



Welcome...



REGULAR PARTNER MEETING



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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).

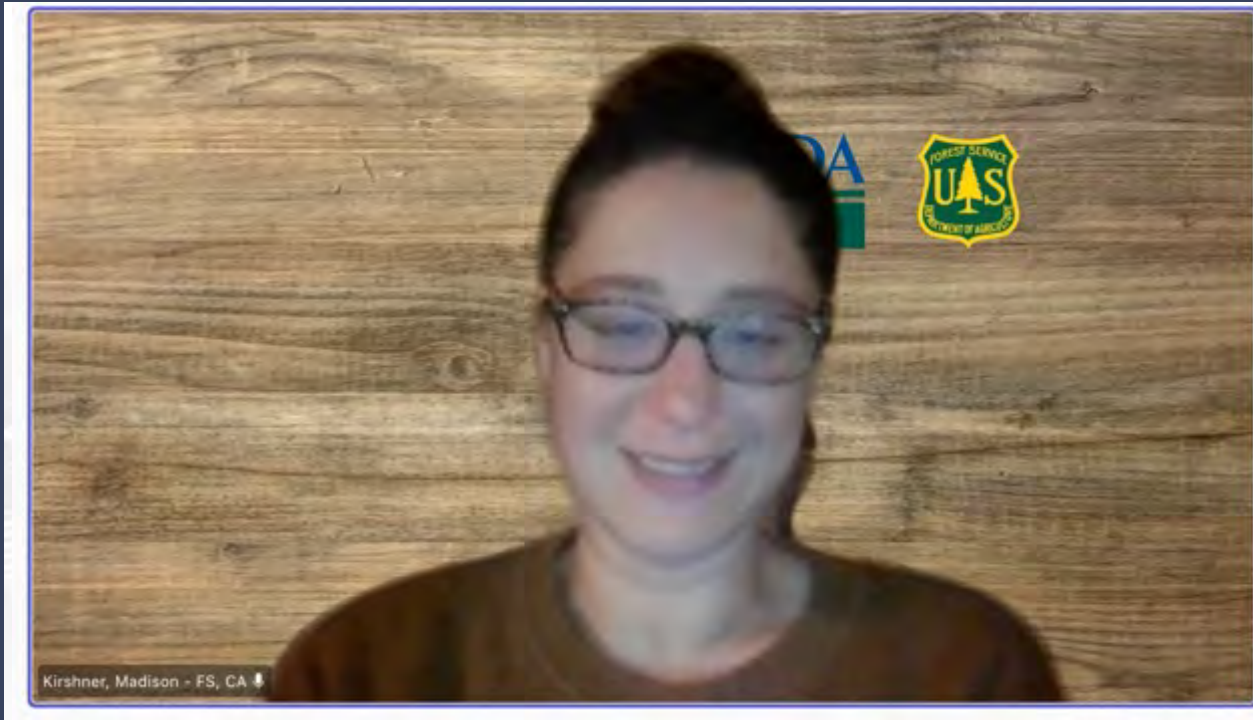
This acknowledgement is an invitation to all organizations, residents, and visitors to recognize the way this history has shaped the present as all parties work together in anticipation of a better future.

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



Support Federal Workers

- Madison Kirshner, *R5 Conservation Finance Coordinator*
- U.S. Forest Service; Pacific Southwest Region

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Support Federal Workers

- "The FedSupport Hub is a resource
- "Support Feds
- "The Partnership for Public Service"

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Amid today's dramatically changing federal landscape, the Partnership for Public Service is here to support you—either as you continue to serve our country or as you transition to new opportunities.

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Antelope Valley Indian Community
Bishop Paiute Indian Tribe
Bridgeport Indian Colony
Fort Independence Tribe of Paiute Indians
Kawaiisu Tribe of the Tejon Indian Reservation
Kern Valley Indian Community
Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone
Timbi-sha Shoshone
Tubatulabals of Kern Valley
Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe Benton Paiute Reservation
Walker River Paiute
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California

ESSRP Tribal Outreach

- 17 Tribal Contacts
- Included with all ESSRP Outreach
- Open invitation for participation;
one on one outreach ongoing

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Meeting Calendar Update

- Starting with the June 2 Meeting

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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-

ESSRP MOU

- Re-drafted document underway
- Outreach to begin in coming weeks

Welcome and Housekeeping



U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley

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

Hot Links May 5, 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
 - Support Federal Workers
 - The Partnership for Public Service
 - The FedSupport Hub is a resource for you
 - I Support Feds
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation: Regional Projects
 - Sierra Jobs First
 - Sierra Business Council
 - Sierra Jobs First Web Page
 - Regional Strategic Plan
 - Industry Sector Coordinators

Regional Sustainable Recreation Project Updates



Eastern Sierra Projects



ESSRP Local Agency Partners

Summer 2025 Recreation Project Updates



Presentations at June 2 ESSRP Meeting

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Project Updates



- Catalyst project awardees received contract materials on March 31
- Projects have until May 15 to finalize their budget and scope of work and approve contract language
- If projects do not accept awards, funding will be redistributed
- Award totals will be announced when contracts are finalized

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - 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

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - 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: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism

#1 - Project Name: Chipmunk Canyon Existing Conditions Analysis

Applicant: Elaine Kabala

Status: In contracting phase

- The project will develop an existing conditions analysis of the unauthorized trail network to inform required environmental review to determine if a formal trails network is feasible, identify and plan for appropriate recreation amenities, and engage with Tribes and interested communities to inform the conceptual recreation plan.

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism

#2 - Project Name: Eastern Sierra Regional Collaborative Capacity Incubator

Applicant: Elaine Kabala

Status: In contracting phase

- The ESRC capacity incubator project intends to expand the existing ESCOG SREMP program in the Eastern Sierra region to build collaboratives to facilitate strategic planning and implementation capacity in the areas of land tenure management, sustainable recreation, climate, and agriculture. The project intends to build better interjurisdictional and cross-sector collaboration to increase coordination for regional project funding and implementation.

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism

#3 - Project Name: Creative Reuse of Creative Arts Center Tuolumne County

Applicant: Laurie Livingston

Status: In contracting phase

- This project aims to collect donated materials from local businesses otherwise to go to landfill, including those obviously for arts and crafts. Maker workshops would provide access to resources for STEM and STEAM focused learning and exploration for all ages. The project aims to lease larger, accessible ample parking for 2 years to maximize visibility and revenue, hire STEAM/STEM/ Arts educators to develop classes in underserved communities and hire a manager(s) tasked with organizing business structure.

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism

#4 - Project Name: Eastern Sierra Regional Campground Improvements

Applicant: MLTPA

Status: In contracting phase

- This project will fulfill the planning phase for the renovation of eight campground in the Eastern Sierra Jobs First Region, including Inyo, Mono, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties. The ultimate goal is to guide the process for implementing the Regional Strategic Plan that will drive a community led, climate forward economy. In support of this plan, the Catalyst Fund program is designed to fund pre development activities that will lead to projects that meet the Sierra Jobs First objectives of equity, sustainability, job quality and access, economic competitiveness, and economic resilience.

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#5 - Project Name: Eastern Sierra Regional Climate & Recreation Jobs

Applicant: MLTPA

Status: In contracting phase

- This project aims to work collaboratively to implement recommended actions from "A Changing Climate: Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra," as developed by SRTI and ESSRP. This project will work collaboratively to provide students with experiential learning opportunities and tangible project experience. Field projects include an asset inventory of recreation infrastructure, GPS/GIS spatial data information, along with key attribute information regarding individual assets and GAP assessment following asset inventory.

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#6 - Project Name: Eastern Sierra Regional Trail Systems & Jobs Creation

Applicant: MLTPA

Status: In contracting phase

- MLTPA seeks funding to complete an Eastern Sierra Regional Trail System through Westside Towns to Trails Plan, which will connect with an Eastside Towns to trails plan being finalized by ESCOG. The Westside Trails Plan will focus on existing infrastructure to provide connectivity, assessing conditions, exiting resources, need and opportunities by collecting data on the current system and road infrastructure.

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#7 - Project Name: Jamestown Specific Plan and Model Toolkit

Applicant: Quincy Yaley

Status: In contracting phase

- The proposed project aims to create a replicable model for revitalizing rural town centers through specific plan development, emphasizing robust community engagement. The Specific Plan will prioritize areas adjacent to the Gold Rush Shared Use Path, a multi-modal, active transportation project designed to enhance connectivity, recreation, and resilience. By aligning land use, transportation investments, and town center revitalization, the plan will facilitate residential and economic development. Key activities include preparing a EIR to streamline regulatory processes and conducting extensive community engagement.

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#8 - Project Name: Pathways to Prosperity: A Regional Multimodal Safety and Recreation Initiative

Applicant: Bradley Booker

Status: In contracting phase

- Pathways to Prosperity initiative seeks to enhance multimodal safety and recreational infrastructure across Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties. The initiative will identify recreational enhancements and route segments for both attainability and potential impact. The program will also perform public outreach regarding enhancements, identify potential funding sources for projects, and list agencies or partnerships that can help realize them

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#9 - Project Name: Sierra Regional Arts Organization Collaborative Network

Applicant: Naomi Hart Johnson

Status: In contracting phase

- This project proposes to create a Sierra Regional Arts Organization Network with participating arts organizations in each of the Sierra Regions seven county cluster in order to formalize and solidify communication and collaboration between partners who share the significant challenges of thriving as rural artist organizations in the current economic landscape.

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#10 - Project Name: Sierra Sourced

Applicant: Matthew Galvin

Status: In contracting phase

- Sierra Sourced focuses on strengthening business to business relationships, building resilient local supply chains, and expanding market access through e-commerce platform and strategic partnerships. Objectives include boosting demand for regional products, building local supply chains, providing accessible marketplaces, and generating year-round revenue streams for local businesses.

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#11 - Project Name: Sustainable Mobility Partnership Program

Applicant: Rob Williams

Status: In contracting phase

- California Mobility Fund requests funding to hire an Executive Director and a Program Manager for MLBC to formally launch a program that will focus on developing sustainable mobility (recreation, transportation, and tourism) infrastructure and programming in the Central Sierra region through nurturing partnerships and collaborations with a range of partners from local governments to state agencies, advocating for bicycling at the local and state levels, developing implementable bicycle infrastructure projects, securing funding for specific projects, growing memberships, and supporting hosting events to promote bike culture.

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#12 - Project Name: The Collaborative Sustainable Recreation Assessment

Applicant: Jenny Hatch

Status: In contracting phase

- The Collaborative Sustainable Recreation Assessment project will engage disinvested communities within the Southern and Eastern Sierra in creating a stewardship economy. The proposed project will conduct year-round recreational use and behavior research to best determine how to expand the Take Care Sierra stewardship marketing campaign and create non-seasonal environmental Ambassadors jobs to relay this campaign effectively. Success will be measured through collecting comprehensive data.

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects - Recreation & Tourism

#13 - Project Name: Tri-County Recreation Economic Impact Study- Inyo, Mono, & Alpine Counties

Applicant: JT Chevallier

Status: In contracting phase

- This project aims to conduct a comprehensive Economic Impact Study to guide sustainable recreation management and development in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties. The study will analyze recreational patterns, assess cost-benefit impacts, and provide actionable recommendations to optimize resource use while balancing economic, ecological, and community benefits.

Sierra Jobs First: Catalyst Projects

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COLLABORATIVE

2024 Strategic Plan

Regional Plan: Part II



Governing Council Approved August 23, 2024



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: Technical Support & Working Groups



Technical Assistance

- From SFM & MLTPA
- Visit sierraworks.org

Recreation & Tourism Working Group – Meetings to Date

- April 10 @ 4 pm – Introductory Call
- April 17 @ 4 pm – Working Group Meeting

Sierra Jobs First: Activation Plan

SJF Activation Plan – Due May 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

Sierra Jobs First: Activation Plan

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2024 Strategic Plan

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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.

California Jobs First: Implementation



- 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
 - Awaiting an update on invitation to submit a pre-application for a cross-regional cluster of bioeconomy projects

California Jobs First: Strategic Sectors

California's Strategic Sectors

Strengthen



Accelerate



Bet



Anchor



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Strengthen



Accelerate



Bet



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California's Strategic Sectors

Strengthen



Accelerate



Bet



Anchor




California Jobs First: Strategic Sectors

California's Strategic Sectors

Strengthen

 **Creative Economy**
Film, TV, & the Arts

 **Tourism & Outdoor Recreation**

 **Manufacturing**

 **Working Lands & Water**
Agricultural Production
Food Processing

 **Financial & Professional Services**

 **Transport & Logistics**

Accelerate



 **Aerospace & Defense**
Aircraft
Space, Defense, & Satellites

 **Life Sciences**
Medtech
Pharma / biotech


 **Clean Economy**
Batteries
Onshore Wind
Solar
ZEVs


 **Working Lands & Water**
Agtech & Farm Equipment


 **High-Tech**
Hardware
Semiconductors & Microelectronics
Software & Services

 Advanced & Precision Manufacturing' 

Bet


 **Clean Economy**
Carbon Management
Critical Minerals
Hydrogen
Offshore Wind

 **High-Tech**
Artificial Intelligence
Quantum
Robotics

 **Working Lands & Water**
Bioeconomy
Blue economy / tech

Anchor


 **Childcare**


 **Education & Skilled Workforce**


 **Healthcare**


 **Housing**

 **Infrastructure**

 Broadband

 Transmission & Distribution

 Transportation Infrastructure

 Water

California Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Statewide Cohort



Mobilize Broader State Resources to Support Community-Vetted Regional Strategies

Through the engagement of the Jobs First Council and via dedicated investments into ecosystem coordination, we aim to direct funding and energy in a way that maximizes the impact of every dollar. We will specifically pursue the following actions:

1. **Coordinate sector working groups** to support sector-building activities for each of the four pilots, the “Bet” sectors, and the healthcare workforce. GO-Biz and LWDA will convene relevant state agencies and regional representatives to coordinate activities across regions and help implement aligned regional projects. For pilot sectors, these working groups will focus on identifying and resolving specific permitting, regulatory, or siting challenges that stand in the way of successful execution of strategic projects. These working groups will also develop coordinated workforce development and business outreach strategies to help foster sector activity around the state.

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Developing the 13 Jobs First Regions

The creation of California's thirteen economic regions marks a strategic, data-driven approach to advancing resilient economic growth across the state.

These regions were identified to maximize the potential for collaboration, economic diversity, and job creation. Guided by California's Labor Market Information Division at the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), each region was defined based on unique local factors—like commute patterns, labor market characteristics, and industry strengths—alongside critical elements such as population size, geographic scale, and economic linkages.⁷

By grouping counties with shared economic ties and local connections, California has created an ecosystem of regions that can drive both local and cross-regional initiatives. This approach breaks down geographic and economic silos, encouraging regions to work together on transformational projects that transcend boundaries, from developing good-paying jobs to building sustainable industries. The California Jobs First initiative has empowered these regions with tools and funding to build the local partnerships needed to collectively create regionally-tailored solutions, ensuring that economic resilience is woven into the fabric of communities statewide.



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

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Distinct Regional Economies Informed by Unique Natural Resources & Community Assets

California spans over 160,000 square miles, making it comparable in size to countries like Japan and Sweden.⁸³ Along with this vast scale comes a wide range of topographies and economies defined by these different natural features.

Natural Resources

California has more than 840 miles of coastline, the highest and lowest points in the continental U.S., more than 25,000 square miles of desert, and the tallest trees on the planet.⁸⁴ Our geographic variation is one of the reasons we are home to nine of the country's 61 national parks, the most of any state.⁸⁵ These parks drive significant tourism to California (nearly 11.4 million visitors in 2023),⁸⁶ contributing to the more than \$150 billion travel spend that took place in California in 2023, an all-time high.⁸⁷

Our natural resources also underpin our leadership in other industries, from agriculture to renewable energy. Over one-third of the nation's vegetables and three-quarters of its fruits and nuts are grown in California alone.⁸⁸ We also boast an estimated 340,000 acres of land with potential for solar energy development,⁸⁹ as well as unparalleled deposits of critical minerals necessary for numerous clean technologies that comprise 15% of global rare-earth element supply.⁹⁰



Place-Based Assets

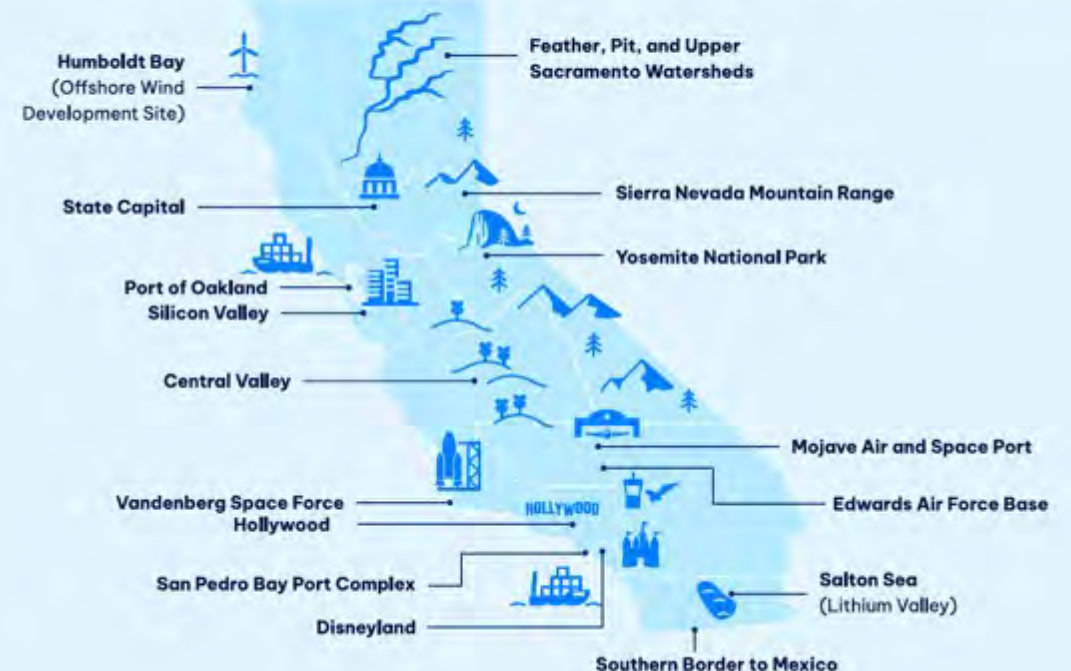
Our natural resources are impressive, but there are also man-made attributes that make us unique.

We have invested heavily in our transportation infrastructure to help transmit goods to and from the rest of the world, taking advantage of our position as the Western gateway to the United States. These investments have paid off; California consistently ranks first in the continental U.S. for both inbound and outbound air freight flights, and our ports handle 40% of all containerized cargo entering the U.S. and nearly 30% of the nation's exports.⁹¹ The San Pedro Bay Port Complex leads the way as the 9th busiest port in the world by container volume.⁹²

Our geographic location and weather conditions have also contributed to longstanding federal investments into our aerospace and defense launch and test assets, from the Vandenberg Space Force Base, the world's second busiest spaceport,⁹³ to Mojave Air and Space Port, the nation's first facility to be licensed for horizontal launch of reusable spacecraft.⁹⁴

Each California Jobs First region identified a range of assets in their Regional Plans.

SELECT REGIONAL ASSETS⁹⁵



California Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Statewide Cohort



Count	Agency	Role	Organization/Association/Program within Agency	First Name	Last Name
1	GO-Biz	Agency - CA	GO-Biz Regional Econ Development Initiative	Danna	Stroud
2	GO-Biz	Agency - CA	GO-Biz	Derek	Kirk
3	Visit CA	Agency - CA	Visit CA	Jonathan	Changus
4	CNRA	Agency - CA	CNRA	Rebecca	Burgess
5	CA Jobs First - North State - Region A	Jobs First	Chico State	Courtney	Ferrel
6	CA Jobs First - North State - Region A	Jobs First	Sierra Institute for Community and Environment	Jonathan	Kusel
7	CA Jobs First - North State - Region A	Jobs First	Watershed Center	Nick	Goulette
8	CA Jobs First - Redwood - Region B	Jobs First	ACT Sector	Calder	Johnson
9	CA Jobs First - Capitol - Region C	Jobs First	Economic Development Office, Nevada County	Kimberly	Parker
10	CA Jobs First - Capitol - Region C	Jobs First	Nevada County	Shavati	Karki-Pearl
11	CA Jobs First - Capitol - Region C	Jobs First	Tahoe Prosperity Center		
12	CA Jobs First - Sierra - Region D	Jobs First	Sierra Focus Media	Mathew	Galvan
13	CA Jobs First - Sierra - Region D	Tourism	Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau	Jonathan	Farrington
14	CA Jobs First - Sierra - Region D	Tourism	Visit Tuolumne County	Lisa	Mayo
15	CA Jobs First - Sierra - Region D	Jobs First	MLTPA	Andie	Stewart
16	CA Jobs First - Sierra - Region D	Jobs First	MLTPA	Erin	Murphy
17	CA Jobs First - Sierra - Region D	Jobs First	MLTPA	Chelsea	Taylor
18	CA Jobs First - Sierra - Region D	Jobs First	MLTPA	Dillon	Osleger
19	CA Jobs First - Sierra - Region D	Jobs First	MLTPA	John	Wentworth
20	CA Jobs First - Bay Area - Region E	Tourism	Visit Tri Valley	Tracy	Farhad
21	CA Jobs First - Bay Area - Region E	Jobs First	All Home, Bay Area Jobs First Collaborative		
22	CA Jobs First - Bay Area - Region E	Jobs First	Marin County Parks	Kevin	Wright
23	CA Jobs First - Bay Area - Region E	Jobs First	Explore Santa Cruz Mountains	Mike	Kahn
24	CA Jobs First - North San Joaquin - Region F	Jobs First	North Valley Thrive	Yolanda	Meraz
25	CA Jobs First - Central San Joaquin - Region G	Jobs First	Visit Yosemite / Madera County	Rhonda	Salsbury
26	CA Jobs First - Central San Joaquin - Region G	Jobs First	Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council		
27	CA Jobs First - Central San Joaquin - Region G	Jobs First	Sustainable Agriculture Research & Ed Program	Rachael	Callahan
28	CA Jobs First - Central Coast - Region H	Jobs First	City of San Luis Obispo	Laura	Fiedler
29	CA Jobs First - Central Coast - Region H	Tourism	Central Coast Tourism Council	Christine	Thomas
30	CA Jobs First - Central Coast - Region H	Tourism	Uplift Central Coast	Quinn	Brady
31	CA Jobs First - Central Coast - Region H	Jobs First	Sempervirens Fund	Matt	Shaffer
32	CA Jobs First - Kern County - Region I	Jobs First	Kern Coalition	Norma	Rojas
33	CA Jobs First - LA County - Region J	Jobs First	Los Angeles Collaborative		
34	CA Jobs First - LA County - Region J	Jobs First	Pasadena Visitors Bureau		
35	CA Jobs First - LA County - Region J	Jobs First	San Gabriel Monument		
36	CA Jobs First - Orange County - Region K	Jobs First	Orange County Business Council	Wallace	Walrod
37	CA Jobs First - Orange County - Region K	Jobs First	Business Initiatives OC Business Council	Jesse	Benron
38	CA Jobs First - Inland SoCal - Region L	Jobs First			
39	CA Jobs First - Inland SoCal - Region L	Jobs First	NPS U.S. Biosphere Network, Mojave and Colorado Deserts Biosphere Region		
40	CA Jobs First - Inland SoCal - Region L	Jobs First	Idylwild		
41	CA Jobs First - Inland SoCal - Region L	Jobs First	Lake Arrowhead		
42	CA Jobs First - Inland SoCal - Region L	Jobs First	San Bernardino County Economic Development	Ryan	Niesen
43	CA Jobs First - Southern Border - Region M	Jobs First	San Diego State Research Foundation	John	Mcmillan
44	CA Jobs First - Southern Border - Region M	Jobs First	San Diego Mountain Biking Association		



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Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG)

- Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program
 - ESCOG Board Meeting Updates – April 30, 2025
 - Whitebark Institute
 - Eastern Sierra Climate and Community Resilience - Updates
 - Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance - Updates



TOWNS TO TRAILS PLAN

Alpine County, Mono County, Inyo County

Final Delivery | May 2025

ESCOG Meeting Updates – April 30, 2025

- Approve Subaward Agreements for Sierra Jobs First Catalyst Funding Awards and Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute the Agreements:
 - “Business Resource Center Catalyst Program”
 - “Chipmunk Canyon Existing Conditions Analysis”
 - “Eastern Sierra Regional Collaborative Capacity Incubator”
- Approve the Agreement Between the County of Inyo and the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments for the Provision of Project Management, GIS, and Grant Administration Services



Regional Capacity

Community Directed Grants

- \$60,000 total awarded to 17 projects. Thank you SCE.
- Projects focus on Fire Response Infrastructure & Equipment, Home Hardening & Defensible Space, Wildfire Mitigation & Vegetation Management

Adding New Positions

- Environmental Planning
- Forest Health Program Management
- <https://whitebarkinstitute.org/careers/>

Community Engagement

- Ignite Adventure, Not Wildfires regional campaign
- Wildfire Resilience Month
 - <https://whitebarkinstitute.org/events/>





2025 Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project Work

- Fuels reduction implementation begins May 19th behind Forest Trail neighborhood
- Treatment areas include Panorama Dome, Sherwins, Coldwater Campground, Earthquake Dome, Junkyard, Forest Trail, Bluff St/ Red Fir neighborhoods
- Forest Order Closures and public impacts will include trail, campground, and dispersed camping closures
- Community meetings will be held in Forest Trail and Red Fir/Bluff St neighborhoods
 - May 13th
 - May 14th
 - May 19th

Learn more about [upcoming work](#)



ESWA Development

Collaborative Planning Proposed Timeline and Activities

All Meetings on Thursdays, In-Person and Zoom

June 5th, 12-3pm: Bishop LUNCH!

- Wildfire ecosystem mapping: current roles, capacity and needs
- Local collaborative planning success stories, opportunities

July 24th

- Statewide collaborative governance models
- Communications
- Project list
- Funding focus

September 25th

- Workshop: proposed governance structures and roles
- ESWA activities and project priorities

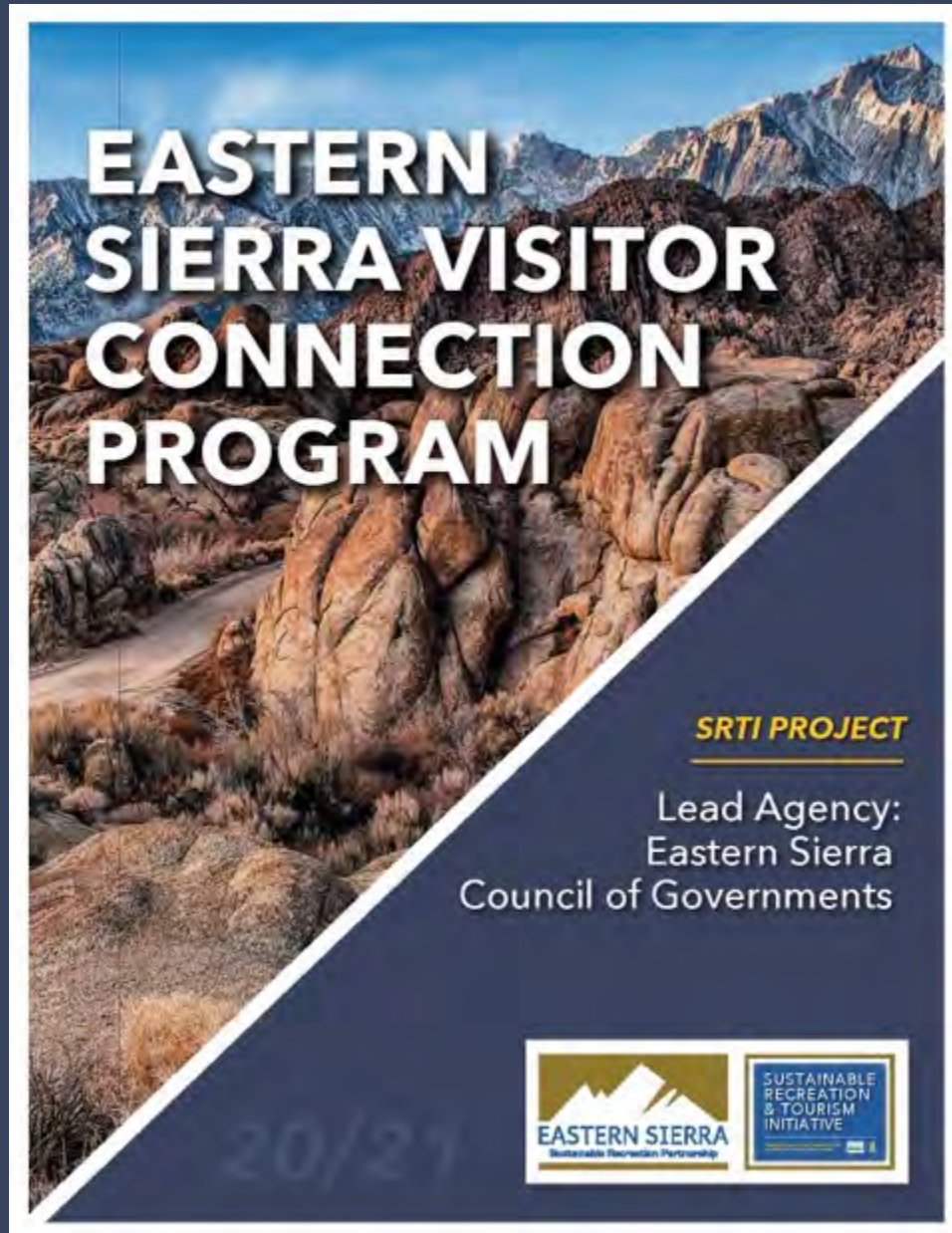
October 23rd

- Draft structure, charter
- Policy and funding updates
- Summer project and outreach updates

November 20th

- Confirm structure, charter
- Collaborative planning wrap-up and celebration
- Communication tools preview
- Short term action plan and 2026 schedule

MLTPA Sustainable Recreation Projects



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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May 3: Wildfire Preparedness Day – Campaign Launches



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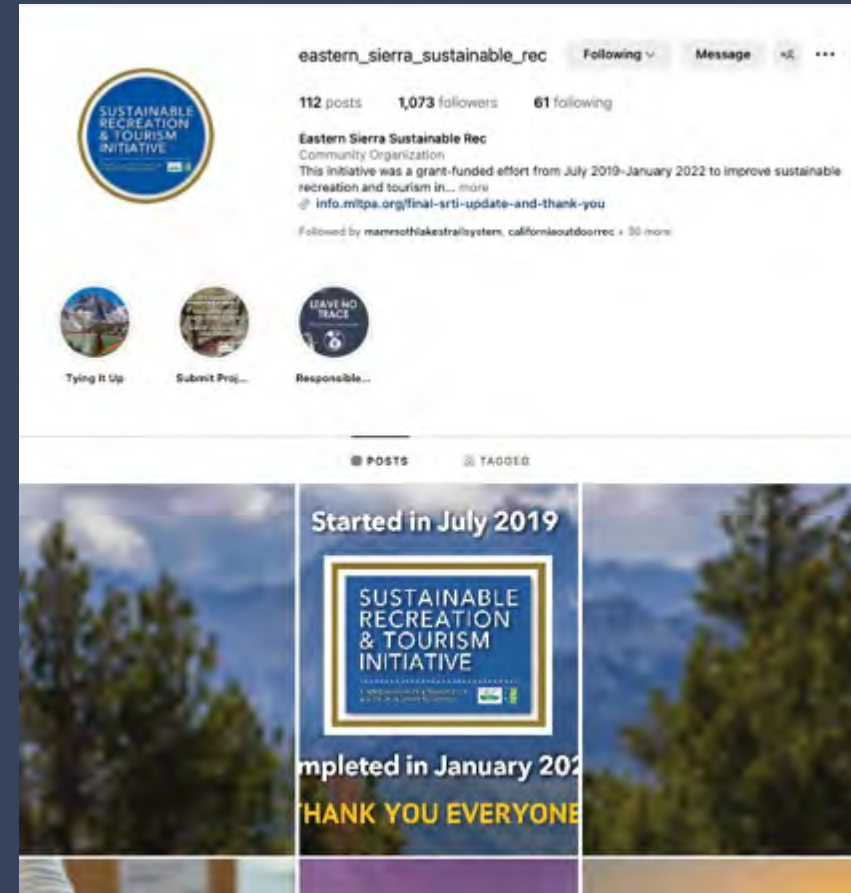


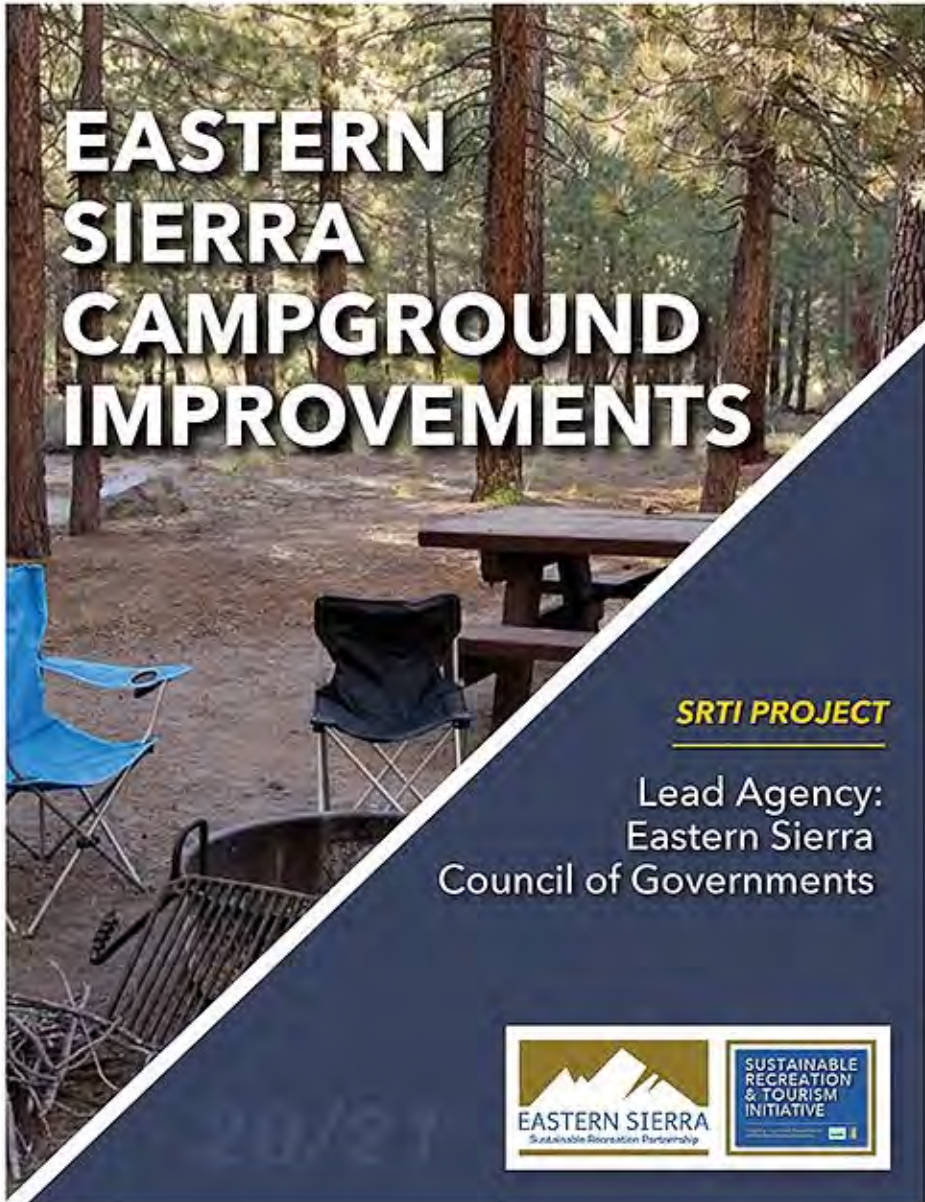
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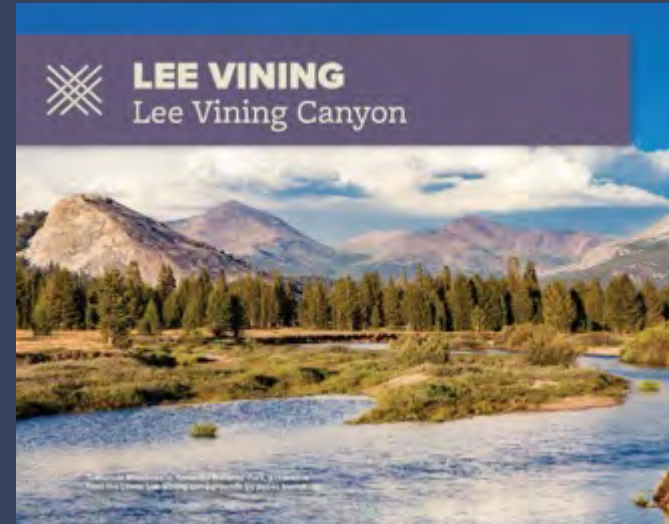


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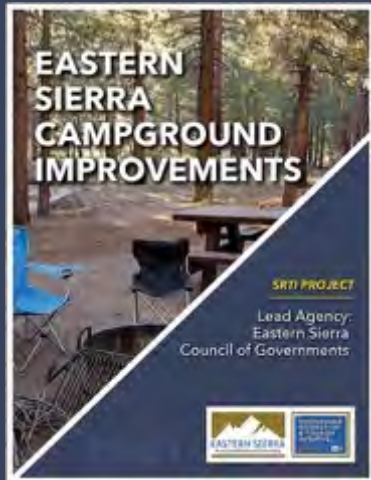
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**California Trails and Greenways
April 24, 2025**



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- Calaveras County
- City of Bishop
- City of Truckee
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- Humboldt County
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- Mariposa County
- Motherlode Job Training Center
- Nevada County
- Placer County
- Plumas County
- RCRC
- Sierra County
- Town of Truckee
- Tuolumne County



Trails as Resilient Infrastructure Webinar

Date & Time May 13, 2025 03:00 PM in [Pacific Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

Description Join us for this webinar cohosted by Oregon Trails Coalition, Toole Design, CALREC Vision, and Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access (MLTPA). Learn from practitioners who worked on the FHWA's Trails as Resilient Infrastructure Guidebook as well from MLTPA about their work on the Joint Strategy for Wildfire Resilience.



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Hello Recreate Responsibly California Coalition Members,

This past Earth Day, our coalition members showed up with care, clarity, and conviction. One message rang especially true: when our highest institutions falter, it's community-based organizations, local governments, and individuals who rise to carry the load. So, the how do we align more intentionally to share that weight?

Inspired by the spirit of our April gathering, your facilitators are reflecting on how we can better support this coalition in the months ahead. We're exploring ways to make our meetings and communications more adaptive and supportive to the needs of this moment. More to come soon—meanwhile, please read on for updates, tools, and actions you can take now.

Advocacy

A Flurry of Orders: Timber, Public Lands & More

It seems each week (or day!) brings a new executive order, deepening uncertainty in our federal agencies. This chaos is not incidental; it's the point. The strategy is to overwhelm. But we've seen this before, and we know what to do.

Keep Speaking Up

We're playing a long game and it can be hard to keep up with what the issues are and who to trust. Members shared some current action alerts and organizations they follow to keep up with actionable steps. Feel free to share, sign-on, and bring more examples forward.

- CAMTB Action Alert: [Public Lands Are Not For Sale](#)
- Voice for National Service Action Alert: [Protect AmeriCorps](#)
- For additional action alerts and talking points check out [Outdoor Alliance](#) and [REI Action Networks](#).

Events & Important Dates

New CAL FIRE Wildfire Preparedness Week from May 4 – 10, 2025

Build awareness, share steps communities and individuals can take now to prepare for fire season.

New Webinar Trails as Resilient Infrastructure Tuesday, May 13, 3:00-4:15 pm

CALREC Vision and the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation are partnering with the Oregon Trails Coalition and Toole Design to offer a free webinar on the Federal Highway Administration's, "Trails as Resilient Infrastructure Guidebook" and California's Joint Strategy for Wildfire Resilience. [Register here.](#)

Last Call Sempervirens 120 Year Celebration Sunday, May 18th

Don't miss the chance to celebrate Sempervirens 120 year anniversary. They are hosting a Redwoods Festival on May 18 at **Roaring Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains**. [Register here.](#)

Funding Opportunity NPS Competitive Grant Program Deadlines

Land and Water Conservation Fund [Application Deadline is August 5, 2025 before 5 pm.](#)

Please reach out for the complete set of notes from the meeting.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 27th** from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. We look forward to seeing you next month, but feel free to reach out with updates or questions in the meantime!

Stay vigilant,

—Haley, Danna, and Chelsea



Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) is providing these communication services.



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California's big cities are slowly bouncing back, new population data show



Children enjoying a day at Jastro Park in Bakersfield last June. The population in the city of Bakersfield grew by 1.2% in 2024. (Jason Armond / Los Angeles Times)

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Yosemite National Park has finally decided what it's doing about 2025 reservations

This summer, you will likely need a reservation to visit Yosemite after all



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Wednesday, April 30, 2025



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Popular Yosemite Backpacking Campground Will Open for the Season After All

Park officials had written that the campground would close "indefinitely" for unspecified reasons.



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'Much more difficult': Cuts leave Calif. sections of Pacific Crest Trail in shambles

The PCT will be especially challenging this year due to Trump's funding cuts

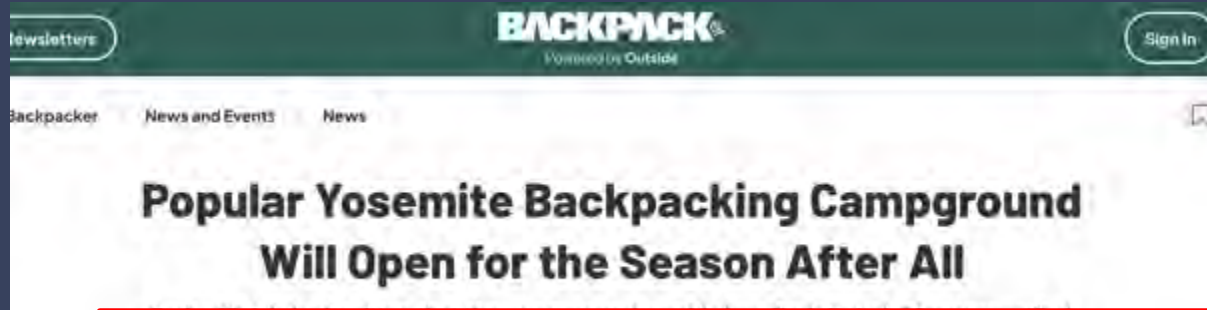
By **Sam Mauhay-Moore**, National Parks Reporter
April 9, 2025

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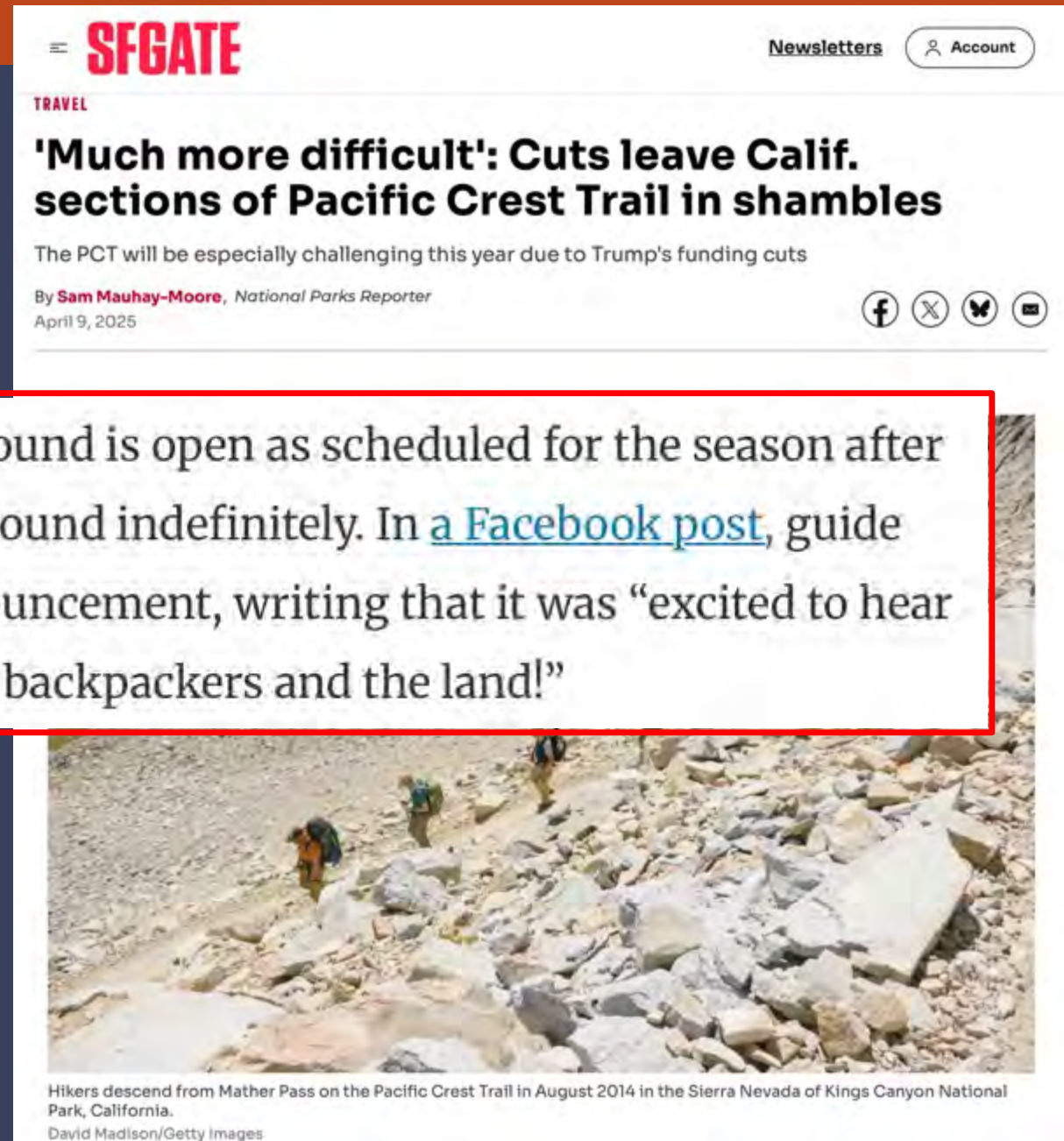


Hikers descend from Mather Pass on the Pacific Crest Trail in August 2014 in the Sierra Nevada of Kings Canyon National Park, California.
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Update: Yosemite Valley's backpackers campground is open as scheduled for the season after the park walked back plans to close the campground indefinitely. In [a Facebook post](#), guide agency Lasting Adventures celebrated the announcement, writing that it was "excited to hear this good news as it will relieve much stress on backpackers and the land!"



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National Park Nonprofits Are Booming Amid the Park Service Turmoil

Charitable foundations that raise funds and organizer volunteers for the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, and other U.S. National Parks have seen an uptick in donations and manpower

Published: May 2, 2025 | Updated: 17 hours ago



Jayme Moye

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NATIONAL PARKS

Calif. congressman: Trump admin wants to monetize, privatize national parks

By **Sam Hill**, Pacific Northwest Contributing Parks Editor

April 29, 2025



FILE: Rep. Jared Huffman meets with a group in his office in Washington, D.C., in 2023.

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National Park Service asks workers to help with their own layoffs

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By **Kylie Mohr**, *Big Sky Country Contributing Parks Editor*
April 28, 2025



Grand Canyon National Park ranger Jill Staurowsky gives a tour to visitors on Feb. 22, 2025.
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Donate today to help us pay AmeriCorps Members through the end of their term

Dear conservation supporters,

We need your help urgently. We want to keep our AmeriCorps Members paid through the end of their term. We are asking for donations to pitch in and help raise funds to transition our AmeriCorps to paid internships so they can finish their terms.

They have 5 months remaining. We have 25 members and need roughly \$20k per member to make up for the DOGE grant termination. **Any amount you can donate TODAY helps us towards this goal.**

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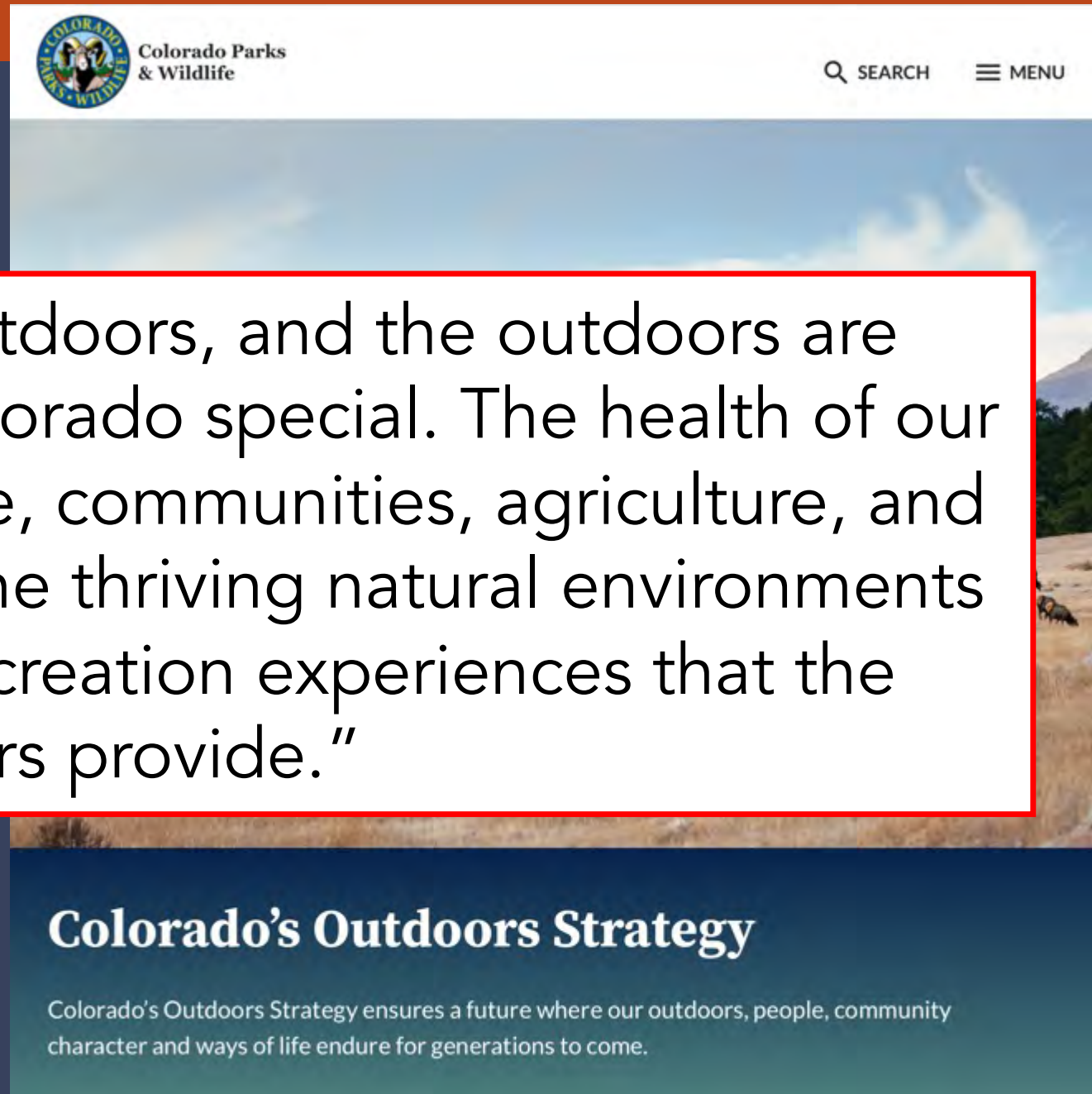
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"Coloradans love the outdoors, and the outdoors are essential to what makes Colorado special. The health of our wildlife, biodiversity, people, communities, agriculture, and economies depend upon the thriving natural environments and amazing outdoor recreation experiences that the outdoors provide."

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"However, throughout Colorado, our outdoors face significant and urgent pressures from growing populations and human disturbance to climate change, wildfires, and drought. From the Western Slope to the Eastern Plains, many communities feel they are at an important crossroads."

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Administration of Governor Gavin Newsom



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CALIFORNIA'S NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS CLIMATE TARGETS

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ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM
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"CNRA is developing an economic and workforce impact analysis to better understand the outcome of meeting their Natural and Working Lands Climate Targets.

"One of the actions we're taking in developing the methodology is to better understand the experiences and perspective of employers who engage in the land stewardship outlined in the targets.

"The targets include Wildfire Risk Reduction, and as we know that body of work is tied to the creation of trail systems. CNRA is developing an economic and workforce impact analysis to better understand the outcome of meeting their Natural and Working Lands Climate Targets."



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California Natural Resources Agency			
Wade Crowfoot	Secretary for Natural Resources	California Natural Resources Agency	In Person
Sara Aminzadeh	Deputy Secretary of External Affairs	California Natural Resources Agency	In Person
Meghan Hertel	Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat	California Natural Resources Agency	In Person
Gloria Sandoval	Deputy Secretary		In Person
Madeline Drake	Assistant Deputy		In Person
California Outdoor Recreation Community			
Alicia Harvie	Head of Commu		Virtual
Amy Betts	Store Manager		In Person
Annie Burke	Executive Directo		Virtual
Danna Stroud	Associate Deputy		Virtual
Don Amador	Western States R		In Person
Elyane Stefanick	Program Directo		In Person
Emily Blackmer	Government Affa		Virtual
Greg Williams	Executive Directo		Virtual
Hannah Wintucky	Government Affa		Virtual
Hilary Eisen	Policy Director		Virtual
Jazzari Taylor	Policy Advocate		Virtual
Jennifer Savage	California Policy		Virtual
John Wentworth	CEO/President		In Person
Jordan Lim	Program Manage		In Person
Kathleen Baker	Executive Directo		Virtual
Katie Hawkins	California Progra		In Person
Katie Goodwin	Western Regiona		Virtual
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Maricela Rosales	California Associ		Virtual
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Matthew Blain	Board Member		In Person
Megan Wargo	CEO		In Person
Michael Anzalone	Executive Directo		In Person
Sandra Schubert	Executive Director	Tuleyome	In Person
Stephanie Lynn Dashiell	Protect CA Deserts Coalition Facilitator	Protect CA Deserts / Protect Chuckwalla Campaign	Virtual
Steve Frisch	President	Sierra Business Council	In Person
Steve Messer	President	California Mountain Biking Coalition	Virtual
Theresa Lorejo-Simsiman	California Stewardship Director	American Whitewater	Virtual



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POLITICS

100 days in, here's how California has fared under Trump

By Joe Garofoli, Bob Egelko

April 29, 2025

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ENVIRONMENT APRIL 23, 2025

Climate Groups Get a Reprieve From Trump's Rumored Earth Day Massacre

But the threat that he might go after their tax-exempt status has shaken the nonprofit world.

HENRY CARMELL and ANITA COHEN



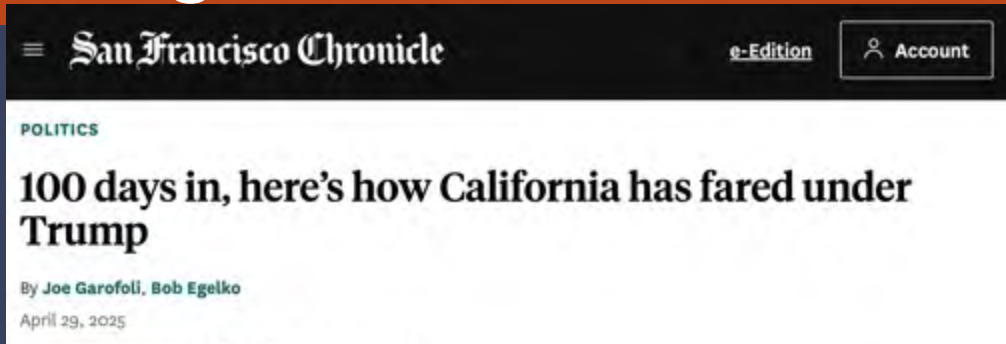
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Forecast models show unsettled weather pattern persisting in California

By **Greg Porter**, Senior Newsroom Meteorologist

May 1, 2025

Gift Article



Precipitation outlook: May

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Above-average precipitation is expected across the Sierra and the foothills during the month of May.

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CAPITOL ALERT

Nevada County supervisor is challenging Kevin Kiley for Congress. Who is she?

By David Lightman

Updated April 24, 2025 7:53 AM



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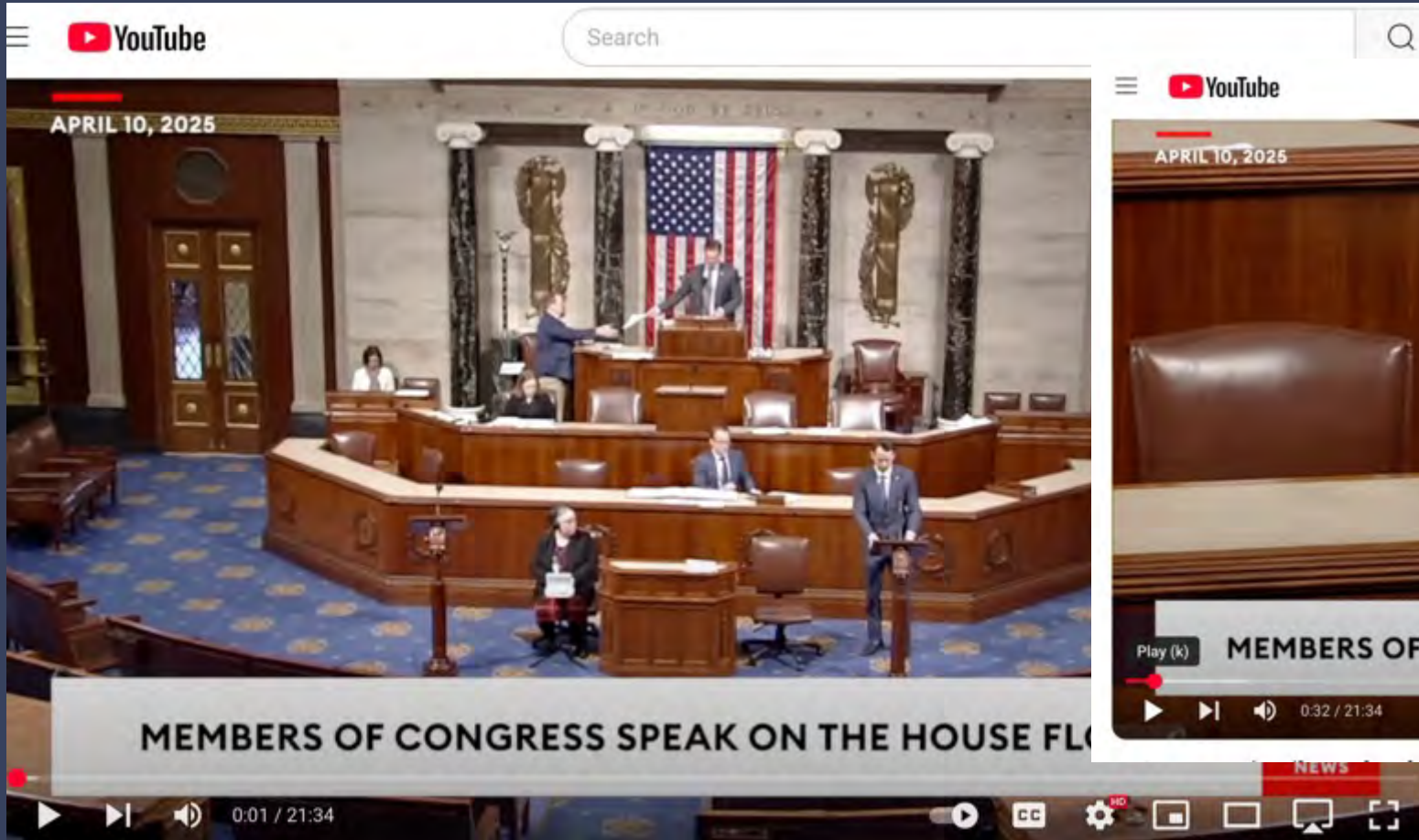
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“Republicans hope to leverage the reconciliation process this year to extend and expand on expiring tax cuts, increase spending on border security and defense, reform U.S. energy policies, and cut federal spending in several parts of the budget. While the reconciliation bill’s ultimate deficit impact is yet to be determined, the topline instructions in the Senate allow for an up to \$2 trillion deficit increase over 10 years. Due to overlapping instructions between committees and the use of a “current policy” baseline, the actual topline is an up to \$5.7 trillion deficit increase.”

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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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If/Then: The Slippery Slope of Federal Land Sales

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The US House of Representatives passed a budget resolution on April 10 by the narrow margin of 216–214 and along party lines. With passage of the Senate bill in the prior week, Congress now officially can work on budget reconciliation legislation. Some news accounts have reported that **sales of federal public lands will be included in such a bill to generate revenues** that will allow for an extension of the tax cuts in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which are set to expire at the end of this year. Federal land sales also have been proposed as a way to address housing affordability challenges in the western United States. The legality of federal land sales as part of budget reconciliation is in question, and the long-term implications of including such a clause could be wide ranging and irreversible.

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Here's how much Utah is spending on a public relations campaign for its lawsuit seeking control of public land

Utah wants the U.S. Supreme Court to take up its case — and is spending hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on advertising to get its attention and educate the public.



(Francisco Kjolseth | The Salt Lake Tribune) A billboard along Interstate 80 for the state's "Stand for our Land" campaign supporting its lawsuit against the Bureau of Land Management, which aims to gain control over public lands in Utah, is pictured on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024.

Utah has paid over \$500,000 to the law firm championing its Supreme Court attack on federal control over public lands — while budgeting twice as much on a blitz to influence the court of public opinion this summer and fall.

Clement & Murphy [filed Utah's lawsuit in August](#), challenging the Bureau of Land Management's ownership of 18.5 million acres of land "unappropriated" to parks, monuments or other national sites in the state.

Between June and November, the state expects to spend \$1.35 million — on a [website](#), podcasts, billboards and other advertisements in Utah and Washington, D.C. — under its contract with [Utah-based public relations firm Penna Powers](#), according to records obtained by The Salt Lake Tribune. Utah expects to pay the firm a total of \$2.642 million over five years, the contract said.

Other documents released in response to The Tribune's open records request detail the state's strategy for increasing "awareness" that the BLM's oversight and policies for public land in the West "are harming Utahns by restricting access to public lands, hindering active management, and reducing economic and recreation opportunities."

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Republicans support selling public lands as budget amendment fails

April 5, 2025

Heinrich amendment that opposed sale of public lands fails to garner enough support

“WASHINGTON D.C. (April 4, 2025) — By a 48-51 vote, senators defeated an amendment opposing the sale of public lands in the ongoing budget reconciliation process, raising alarm that land sell-offs will be included in the final budget bill. In recent days, some Republican leaders have openly entertained selling off public lands to fund tax cuts. All but two Republicans voted against the anti-sell-off amendment. Senators Steve Daines and Tim Sheehy, both of Montana, joined the Democrats.”


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WASHINGTON — President Trump's "one big, beautiful bill" is headed for one big, ugly negotiation. Congressional Republicans last week approved the fiscal blueprint that lets them pack disparate items from Trump's wish list into a single bill that won't need Democratic votes."



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"A president's "skinny budget" is a non-binding, preliminary budget proposal, often released at the beginning of the budget process, that outlines the president's priorities and proposed spending levels for the next fiscal year. It is not a full budget, and it often focuses on discretionary spending, excluding mandatory spending and revenue projections."

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The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Collins:

This letter provides P
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provided through reconciliation, to ensure that our military and other agencies repelling the invasion of our border have the resources needed to complete the mission. This mandatory supplement to discretionary spending would enable the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, among others, to clean up the mess President Trump inherited from the prior administration and harden the border and other defenses to protect America from foreign invasion. Providing these resources through reconciliation ensures that the money is available when needed, and not held hostage by Democrats to force wasteful non-defense discretionary spending increases as was the case in the President's first term.

"This letter provides President Trump's recommendations on discretionary funding levels for fiscal year (FY) 2026. They are being provided in advance of the President's full fiscal plan to reach balance and restore confidence in America's fiscal management, so that your Committee may commence with debate and consideration of appropriations bills for the upcoming fiscal year."

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Draft Trump executive order seeks to create new agency for wildfire response

By Natalie Fertig, Jordan Wolman | 04/14/2025 06:35 AM EDT

The order, viewed by POLITICO, aims to “eliminate red tape, reform our agencies and reforge our efforts around the priority to address fighting fire fast.”



President Donald Trump talks with California Gov. Gavin Newsom (left) during a visit to a neighborhood impacted by wildfires in Paradise, California, on Nov. 17, 2018. Evan Vucci/AP

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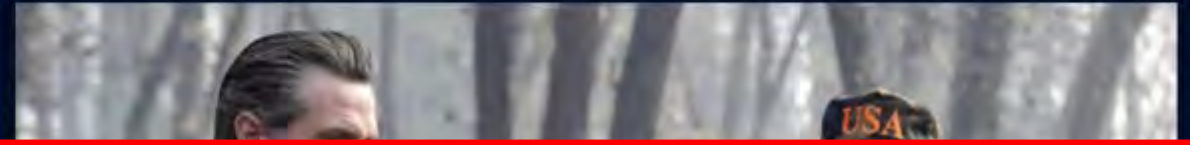
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The draft order, which was obtained by POLITICO and confirmed by three people familiar with the situation, would launch a national wildland firefighting task force in the next 90 days, combining resources from the Departments of Agriculture, Interior and Homeland Security. The White House's eventual goal, according to the document, is to have Congress create a National Wildland Fire Agency in the next two years.

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National Wildland Fire Service

Our vision for a NWFS

See below for more in-depth briefing paper and proposals.

Since our inception, it has been one of our organizational pillars ([Pillar #4](#)) to establish a National Wildland Fire Service (NWFS) to the benefit of the boots on the ground. This new agency would consolidate all wildland fire management responsibilities from the five separate federal land management agencies (US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs) into a single, cohesive agency.

The new agency should be a comprehensive wildland fire management agency directly under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and should be run by experienced wildland fire practitioners and managers. We



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Draft National Wildfire Plan Under White House Consideration Returns Firefighting 'to the 1930s,' Experts Say

ON CUSP OF WILDFIRE SEASON, NEW PROPOSAL RECOMMENDS CONSOLIDATING ALL FEDERAL FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES, IMMEDIATE FIRE SUPPRESSION

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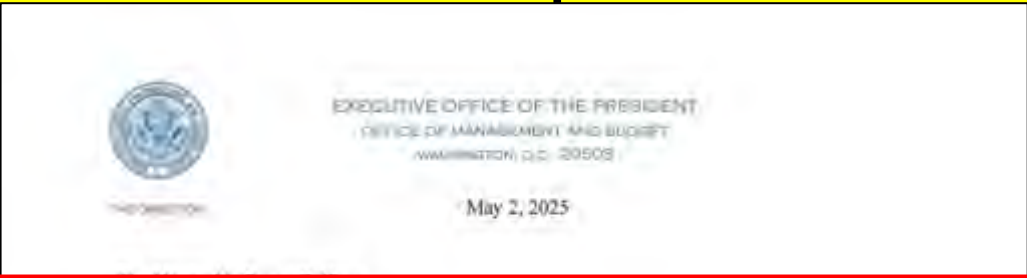
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An Eastern Nevada Bureau of Land Management handcrew hikes out from order to put in indirect line at the Elkhorn Fire in Idaho, August 2023. Photo by Karl Greer

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Program Name	\$ Change from 2025 Enacted (in millions)	Brief Description of Program and Recommended Reduction or Increase
Federal Wildland Fire Service (consolidation of USDA and DOI Wildland Fire Management programs under a unified agency within DOI)	--	Federal wildfire risk mitigation and suppression responsibilities currently are split across five agencies in two departments: the U.S. Forest Service in USDA and BIA, Bureau of Land Management, USFWS, and NPS in DOI. This dispersed nature of the Federal mission creates significant coordination and cost inefficiencies that result in sub-optimal performance. The Budget reforms Federal wildland fire management to create operational efficiencies by consolidating and unifying the Federal wildland fire responsibilities into a single new Federal Wildland Fire Service at DOI, including transferring USDA's current wildland fire management responsibilities. The new service would be distinct in command and appropriations from existing wildland firefighting agencies and would streamline Federal wildfire suppression response, risk mitigation efforts, and coordination with non-Federal partners to combat the wildfire crisis.

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"By improving forest health and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfires, the consolidation of USDA and DOI efforts can create opportunities for increased recreational access and enjoyment. This includes enhancing the safety and availability of recreation areas, providing opportunities for more diverse recreational activities, and improving the overall experience for visitors."

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Tahoe Donner Association signs landmark wildfire insurance policy tied to forest management

News | May 2, 2025



Zoe Meyer

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TRUCKEE, Calif. – In a groundbreaking move that could reshape wildfire insurance nationwide, the Tahoe Donner Association has secured a first-of-its-kind policy that links premium pricing directly to decades of active forest management.

The innovative agreement—developed in collaboration with former California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, The Nature Conservancy, UC Berkeley and Willis, a business of WTW—marks the first time an insurance company has factored large-scale fuel reduction work into wildfire risk assessments and policy pricing. Structured by Willis, the \$2.5 million wildfire resilience insurance coverage has been developed for Tahoe Donner.

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With peak fire season on horizon, California launches statewide wildfire preparedness campaign

What you need to know: CAL FIRE is launching a new campaign supporting Californians to take steps now – including home hardening and defensible space – to prepare for peak fire season.


SACRAMENTO – “Prepare your home and property! Start at the house and work your way out.” Millions of Californians will soon see that message as the state launches a new wildfire preparedness campaign to support preparation efforts for fire season.

As California heads into peak wildfire season, CAL FIRE is urging residents across the state to take proactive steps now to protect their homes and communities. Today's campaign launch follows Governor Newsom's action last month **proclaiming a state of emergency** to fast-track critical projects protecting communities from wildfire, ahead of peak fire season.

2025 has already seen an unprecedented start to the year with January's Eaton and Palisades fires in Los Angeles. These fires rank as the second and third most destructive in California's history, underpinning the importance of acting now to prepare one's family, property, and community for wildfire.

The Los Angeles fires are a stark reminder of the year-round threat wildfire poses for our communities. As we head into peak fire season, we're ramping up efforts to communicate with those in areas where preparedness measures like home hardening and defensible space can save lives. Now is the time to prepare your home and property.


Governor: Gavin Newsom



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California sets aside \$170 million to thin vegetation, forests to help prevent wildfires



BY ALEJANDRO LAZO
APRIL 14, 2025


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A firefighter walks through a prescribed burn area at the Sugar Pine Point State Park near Lake Tahoe on Sept. 25, 2024. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

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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. The American people registered their verdict on the bloated, corrupt federal bureaucracy on November 5, 2024 by voting for President Trump and his promises to sweepingly reform the federal government.”

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Since shortly after the inauguration, the Trump Administration has made it a central goal to sharply reduce the number of federal workers, with little regard to the impact on the functioning of basic government services. This effort began with an attempt to encourage voluntary resignations through the so-called "fork in the road" initiative^[1] and continued with the indiscriminate termination of probationary employees. It has now proceeded to large-scale layoffs through

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Some regional offices are expected to be cut as some
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"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."

Department warns employees of major cuts

Some regional offices are expected to be cut as some headquarters offices will be "hollowed out."

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A coal mine in Roundup, Mont., in 2023. Matthew Harmon for The New York Times


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Trump's Interior Chief Rewrites History Of National Monuments As He Prepares Cuts

Doug Burgum says modern presidents have abused the Antiquities Act, using sweeping national monuments as "precursors" to national parks. The Grand Canyon would like a word.

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U.S. Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum speaks at the 2025 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland in March. Photo credit: Gage Skidmore

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Trump officials consider shrinking 6 national monuments in the West

Interior Department officials are considering scaling back the boundaries of national monuments in the West to encourage energy development on public lands.

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The Toadstool Hoodoos in Kanab, Utah, in 2018. The site is in an area that was removed from Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument during the first Trump administration. (Bonnie Jo Mount/The Washington Post)



NATIONAL PARKS

Trump admin mulls shrinking, mining national monuments in secret document

A leaked proposal could affect nearly 5.4 million acres of land across the Southwest

By **Adrianna Nine**, Southwest Contributing Parks Editor

April 24, 2025



Ironwood Forest National Monument is in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona near Tucson.

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By Kurt Repanshek
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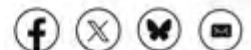
'All-out assault': Trump proposes largest cuts in National Park Service history

The park service would lose almost 40% of its funding, and some of its land, under Trump's dream budget



A National Park Service sign hangs on a wall at the Exploration Center in Yosemite Valley, at Yosemite National Park, Calif., on March 1, 2025.
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By **Kylie Mohr**, *Big Sky Country Contributing Parks Editor*
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- **A bold, outcome-driven roadmap** for how we deliver impact for the American people.
- **Your role matters:** How do *you* see your organization contributing to these goals?
- **Focused on what success *looks like***—not just what we do, but what we achieve.
- **Strategic alignment across the organization**—enterprise work to achieve big goals.
- **Aggressive timeline ahead:** Our goal is to finalize and publish by October 1.
- **Let's build momentum—starting today.**



IMPLEMENTATION Apr 26

This language appears to suggest that the Department of Interior (DOI) departments governed by this plan should initiate actions potentially sooner than when the finalized plan is anticipated to be approved in October, i.e., begin the process of extraction leases under the assumption that they will be made legal.

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ALL OF AGENCY Apr 26

This page speaks to an "all of agency" approach to achieve these new DOI goals. Department of Interior (DOI) Bureaus include:

BIA - Bureau of Indian Affairs
BLM - Bureau of Land Management
BOEM - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
BSEE - Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
BTFA - Bureau of Trust Funds Administration
CUPCA - Central Utah Project Completion Act Office
FWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
OIA - Office of Insular Affairs
OSMRE - Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
NPS - National Park Service
USBR - Bureau of Reclamation
USGS - U.S. Geological Survey

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Goal 1: Restore American Prosperity	Objective 1.1: American energy lowers costs and increases affordability Objective 1.2: Americans benefit from strategic use of the Nation's natural resources Objective 1.3: The Nation is positioned to use our natural resource assets for the future
Goal 2: Ensure National Security Through Infrastructure and Innovation	Objective 2.1: Interior resources protect people and property Objective 2.2: Infrastructure investments and modernization serve the public Objective 2.3: The Nation's water supply is clean and meets our needs
Goal 3: Enjoy Our Natural Resources While Ensuring They Remain Sound and Sustainable	Objective 3.1: Lands and waters provide opportunities for recreation Objective 3.2: Lands, waters, and American heritage are protected and conserved Objective 3.3: Restore lands and waters Objective 3.4: Species and natural resources are protected
Goal 4: Collaboration and Coordination Results in Better Outcomes for the Nation, States, and the People	Objective 4.1: Trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribes and native peoples Objective 4.2: Work collaboratively with states, partners, and governments Objective 4.3: Provide reliable, valuable science information to our partners
Management Accountability KPIs	Measures Presidential priorities for efficiency and effectiveness

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This page summarizes the 4 Strategic Goals and their Objectives

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- **April 14-May 16:** Department-wide kick-off
 - Assignment of objective owner (assistant secretary or designee)
 - Refine strategic objective strategies, bureau alignment, and performance measures
 - Inform public, tribal, and congressional engagement
 - Initial bureau and office data calls to identify bureau actions and data/baseline performance measures
 - Initial POB/PPP FY 2027 budget guidance and planning
 - Draft APG goal and impact statements (requires Secretary approval)
- **May 16-July 18:** Public, Tribal, and Congressional Feedback
- **May 30-July 15:** OMB submission and strategic review
 - APG goal and impact statements
 - Strategic plan goals, objectives, and strategies
- **July 21-August 1:** Final leadership review, inclusion of stakeholder and OMB feedback
- **August 3-October 1:** Final review, document production, and publication



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Goal 1: Restore American Prosperity

Objective 1.1: American energy lowers costs and increases affordability

Proposed Objective Lead • Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management

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OBJECTIVE 1.1

This objective speaks largely to the privatization of public lands, especially through leasing and sales.

The reduced costs of grazing will significantly impact local economies—federal grazing rights are already very low compared to private land, and nearly 80% of grazed BLM land does not meet ecological health measures. This will cause considerable damage to landscapes and disrupt many local ranching economies.

The streamlining of NEPA and environmental permitting relates to efforts in reducing yearlong environmental permits to 14 days and two year-long permit processes to 28 days.

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WEALTH FUND Apr 26

Identifying the nation's natural resources as potential equity for the establishment of a national sovereign wealth fund per published Executive Order.

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PERMITTING Apr 26

Accelerated permitting and public lands "exchanges."

GRAZING COSTS Apr 26

Reduce grazing costs

NEPA Apr 26

Streamline NEPA

LAND SWAPS Apr 26

Discharging of public lands.

AI DEPLOYMENT Apr 26

Integration of AI into Public Lands Management

PERFORMANCE Apr 26

NOTE: Potential Performance Measures

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Objective 1.2: Americans benefit from strategic use of the Nation's natural resources

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Big Ideas and Public Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grow the economy and reduce the cost of goods and services.Release Federal holdings to allow state and local communities to reduce costs (housing).Increase revenues from grazing, timber, critical minerals, gravel and other non-energy resources.Support land management and water use for agriculture and reducing food costs.
Key Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open new lands for usePartner with stakeholders for best use of public landsReduce costs and regulationsSound forest managementLand swaps/exchangesWork with partners for the best use of landGenerate more revenue from lands and resources for the U.S. Treasury
Potential Performance Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lands producing revenueRevenue produced from Interior landsOCS acres available for mineral extractionCost of federal land use by industry
Contributing Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bureaus: BIA, BLM, BOEM, BSEE, BTFA, FWS, NPS, OSMRE, USBR, USGSPMB Offices: BIL PMO, ONRR

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HOUSING Apr 26



Exchange public lands for housing needs including HUD as a partner federal agency.

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REVENUE Apr 26

Increase revenues to the federal treasury from public lands.



NEW USES Apr 26



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BEST USES Apr 26



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FORESTS Apr 26



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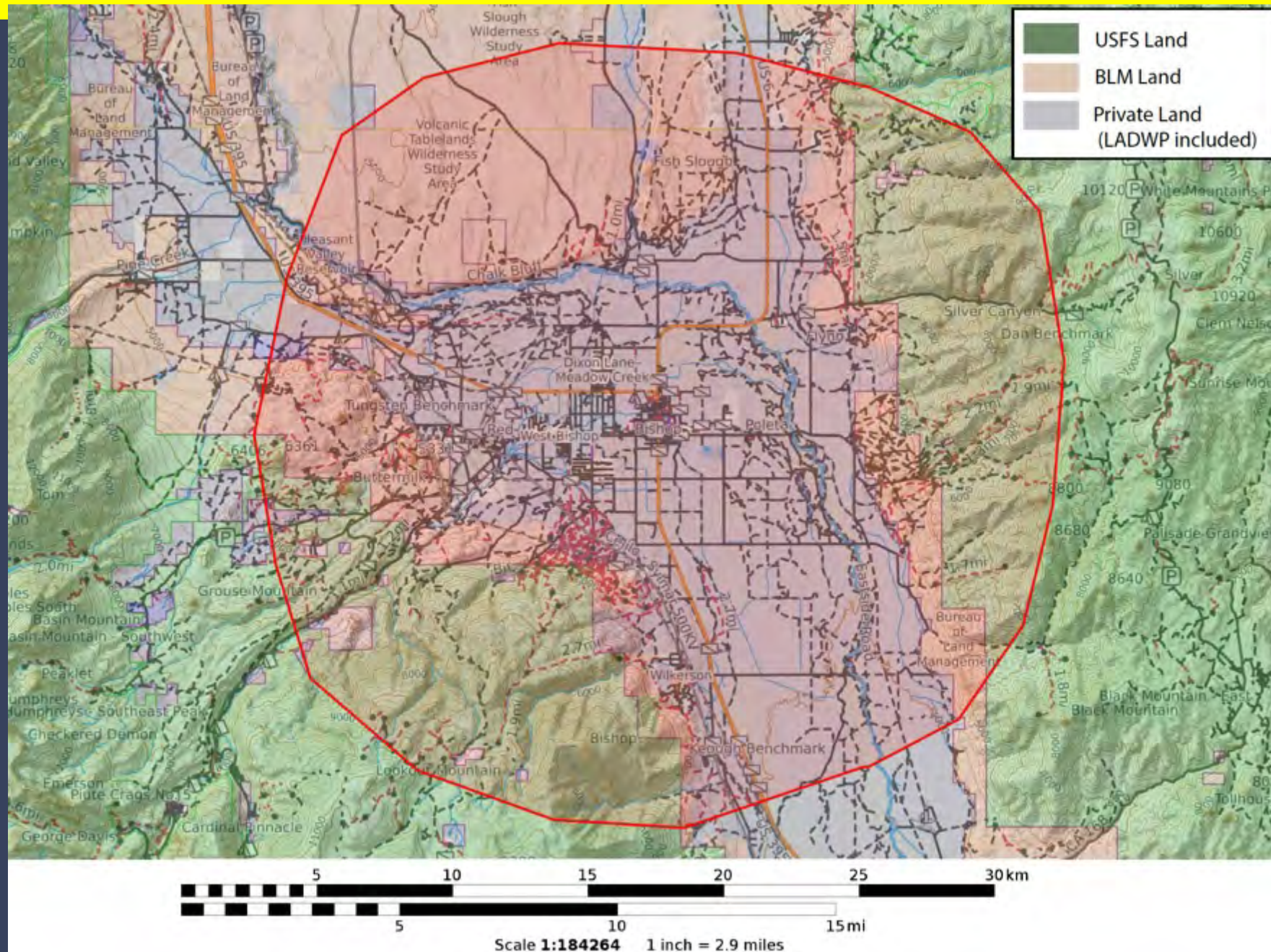
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CLIMATE / DOWN TO EARTH

Trump wants to sell off land that all Americans own. It should make you furious.

The aggressive push to privatize public lands, explained.

by Chris D'Angelo

May 2, 2025 at 4:00 AM PDT



Protesters rally outside Yosemite Valley Welcome Center on March 1 during a national day of action against the Trump administration's mass firing of National Park Service employees. | Stephen Lam, San Francisco Chronicle via Getty Images/Grist

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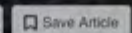
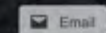


PUBLIC LANDS

As Trump pushes public land sales, advocates rally

Broad support for public lands in the West is forcing some Republicans to break with the White House.

Zoë Rom April 23, 2025



Federal Public Lands



Micah Drew

(Daily Montanan) In Montana, where land managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management comprises 30 million acres — roughly a third of the state — the notion of turning swaths of *terra firma* to state control could be costly, according to a newly published report.

The report, written by longtime natural resources manager John Tubbs, calls the financial implications of federal lands transfer “staggering and disproportionately impactful for a rural state with large swaths of national public lands.”

“The costs associated with maintaining national public lands at the state level — ranging from wildfire operations to the loss of essential federal funding for rural counties — would be far too great for Montana to bear per capita,” the report states. It amounts to an \$8 billion “gamble on Montana’s future.”

The image shows the header of the 'mountain mamas' website. It features a logo with a stylized mountain peak and the text 'mountain mamas' in a lowercase, sans-serif font. To the right of the logo is a hamburger menu icon. Further right is a red rectangular button with the word 'DONATE' in white, uppercase letters. Below the header is a large, dramatic photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a mountain range, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. Overlaid on the bottom half of this image is the text 'Public lands are under attack.' in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below the image is a section titled 'Raise Your Voice for Our Public Lands!' in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The text below this title is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. It reads: 'The Department of the Interior has fired thousands of employees charged with protecting our public lands, staffing our national parks and doing critical work to maintain our treasured spaces we love to play and recreate in with our families.' Below this is another paragraph: 'In addition, DOI Secretary Burgum intends to [roll back protections for public lands, including allowing unrestricted access for drilling and other development.](#) [We also anticipate recommendations to repeal several national monuments.](#)' To the right of this text is a photograph of a man in a light blue shirt, dark pants, and a tan hat, pointing his right hand towards the left. Below the text is a paragraph: 'We need our federal elected leaders to push back on the administration's efforts to haphazardly and irresponsibly slash protections, resources and staff. **Please urge both of your Senators and your Congressional Representative to fight to protect our public lands.**'

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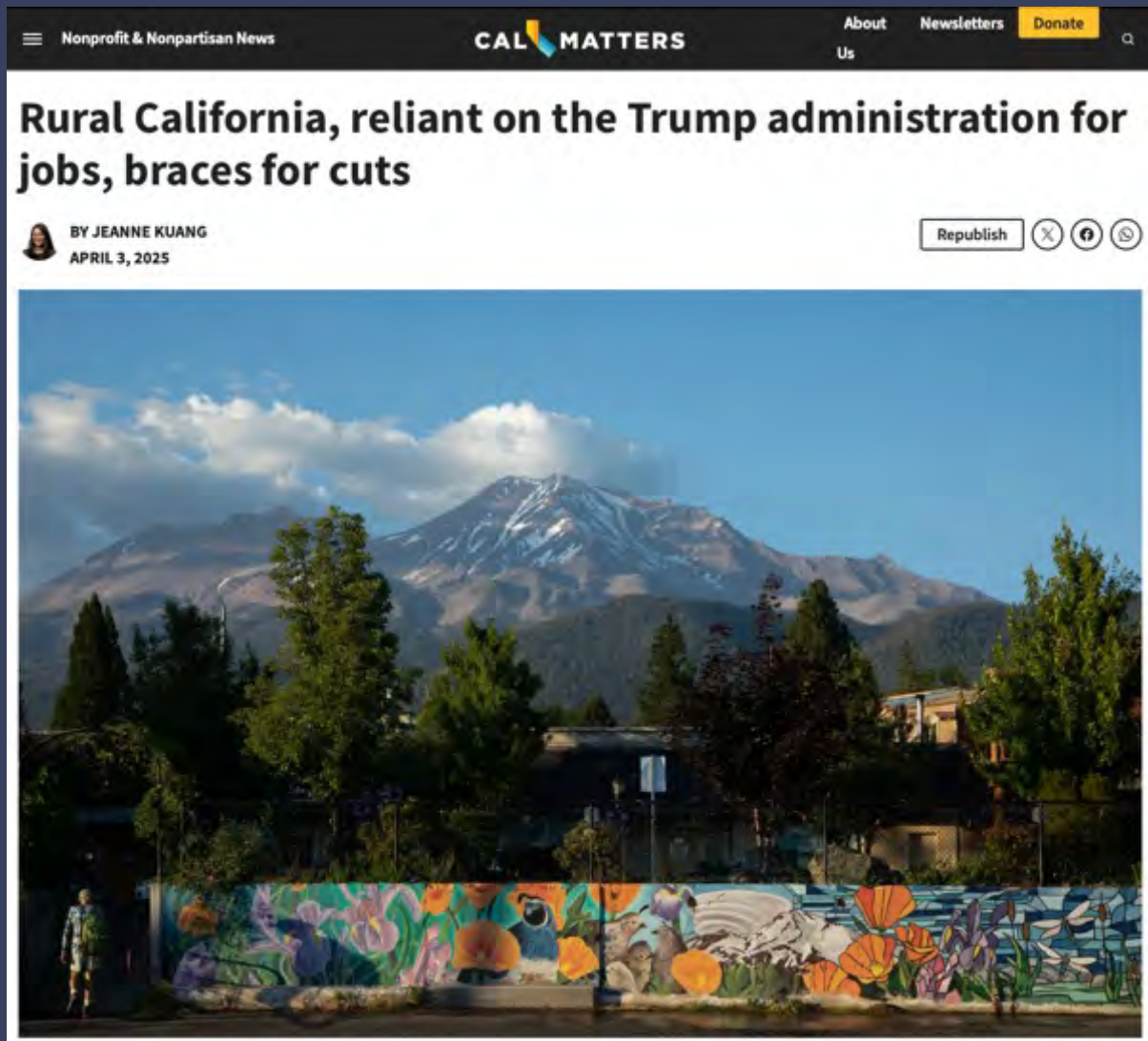
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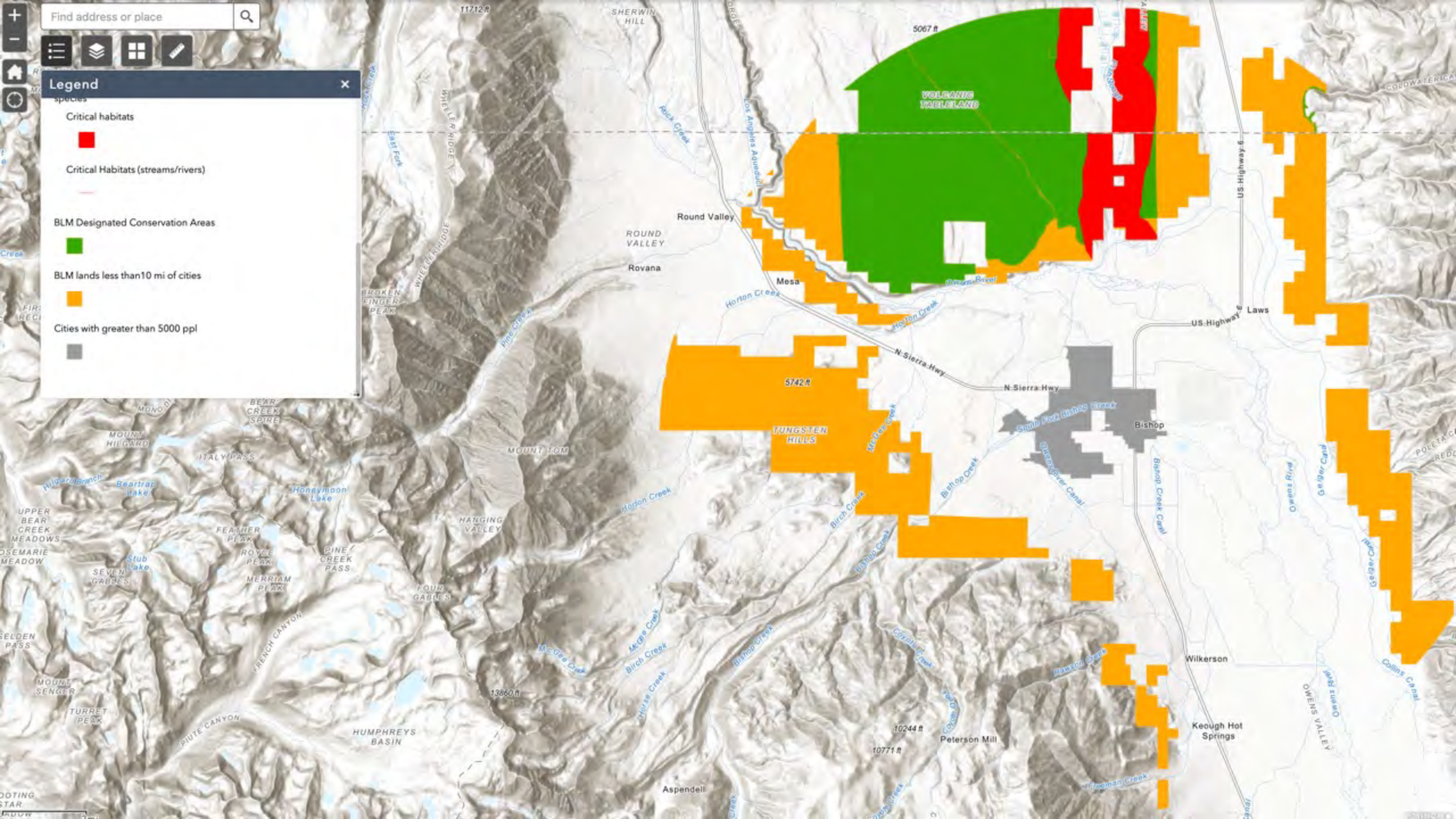
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Housing on Federal Lands Aims to Ease Affordability Crisis

Housing developers and researchers say the idea of building more homes on federal land could help ease shortages. But various obstacles could hinder the effort.





Partner Updates – In REVERSE Alphabetical Order

- Town of Mammoth Lakes
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- Mono County
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- 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, June 2, 2025 @ 3:30