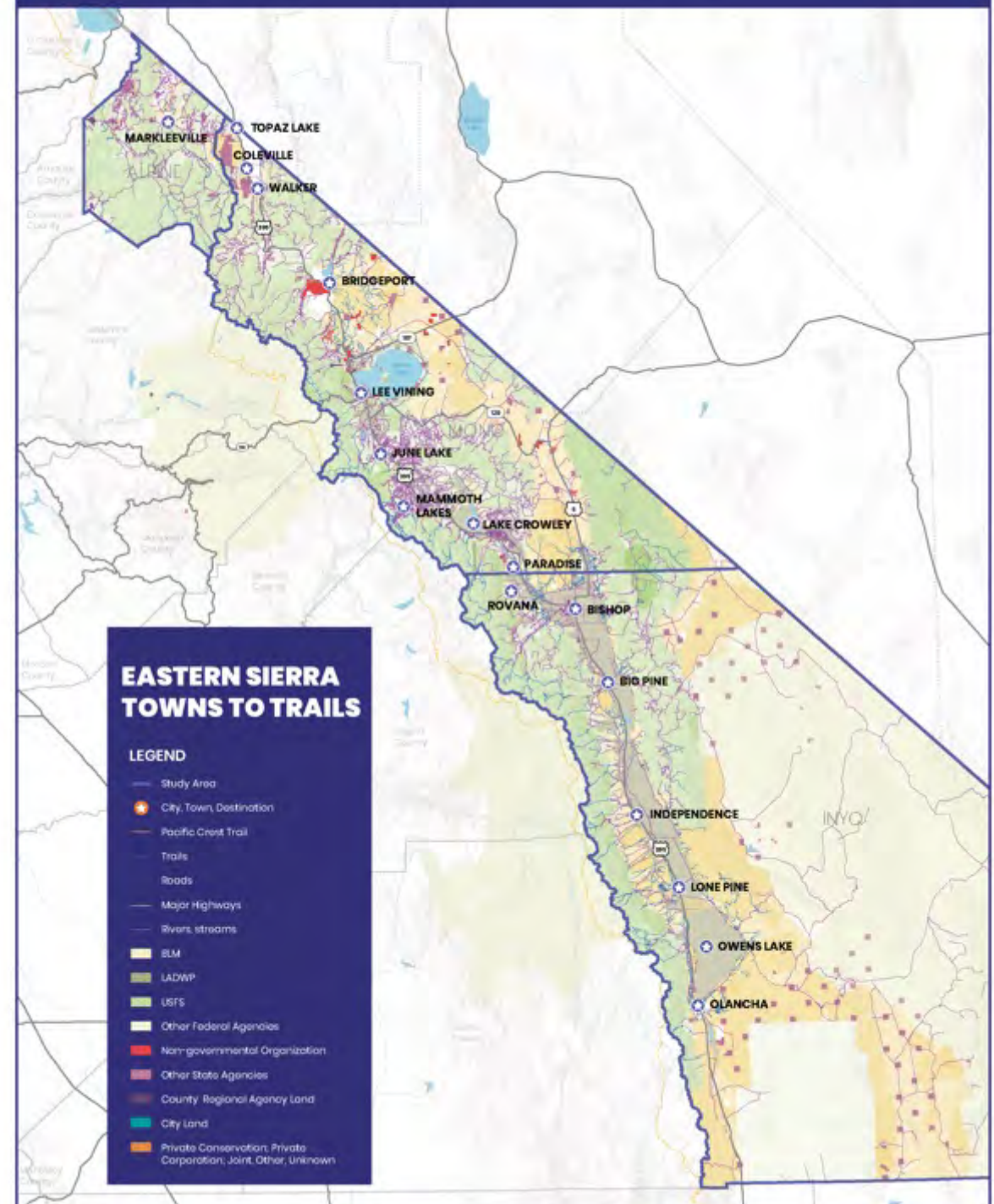
- **Primary Land Managers**

- BLM
- USFS
- LADWP



Network Inventory

- 10+ road/trail data layers
- County, USFS, BLM, LADWP merges

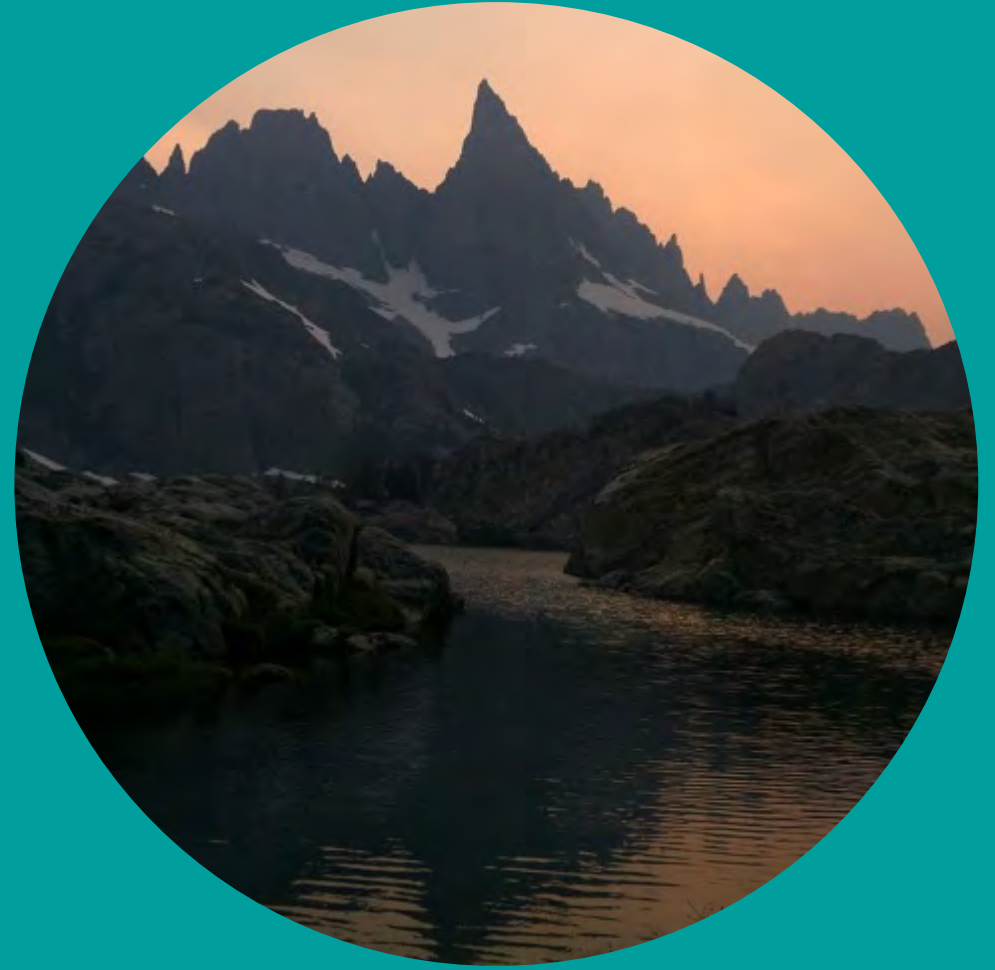


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Alignment Overview



Elevation Profile



Final Alignment*
Alignment on Hwy 395
Gap Areas

Alignment Surface Type
 Trail
 Double Track
 Unpaved Roads
 Paved Roads

Destinations
 Cities and Towns
 Campgrounds

Land Managers
 BLM
 LADWP
 USFS
 Other Federal Agency
 Non-Gov Organization
 Other State Agency
 County / Reg Agency
 City Land
 County Boundaries

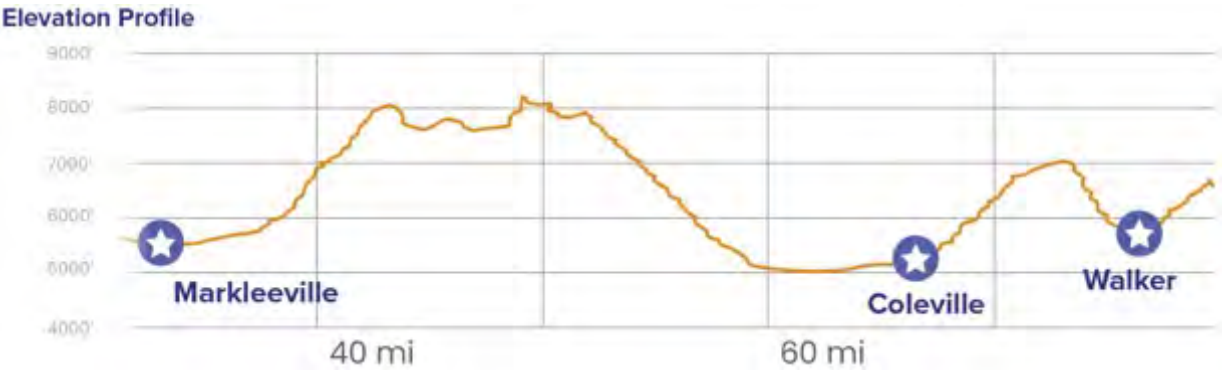
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 Important Connections
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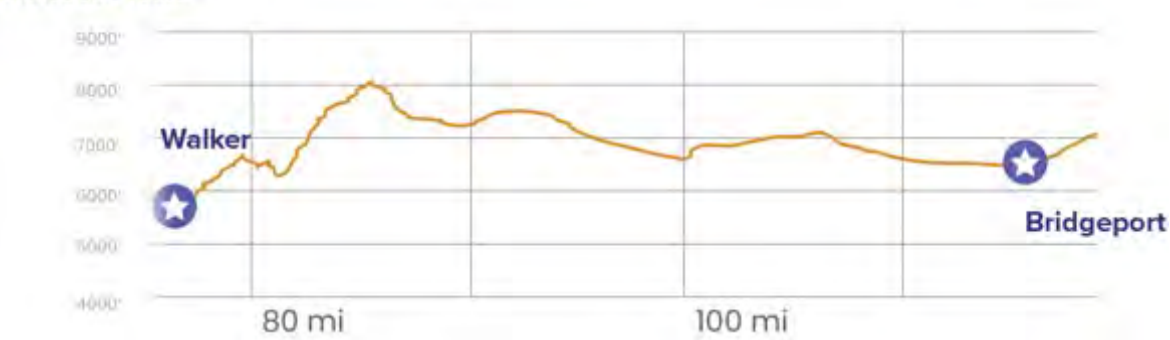
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Walker to Bridgeport

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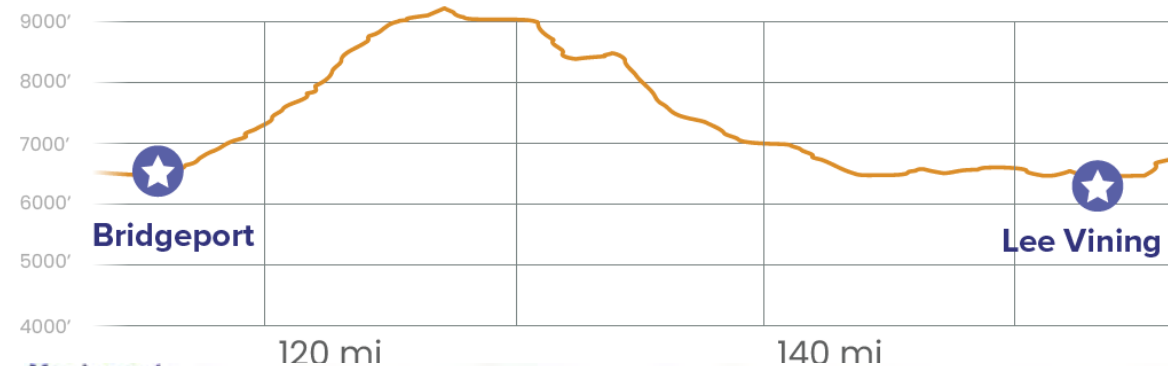
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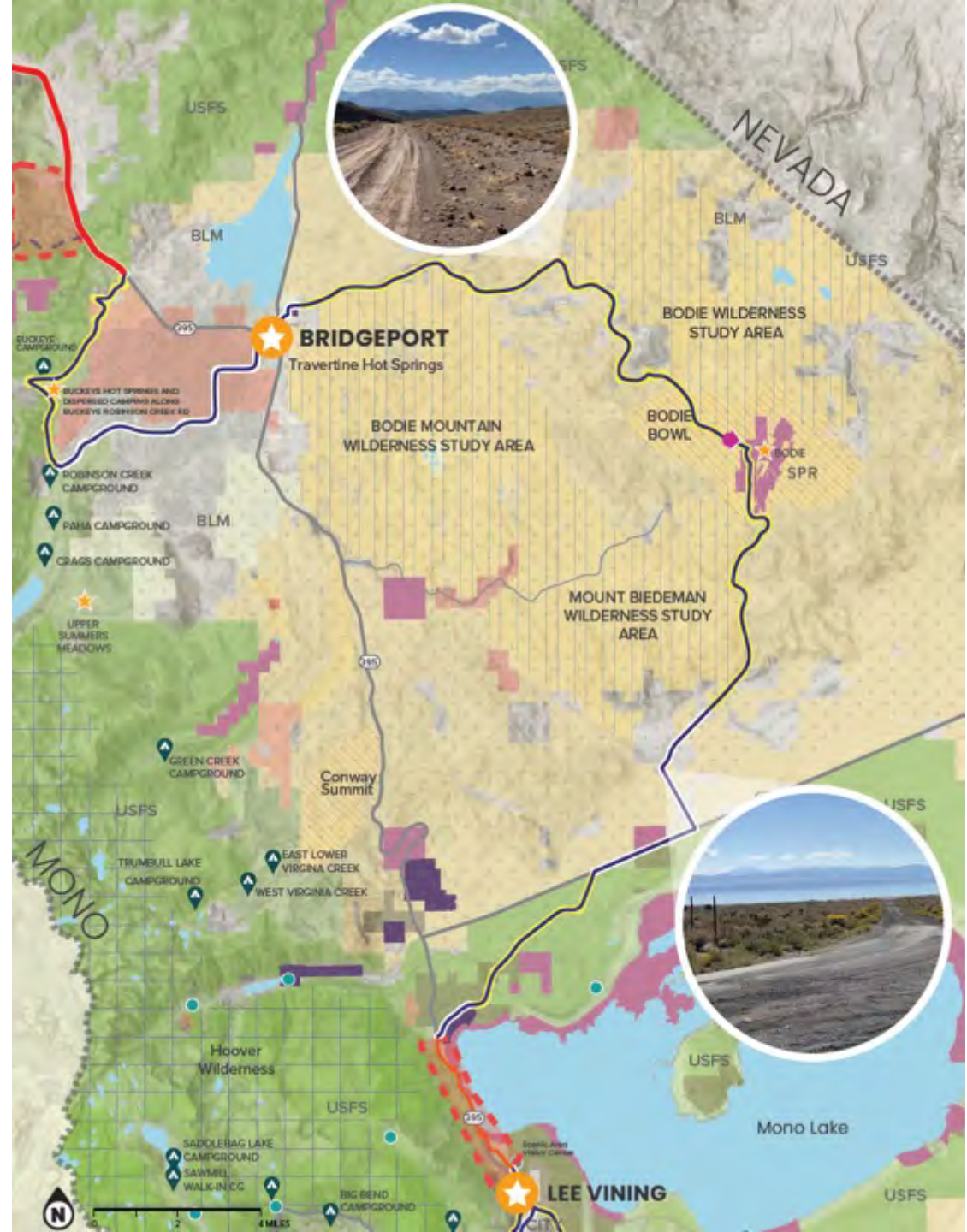


Bridgeport to Lee Vining

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Lee Vining to Mammoth Lakes

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Mammoth Lakes to Bishop

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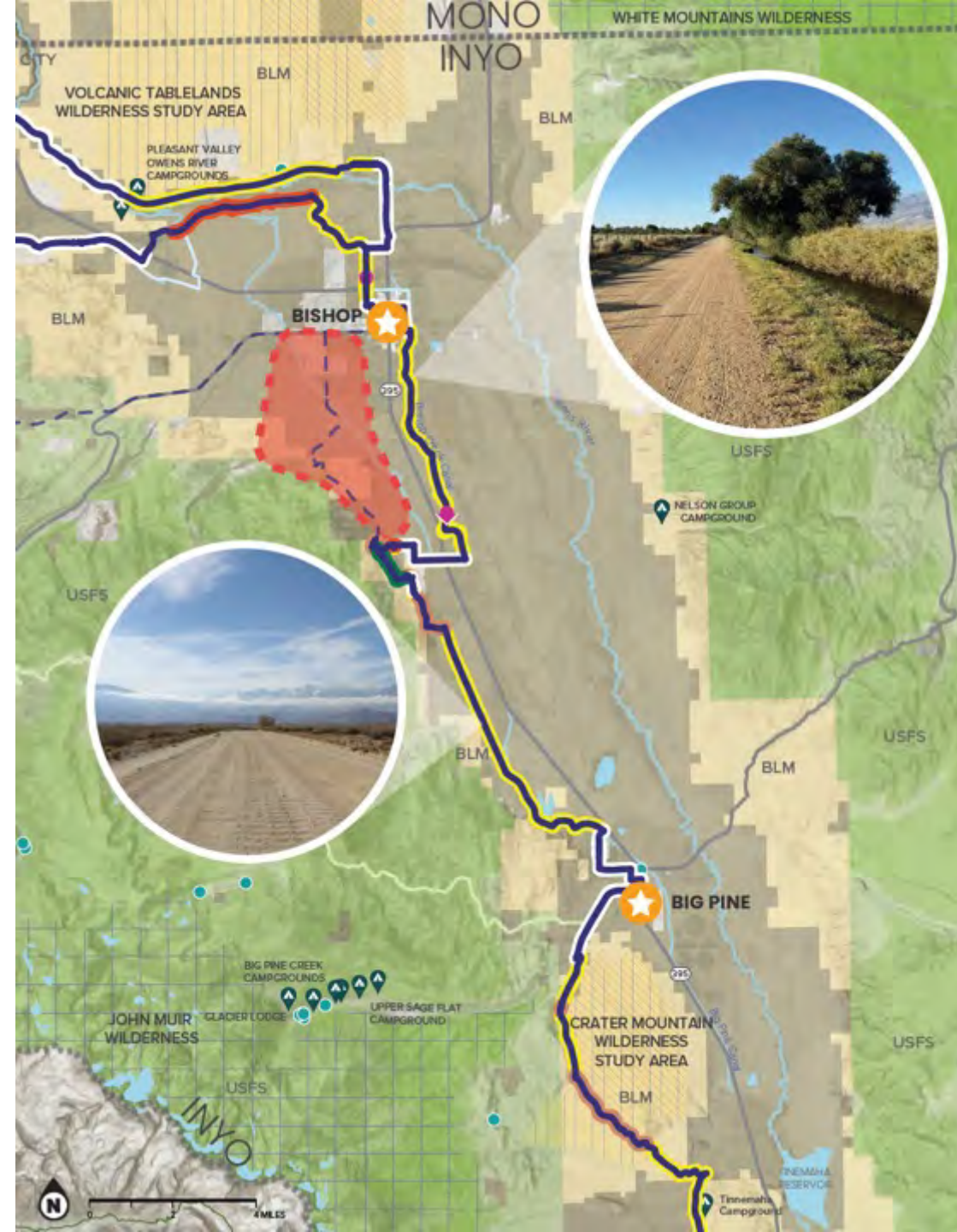


Bishop to Big Pine

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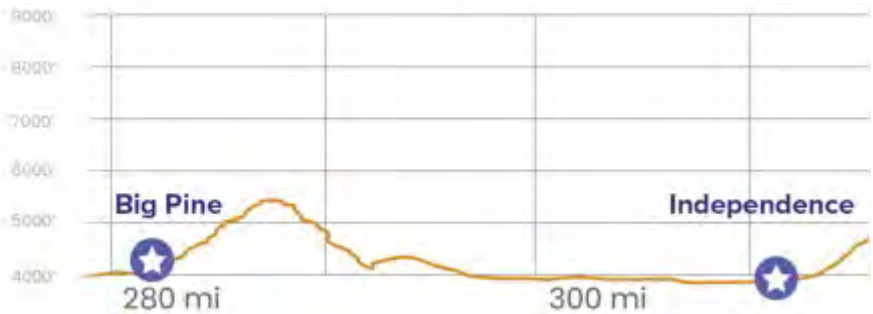


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Big Pine to Independence

Elevation Profile



Map Legend





Independence to Lone Pine



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A Note on Gaps

- Feasibility Study to Identify Backbone Alignment
- Allowable Use, Protected Areas, Agency Regulations, Private Lands
- Community Input on Connections and Areas of Concern
- Opportunity for Future Alignment Planning



Next Steps




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- Agency Coordination
- Tribal Coordination
- Community Partnerships
- Gap/Environmental Studies
- Experience/Spur Trail Connectivity Studies
- Existing Segment Blazing and Wayfinding
- Educational/Stewardship/Cultural Partnerships
- Maintenance Agreements and Cross-Agency Coordination

Mammoth Lakes “Wildfire Working Group”

- *Lawson Reif, TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation*
 - Partnered multi-benefit efforts to combat wildfire threat


A campfire with bright orange and yellow flames is burning on a rocky shore. The fire is built on a pile of logs. In the background, there is a calm lake reflecting the sunset sky, which is filled with soft, colorful clouds. Distant mountains are visible on the horizon. A large, dark, semi-circular graphic element is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

Mammoth Lakes Wildfire Team

March 19th, 2025



Who We Are?

- Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML)
 - Mammoth Lakes Fire Department (MLFD)
 - Whitebark Institute
 - Mammoth Disposal
 - Mammoth Community Water District (MCWD)
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Goals & Objectives



Parcel
Level/Defensible
Space Evaluations



Parcel Level On-
The-Ground Work



Support Resiliency
Through the
Building Code



Software Support



Public Outreach



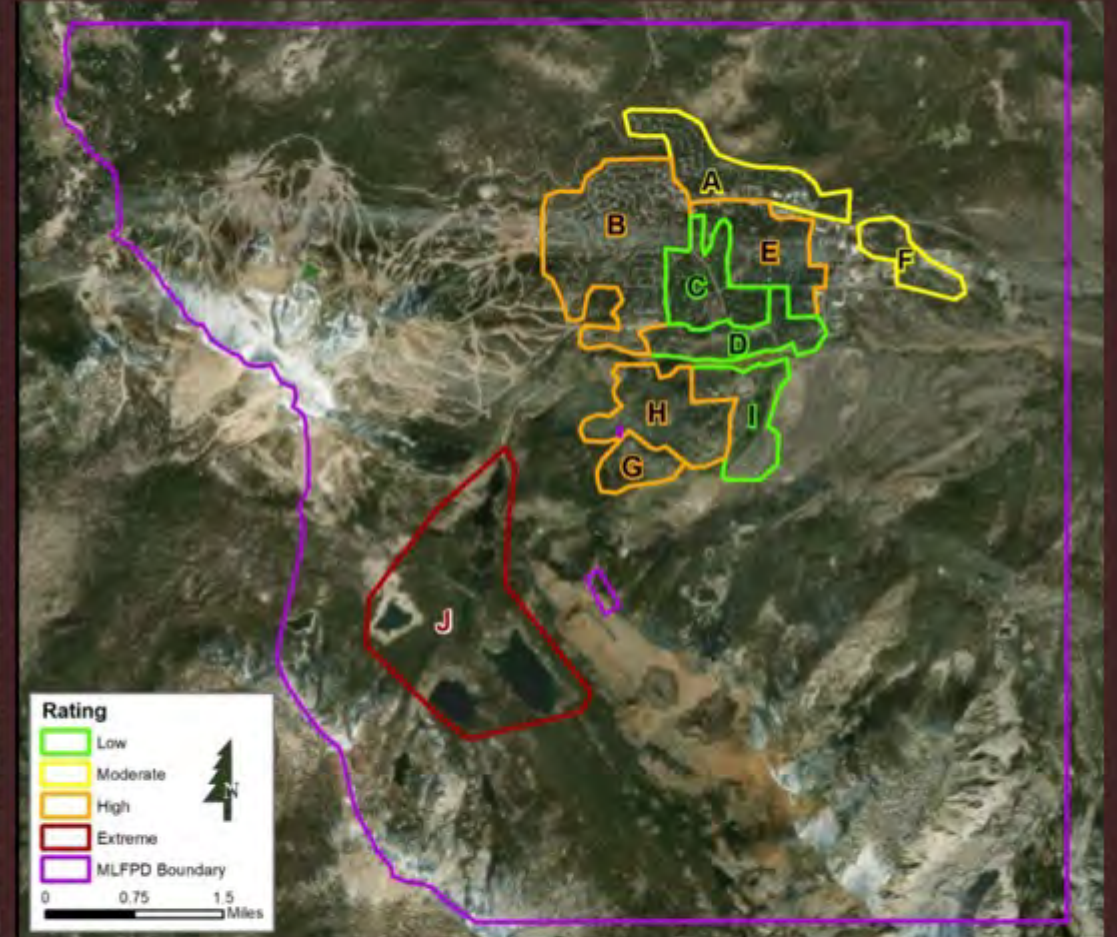
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Opportunities

Parcel Level/Defensible Space Evaluations

- Utilize the Mammoth Lake Fire Department Wildland Unit to evaluate all Town properties (roughly 13,000 parcels) within the next 2-3 years.
- Begin evaluations with the highest risk areas of Town, highlighted in the CWPP.
- Provide homeowners and condo complexes with definitive steps they can take to harden their properties.
- Utilize data collected to populate software programs such as Fireside & Vibrant Planet to assess overall risk.



CWPP Hazard Zones



The Evaluation Process



Parcel Level On-The-Ground Work

- Host events on an established frequency to harden individual homes and complexes.
- Develop a test plot within a work area so residents have an example to strive toward.
- Leverage receptacles from Mammoth Disposal to allow for easy discarding of green waste.
- Prioritize the highest risk areas based on Hazard Zones established in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).
- Utilize recommendations in the California Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience to leverage recreation infrastructure as fire breaks.
- Leverage existing Town Clean-Up Day and other Green Waste events to prioritize home hardening.



Parcel Level On-The-Ground Work

Truckee, CA



Summer 2025 Mastication Proposal





Support Resiliency Through the Building Code

- Tabulate resiliency related building codes into simple one pager to distribute to home & condo owners.
- Explore avenues to edit the existing building code to further support community resilience.
- Develop strategy to address homes that are currently non-conforming and develop ways to incentivize compliance.
- What other ways can the Town incentivize compliance?

Software Support

- Leverage modern technology to develop a parcel level database to constantly assess community resilience.
- Software such as Fireaside and Vibrant Planet can provide invaluable information related to community wildfire risks and update in real time.
- Provides avenues for homeowners to update their properties once hardening work has been completed.



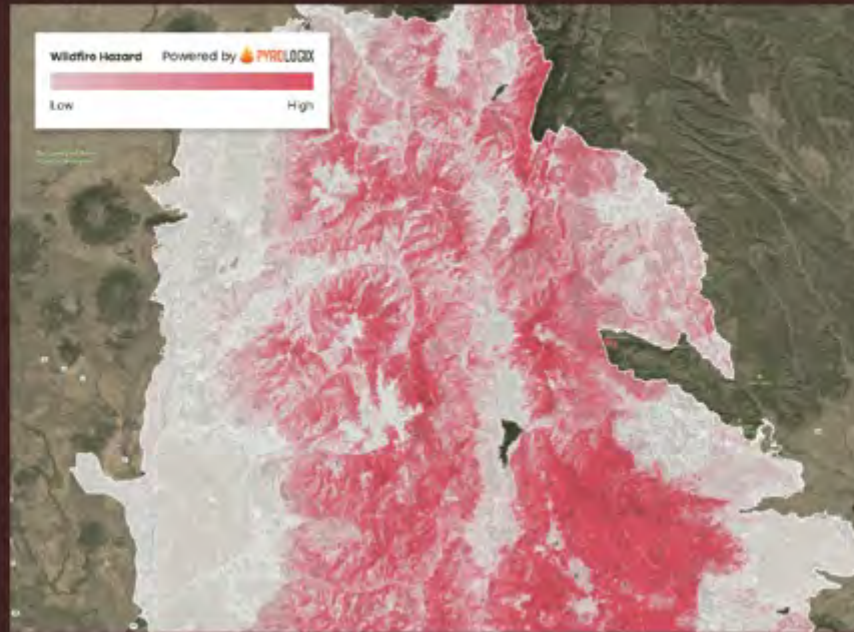
Fireaside

- Manages actual vegetation and structural information at the individual parcel level. This can be used as ground truth data for grants, compliance and issue resolution tracking. Ultimately informing resource allocation decisions and advanced modelling of future events.



Vibrant Planet

- A foundational model that maps vegetation structure, canopy height model, and other vegetation characteristics which helps provide actionable, quantifiable wildfire risk management solutions for fire districts, counties, utilities, natural resource managers, and the insurance industry.



Public Outreach



Directly engage all home and condo owners in Mammoth Lakes. Relay Goals and Objectives of Wildfire Team work.



Utilize mailers, TOT Data, MCWD accounts, and other databases to ensure we reach all member of this community.



Create a How-To video series with MLFD highlighting the different ways to appropriately harden one's home and create defensible space.



Develop educational materials in English and Spanish related to fire resilience. Engage existing entities such as Whitebark and the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance to leverage existing materials and create consistency in the look and feel of outreach efforts.



Develop checklists for home & condo owners.



Engage homeowner services companies to assist in relaying the goals and objectives of this work and provide homeowners and 2nd homeowners with tailor made services to address wildfire resilience.

Funding Opportunities

- Explore funding opportunities and existing programs to increase community resilience.
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy, CalFire, Prop 4
- Existing funding for programs such as SCE Woodpile Cover Grants (App. Submitted), roof sprinkler systems, and other wildfire mitigation measures.
- Utilize current TOML Grants Contractor to explore other funding opportunities.



Working Together To Make Mammoth Lakes A Wildfire Resilient Community!



Questions, Comments, or Suggestions?

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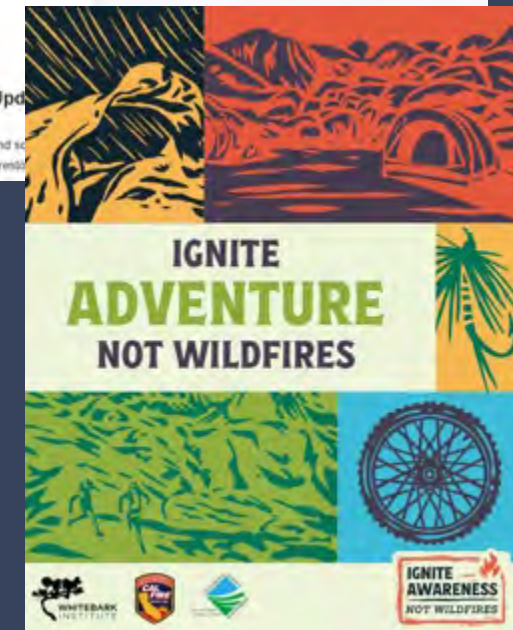
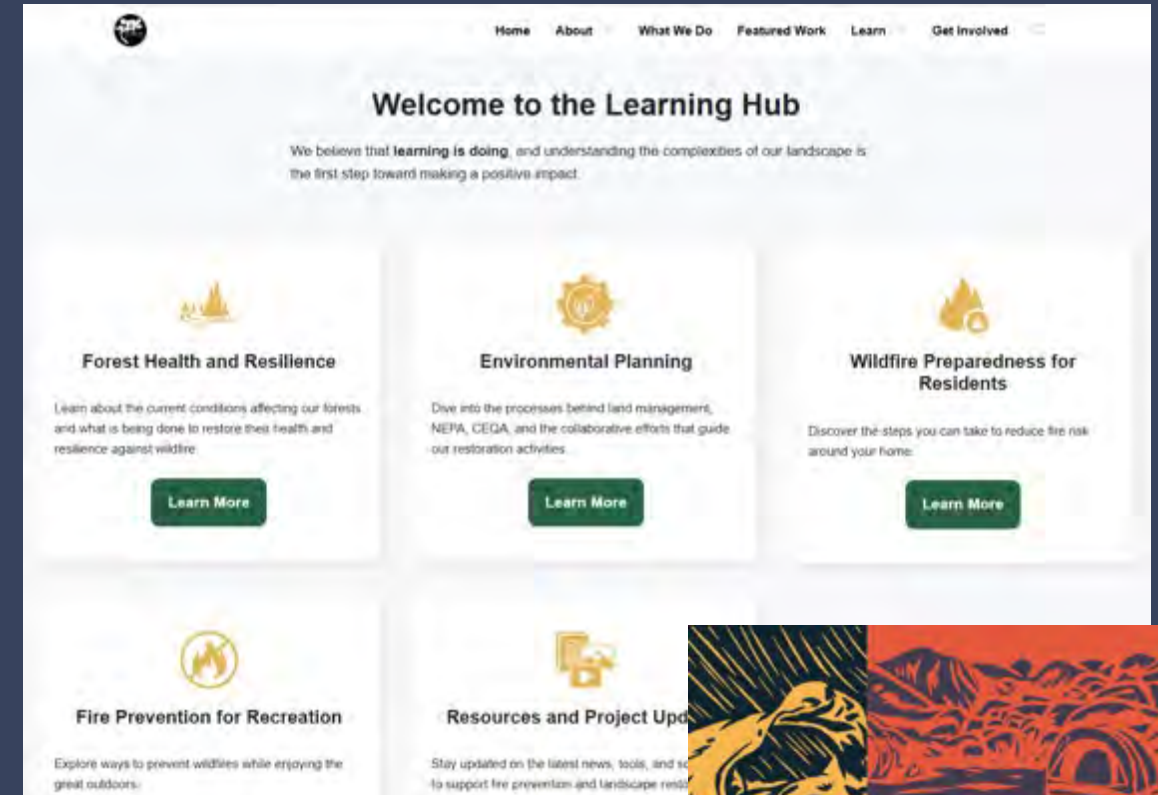
2025 ESCCRP Forest Health Efforts

- Lakes Basin, Sherwin Lakes & other areas near Mammoth
- Some strategic impacts to recreation access: notably Duck Pass after Labor Day
- Planning Community Meetings late spring/ early summer
- Working through uncertainty in Federal funding & staffing




Outreach, Education & Community Capacity

- Community-Directed Grants Awarded! \$60,000 for projects across region. Thanks SCE!
- April: Earth Day & May: Wildfire Resilience Month
- Ignite Awareness & VCP
- Learning Hub at whitebarkinstitute.org/learn
- Hiring!



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 - Cohort of Practice
- Recreate Responsibly California
- Sierra Jobs First: Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Projects

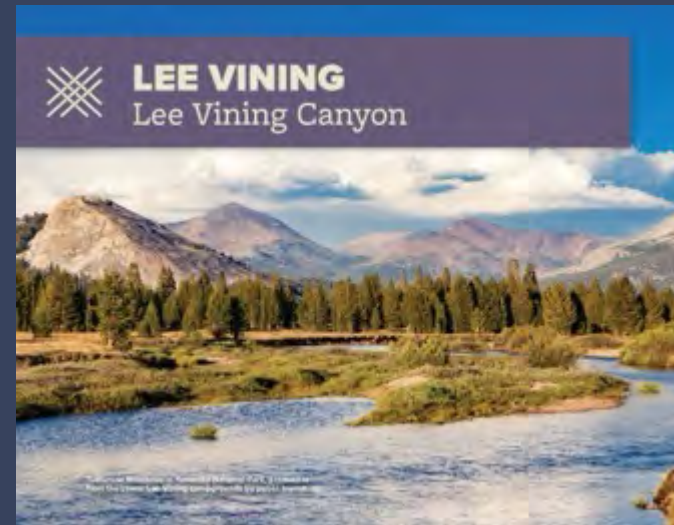
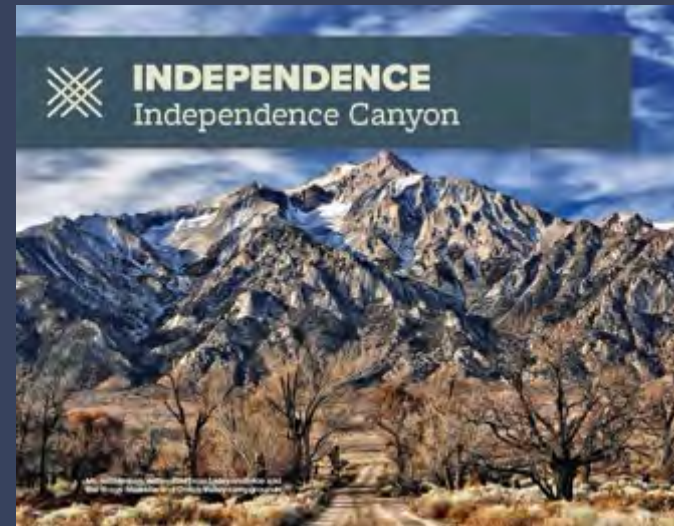


EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

SRTI PROJECT

Lead Agency:
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LEE VINING AND INDEPENDENCE CAMPGROUNDS

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

LIST OF DRAWINGS

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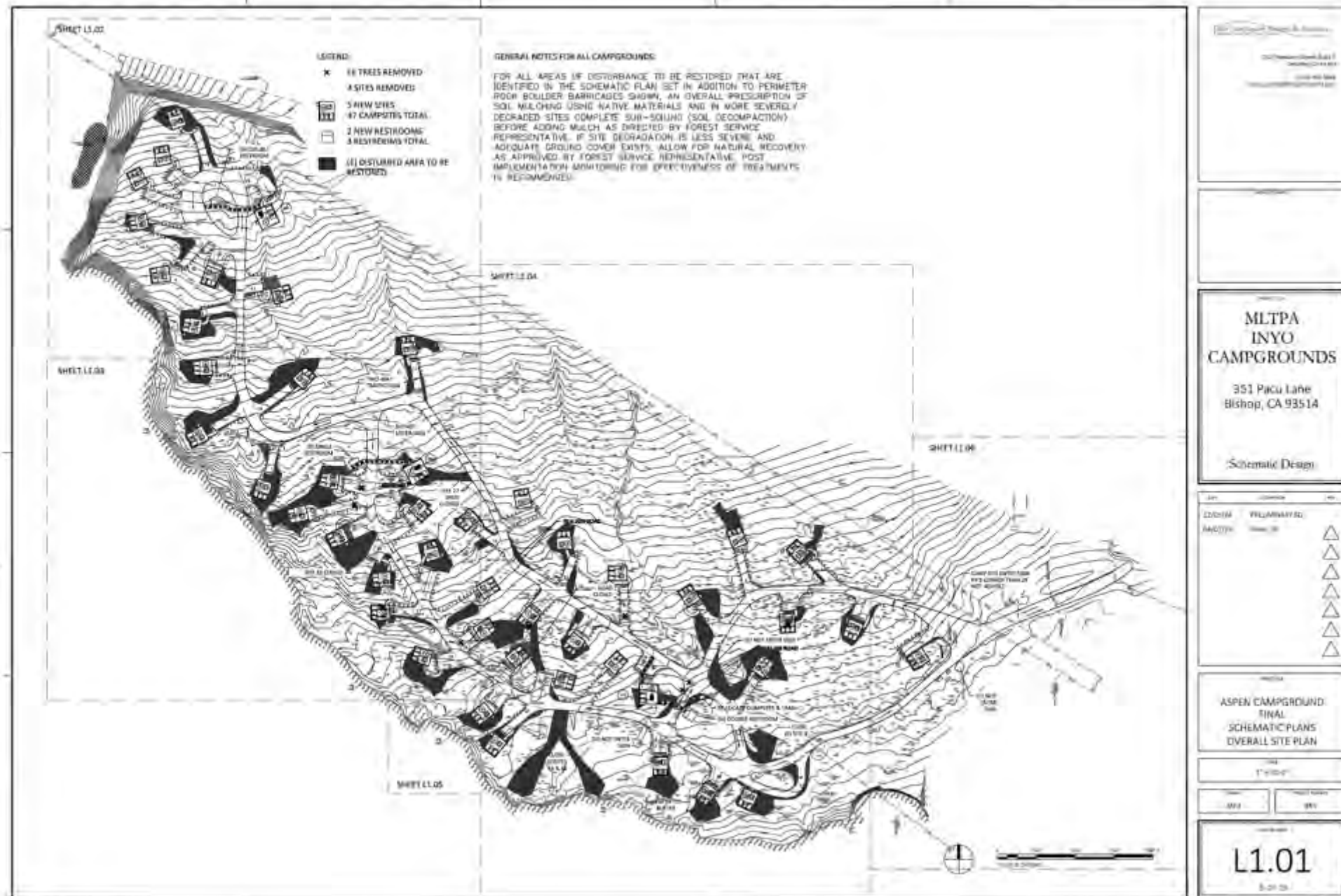
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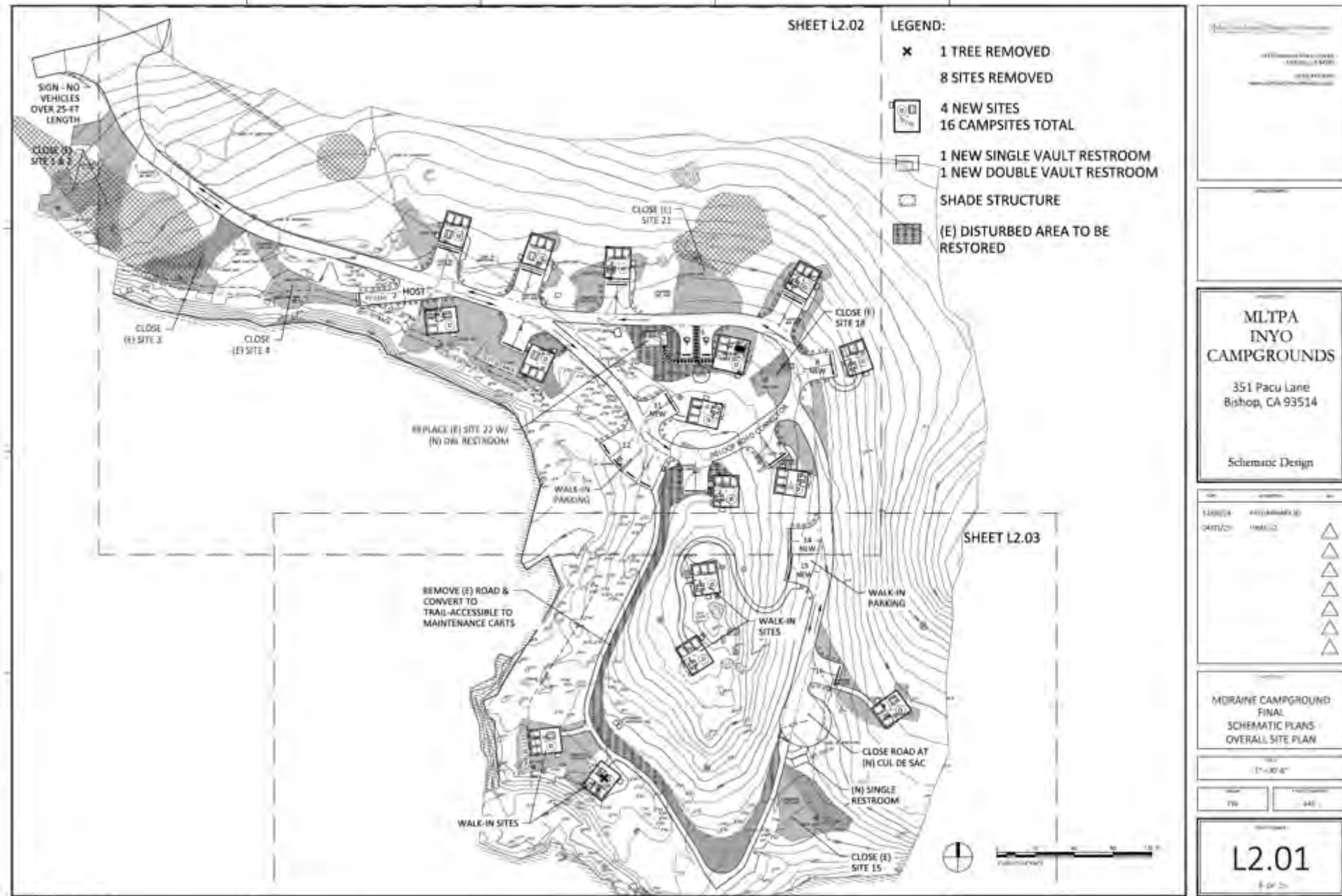
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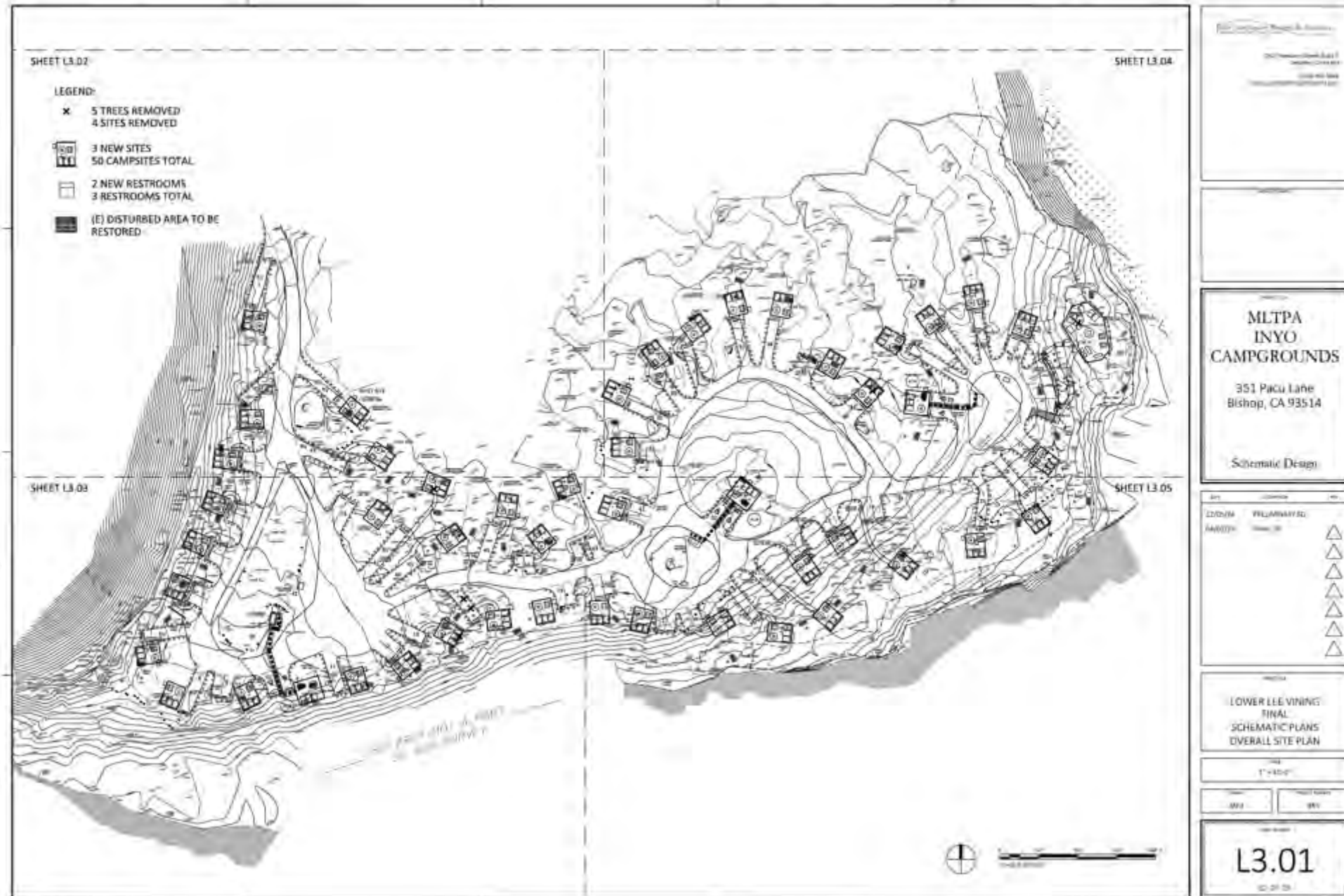
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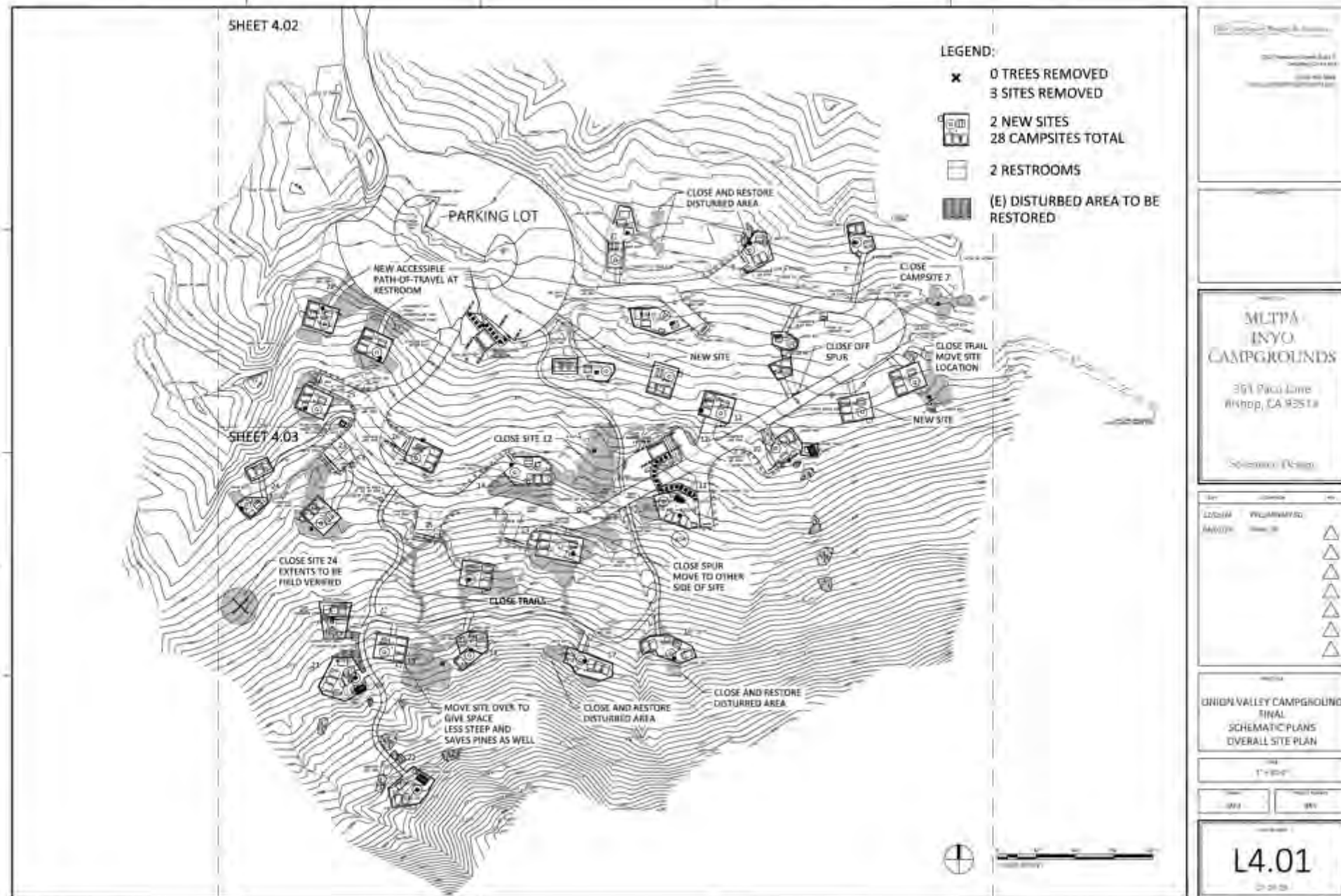
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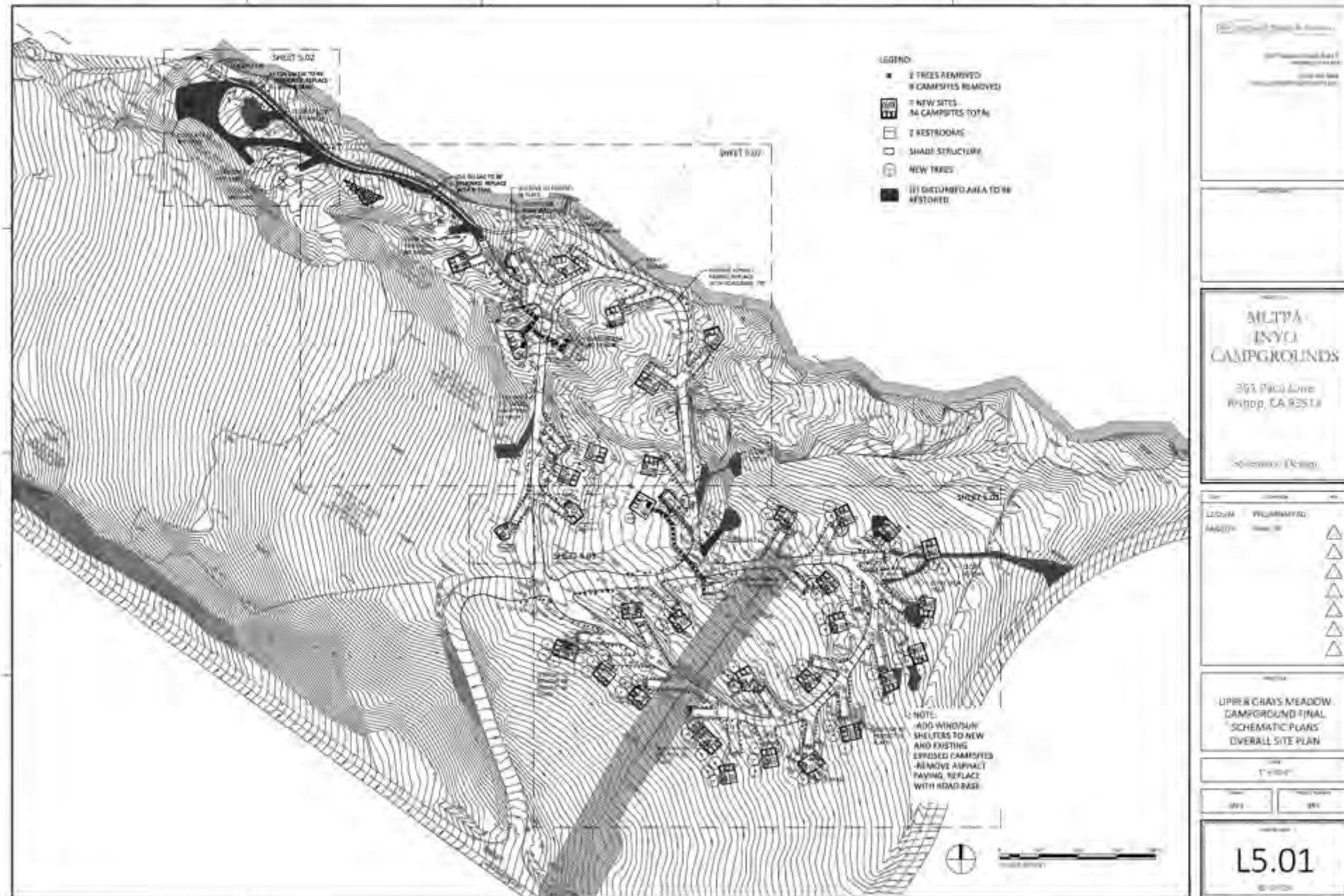
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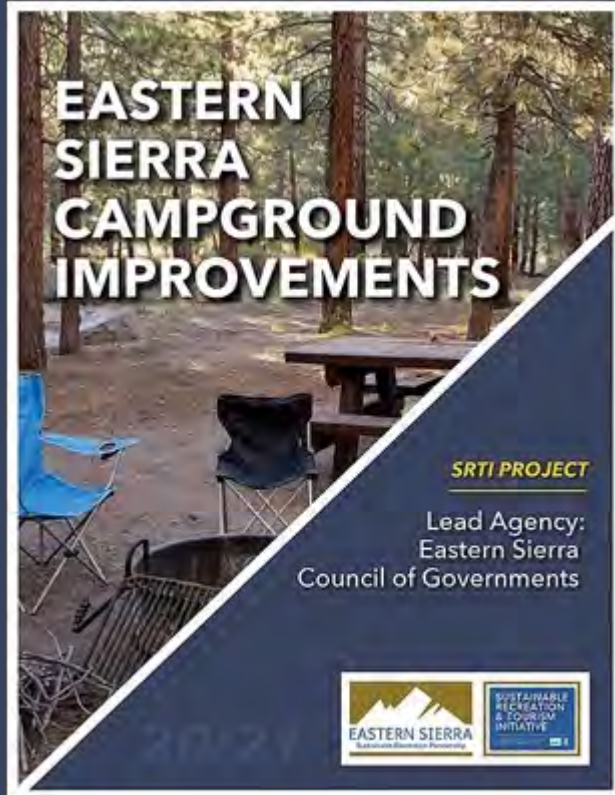
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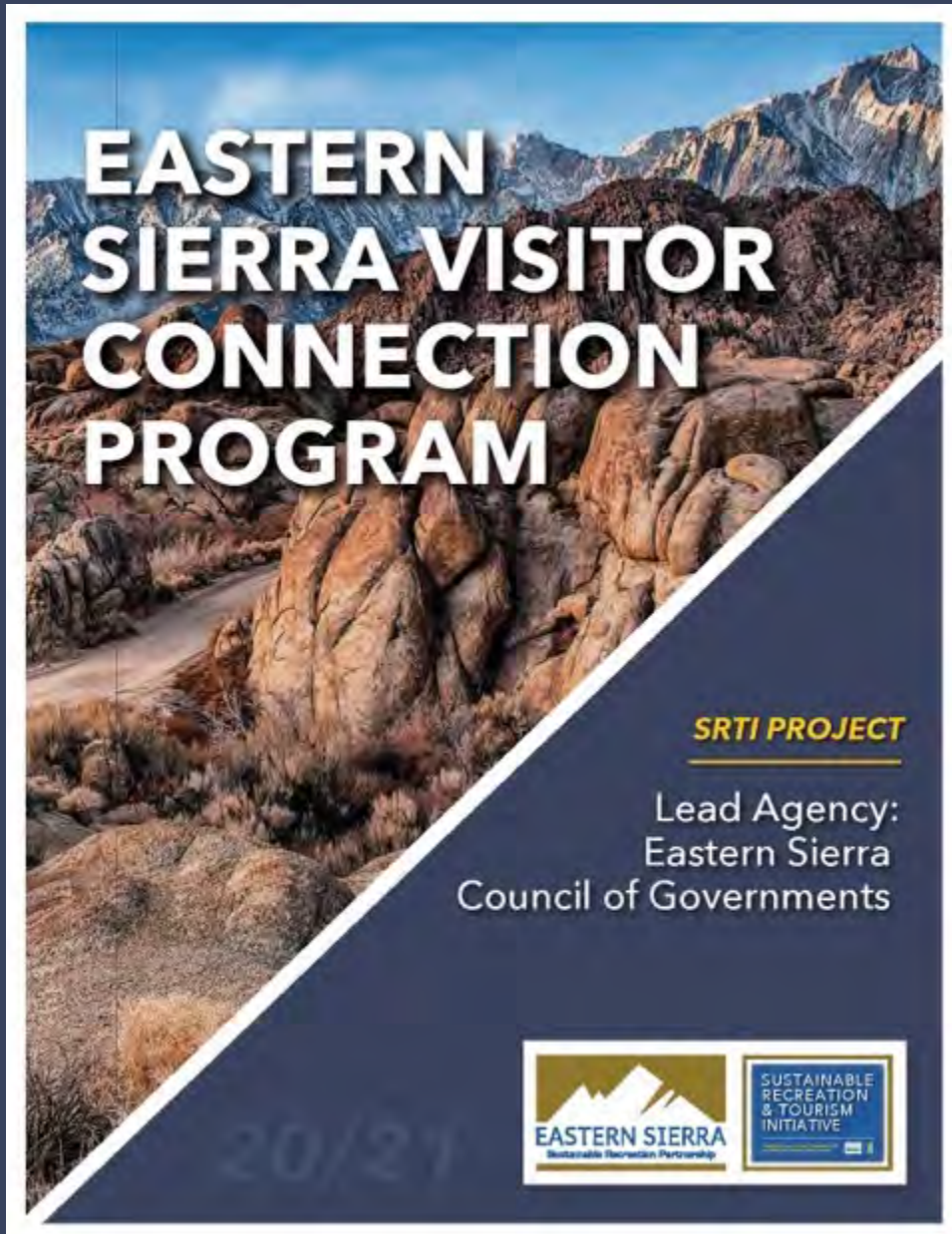


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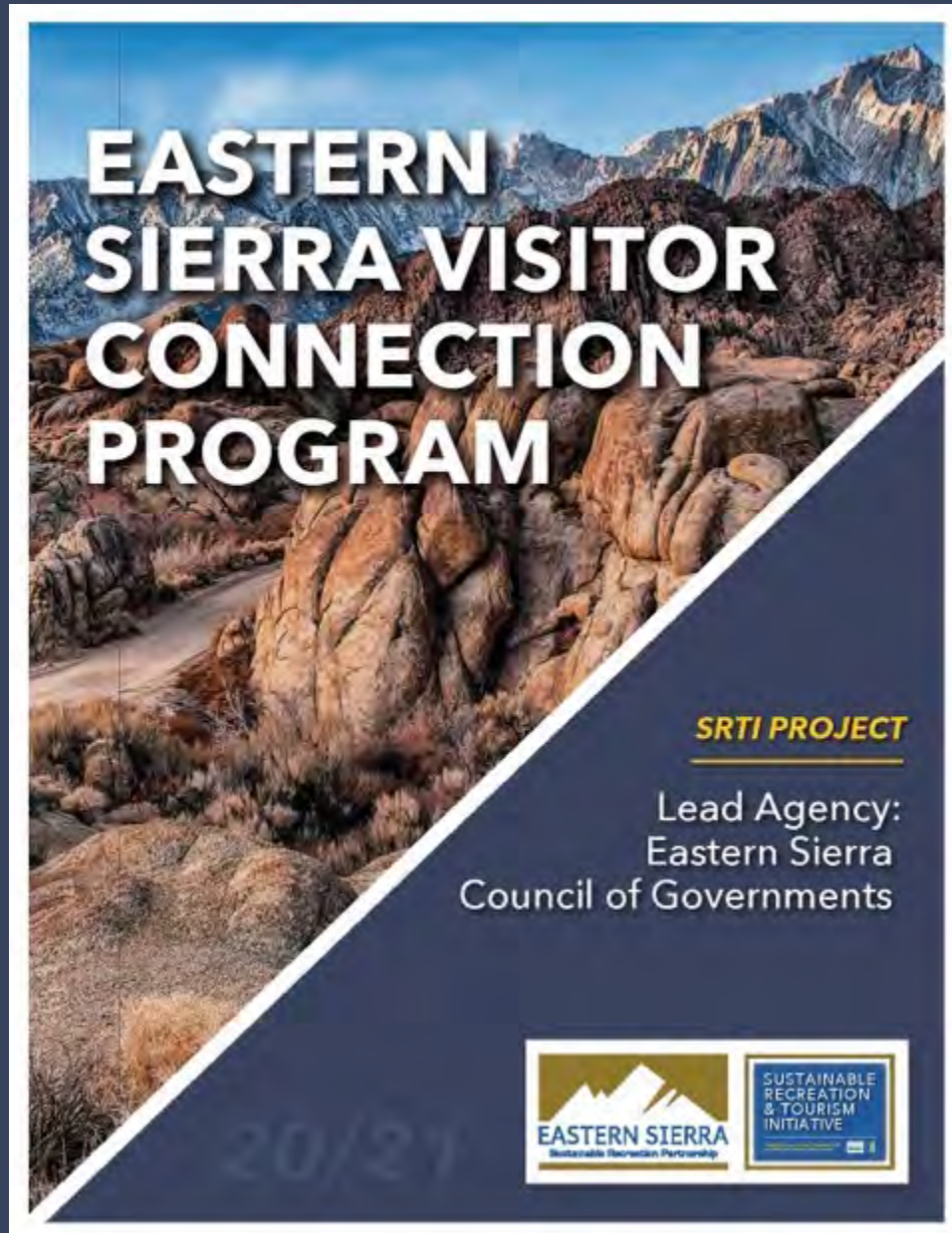


Visitor Audience Connection

- CALFIRE “Visitor Education and Outreach Addendum”
- Marketing Strategy
- Web Presence



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MARKETING CONTENT STRATEGY



VCP FIRE - SEASON 2

MAY - OCTOBER 2025



Date: Mar 25, 2025

Goals and objectives: “Ignite Awareness”

Create objectives that align with broader business goals. Separating them into primary, secondary, and long-term will provide focus and strategic direction. Here’s an example:

- Primary objective: Increase Impressions over the targeted time frame: **May 2025 - OCT 2025**
- Secondary objective: Increase web traffic conversations to the [Whitebark institute homepage](#).
- Long-term goal: Establish the agency as an trusted force for environmental conservation and wildfire resilience

Demographic analysis of the target audience

Geo-fencing should be a primary focus of this campaign due to the regional nature of our audience. Therefore, we should target areas and demographics most affected by wildfires. This data is based off overall metrics from Whitebark’s Meta business Suite

Geographic location of the target audience

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ESSRP Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative

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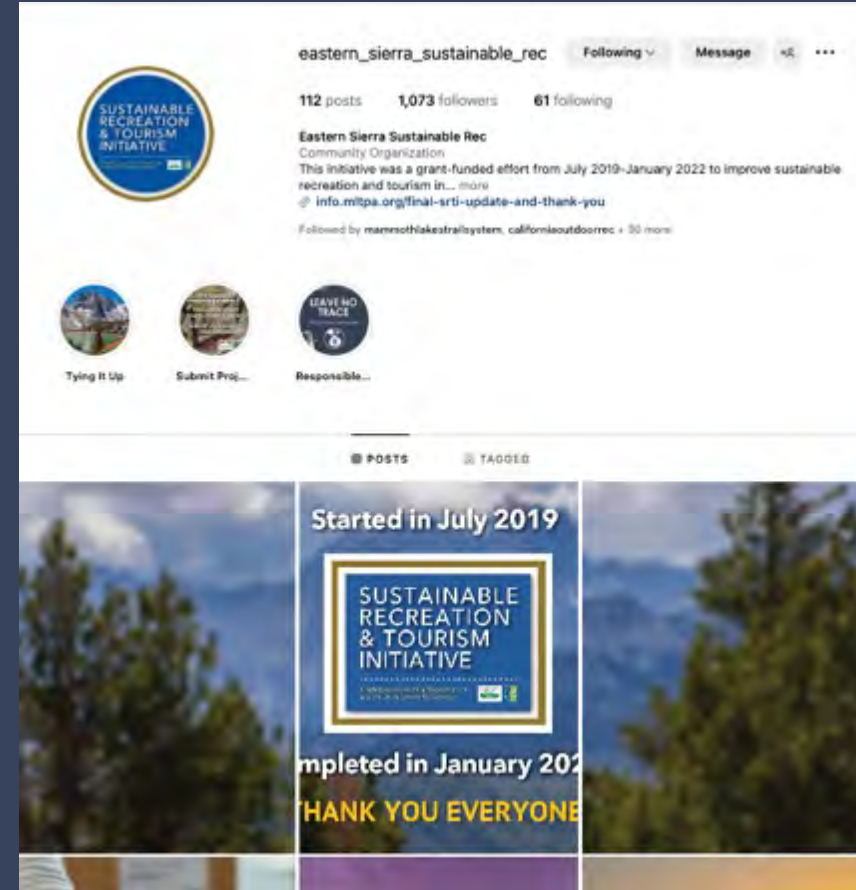


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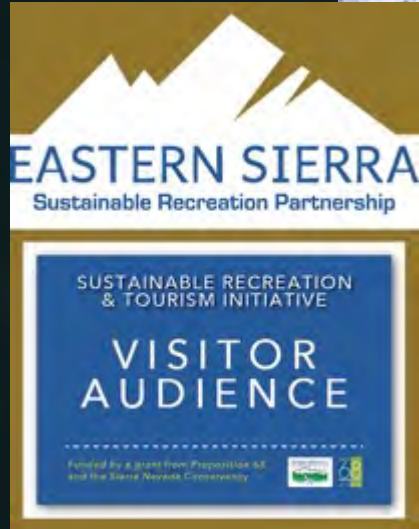
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CALREC Vision



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PLANSCAPE

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
- Helps plan new treatment areas, allowing users to maximize benefits and compare tradeoffs taking into account both current and future conditions

Planscape is free for anyone to use.

Planscape

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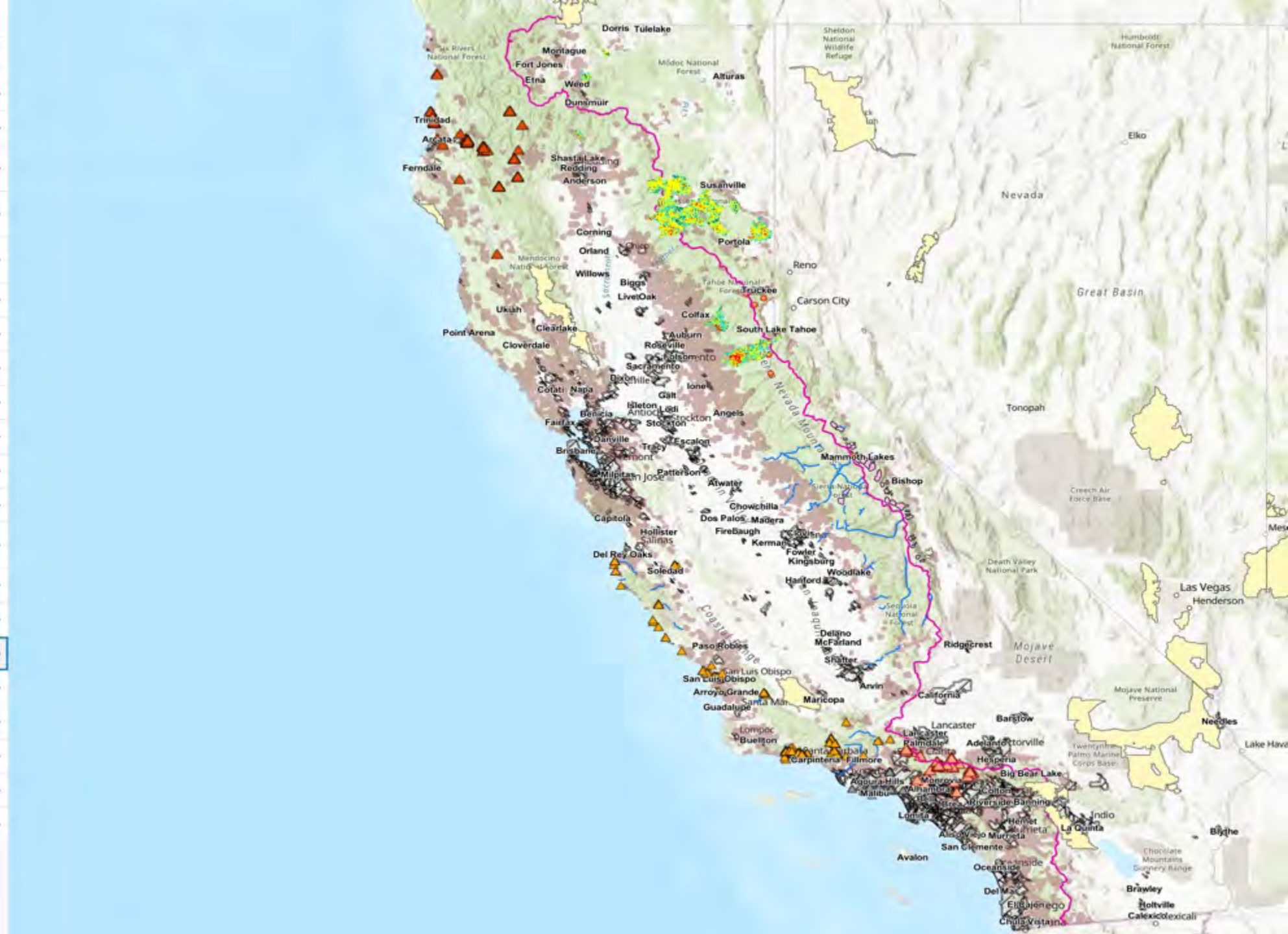
START PLANNING DRAW AREA UPLOAD AREA

Improve Map Performance

Layers

- CA Mosquito Soil Burn Severity 2022
- > CA_SBS_2021
- > BLM Natl Public National Scenic and Historic Trails
- Motor Vehicle Use Map: Trails (Feature Layer)
- Motor Vehicle Use Map: Trails
- BLM Natl NLCS National Monuments
- National Conservation Areas Polygons
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- > R5_Backcountry_SkiZones
- > 025_36 California Regions
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- Incorporated Cities
- > Recreation
- California Fire Perimeters (last 10 years)
- USFS One Region of Work - Region 5

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CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE

PREPARED FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE
AND FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE
DECEMBER 12, 2022



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 (MLTFA) 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.](#)

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

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

GOAL 1: INTEGRATE FOREST HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION

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

Key Actions

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

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

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TOOL KIT FOR ADOPTING THE JOINT STRATEGY IN YOUR COMMUNITY



**DRAFT
AGENDA TEXT**



**JOINT STRATEGY
GOALS & KEY ACTIONS
(ONE SHEET)**



**CALREC DATA
MAP**



**JOINT STRATEGY
FULL RESOLUTION
(32 MB)**



**JOINT STRATEGY
REDUCED SIZE
(11 MB)**



**RECREATION
RESOURCES**



WEBSITE

MLTPA Sustainable Recreation Projects



Bobby Macaulay

April 4, 2025 at 1:57 PM

RE: Madera County - Connecting Yosemite Communities

To: John Wentworth, Cc: Stacy Corless, Chelsea Taylor & 1 more

[Details](#)

Thank you, John! This is all very helpful, I appreciate you packaging this up in a way that makes it easy to work with staff on. I will work our team at Madera County to get it added to an upcoming board agenda, likely in May. Is this something that you or someone from CalRec would be able to present to the Madera County Board?

Additionally, I'd like to take you up on your offer to review and collaborate our Connecting Yosemite Communities Initiative. As we discussed, this document, which is being developed by the Eastern Madera County Foundation, will serve as the County's Master Plan on Trails.

Thanks again for all your time and support,

Bobby



Robert Macaulay | Supervisor District 5

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MLTPA Sustainable Recreation Projects



Hello Recreate Responsibly California Coalition Members,

Big thanks to everyone that attended last week. We are inspired by your dedication and grateful for all the information and resources you continue to bring to the table. Let's keep working together to protect and enjoy our shared outdoor spaces!

Advocacy & News

Federal Employees: Fired or Rehired?

Federal staffing cuts and hiring freezes have left land management agencies uncertain about their future. While some seasonal hiring and rehiring efforts are moving forward, delays and instability are straining agency capacity, operations, and visitor services. So, what can we do?

1. **Speak Up** - Keep the conversation going! [Contact your federal and state legislators](#), share resources, and advocate for fully staffed public lands. Check out the Outdoor Alliance [toolkit](#) and [share your story](#) about impacts from agency layoffs and funding freezes.
2. **Engage Local Leaders** - Work with your local elected officials to adopt resolutions and strategies that reflect your communities needs and interests. The [Joint Strategy for Recreation and Wildfire Resilience](#) is one example of how collaboration can drive solutions.
3. **Strengthen Partnerships** - Organizations like the Great Basin National Park Foundation stepped in to temporarily rehire laid-off federal staff. [Read more about their experience here.](#) [Great Basin National Park Foundation temporarily rehired federal staff initially laid off.](#) Connect with local nonprofits, tourism boards, and officials to find ways to support your community and the land.

Education Campaigns & Initiatives

Leave-No-Trace #LeaveNoTrash Campaign

Did you know that by 2050, there will be more plastic in our oceans than fish?! The #LeaveNoTrash Campaign is a nationwide initiative to educate people about litter and inspire action to remove waste from public lands. Last year, **89,000 pounds of trash** were collected during Earth Month Events.

Help stop the spread of waste and take advantage of #LeaveNoTrash resources and social media assets. They are available at [#LeaveNoTrash 2025](#). LNT also offers [research on waste in National Parks](#), [interactive activities](#), and more.

Explore Local Nature

Is a new platform promoting responsible outdoor recreation. They will be launching BloomTracker 2025 on April 1st, sharing wildflower updates in the SF Peninsula and Santa Cruz area. Subscribe for updates: [Explore Local Nature](#).

Conferences, Events, & Important Dates

Last Call Regional Strategic Tourism Plan Update

Comment submissions are open until March 31. This is a key opportunity to shape the future of sustainable tourism in California. Details can be found here: [Travel Matters CA](#).

Last Call Happiest Outside: The Power of the Outdoors in Improving Mental Health Webinar **March 31 at noon (PDT)**

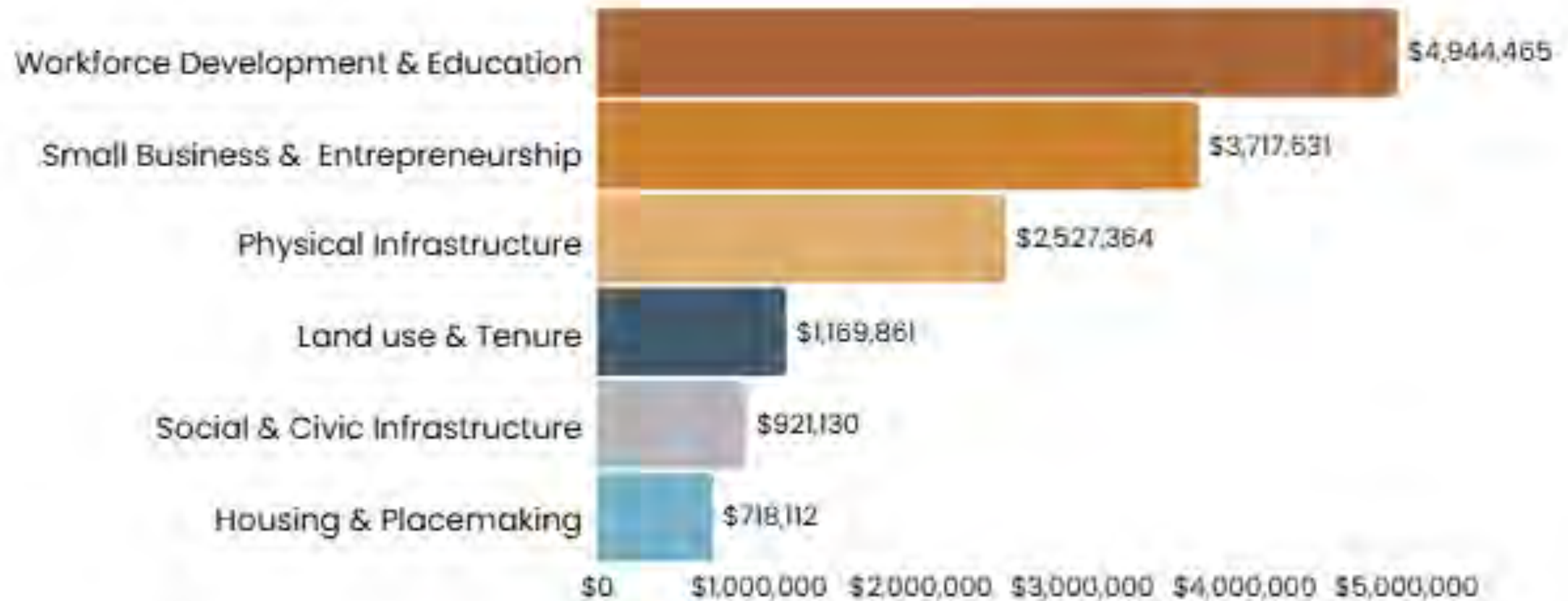
Join The Trust of Public Land for a virtual panel discussion on how outdoor experiences can improve mental health. This group of dynamic experts will explore the powerful connection between nature and well-being, share data on its mental health benefits, and provide actionable steps to incorporate nature into your own wellness journey. Don't miss this transformative discussion! [Register here](#).

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Project Updates



- Governing Council vote to award \$9 million to 40 Catalyst projects
- 13 projects impacting Sustainable Recreation & Tourism
- 8 projects impacting Natural & Working Lands
- Currently in contracting phase with awardees
- Award totals will be announced when contracts are finalized

Catalyst Funding Estimated to Impact Foundational Elements



Estimated Catalyst Funding Impact

Projects impacting Recreation & Tourism

Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties	Tri-County Recreation Economic Impact Study
Amador Trail Stewardship	Pathways to Prosperity: A regional Multimodal Safety and Recreation Initiative
Eastern Sierra Artists	Sierra Regional Arts Organization Collaborative Network
ESCOG	Chipmunk Canyon Existing Conditions Analysis
ESCOG	Eastern Sierra Regional Collaborative Capacity Incubator
MLTPA	Eastern Sierra Regional Campground Improvements and Jobs Creation
MLTPA	Eastern Sierra Regional Climate and Recreation Jobs Creation
MLTPA	Eastern Sierra Regional Trail System and Jobs Creation
Motherlode Bicycle Coalition	Sustainable Mobility Partnership Program
Sierra Nevada Alliance	The Collaborative Sustainable Recreation Assessment
Tuolumne County Arts Alliance	Creative Reuse Community Arts Center of Tuolumne County
Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce	Sierra Sourced
Tuolumne County Community Development District	Jamestown Specific Plan and Model Toolkit for Town Center Revitalization

Projects impacting Natural & Working Lands

Alpine Biomass Collaborative	Eastern Sierra and Western Great Basin Tree Nursery Feasibility Study
Calaveras County Resource Conservation District	Building Climate Resiliency in the Central Sierra Region
Calaveras Healthy Impact Project Solutions (CHIPS) & Chicken Ranch Me-Wuk	CHIPS Growth and Infrastructure Initiative
Columbia College	Regional Training Center Feasibility Project
Sierra Nevada Alliance	The Sierra Nevada Alliance Natural and Working Lands Careers Initiative
Sonora Union High School District and Mother Lode Job Training	Wildcat Ranch Regional Training Site
Tuolumne County	Tuolumne County Programmatic CEQA Development for Wildfire Fuel Management
Yosemite Clean Energy	Developing an Innovating Biomass and Timber Inventory and Predictive Growth and Yield Model for the Central Sierra Nevada Region to Foster Forest and Bioeconomy Development

Sierra Jobs First: Technical Support & Working Groups



Technical Assistance

- From SFM & MLTPA
- Visit sierraworks.org

Recreation & Tourism Working Group

- April 10 @ 4 pm – Introductory Call
- April 17 @ 4 pm – Working Group Meeting
- Register at sierraworks.org



California Jobs First: Implementation Phase RFP



- Focused on **Accelerate** and **Bet** categories of the State Strategic Blueprint
- Sierra region joined a **bioeconomy** coalition led by the Sierra Institute with four other rural/forested regions
- Submitted NOI for Implementation Phase RFP on March 26, 2025
- Next step is awaiting an invitation to submit a pre-application for a cross-regional cluster of bioeconomy projects

California Jobs First: Strategic Sectors

Strengthen



Accelerate



Bet



Anchor



Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects

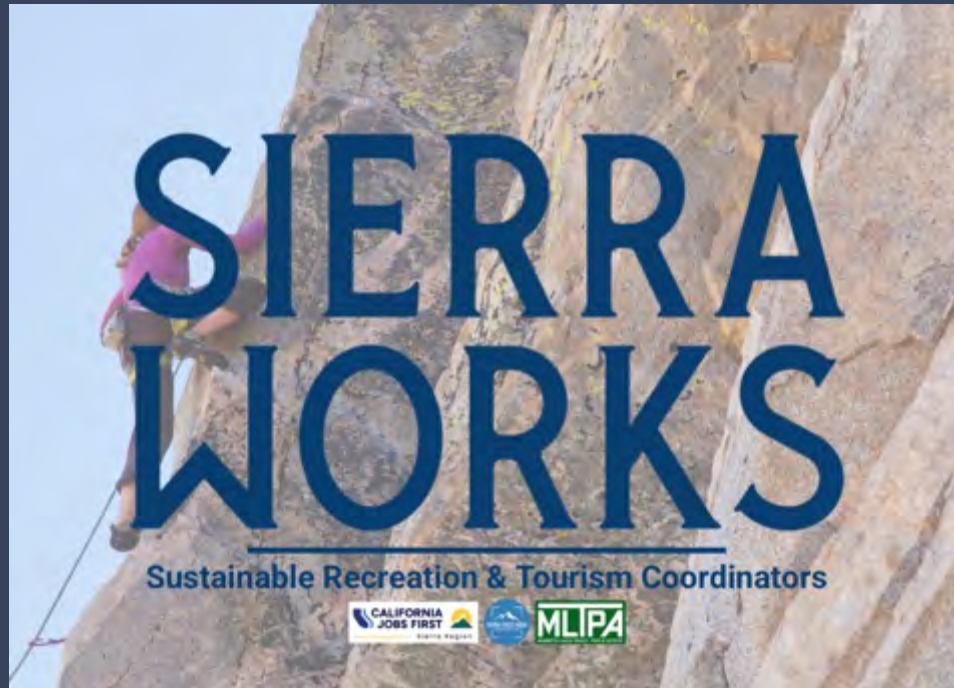
WORKING GROUP UPDATE

April 10th at 4pm Introductory Call, and April 17th at 4pm Working Meeting where a draft of the updated Activation Plan will be presented, discussed and refined.

Sign up for Working Group meeting at SierraWorks.org



Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects



Working to Connect Communities to
Nature in the Eastern Sierra and Beyond

SIERRA WORKS

RECREATION & TOURISM PROJECTS IN THE SIERRAS



Hello Recreation & Tourism Leaders,

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our Intro to the Working Group meeting on April 10th! We have over 60 stakeholders from across the region signed up already. This is just a reminder that our first meeting for this effort will be a week from today, on April 10th at 4:00pm.

We need your help to make sure our regional blueprint for Recreation & Tourism is truly inclusive. This region is vast, diverse, and complex — and we know that a one-size-fits-all approach won't cut it. That's why we're creating multiple ways to engage — so that everyone has a seat at the table.

Here's How to Get Involved:

- April 10th, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM PT – Virtual Meeting – Let's Get On the Same Page
We'll lay out our goals and discuss how to make this process work for everyone. You'll walk away with clear next steps.
- April 17th, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM PT – Virtual Meeting – Your Feedback, Your Ideas
We'll work through the Regional Strategic Plan (pages 72-77) and start shaping actionable projects.

If you haven't already done so, register online by signing up at [Sierra Works](#). Don't miss your chance to have a say in the future of recreation and tourism in our region.

This isn't just another meeting — this is your opportunity to directly influence how funding and resources are distributed across the Sierra. Let's make it count.

Sincerely,

The MLTPA X SFM Team

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Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects

SJF Activation Plan – Due June 2025

The 13 Jobs First Regions



- ① North State
- ② Redwood
- ③ Capital
- ④ Sierra
- ⑤ Bay Area
- ⑥ North San Joaquin
- ⑦ Central San Joaquin
- ⑧ Central Coast
- ⑨ Kern County
- ⑩ Los Angeles County
- ⑪ Inland SoCal
- ⑫ Orange County
- ⑬ Southern Border



Activation Plan: Strategy Overview Template

Target Sector Strategy – Brief Overview

- a. Describe the proposed target sector and supporting strategies. *This information is in Part 2 of most Regional Plans already and copying or summarizing it is encouraged.*
- b. Explain why this sector was prioritized for immediate action.
- c. Provide an overview of tactics (minimum of 5) to focus implementation over 12–18 months (to be detailed in the “Tactical workplan template”)

Operating Structure to Organize and Execute

- a. Describe the organizational model for executing the sector strategy (including staff roles, operations, and governance model)
- b. Identify regional partners for implementing tactics (including their roles and existing engagement with California Jobs First)

Goals and Metrics Across the Strategy

- a. Identify measures for sector-level outcomes expected from interventions over the next 5–10 years (e.g., increases in target sector employment and number of quality jobs)
- b. Identify measures to track shorter-term progress towards desired sector-level outcomes (do not include measures linked to individual tactics, as those can be included in the tactical workplan template below)
- c. Describe expectations for reporting progress on measures

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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.

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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

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: Catalyst Projects



SFM and MLTPA are distilling documents, creating a roadmap for amendments to the existing Strategic Plan/Activation Plan that includes buy-in, input from relevant partners.



Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

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

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 3:30