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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).

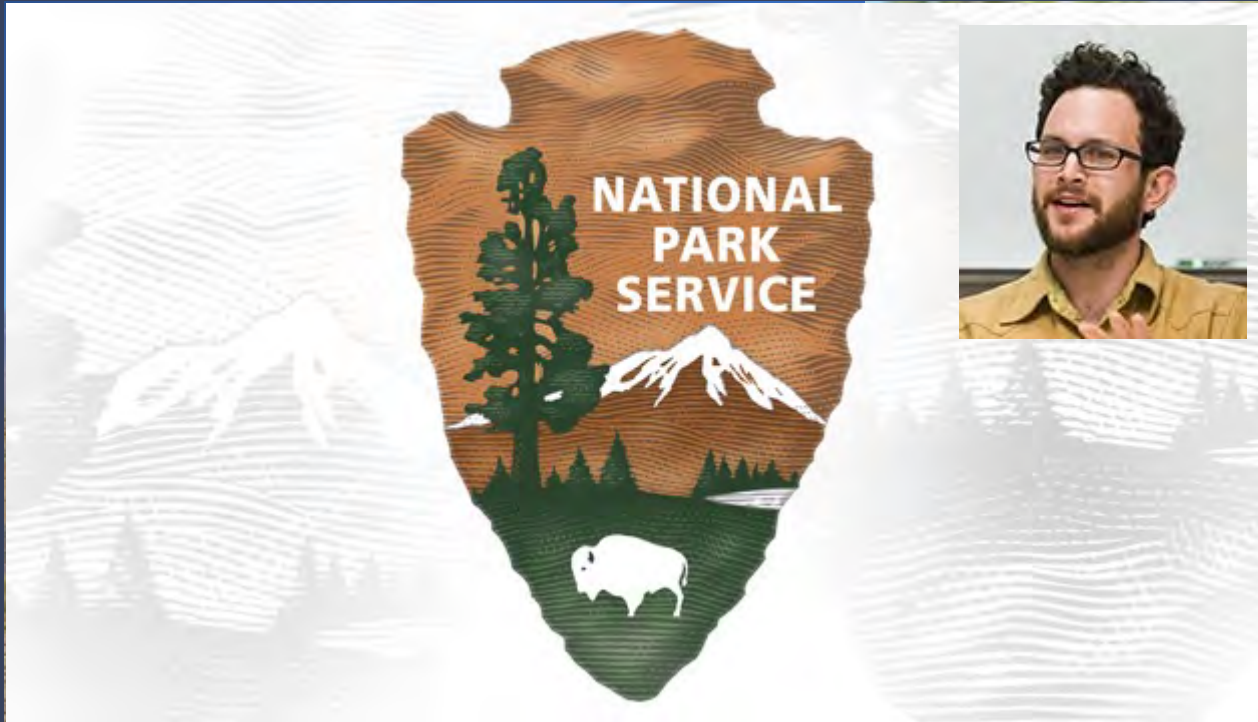
This acknowledgement is an invitation to all organizations, residents, and visitors to recognize the way this history has shaped the present as all parties work together in anticipation of a better future.

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



Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

- Matt Zussman – *Wilderness Ranger Supervisor*

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City of Bishop

- Pamela Foster – *New City Administrator*

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Alpine

Amador

SCALE

SIERRA TO CALIFORNIA ALL-LANDS ENHANCEMENT

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-

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Feds budget nearly \$240M to upgrade aging sewage facility just outside Yosemite



The current El Portal Wastewater Treatment Plant is half a century old, it is the National Park Service's largest such facility, and it serves as the sole wastewater treatment system for Yosemite Valley, El Portal, and nearby communities. NPS says it supports more than 4 million annual visitors, 700 residents, and hundreds of park and partner employees.

Courtesy photo / National Park Service

Heaven For Kids Park and Playground slated to close Monday to Wednesday for continued repairs

Gay McCarthy Aug 1, 2025 Updated Aug 1, 2025

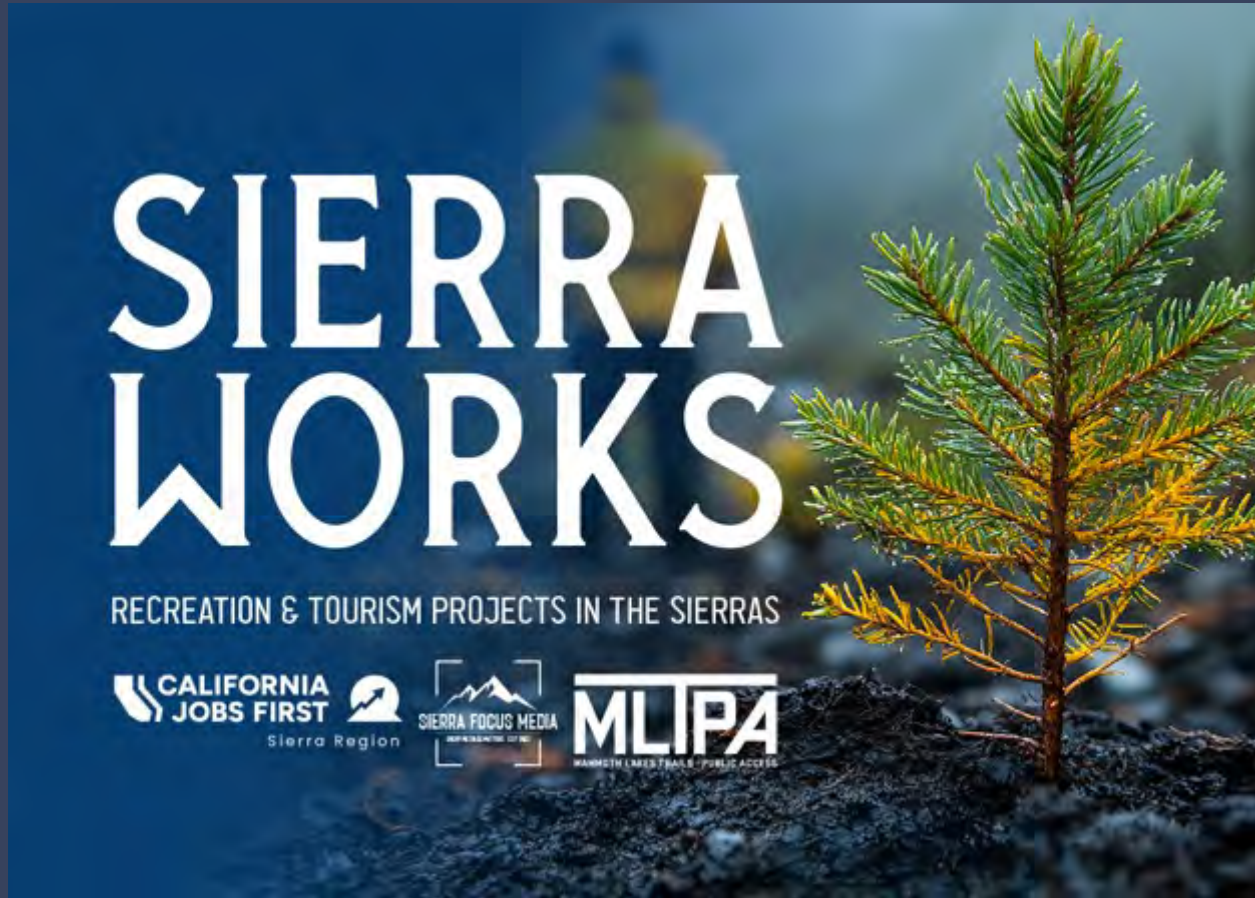


A file photo of the Heaven for Kids Playground on Greenley Road in Sonoma from September 2020, prior to a community project that repaired fading fading pieces and replaced rotting wood on the structure.

OUT THERE: Just don't call it a lake, or alpine — this is a man-made reservoir



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Sierra Jobs First

Recreation and Tourism Industry Sector

- Role of the ESSRP
- Ongoing Information Sharing
- Preparing for the Working Group that will reconvene in the Fall

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U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley

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

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U.S. Congressman Tom McClintock

- *Field Representative that might be interested in attending ESSRP meetings - ?*

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ESSRP Strategic Support

- 30 years Federal agency experience
- President of Eastern Sierra Land Trust Board of Directors
- Two term Mono County Supervisor
- Born and raised in Bishop, CA

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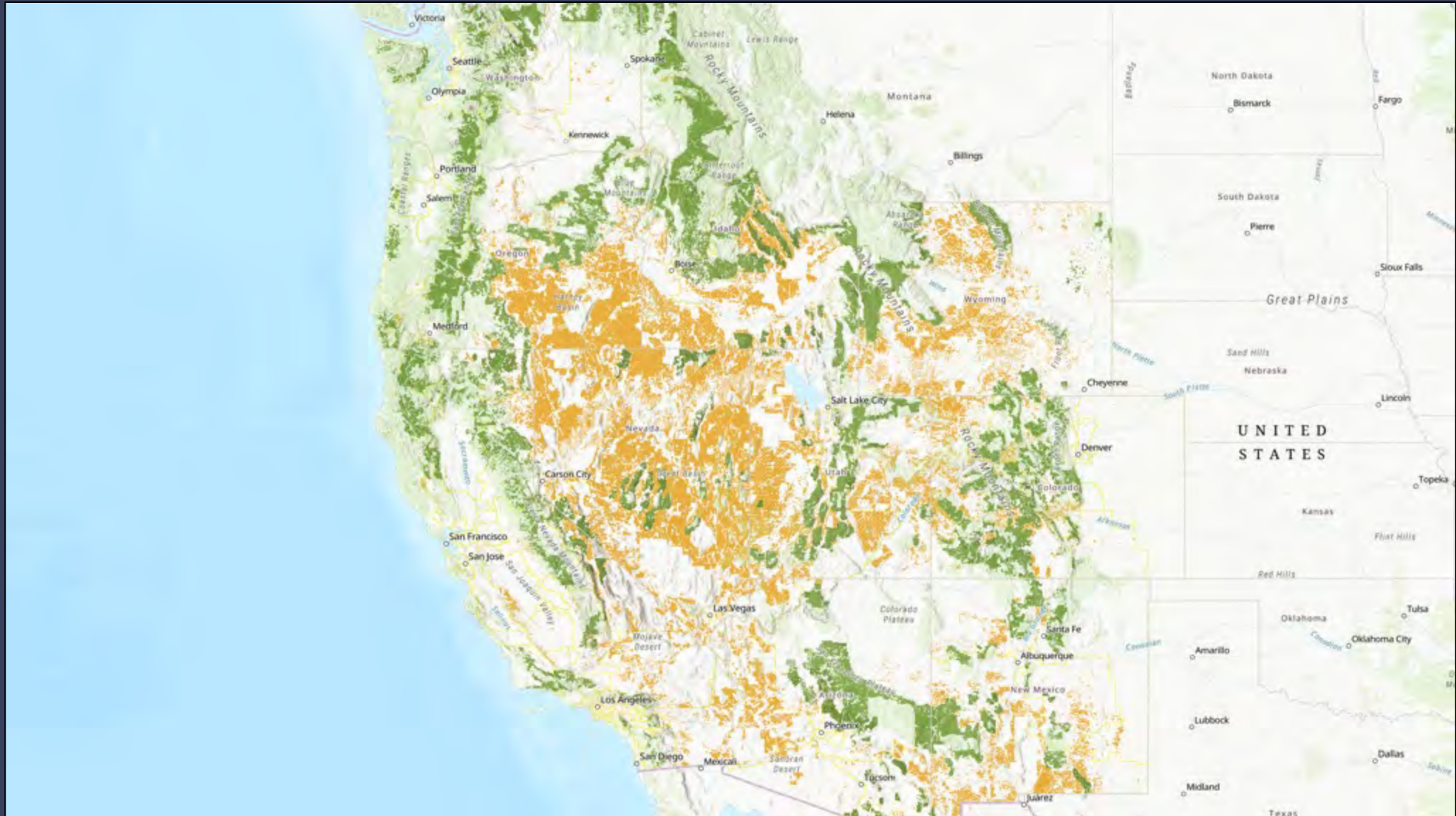
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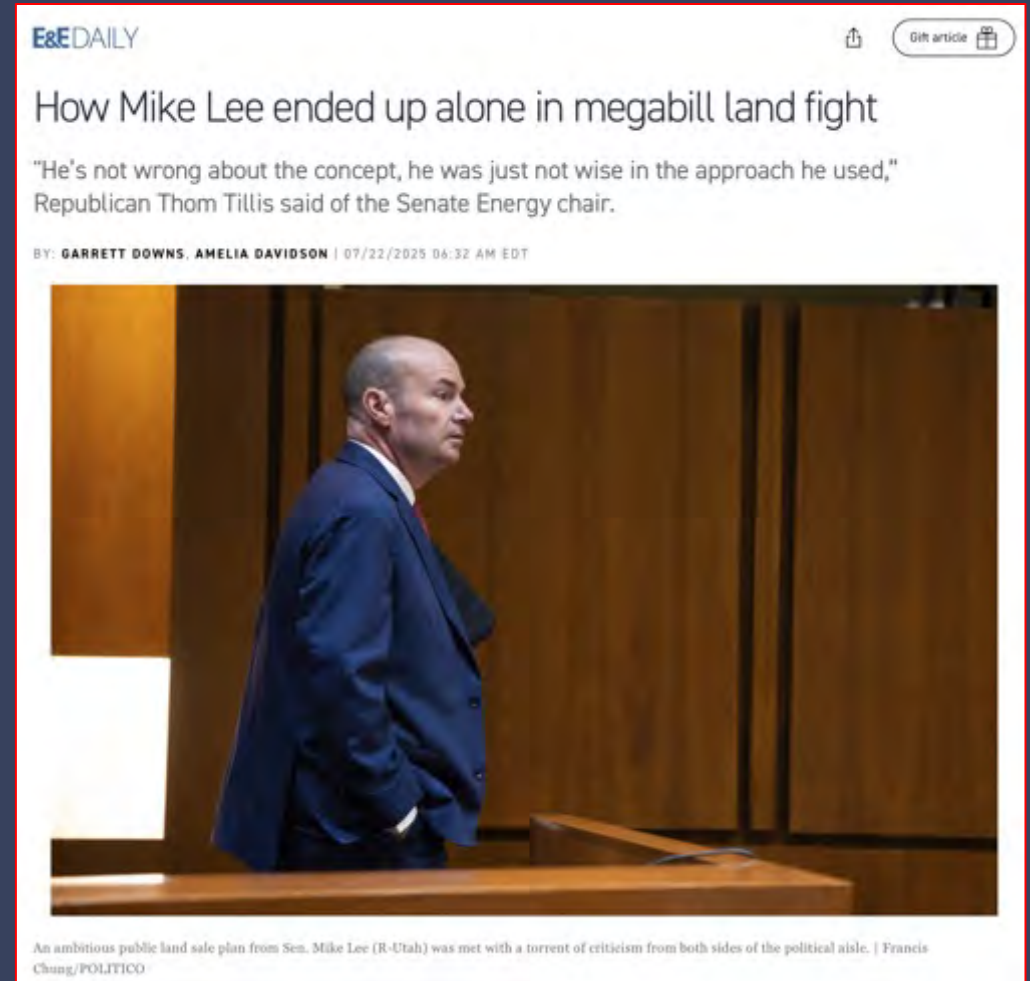
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What's In the Big Bill For Us? Renewables Revenue and Counties

July 2, 2026 by Sharon

This is really above my pay grade, but it seems like the Big Bill changes the way developers are charged for solar and wind installations on federal land, both FS and BLM. I don't know what they were before, so I don't know how significant the changes are. I posted the section below, but it's both long and cryptic. I've been looking for someone knowledgeable to weigh in, but so far all I got was AI based on earlier versions of the bill. If someone finds an explanation of the current language, please link in the comments.

Two things that are clear: BLM discretion to lower fees has been removed, and counties get to keep part of the receipts.

Someone can tell us how different the rent calculations are than previous.

Here's the section... be glad that you don't have to calculate these formulas! It appears that of all the various permits and rents, the Bill says that 25% goes to the State and 25% to the Counties; with other 50% going to the Treasury. Hopefully, our BLM friends can tell us if this is like other kinds of rents and permits. I did find this fairly complex chart of what happens to oil and gas revenues in a recently updated Congressional Research Service report.

Figure 5. Allocation of Onshore Federal Oil and Gas Revenues Under the Mineral Leasing Act

Revenue, production royalties, and other revenues (not Alaska)

Treasury (60%) 60%

State (40%) 40%

2% of the 40% that goes to the state is taken as an administrative fee and deposited to the account created in the Treasury

2%

Rental revenues (not Alaska)

50%

50%

50% to the General Fund of the Treasury

50%

Permit, processing fee

25%

75%

25% to the RLM Permit Processing Improvement Fund

25%

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Source: Mineral Leasing Act (MMLA), 30 U.S.C. 1801.

Notes: BPT = Bureau of Land Management; Treasury = U.S. Department of the Treasury; Alaska (not shown as both 40% or 60%) are the payments (applicant offer or purchase the lease of public land); Rent are payment made by lessee before production occurs; Production royalties are required payments made by lessee to the federal government based on the value of the public resources involved; Two percent of funds allocated to states from bonuses, production royalties, and other revenues (not Alaska only, except fees, in addition to bonuses, production royalties, and other revenues) are withheld as an administrative fee and deposited as miscellaneous.

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What's in the Big Bill For Us? II. Selling More Timber and Long-Term Contracts

July 2, 2026 by Sharon

Here's what the text says:

SEC. 50301. TIMBER SALES AND LONG-TERM CONTRACTING

23 FOR THE FOREST SERVICE AND THE BUREAU

24 OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years 24 2026 through 2034, the Secretary shall sell timber annually on National Forest System land in 1 a total quantity that is not less than 250,000,000 board-feet greater than the quantity of board-feet sold in the previous fiscal year;

4 (B) LIMITATION.—The timber sales under 5 subparagraph (A) shall be subject to the maximum allowable sale quantity of timber or the 7 projected timber sale quantity under the applicable forest plan in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(S) LONG-TERM CONTRACTING FOR THE FOREST SERVICE.—

12 (A) LONG-TERM CONTRACTING.—For the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034, the Secretary shall enter into not fewer than 40 long-term timber sale contracts with private persons 16 or other public or private entities under subsection (a) of section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a) for 19 the sale of national forest materials (as defined 20 in subsection (e)(1) of that section) in the National Forest System.

22 (B) CONTRACT LENGTH.—The period of a 23 timber sale contract entered into to meet the requirement under subparagraph (A) shall be not 189 less than 20 years, with options for extensions or 2 renewals, as determined by the Secretary.

3 (C) RECEIPTS.—Any monies derived from a 4 timber sale contract entered into to meet the requirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) 6 shall be deposited in the general fund of the 7 Treasury.

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The Bill says if unobligated, these \$ are rescinded. Basically it puts the reins in on certain funding that was in the IRA. It's one of those "both things are true" kinds of bills, while touted as a climate bill, there's a great deal of random throwing around large sums of money... in many cases, with a fairly tenuous relationship to climate change. Of course, everything can be related to climate change, with enough imagination, I've used this version of the bill, which I hope is the current one.

SEC. 10201. RESCISSION OF AMOUNTS FOR FORESTRY.

3 The unobligated balances of amounts appropriated by 4 the following provisions of Public Law 117–169 are rescinded:

6 (1) Paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 23001(a) 7 (136 Stat. 2023).

8 (2) Paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 9 23002(a) (136 Stat. 2025).

10 (3) Section 23003(a)(2) (136 Stat. 2026).

11 (4) Section 23005 (136 Stat. 2027).

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I never really understood (3) as generally environmental review funding comes out of the program. And \$100,000,000 (3) that from the IRA ES funding distribution?

(3) \$100,000,000 to provide for environmental reviews by the Chief of the Forest Service in satisfying the obligations of the Chief of the Forest Service under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 through 4370m–12); and

(4) \$50,000,000 for the protection of old-growth forests on National Forest System land and to complete an inventory of old-growth forests and mature forests within the National Forest System.

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Daines eyes Great American Outdoors Act renewal by July

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chair Mike Lee's stance on reauthorization legislation remains a question.

BY: GARRETT DOWNS | 08/04/2025 06:23 AM EDT



Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) is sponsoring the "America the Beautiful Act." | Mark Schiefelbein/AP

E&E DAILY | Montana Republican Sen. Steve Daines is pushing to re-up a popular bipartisan law to repair national parks by the next Independence Day — the country's 250th birthday. Whether his legislation can become law is far from certain.

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The Great American Outdoors Act: Five years of transforming public lands

Aug 1, 2025

On Aug. 4, 2020, President Donald J. Trump [signed the Great American Outdoors Act](#) (GAOA) into law, marking a historic moment for outdoor recreation and conservation in the United States. In the five years since its passage, this landmark legislation has provided significant resources for federal land management agencies — including the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Education, and U.S. Forest Service — to improve public lands and waters for the benefit of visitors and local communities nationwide. (Note that in celebration of GAOA's anniversary, Aug. 4, 2025, is a [fee-free day](#) across America's public lands managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior!)

GAOA works to enhance outdoor recreation and conservation, support wildfire management, and boost local economies. GAOA funding is financed by energy development revenues on federal lands and waters and represents a substantial investment in sustaining the health and productivity of America's public lands for current and future generations.



President Trump signs the Great American Outdoors Act into law on Aug. 4, 2020, Official White House Photo by Tia Dufour.

Enhancing outdoor recreation and conservation

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A 'trust-building exercise': Senate Interior-Environment spending bill advances

The bill's spending would be higher than a House Republican proposal and the Trump administration's budget request.

BY: KEVIN BOGARDUS, GARRETT DOWNS, ANDRES PICON | 07/24/2025 01:29 PM EDT



(Right to left) Senate Appropriations Chair Susan Collins (R-Maine) gavels in a markup alongside ranking member Patty Murray (D-Wash.) on Thursday. | Francis Chung/POLITICO

Senate Approps News

July 26, 2025 by Sharon

Public Lands

- The bill rejects President Trump's efforts to shortchange America's cherished landscapes and ensures that funding for operations of the National Park System, the National Wildlife Refuge System, National Conservation Lands, and the National Forest System is fully protected at enacted levels.
- The bill provides the funding necessary to maintain personnel at prior year levels and requires the necessary staffing levels to be able to provide visitor services, Tribal consultation, ensure public safety, and carry out the science necessary to respond to growing natural threats and increased visitation.

National Park Service

- The bill provides \$3.27 billion for the National Park Service, including \$2.87 billion for the operation of the National Park System, which is equal to the enacted level and is \$145 million above the level in House Republicans' bill and \$875 million higher than the level requested by President Trump.
- The bill provides the resources to sustain fiscal year 2024 staffing levels—rejecting staffing cuts made since January—and to support a full complement of seasonal staff during fiscal year 2026.
- The bill also provides \$168 million for the Historic Preservation Fund and protects all 433 national park units from being sold off or otherwise eliminated from the National Park System.

Forest Service

- The bill provides \$6.17 billion for the Forest Service, excluding additional funding for the Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve.
- Of this amount, \$3.7 billion is provided for the Forest Service's non-wildland fire management responsibilities and provides sufficient funds to sustain appropriate staffing levels.
- The bill rejects the steep \$1.4 billion cuts to the Forest Service's non-fire budget proposed by President Trump.
- The bill provides funding for the Forest Service to improve forest restoration and fire risk reduction efforts on federal lands and through cross-boundary partnerships.
- It also provides \$175 million for hazardous fuels reduction projects, \$31 million for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, and \$6 million for the Legacy Roads and Trails program to prioritize fish passage improvements and repurposing unnecessary roads as trails.

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Protecting Our Public Lands

For the last several weeks, I have fought against a legislative provision allowing for public land sales without meaningful local input. The House removed the provision shortly after I spoke out against it, but we had to redouble our efforts when the Senate put it back in. Fortunately, in a major win this weekend, the Senate removed it as well. Public lands are essential to our region and local economy, and the future of those lands cannot be determined by closed-door meetings in Washington.

[Click here](#) to watch my House Floor remarks.



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USDA to shed buildings, move 2,000 workers away from DC

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said a department reorganization will close many D.C. offices and push employees to five state "hubs."



BY: MARC HELLER | 07/24/2025 01:28 PM EDT



Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins takes part in a roundtable discussion on soil health and the "Make America Healthy Again" initiative at the Capitol on July 15. | Francis Chung/POLITICO



THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
20250-0100

July 24, 2025

Secretary Memorandum: SM 1078-015

Subject: Department of Agriculture Reorganization Plan

Section 1. Purpose: This Secretary Memorandum authorizes and directs the actions necessary to effectuate the consolidation, unification, and optimization of functions within the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to achieve improved effectiveness and accountability, enhanced services, reduced bureaucracy and cost savings for the American people. These actions constitute the USDA Department Reorganization Plan.

Section 2. Authority: This Memorandum is issued under the authority of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953 (5 U.S.C. app. 1; 7 U.S.C. 2201 note) and The Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-354).

Section 3. Background: Since its legislated establishment in 1862, USDA has been known as "The People's Department," a title reflecting its mission to serve farmers, ranchers, landowners, and rural communities, and perform critical public services that benefit all Americans. The Department is reverting to its core mission to ensure:

- American agriculture feeds all across the United States and the world.
- American farmers, ranchers, and producers compete on a world stage that is fair, just, and on terms that put America First.
- Confidence in our programs to fight disease, feed the needy, manage our land and forests, and work for all of American agriculture.
- That Make America Great Again and Make America Healthy Again exist not in opposition to one another, but as complements to a common mission for our country.

Section 4. Key Pillars: USDA is committed to preserving critical public safety and other public services the American public relies upon. Reductions and impacts to wildland firefighting, inspection, and farmer and rural community front-line facing positions will be minimized. The USDA Reorganization Plan will be guided by four key pillars:

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Forest Service to Abandon Nine Regional Offices

As Washington continues slash-and-burn policies for federal agencies, USDA announces consolidation of offices responsible for 193 million acres of public land

by Robert Chaney July 25, 2025



The U.S. Forest Service plans to phase out the nine regional offices across the country, including the Region 1 Headquarters in Missoula, Montana. Credit: Robert Chaney

The U.S. Forest Service will abandon its nine regional offices as its parent Department of Agriculture consolidates out of Washington, D.C., according to a memo released Thursday by Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins.



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Secretary Rollins Announces USDA Reorganization, Restoring the Department's Core Mission of Supporting American Agriculture

(Washington, D.C., July 24, 2025) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins today announced the reorganization of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), refocusing its core operations to better align with its founding mission of supporting American farming, ranching, and forestry.

Over the last four years, USDA's workforce grew by 8%, and employees' salaries increased by 14.5% - including hiring thousands of employees with no sustainable way to pay them. This all occurred without any tangible increase in service to USDA's core constituencies across the agricultural sector. USDA's footprint in the National Capital Region (NCR) is underutilized and redundant, plagued by rampant overspending and decades of mismanagement and costly deferred maintenance. President Trump has made it clear government needs to be scrutinized, and after this thorough review of USDA, the results show a bloated, expensive, and unsustainable organization.



USDA reorganization will move most of its Washington staff 'closer to' farmers

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins is closing several D.C.-area buildings but notably will not pursue a large-scale reduction in force.



Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins rolled out a reorganization plan for USDA. | Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP

By JORDAN WOLMAN, MARCIA BROWN and GRACE YARROW
07/24/2025 10:43 AM EDT



Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins on Thursday announced a long-awaited reorganization plan to transfer most of the Washington-area staff to five locations around the country and close a number of key USDA offices in the capital region.

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Workforce

USDA says reorg disfavors layoffs, predicts most employees will accept relocations

A significant percent more than a majority will come" to new locations, Agriculture Department official says.

JULY 30, 2025

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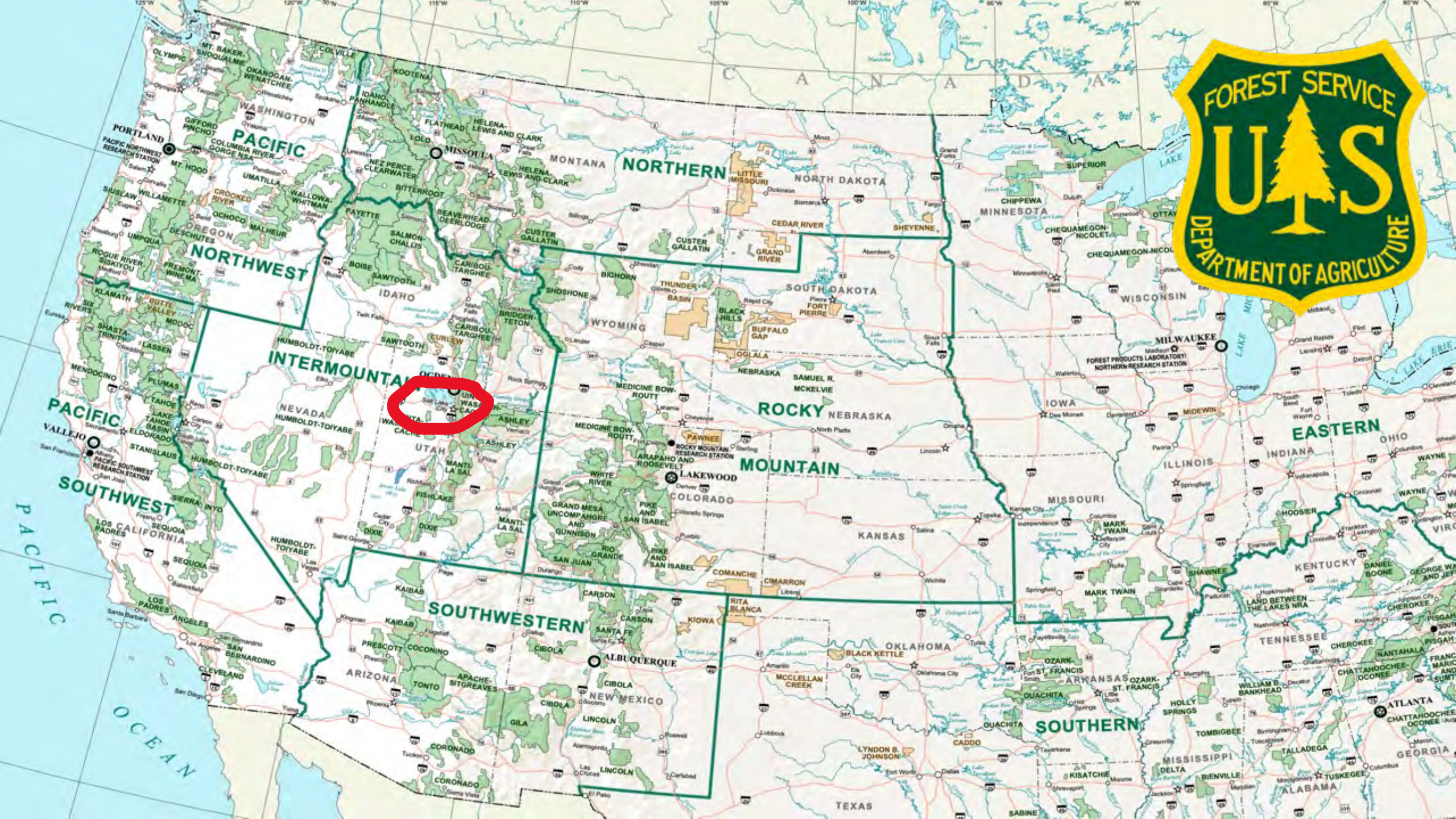


ERIC KATZ
Senior Correspondent

The Agriculture Department is confident its push to move more employees out of Washington and into five new hubs around the country will retain most staff and large-scale layoffs will not be necessary, a top official told lawmakers on Wednesday.

The plan is not yet finalized and still subject to change, USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden repeatedly stressed to members of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, and the department is only now starting to solicit feedback from employees, stakeholders and lawmakers. Ultimately, Vaden said, the most significant goal of the reorganization is to build the next generation of leadership for USDA through the career ranks.





USDA reorg has Congress searching for answers

The Department of Agriculture's ambitious reorganization has rankled lawmakers. A hearing is planned for Wednesday.



BY: MARC HELLER | 07/30/2025 06:31 AM EDT



Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) said that the administration has the right to reorganize the Department of Agriculture, but wishes there had been more consultation with Congress. | Francis Chung/POLITICO



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USDA defends secretive rollout of reorganization plan

The surprise reorg announcement last week was a flash point at a hearing Thursday, where senators expressed displeasure about being left in the dark.



BY: **MARC HELLER** | 07/31/2025 06:44 AM EDT



Honorable
Deputy Agriculture Secretary Stephen Vaden on Wednesday. | Senate Agriculture Committee

E&E DAILY | The Department of Agriculture deliberately kept lawmakers in the dark about its plan to reorganize the agency for fear the information would leak out if shared with their offices, Deputy Agriculture Secretary Stephen Vaden told a Senate committee Wednesday.

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USDA's Vaden says reorganization plan is a 'vision' that could be changed

The Agriculture Department's second-in-command responded at a hearing Wednesday to senators who complained about having been left out of discussions.



BY: **GRACE YARROW** | 07/30/2025 12:53 PM EDT



Stephen Vaden, deputy Agriculture secretary, during his confirmation hearing in April. | Senate Agriculture Committee

Deputy Agriculture Secretary Stephen Vaden told lawmakers Wednesday that USDA's reorganization initiative is a "vision," not a final plan, and that changes can be made.

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USDA Opens Public Comment Period on Department Reorganization Plan

(Washington, D.C., August 1, 2025) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced today the opening of a 30-day public comment period for stakeholders to provide feedback on the Department's reorganization plan, as outlined in the Secretary's [memorandum](#) (PDF, 2.6 MB) issued on July 24, 2025.

"As committed, we are continuing to hear stakeholder feedback on the USDA Reorganization. All stakeholders – including Capitol Hill offices, USDA employees, and members of the agricultural community – are encouraged to share their input during the open comment period. We value your perspective as we work to ensure that USDA is best positioned to serve America's farmers, ranchers, producers, and rural communities," **said Secretary Brooke Rollins.**

"President Trump made clear his second term would include relocating the sprawling federal bureaucracy to locations outside the National Capital Region," **Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden said in his Capitol Hill testimony on July 30, 2025.** "The department's July 24 memorandum begins to deliver on this promise and does so in a way that right-sizes the USDA footprint, eliminates unnecessary management layers, consolidates redundant or duplicative functions, and, most importantly, allows USDA to deliver on its mission to the American people within the bounds of its available financial resources."

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USDA Taking Public Comment on Department Reorganization Plan

August 2, 2025 by Sharon

(Washington, D.C., August 1, 2025) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced today the opening of a 30-day public comment period for stakeholders to provide feedback on the Department's reorganization plan, as outlined in the Secretary's [memorandum](#) (PDF, 2.6 MB) issued on July 24, 2025.

"As committed, we are continuing to hear stakeholder feedback on the USDA Reorganization. All stakeholders – including Capitol Hill offices, USDA employees, and members of the agricultural community – are encouraged to share their input during the open comment period. We value your perspective as we work to ensure that USDA is best positioned to serve America's farmers, ranchers, producers, and rural communities," **said Secretary Brooke Rollins.**

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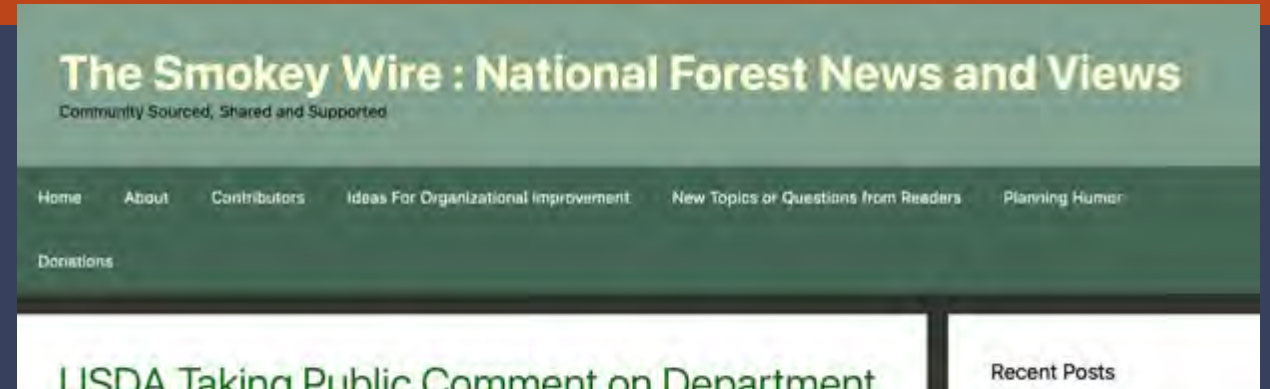
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Secretary Rollins Rolls Back Overly Burdensome Environmental Regulations to Unleash American Innovation

(Washington, D.C., June 30, 2025) — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins today announced the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is revising National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations to reduce unnecessary red tape that is killing jobs and raising prices for Americans. This reform allows the Department to efficiently deliver the critical services and funds America's ranchers, farmers, loggers, and rural communities rely on and corrects the harms caused by decades of unnecessarily lengthy, cumbersome NEPA reviews.

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Agencies roll out plans to pare down NEPA reviews

By KEVIN BOGARDUS | 06/30/2025 04:27 PM EDT

The effort aligns with President Donald Trump's push to lift hurdles in expediting energy infrastructure and other projects.



President Donald Trump speaks to the media Friday in the briefing room of the White House. Jacquelyn Martin/AP

The Trump administration advanced its deregulatory drive Monday as government agencies announced plans to renege on the country's linchpin environmental law.

At issue is the National Environmental Policy Act, designed to require the federal government to consider environmental impacts for permit applications and management of public lands. The 1970 law has been under threat since President Donald Trump's return as he has rallied to build pipelines, ports and other energy infrastructure to boost domestic production of fossil fuels without environmental reviews.

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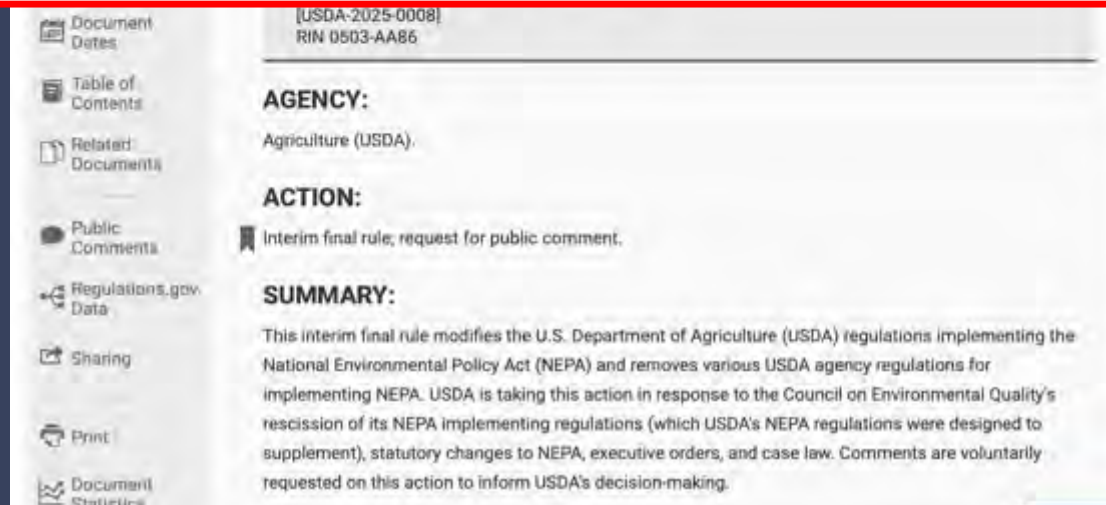
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Trump's wildfire agency plans draw concern from state foresters

Impacts to public safety and disruption to federal-state partnerships are among the worries raised over consolidating wildfire management



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Firefighters scramble to keep the Madre Fire from crossing a dozer line as it makes a run along Highway 166 on July 3 in San Luis Obispo County, California. | Noah Berger/AP

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US faces alarming firefighter shortage during peak wildfire season, data reveals

Data contradicts what the fire service chief has claimed when he has assured lawmakers the agency is prepared



 A firefighter in New Jersey's Wharton state forest during a fire this spring. This year has already 31% more fires than average. Photograph: AP

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House Approps Signals Pointed Lack of Enthusiasm for Fire Reorganization: Would Require GAO Study

July 23, 2025 by Sharon

Many, many thanks to Marc Heller of E&E News for wading through the tedious verblage (but necessary, I get it) in the House Approps report..

There seems to be a notable lack of enthusiasm by House Approps. They want GAO to take a look before anyone leaps, and the report gives specific concerns to be addressed. These concerns seem pretty much in line with what folks I know have raised. The below is from page 12 of [this document](#). I'm sure there are other interesting things in there if anyone has read it or wants to.

Here's the point of the report.

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

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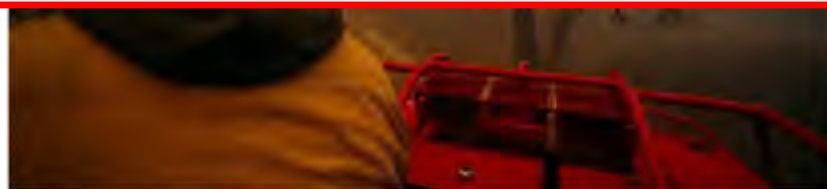
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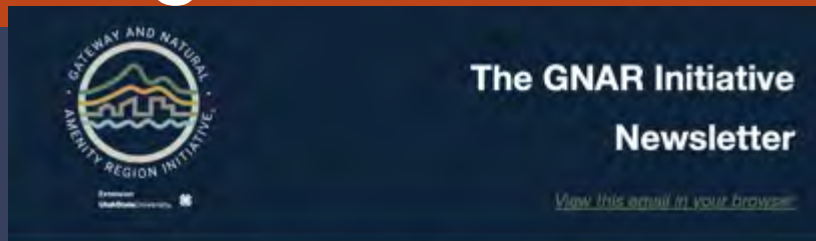
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The GNAR Initiative exists to help gateway communities, their regions, and the public lands around them, thrive and preserve the things that make them special – across Utah, and the Intermountain West. Our goal is to help community leaders and land managers prepare and respond to the numerous challenges facing them by leveraging our three pillars: **research, education, and capacity building.**

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Nevada City Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Plan

Developed by the Nevada City Fire Safety Advisory Committee

Introduction: This document outlines a comprehensive plan to enhance Nevada City's resilience in the face of wildfires. It has been developed by the Nevada City Fire Safety Advisory Committee, drawing on research and past planning documents. Once approved by the committee, it will be presented to the City Council for adoption, with implementation led by city staff in collaboration with various stakeholders and agencies.

Identifying Key Areas: The plan centers on three strategic areas

- Public Safety
- Vegetation Management and Home Hardening (Fuels)
- Community Engagement and Education.

Successful implementation of the plan will require a collaborative approach between the City of Nevada City, County of Nevada, local Firewise groups, individual City residents, regulatory agencies and non-profit partners.

Implementation Requirements: It's important to recognize that the resources currently available to the city fall short of what's needed to fully execute this plan. To ensure community safety, some version of this plan must be implemented with dedicated funding, staffing, and program development. The timeline for implementation depends on the availability of funding, and external sources beyond the General Fund will likely be necessary for timely execution.

While the demand for action exceeds the city's current capacity, specific actions outlined below are critical first steps in addressing Nevada City's fire resiliency and safety within the framework of this plan:

- Begin working on an Evacuation and Safe Shelter Plan with the City providing leadership and technical support.
- Initiate engagement with Firewise Communities and neighborhoods to assist in Evacuation Planning.
- Place a dedicated tax initiative on the March 5, 2024, ballot.
- Engage the City's grant writers to submit applications for grant funding which could support specific items of this plan.
- Use mid-year budget process (February 2024) to identify possible funding to support the plan's implementation.
- Fill the Program Manager position to provide leadership for successful plan implementation.
- Identify programs in which City participation could influence the cost of homeowners' fire insurance.
- Develop an Urban Forestry Plan (with Ordinance) for the City that protects heritage trees and encourages planting and maintenance of fire resilient, multi-aged diverse tree species.

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A life-changing visit to ailing Yosemite National Park

SFGATE columnist Drew Magary went to see if Yosemite was ruined and ended up reborn



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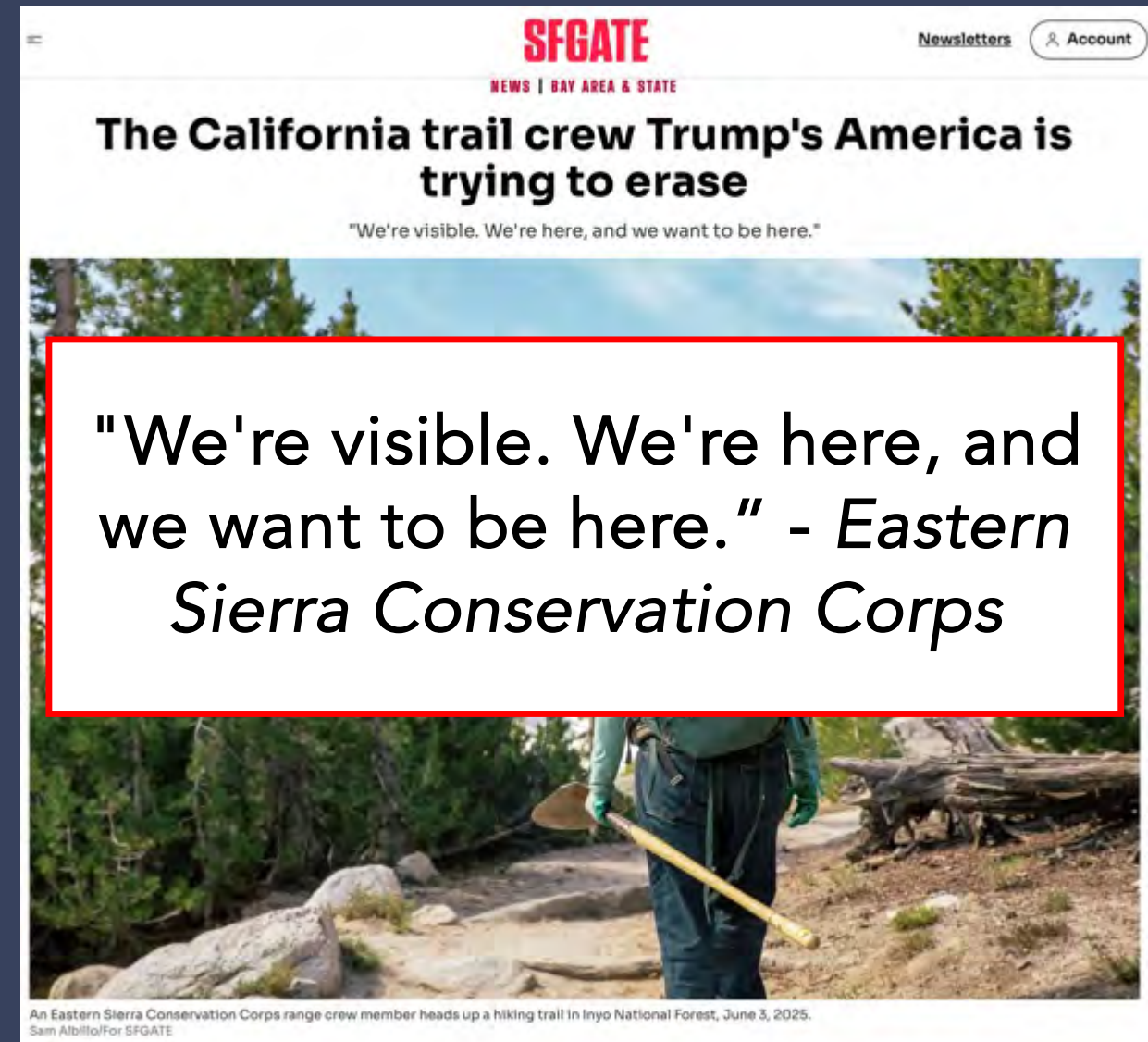
The California trail crew Trump's America is trying to erase

"We're visible. We're here, and we want to be here."



An Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps range crew member heads up a hiking trail in Inyo National Forest, June 3, 2025.
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After slashing national park budgets and staff, the Trump administration has issued a pair of executive orders with the expressed purpose of protecting public lands. Here's what to know.

BY EMILY PENNINGTON
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Visiting a National Park This Summer? Here's What to Expect

In the face of mass firings, seasonal staffing shortages, and spending cuts, your national park vacation might look a little different this year.

Staffing

Out of the 8,000 NPS seasonal staff that the administration pledged to hire this summer, only about 4,500 have been put in place. Many who work for conservation groups are sounding alarms in reaction, while others are cautiously hopeful that the recent executive orders may reflect shifting priorities.

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The MABA executive order outlines a plan to raise entrance fees to US national parks for international visitors. Sean Pavone/Getty

Access

In the Make America Beautiful Again order, Trump lays out instructions for the Interior Secretary to "review all of the department's recreational access rules and take steps to rescind any that unnecessarily restrict recreation in national parks." In other words, visitors might end up with increased recreation opportunities, like hunting and fishing, on lands that had been previously set aside for wildlife conservation.

Several experts at conservation nonprofits tell *Condé Nast Traveler* they are worried that the MABA could wreak havoc on America's beloved parks by increasing access while simultaneously gutting funding and [opening up pristine public lands for economic development](#).

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"We hope this departure from Trump's anti-public lands agenda becomes the norm and isn't just a PR ploy to distract voters from the backlash some Republicans received after spending months trying to sell off these same public lands to the highest bidder," says Anna Peterson, executive director of The Mountain Pact, a nonprofit project that works with elected officials in Western US mountain towns."

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"The NPS FY2025 Budget being approved by Congress is much more favorable than anticipated. Our budget will be reduced by 6% rather than by one third. Community Assistance programs including Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance, Federal Lands to Parks, National Heritage Areas, Land and Water Conservation Program that would have been eliminated by the Administration will continue to be funded. Reorganization and consolidation still to be determined to address the 6% cut. Hiring freeze extended another 3 months til October." *NPS Update / RRCA / 7/18/25*

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In beloved national parks, summer crowds throng despite budget cuts

We visited four of the country's "crown jewels" and found deep concern for the park system's future among Americans of all political persuasions.



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747,042 visitors in 2024



Glacier, Montana

3,208,755 visitors in 2024



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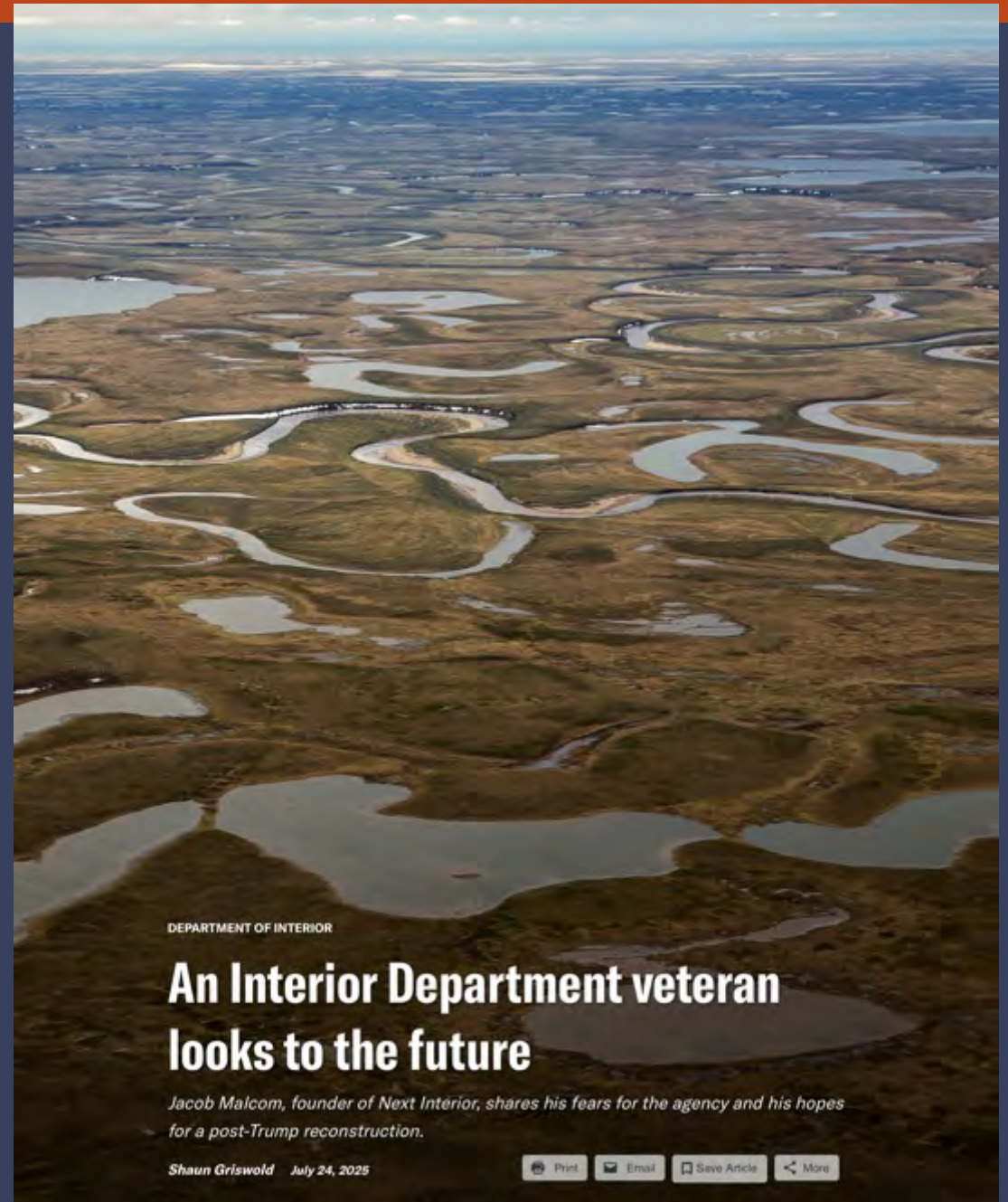
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





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Trump orders higher national park entrance fees, ends Obama-era initiative

By **Sam Mauhay-Moore**, National Parks Reporter
July 5, 2025



Visitors take in the scenery from Tunnel View in Yosemite National Park, Calif., on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.
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Trump signs order to raise national park fees for foreign visitors

By Steve Gorman and Jasper Ward

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Casey Beinborn and Eiko Bailey hike up the Navajo Loop Trail in Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, U.S. July 1, 2025. REUTERS/Kaylee Greenlee/File Photo [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)

WASHINGTON, July 3 (Reuters) - President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Thursday to increase entrance fees at U.S. national parks for visitors from other countries, even as his administration seeks to cut national park spending by more than a third.

The additional revenue generated by higher fees from foreign tourists will raise hundreds of millions of dollars for conservation and deferred maintenance projects to improve national parks, the White House said in a statement.

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Tourism Was Already Plummeting Under Trump. Now the U.S. Is Raising Visa Fees on Visitors

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by **Chad de Guzman**
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Industry Sector Coordinator Notes from SBC – July 30, 2025

- 34 contracts executed
- 6 contracts under review
- In various stages of onboarding; engaging with each project through quarterly progress report meetings
- Full public announcement once all contracts are executed

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Industry Coordinators Meeting
July 30, 2025



SIERRA
BUSINESS COUNCIL

SBC UPDATES

1. Catalyst Contracting
2. Communications Plan
3. Transition Plan
4. Grant Reporting Compliance

Catalyst Project Communications Plan

- **Newsletter**
 - Week of July 28
 - Event information: Shindig
 - Project CTA: Eastern Sierra Foundation RFP
- **All-Projects Topline Detail Document/"One-Sheet"**
 - Name, Org, \$, County(ies), Impact Elements, Description
 - Pending receipt of info from all projects (21 to date)
- **Projects blog posts/landing pages**
 - SierraJobsFirst.org
- **Media Outreach/All-Projects Announcement**
 - Upon completion of "one-sheet" and landing pages (ETA: Sept)

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The July Climate Transformation Alliance meeting in Truckee was well attended by a lively, engaged audience who gathered around regional climate momentum. Read more about this event below.

July Updates from SBC

What's Happening this month at Sierra Business Council?

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SJF Collaborative Transition Planning

Contracted Agnew::Beck through Mar 2026

Scope of Work

- Interviews/Survey
 - Governing Council members, Industry Sector leads, Key Participants
- Research on best practices for rural collaboratives
- Develop business/operational plan

SJF Collaborative Transition Planning

September 1, 2026

"Sierra Jobs First and the Sierra Business Council's role as the convener and fiscal agent ends in September 2026. Today we want to start working on a transition plan."

- *Governing Council Meeting June 27 in Sonora*

IC Work Plan

1. Strategic Plan Implementation
2. Lead Working Groups
3. Support Catalyst Projects

Sierra Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Activation Plan

SIERRA JOBS FIRST
COLLABORATIVE

2024 Strategic Plan

Regional Plan: Part II



Governing Council Approved August 23, 2024

Pages 70
through
80 of the
Regional
Strategy

Chapter 4

Target Industries

Strategy Area

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism

Building a Sustainable Tourism Economy

SECTOR DEFINITION

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

SECTOR SNAPSHOT

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

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

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

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

OUTCOME STATEMENTS

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

BY THE NUMBERS

SECTOR LOCATION QUOTIENT

1.64

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

TOTAL SECTOR EMPLOYMENT IN REGION 2023

17,642 jobs

**28.1% of
region
employment**

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

Sierra Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Activation Plan

CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST REGIONAL ACTIVATION PLAN

June 2025 Submission

MLTPA x SFM

SIERRA WORKS

RECREATION & TOURISM PROJECTS IN THE SIERRAS



Activation Plan and Working Group



Project Description: MLTPA, in collaboration with our Industry Sector Coordinator partner, Sierra Focus Media, is developing the Activation Plan for the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism sector of the Eastern Sierra region as part of the California Jobs First initiative. The Activation Plan will serve as a comprehensive framework for the short-term implementation of the Regional Strategic Plan, guiding efforts to advance and grow the Sierra Jobs First initiative. This plan will outline key strategies, priority actions, and collaborative opportunities to strengthen the region's sustainable recreation and tourism economy. MLTPA and Sierra Focus Media will submit the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Activation Plan to the state in June 2025.

We invite stakeholders, community members, and industry partners to engage in this process. To learn

more, provide input, or explore opportunities for collaboration, please contact us at sjfadmin@mltpa.org.



SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & TOURISM ACTIVATION PLAN - JUNE 2025

As required by California Jobs First and the state of California, MLTPA and Sierra Focus Media worked together as the Recreation and Tourism Industry Sector Coordinators to draft and deliver the Activation Plan for the Recreation and Tourism industry sector for the Eastern Sierra Jobs First Region.

Sierra Jobs First: Eastern Sierra ShinDig September 7 – 12



ShinDig

The logo for 'ShinDig' is rendered in a bold, cursive script. The letters are a light cream color with a thick red outline. The text is slanted upwards from left to right. Two five-pointed stars, also in cream with red outlines, are positioned above the 'i' and the 'D'. The entire graphic is set against a solid dark blue background.

Sierra Jobs First

- Outcome from June 13 Governing Council meeting in Sonora

Week of Sept. 7

- Eastside Welcomes Westside
- Project Tours
- Working Groups Kick-off for all Five Industry Sectors
- Governing Council Meeting



Sierra Jobs First: Eastern Sierra Shin

SIERRA INDUSTRY SHINDIG

Calling All Industry Leaders!

Join Industry leaders from throughout the entire region in a conversation about our Sierra Economy. Whether you're a stakeholder, partner, or just curious about what's brewing in the region — **you're invited.**

This All-Industry Shindig is your chance to connect with: Recreation & Tourism Innovators, Sustainable Ag & Working Lands Advocates, Community Healthcare Champions, Climate & Conservation Leaders, Tribal Partners & Cultural Leaders

We're kicking off the week with a cross-industry roundtable for a discussion about the past, present, and future opportunities for our Sierra Economy! Come for the breakfast burritos and stay for the collaboration!

To RSVP for the Shindig and stay up to date on emerging opportunities click the links below!



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Coffee, Free Breakfast Burritos, & Cross Industry Collaboration.
Discussions will be centered around our economy's past, present, & future.



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**define, introduce,
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American Indigenous Tourism that
honors
traditions and values

AIANTA Newsfeed



California Competes Tax Credit (CCTC)



Changing the world through eco-cultural tourism of the
Great Basin

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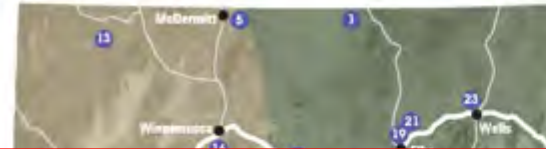
State of Nevada Federally Recognized Tribes

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- 2 Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- 3 Ely Shoshone Tribe
- 4 Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
- 5 Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
- 6 Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- 7 Confederated Tribes of Goshutes
- 8 Las Vegas Paiute Tribe
- 9 Lovelock Paiute Tribe
- 10 Moapa Band of Paiutes
- 11 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- 12 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- 13 Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
- 14 Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
- 15 Walker River Paiute Tribe
- 16 Winnemucca Colony Council
- 17 Yerington Paiute Tribe
- 18 Yomba Shoshone Tribe
- 19 Te-Moak Shoshone Tribe
- 20 Battle Mountain Band Council
- 21 Elko Band Council
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"I can set up an in person meeting with Ben Rupert ... he lives in New Mexico but he's often on travel for his indigenous tourism work throughout CA and NV. He's extremely passionate, knowledgeable, and a good person who is well-versed in working with Tribes, federal & local governmental agencies, and other NGO entities in the planning and execution among all of these key groups." - Travis Nabahe Tribal Coordinator, SBC

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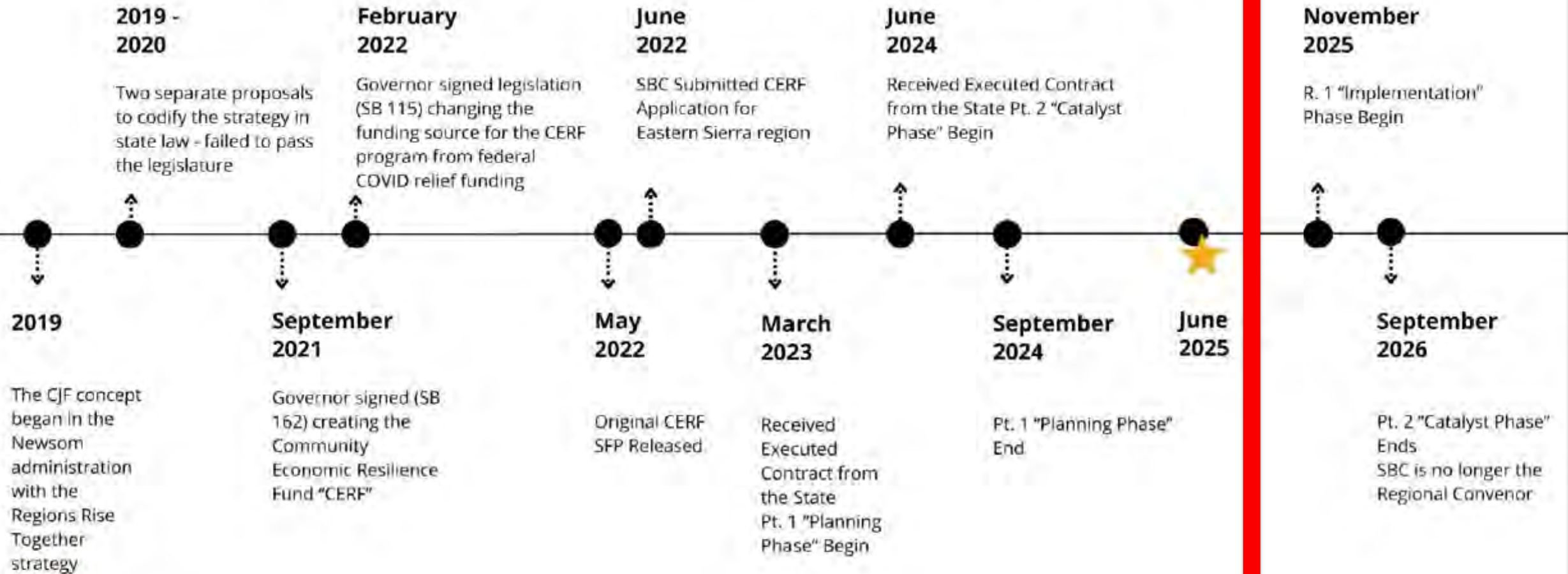


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California Jobs First Program



Sierra Jobs First: Funding and Technical Assistance

Funding Support



Project Description: As the Industry Sector Coordinator for Sustainable Recreation & Tourism projects, MLTPA is committed to providing funding and policy support to help bring your project to life. To assist you, we have developed a comprehensive database featuring:

- *Funding Opportunities* – A curated list of grants and financial resources available in the sustainable recreation and tourism sectors.
- *Policy Documents & Data Resources* – A collection of relevant policies, regulations, and data to help inform and guide your project's development.

Beyond these resources, MLTPA offers personalized support to ensure your project aligns with available funding opportunities and meets current policy requirements. MLTPA is here to assist in the grant

application process, helping you navigate funding requirements and maximize your chances of success. We are also here to provide one-on-one policy consultation, offering expert guidance on how to develop your project within the existing regulatory framework.

For more information or to discuss how we can support your project, contact us at sjadmin@mltpa.org. We look forward to helping you turn your vision into reality.



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 Sierra Jobs First Regional Strategy.



ANDREA STEWART, RESEARCH & POLICY ANALYST

Andrea is a policy analyst with a career dedicated to working at the intersection of environmental justice and human rights, including many years of living and working in the West Bank on questions of law and ethics. Andrea is adept at navigating diverse social and political landscapes. A JD candidate residing in Mammoth Lakes, Andrea combines her legal expertise with a deep understanding of policy development and a passion for fostering a more just and equitable Eastern Sierra. She analyzes federal, state, and local policies

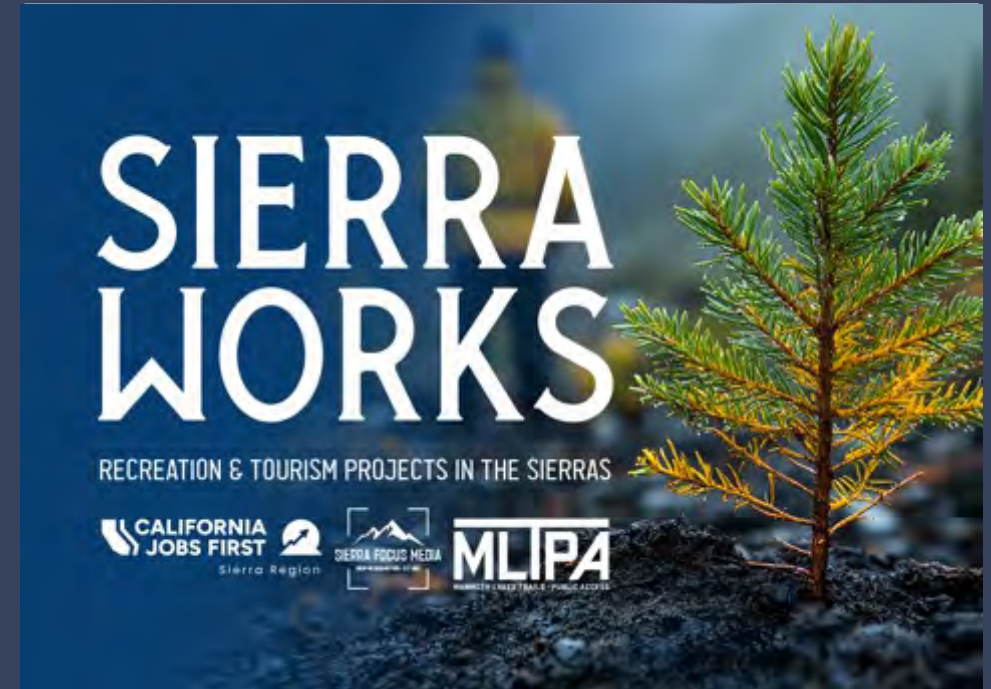
impacting the Eastern Sierra region and beyond, seeking to identify and address systemic inequities. In her free time, Andrea can be found peak bagging, backcountry skiing, climbing, or exploring the foothills on her horse. She holds M.A. and B.A. degrees in Human Rights Law and Political Science, respectively, and hails from a university town in Kansas.

Contact: andreastewart@mltpa.org

Sierra Jobs First: Andie Stewart Funding & Technical Assistance

Top 5 Funding Opportunities To Note:

- CAL FIRE's Wildfire Prevention Grants, due August 6th
- Route to Parks Grants, due August 8th
- SNC's Sustainable Rec, Tourism, & Equitable Outdoor Access, due December 1st



Sierra Jobs First: Andie Stewart Funding & Technical Assistance

What's Going on with:

- State budget?
- Prop 4?
- Cap-and-Trade?



Sierra Jobs First: Andie Stewart Funding & Technical Assistance

What this means for projects

- Prop 4, Wildfire, and Recreation
- “Multi-Benefit”

What this means for projects

- Research & metrics to note





“Cohort of Practice”



California Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Statewide Cohort



Redwood Region RISE Arts, Culture, and Tourism Activation Plan



California's Redwood Region
Tribal Lands, Del Norte, Humboldt,
Lake, and Mendocino Counties

A Product of Redwood Region RISE
The California Center for Rural Policy
at Cal Poly Humboldt



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California Agritourism

Agritourism is a commercial enterprise at a working farm or ranch conducted for the enjoyment and education of visitors that generates supplemental income for the owner or operator.

Agritourism activities include...

- **On-farm Direct Sales** (U-pick, farm stands, etc.)
- **Accommodations/Lodging** (farm stays, guest ranch, camping, etc.)
- **Entertainment/Special Events** (harvest festivals, corn mazes, farm dinners, weddings, etc.)
- **Outdoor Recreation** (picnicking, swimming, hunting, photography, horseback riding, biking, etc.)
- **Educational Activities** (camps, classes, tours, tastings, demonstrations, petting zoos, etc.)




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' 


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 **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

CA JOBS FIRST - TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION COHORT

AGENDA 08/01/2025

- **Welcome/Check-in**
- **Field Notes**
- **Presentations – Session Two**
 - **Redwood Region**
 - **UC ANR**
- **Inter-regional Comparative Analysis – Introduction**
- **“Rays of Sunshine”**
- **Adjourn**



CA JOBS FIRST - TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION COHORT

II. Priority Areas

- **Arts/Culture/Tourism Sector**
 - ***Creative Economy***
 - ***Tourism & Outdoor Recreation***



UC SAREP Agritourism Current Work

Education/Extension

- Agritourism Intensive: Virtual training w/regional field days; farmers & ranchers
- National agritourism curriculum: train-the-trainer: build capacity for agritourism stakeholders to support farmers & ranchers (USDA BFRDG: in collaborations w/UWV, Cornell, UVM, Rutgers, UPenn)

Network/Capacity Building

- Statewide Agritourism Summit: May 2025; late 2026/early 2027
- Ventura County agritourism development strategy (Sustainable Agriculture Land Conservation grant)



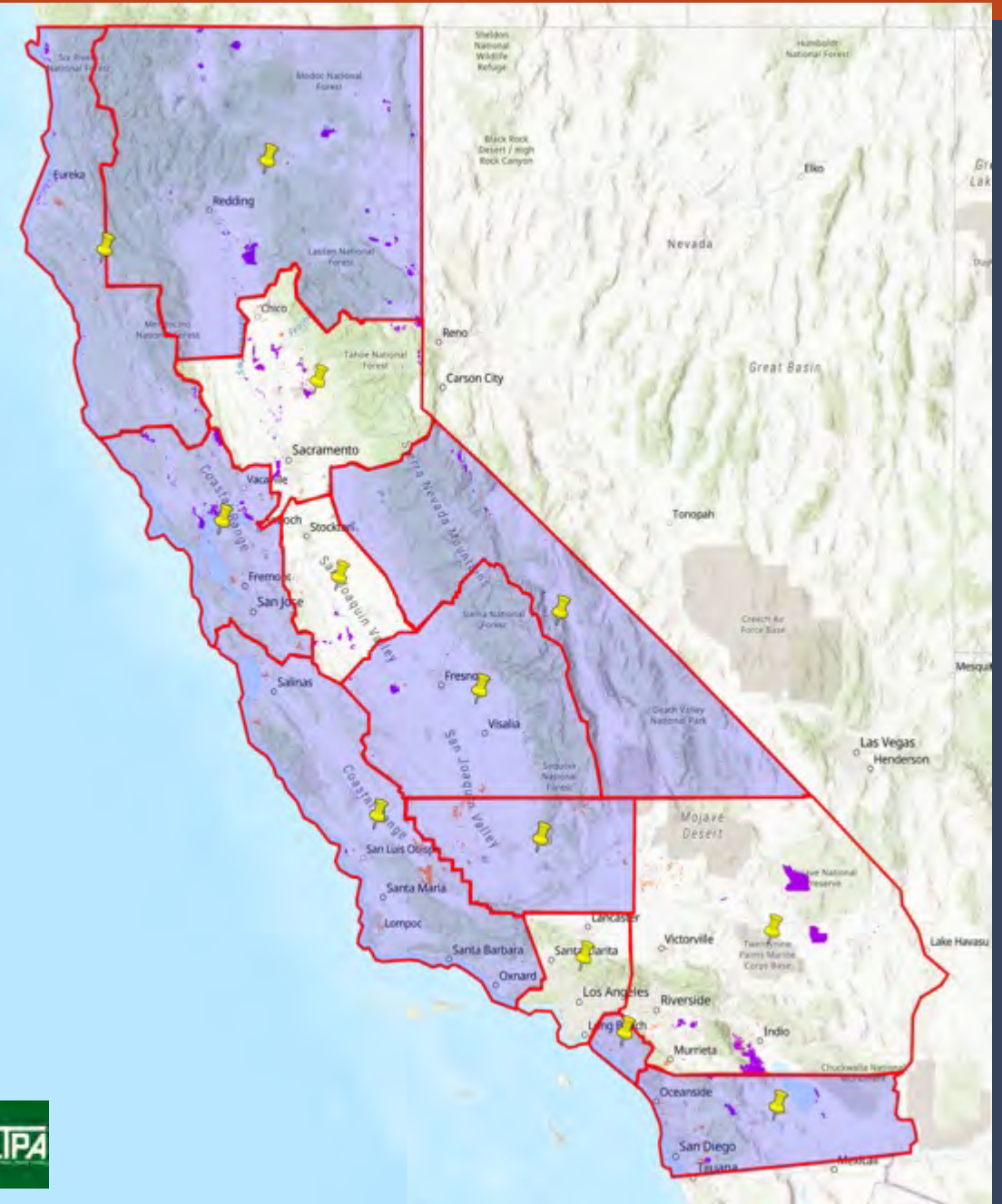
IV. Ray of Sunshine – Film/TV Tax Credit Expansion



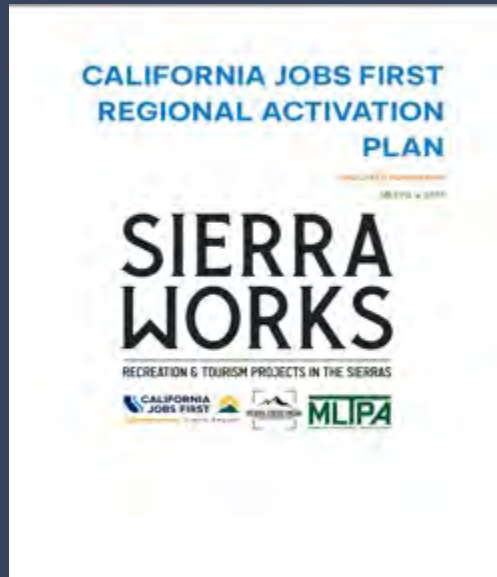
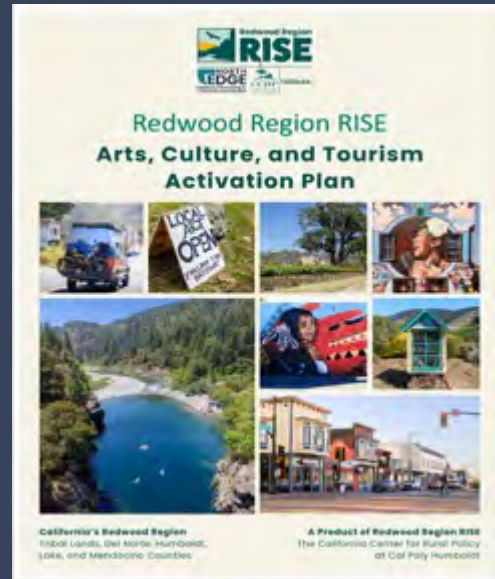
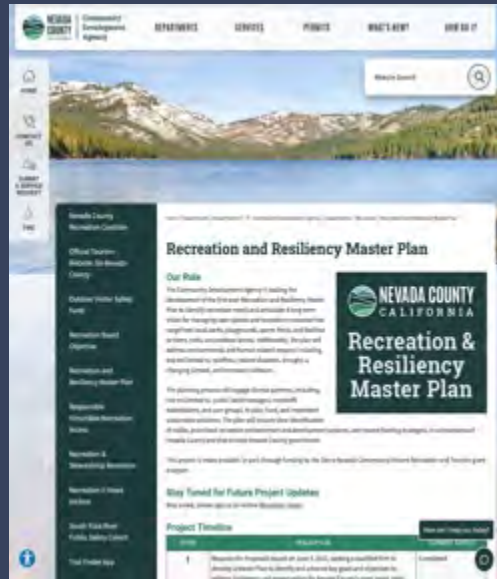
Distinct Regional Economies Informed by Unique Natural Resources & Community Assets

A scenic view of a coastal town built on a cliff overlooking a sandy beach and the ocean. Several people are walking on the beach in the foreground.

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



California Jobs First: Recreation and Tourism Statewide Cohort



Recreation and Tourism Working Group – 2025/2026

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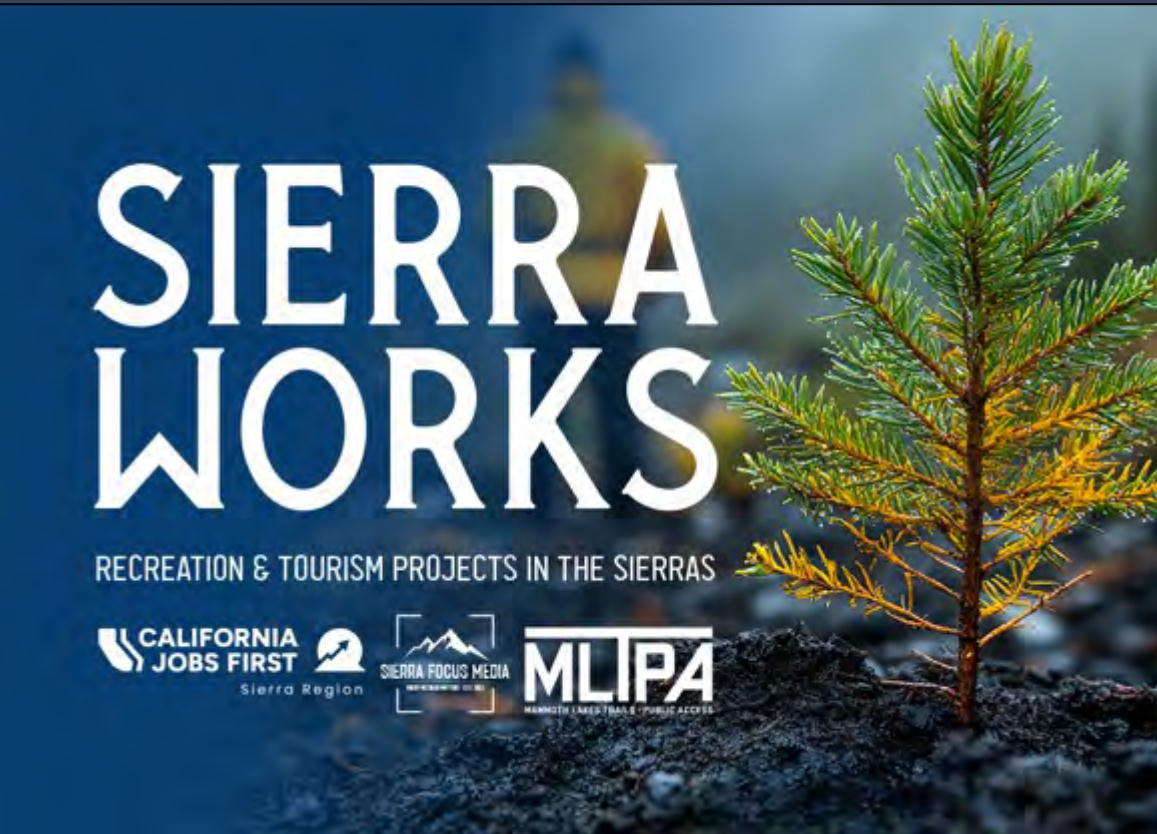
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- *Industry Sector Coordinator Support ends on August 31, 2026*
- *Catalyst funding ends Sept. 31, 2026*

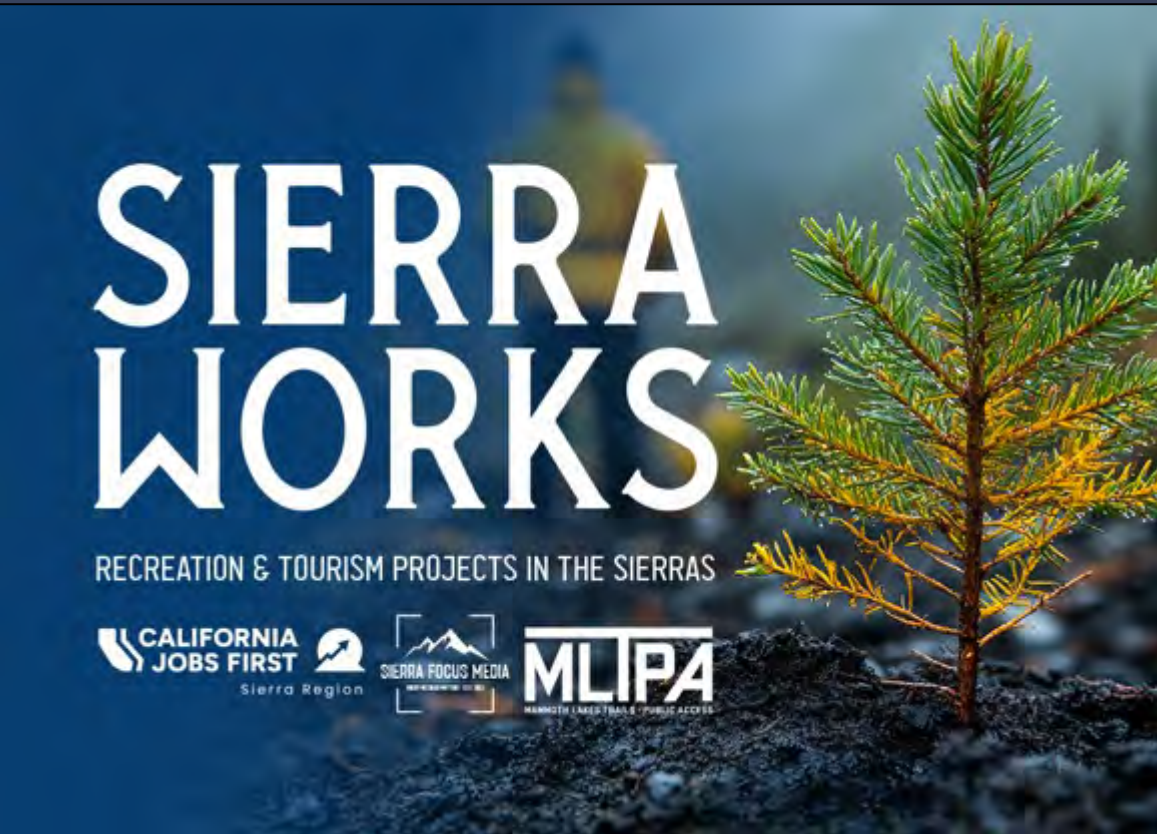
Sierra Jobs First: "Catalyst Projects" - Recreation & Tourism



Projects Review

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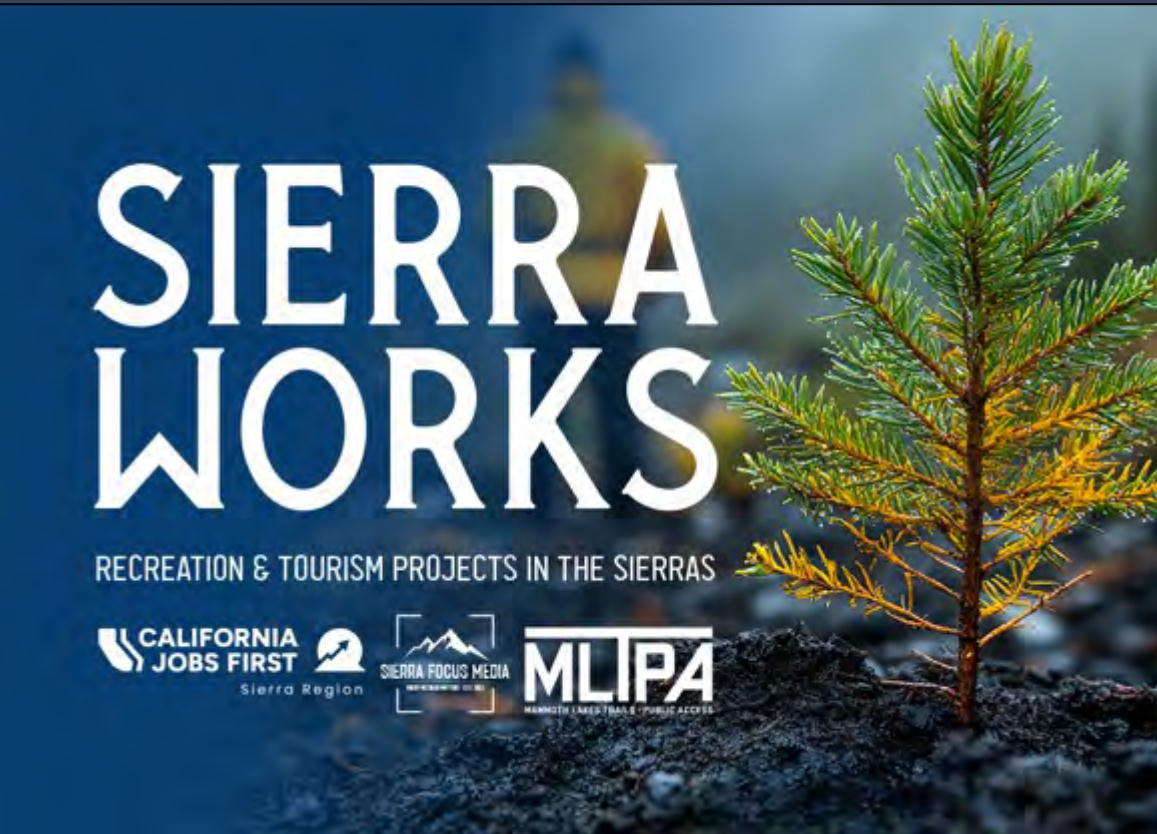
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5	MLTPA	Eastern Sierra Regional Campground Improvements & Jobs Creation
6	MLTPA	Eastern Sierra Regional Education & Recreation Jobs Creation
7	MLTPA	Eastern Sierra Regional Trail System & Jobs Creation
8	Motherlode Bicycle Coalition	Sustainable Mobility Partnership Program
9	Sierra Focus Media	Sierra Sourced
10	Sierra Nevada Alliance	The Collaborative Sustainable Recreation Assessment
11	Tuolumne County Arts Alliance	Creative Reuse of Creative Arts Center Tuolumne County
12	Tuolumne County CDD	Jamestown Specific Plan and Toolkit for Town Center Revitalization

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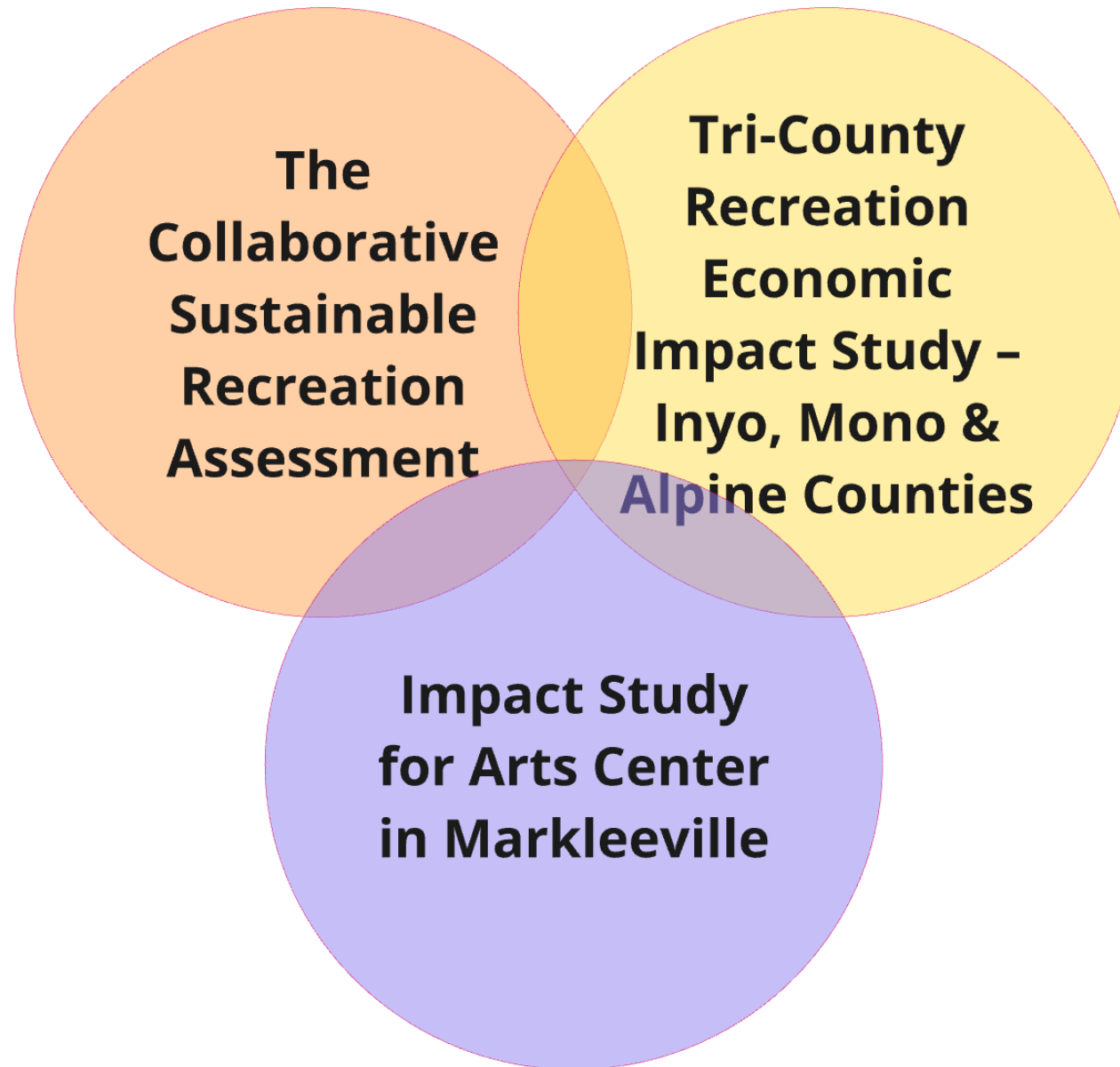
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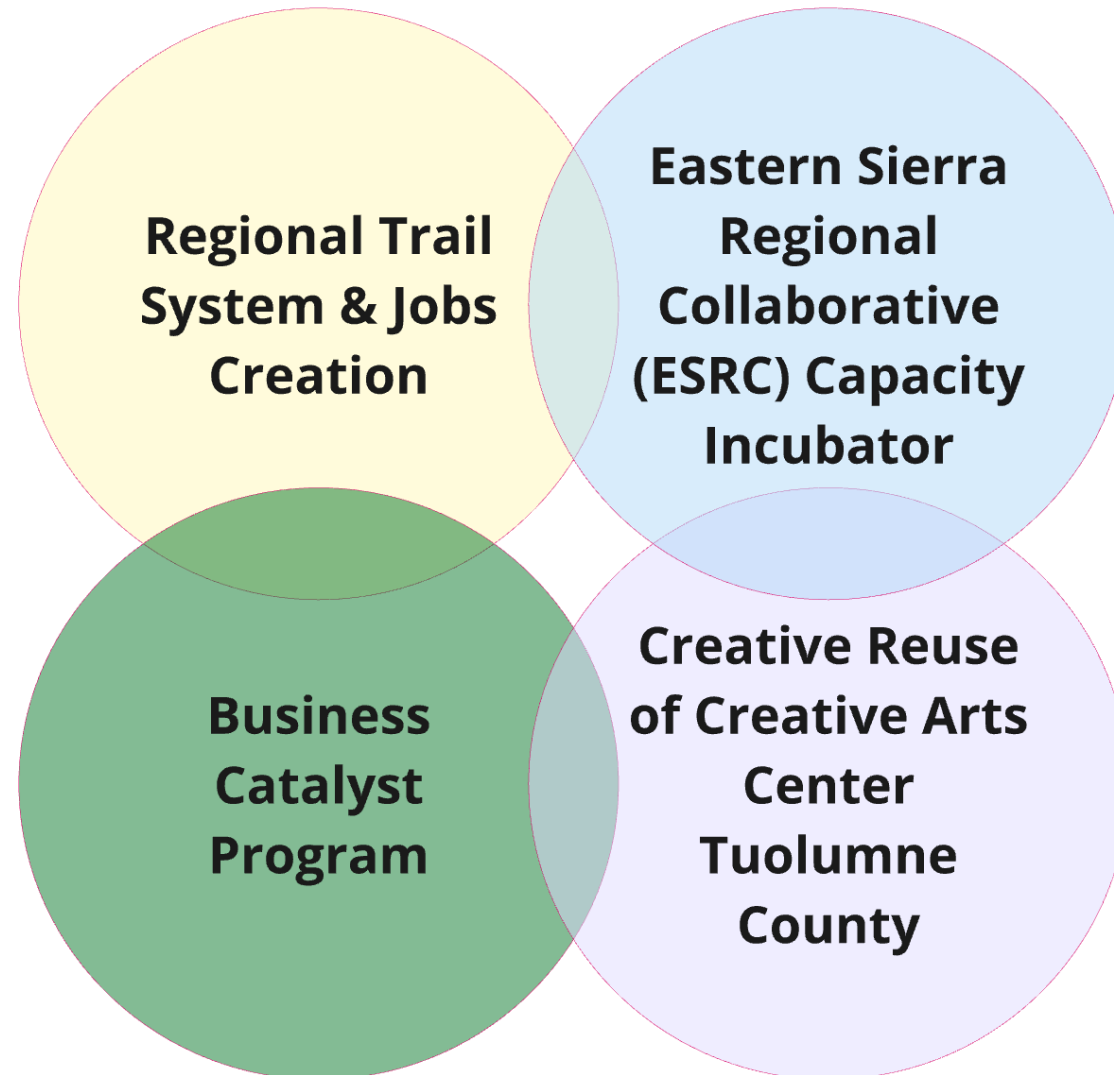
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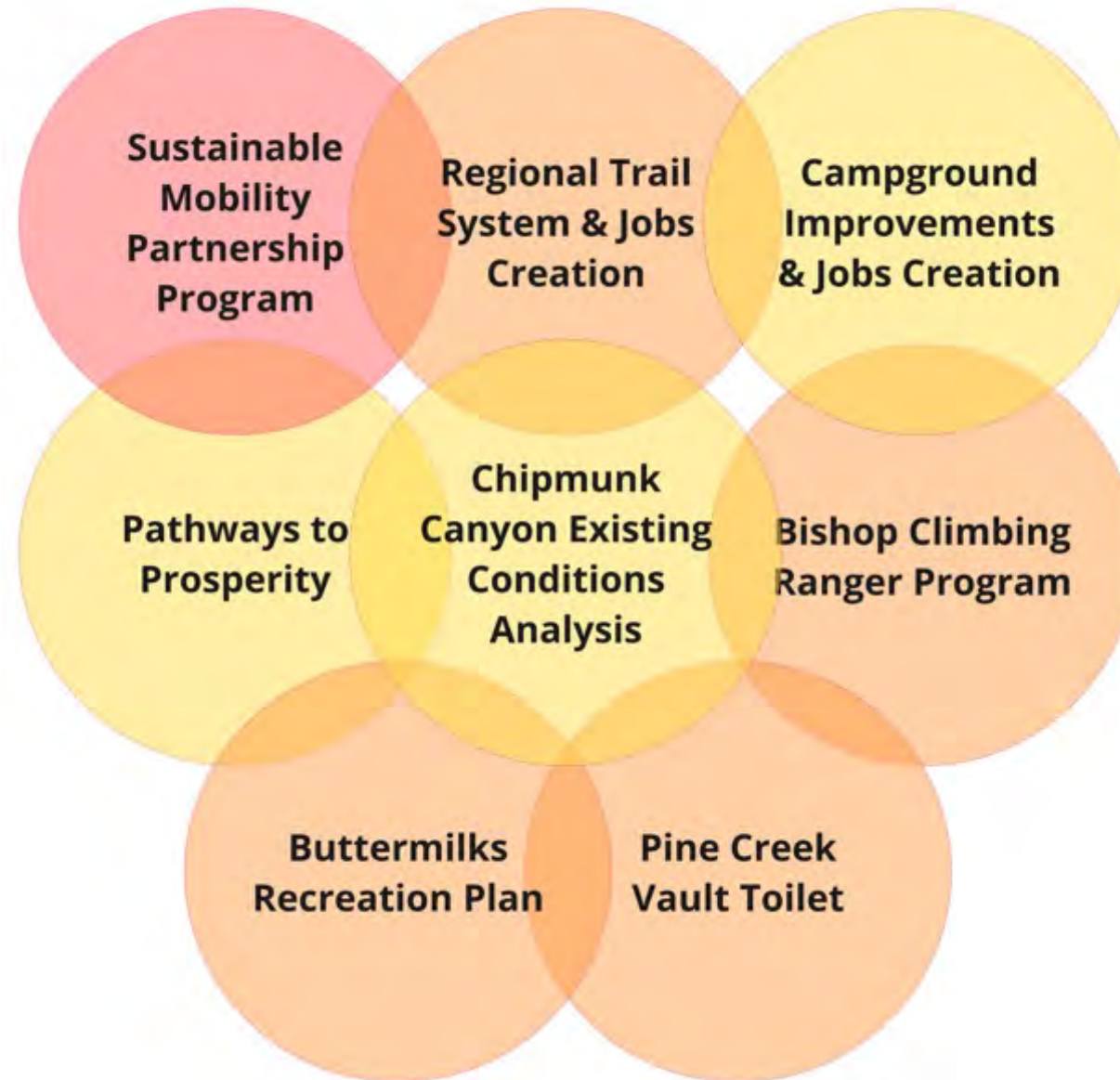
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Where will we be on
October 1, 2026?

Buttermilks
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Vault Toilet

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The New York Times

Dragon Bravo Fire Grows to Largest Wildfire in the Continental U.S.

The fire in Grand Canyon National Park has grown to more than 100,000 acres amid dry weather and a weak monsoon season in Arizona.



Smoke rose from the Dragon Bravo fire at one of the largest in the United States so far.



By Amy Graff

Amy Graff is a reporter on The Times.

Aug. 2, 2025

A wildfire in Grand Canyon National Park has burned for nearly a month in exceptional conditions, becoming the largest wildfire of the year so far in the continental United States, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

The Dragon Bravo fire, which has closed the park's North Rim, grew to [more than 114,000 acres](#) on Saturday. Its size is expected to increase in coming days because of dry, warm weather.

The fire was 11 percent contained as of Saturday, [according to InciWeb](#), a government site that tracks wildfires.



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Grand Canyon fire grows into a megafire and creates its own weather. It's not done yet



Over the Dragon Bravo fire, on Tuesday, July 29, at the Grand Canyon National Park (Arizona Incident Management Team 21).

The North Rim became a "megafire" this week, intensifying enough to create its own weather.

Hot, dry heat and gusty winds drove the fire, hampering much of the containment progress.

The fire has burned nearly 112,000 acres since igniting on July 4 and was 8% contained as of Friday morning, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. It's the largest fire currently burning in the lower 48 states and its footprint is about three times the size of Washington, D.C.

The Dragon Bravo fire reached megafire status after crossing the 100,000-acre threshold. The blaze has more than doubled in size since Sunday, when it was around 50,000 acres, according to data from Inciweb.

That's because bone-dry fire fuels, like brush, can go up in flames in an instant. Days of very dry air dehydrated those fuels to a level drier than kiln-dried lumber, according to a Thursday fire [update](#).

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Effective Response Contained 1-4 Fire in Susanville Ranch Park Area

Fri, August 1, 2025



According to a statement from CalFire, ion 1-4 Fire was reported in the Susanville Ranch Park area.

The Susanville Interagency Fire Center quickly responded to the fire. Upon arrival, fire crews immediately began suppression efforts.

Through cooperative efforts from multiple agencies, including the Susanville Fire Protection District, the 1-4 Fire, also known as the Peak Fire, was quickly contained.

With the use of multiple aircraft, along with ground crews, the fire was quickly contained. The Susanville Fire Protection District, Lassen National Forest, Sheriff's Office, Susanville Police Department, Susanville Indian Rancheria, collaboration and teamwork throughout the night ensured a successful outcome to this incident.

As of last night at 10 p.m., dozerline, hand lines and hose lays had been established around the entire fire. Fire personnel will continue mop-up operations over the next few days to ensure secure containment lines.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. We are, however, asking the public for assistance with any information, photos or videos that may be of importance regarding the incident and ongoing investigation of the fire.

Please contact us at: Call/Text: (530) 310-2226; Email: abby.dawson@fire.ca.gov.



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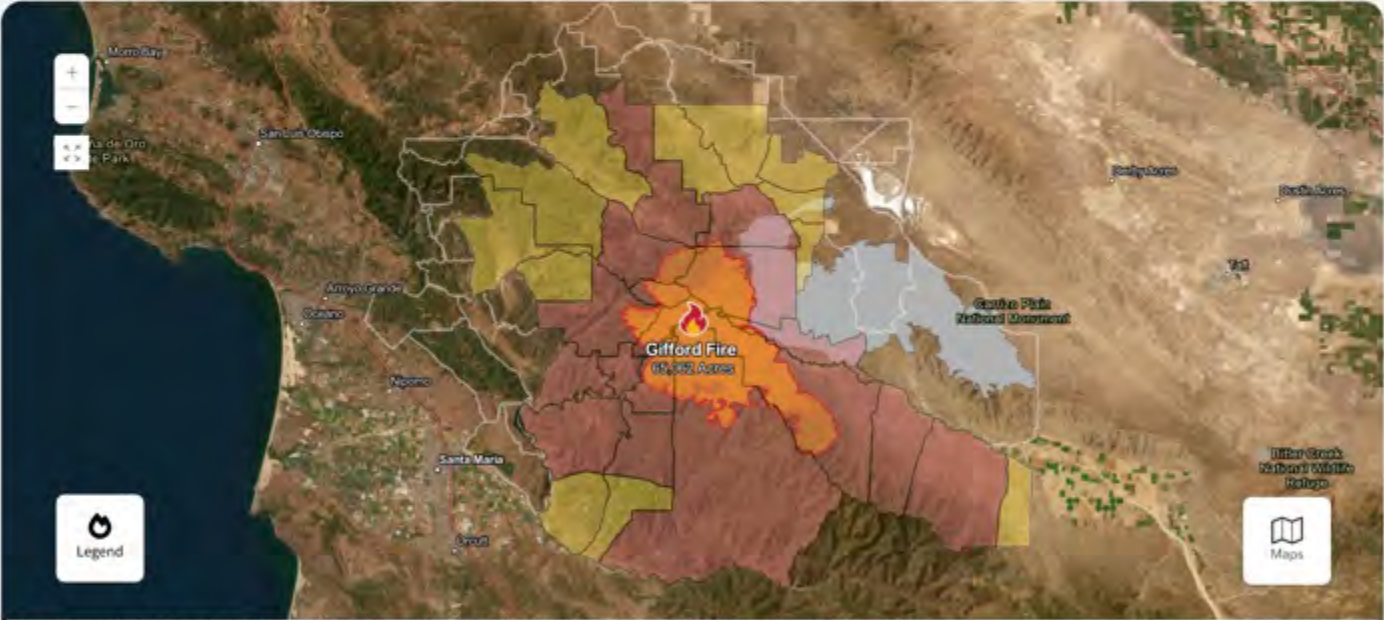
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Gifford Fire



3% Contained 65,062 Acres 2 Counties: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara

Not a CAL FIRE incident. Updates will be made as they become available.



Map showing the Gifford Fire area in California, including surrounding regions like Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and various parks and landmarks.

LAYERS

☒ Air Assets ☒ Evacuation Orders and Warnings ☒ Recent Perimeters ☐ Wind ☐ 5-Year Fire History

Date Started
08/01/2025 3:44 PM

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08/04/2025 5:54 AM

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Town of Frisco Backyard Fuels and Recreation Project

The Forest Service is proposing approximately 1,250 acres of fuels reduction activities and approximately 25 miles of trails decommission, improvement, and construction activities near the Town of Frisco. A Story Map of the project can be found at <https://arcg.is/181GiK0>



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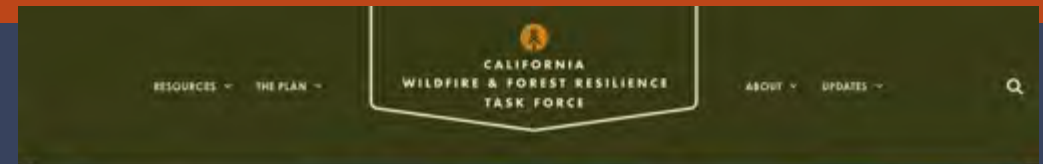
> [CLICK TO READ THE FULL MONTHLY UPDATE TO THE GOVERNOR](#)



Six Months After the LA Fires, California Continues Unprecedented Recovery Efforts

The public debris removal program is ahead of schedule and a new executive order accelerates rebuilding.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Inland Empire Regional Meeting

SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2025

The Inland Empire Community Foundation and the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District are hosting the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Regional Meeting September 4 at the University of Redlands in San Bernardino County. A remote attendance option will be available via Zoom.

The meeting on September 4 will highlight the 2025 Action Plan and issues of regional importance. We will kick off the day with refreshments and a resource fair.

On September 5, Task Force partners will host field tours offering immersive opportunities to better understand the critical landscape health and wildfire resilience work being done in the region.

September 4 – 5

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[DIRECTIONS](#)



DRAFT EVENT SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 4

– Resource Fair – 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

– Morning Session – 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

RESOURCES

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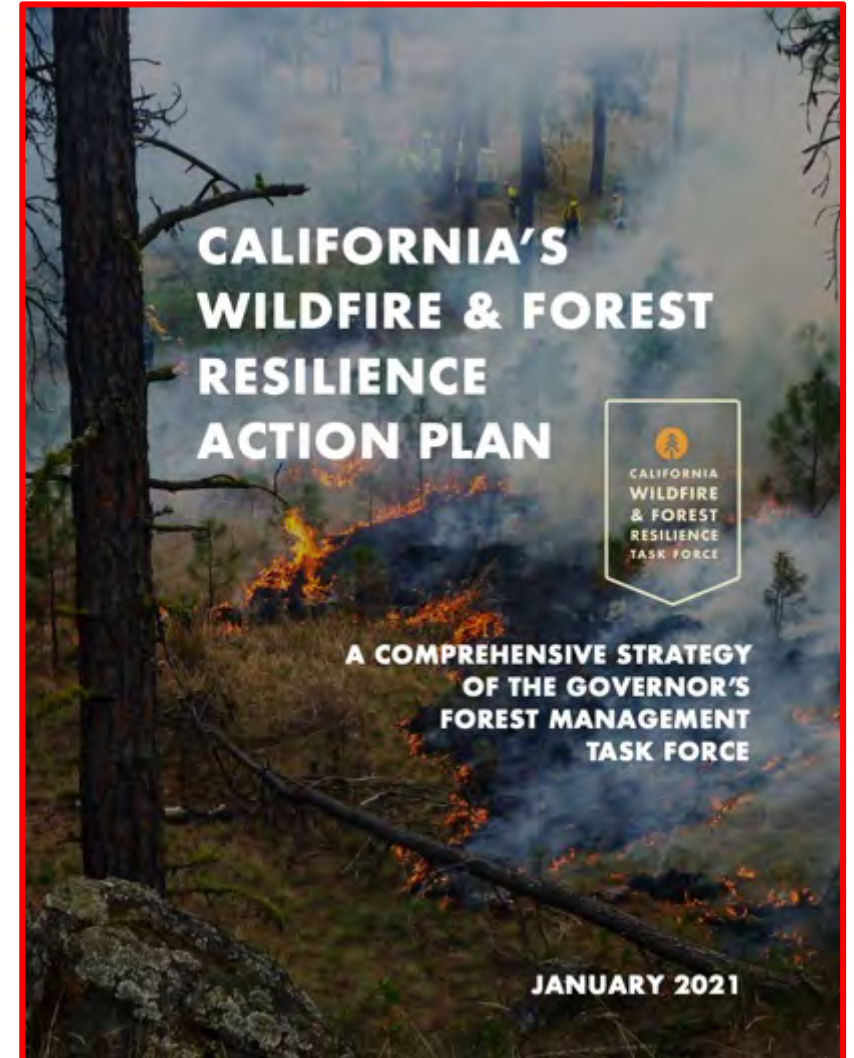


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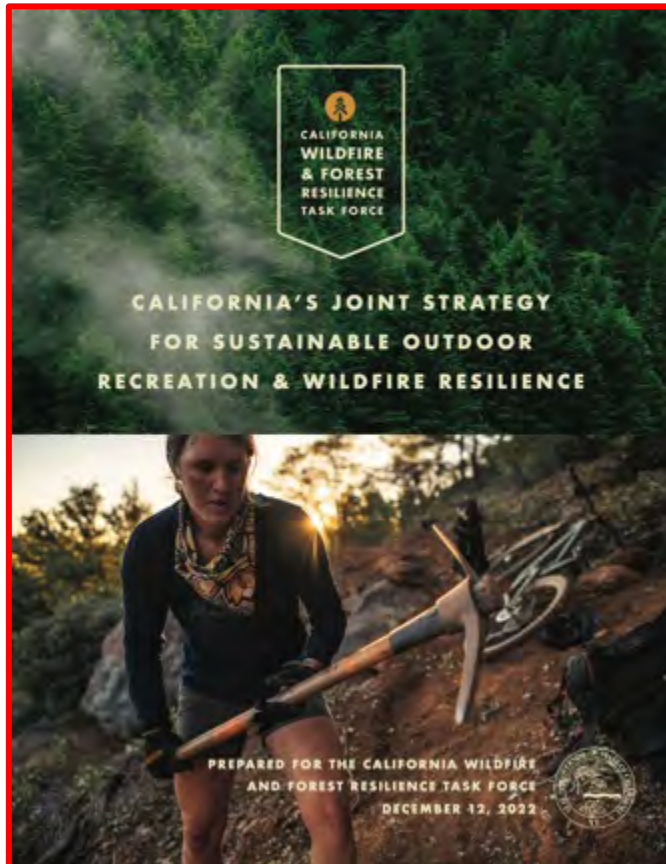
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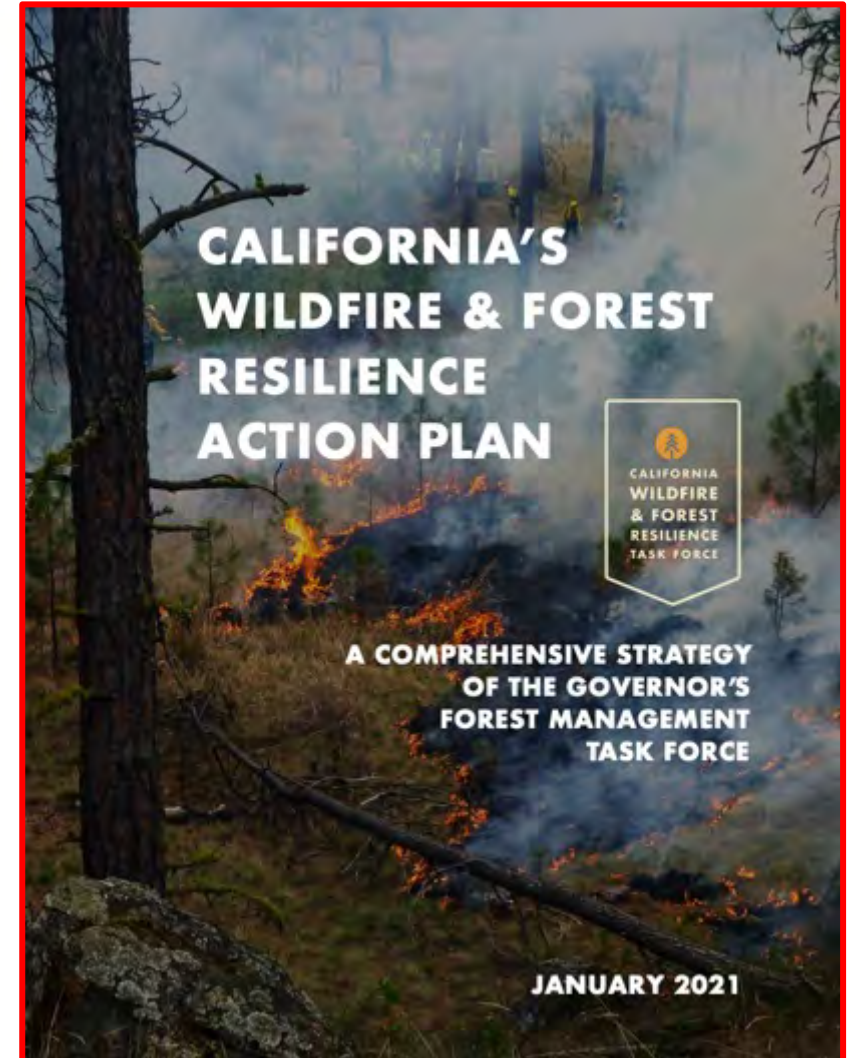
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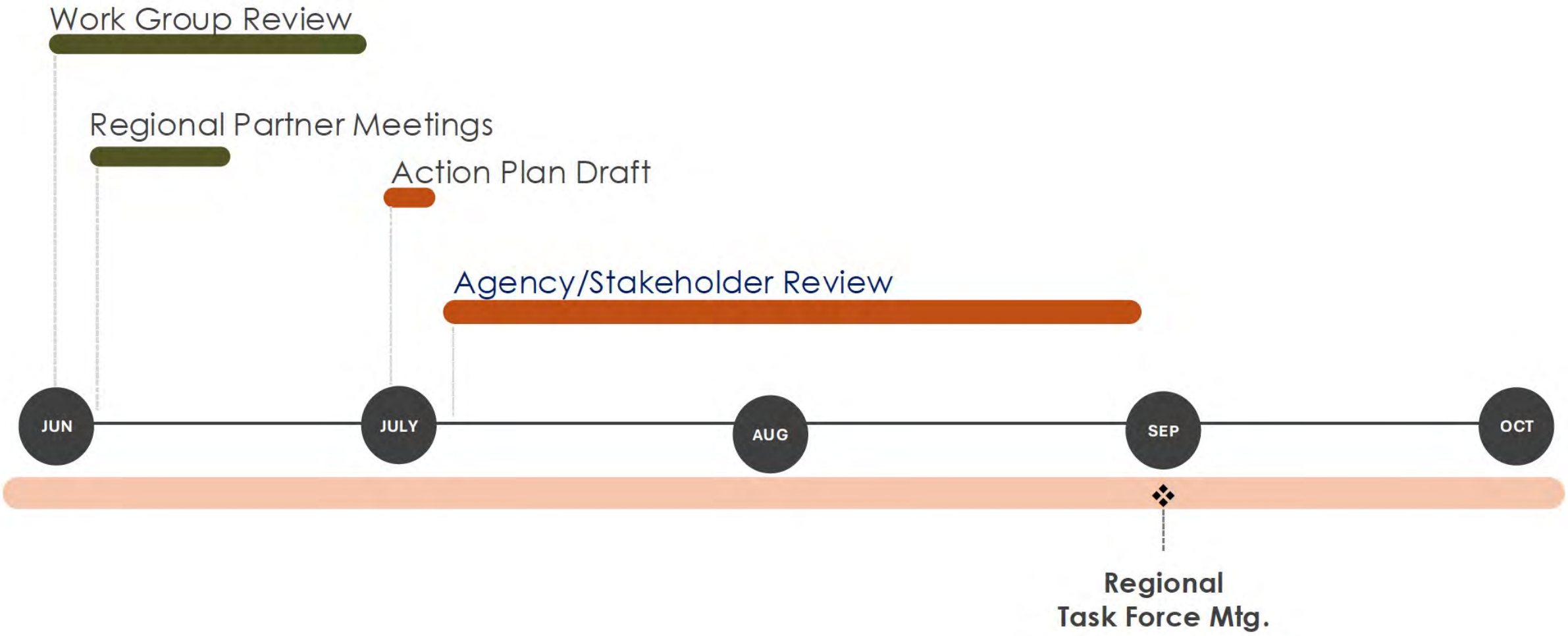
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2025 Action Plan Schedule



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Enhance Recreational Opportunities

Quote from primary/lead reviewer/partner

Why this matters:

As demand for outdoor recreation in California has grown, catastrophic fires have devastated infrastructure, economies, and local businesses linked to sustainable recreation and tourism. Increasing wildfire resilience is essential for safe access to the outdoors and the viability of local economies, especially in rural California. Investing in recreation and tourism-focused communications and infrastructure can achieve landscape health and fire risk reduction goals.

What has been accomplished:

In March of 2023, the Task Force published "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience," and the Sustainable Recreation/CALREC Vision Key Working Group (SRCRV) was awarded Partnership of the Year by the U.S. Forest Service in recognition of their efforts. The Task Force is committed to integrating recreational benefits into wildfire resilience projects and supporting the Jobs First goal of strengthening tourism and outdoor recreation statewide.

- **Joint Strategy: 4 Goals and 31 Key Actions for Implementation**
The Joint Strategy's 4 Goals, focused on integrating forest health and sustainable recreation, improving inclusion and access, promoting health and well-being through outdoor activities, and supporting economies that enhance sustainable recreation, are paired with 31 key actions.
- **GIS Maps and Datasets to Integrate Outdoor Recreation into Planscape**
A geographic database of recreation assets, including federal and state outdoor infrastructure, has been created for integration into Planscape to assist forest health planners in wildfire planning and response.
- **Establishment of the Statewide California Jobs First Cohort of Practice**
Recreation and tourism industry sector coordinators from Jobs First Regions "Redwood" and "Sierra" have created a Cohort of Practice for Jobs First practitioners statewide to share best practices for job creation in the sector, including opportunities identified in the Joint Strategy.
- **Adoption of the Joint Strategy by Jurisdictions Throughout California**
Advocacy has resulted in the Joint Strategy being adopted as an advisory document by 6 wildfire-prone jurisdictions, including 4 counties that depend on sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism for their economies. An adoption tracker and website is live at calrecvision.org.

Key Actions

California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience further describes these accomplishments, sets new priorities for recreation, including executing the following key actions:

- **Implement Multi-Benefit Recreation Facilities Projects in or near the WUI**
Implement projects in or adjacent to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas that have joint wildfire risk reduction and outdoor recreation benefits, such as trails and campgrounds that can be used during fires as personnel and equipment staging areas.
- **Adopt and Implement the Fire-Hardened Trails Prescription**
Align future trail development with forest management and wildfire mitigation through the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Fire-Hardened Trails Prescription to both enhance recreational opportunities along with the sustainability of California's resources.
- **Create (CEQA)/ (NEPA) Programmatic Exemptions for Recreation Trails Located Within Treatment Areas**
Create Categorical Exclusion(s) under NEPA, and Categorical Exemption(s) under CEQA, for recreation trails located within treatment areas that have already undergone previous environmental review.
- **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.
- **California Jobs First Cohort of Practice for Recreation and Tourism**
Adopt recommendations from the Jobs First Cohort of Practice for Recreation and Tourism to inform funding recommendations from state initiatives for the implementation of these key actions along with those from the Joint Strategy.
- **Adoption of the Joint Strategy by Jurisdictions Throughout California**
Enhance adoption of the Joint Strategy by incentivizing state funding for projects that cite its goals and key Actions, including recommendations from the Jobs First Cohort of Practice for Recreation and Tourism that are focused on economic vitality and job creation.

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Enhance Recreational Opportunities

Quote from primary/lead reviewer/partner

Why this matters:

As demand for outdoor recreation in California has grown, catastrophic fires have devastated infrastructure, economies, and local businesses linked to sustainable recreation and tourism. Increasing wildfire resilience is essential for

Key Actions

California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience further describes these accomplishments, sets new priorities for recreation, including executing the following key actions:

- **Implement Multi-Benefit Recreation Facilities Projects in or near the WUI**
Implement projects in or adjacent to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas

"Sending this to you as representatives from - and to coordinate on behalf of - both the Sustainable Recreation Working Group and representatives of Jobs First for your review of two Strategic Priorities:"

Enhance Recreation Opportunities Generate Jobs & Economic Benefits

assist forest health planners in wildfire planning and response.

- **Establishment of the Statewide California Jobs First Cohort of Practice**
Recreation and tourism industry sector coordinators from Jobs First Regions "Redwood" and "Sierra" have created a Cohort of Practice for Jobs First practitioners statewide to share best practices for job creation in the sector, including opportunities identified in the Joint Strategy.
- **Adoption of the Joint Strategy by Jurisdictions Throughout California**
Advocacy has resulted in the Joint Strategy being adopted as an advisory document by 6 wildfire-prone jurisdictions, including 4 counties that depend on sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism for their economies. An adoption tracker and website is live at calrecvision.org.

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Task Force Regions - 5 Year Plans





CALIFORNIA
WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE
TASK FORCE

Sierra Nevada Region

Sarah Campe, Regional Scientist, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Paul Ringgold, Chief Program Officer, Save the Redwoods League



Ready Landscapes

How the Sierra Nevada Conservancy thinks about
supporting & funding landscape-scale work

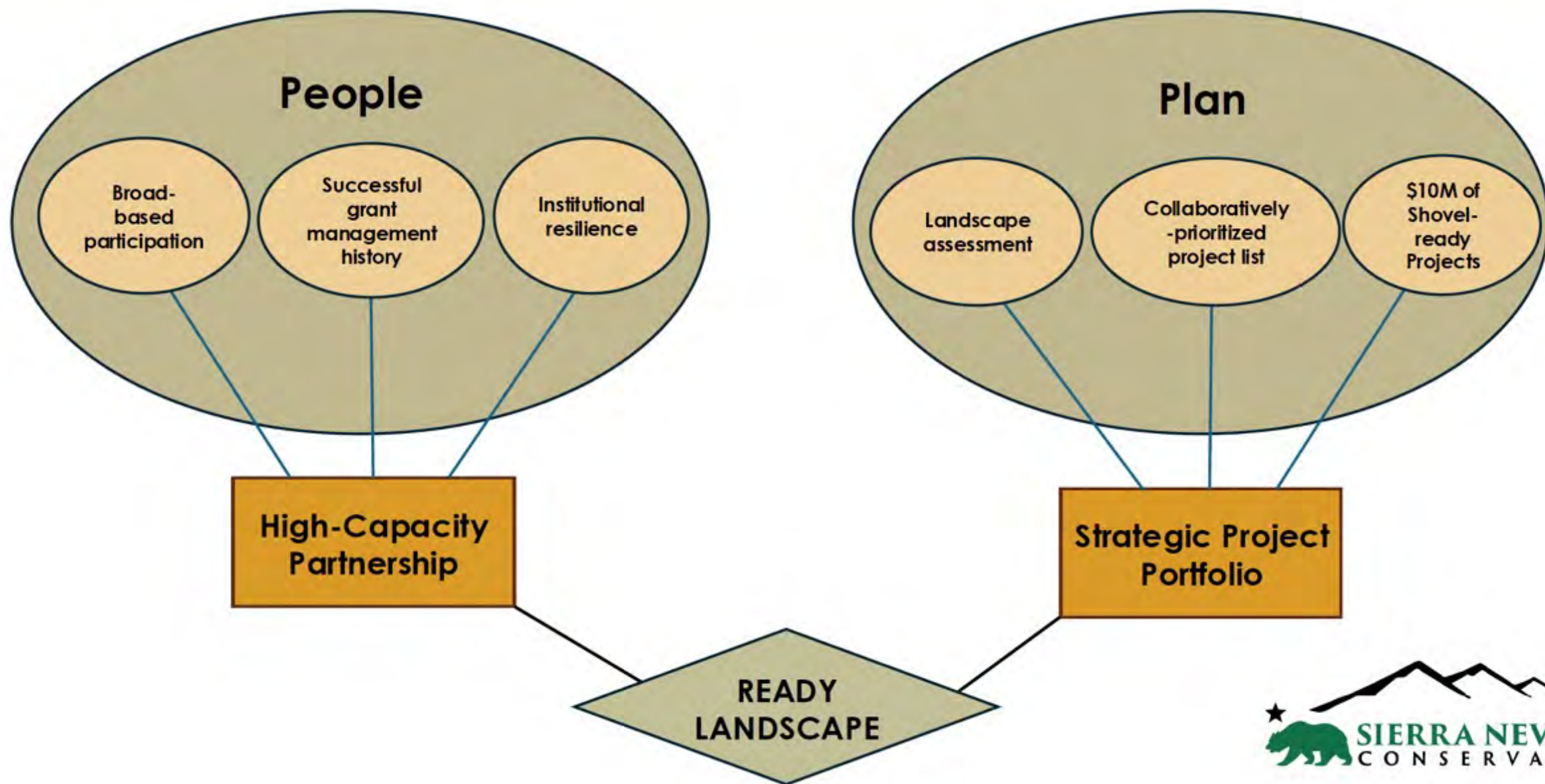
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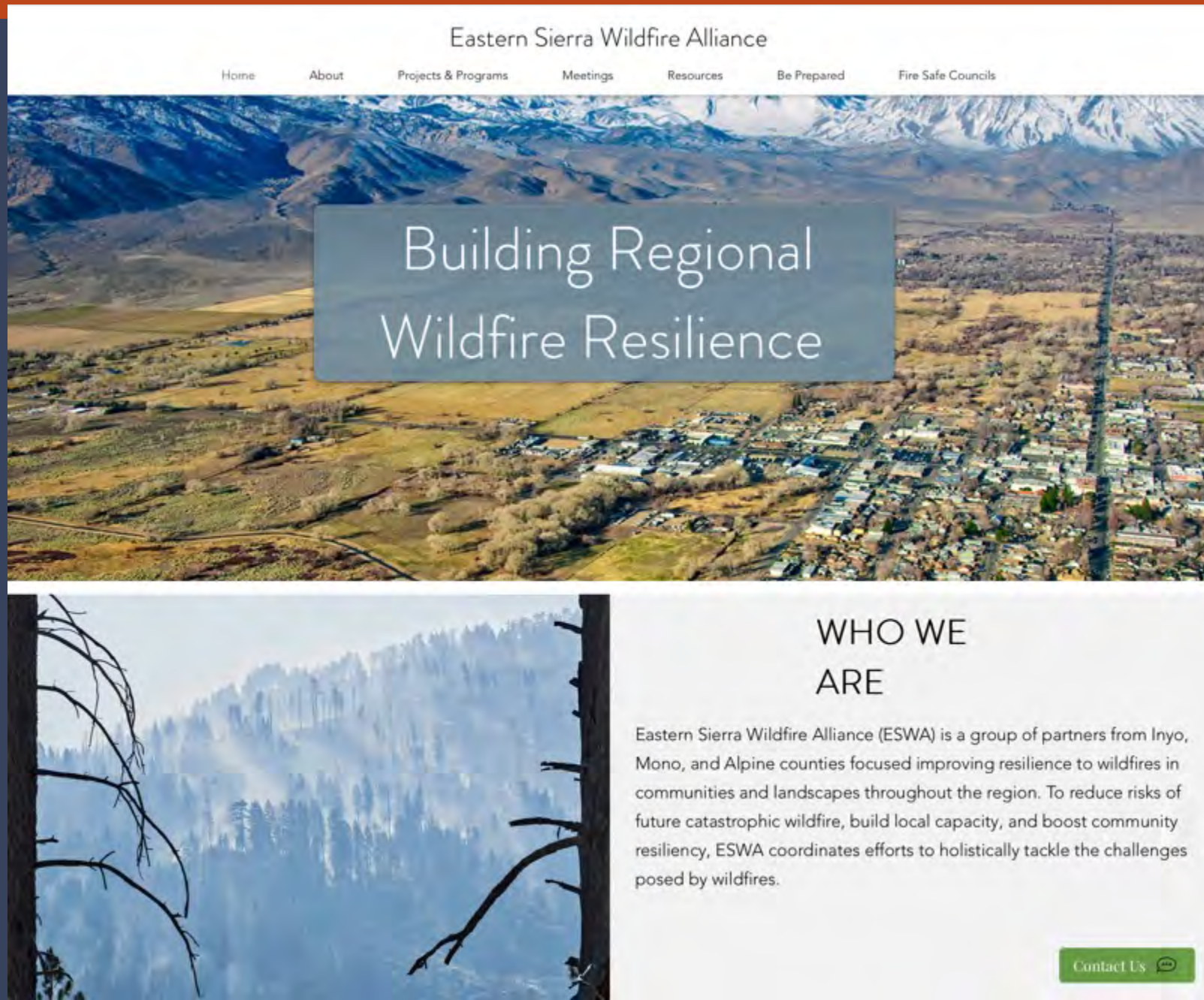
- Partner-identified landscape boundary
- Multi-organizational collaborative group
- Focus on community, forest, watershed health & resilience



What is Ready?



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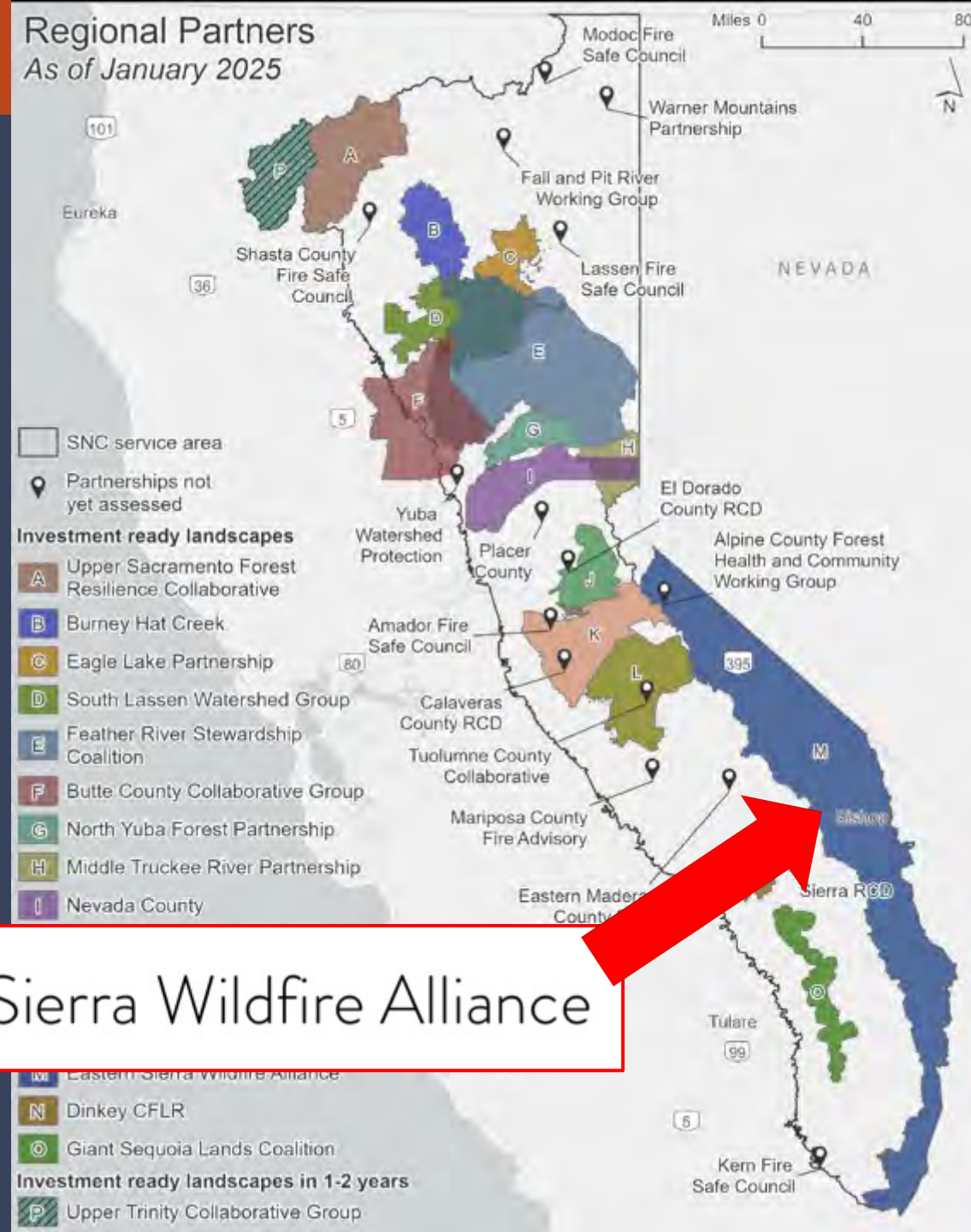
Building Regional Wildfire Resilience

WHO WE ARE

Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance (ESWA) is a group of partners from Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties focused improving resilience to wildfires in communities and landscapes throughout the region. To reduce risks of future catastrophic wildfire, build local capacity, and boost community resiliency, ESWA coordinates efforts to holistically tackle the challenges posed by wildfires.

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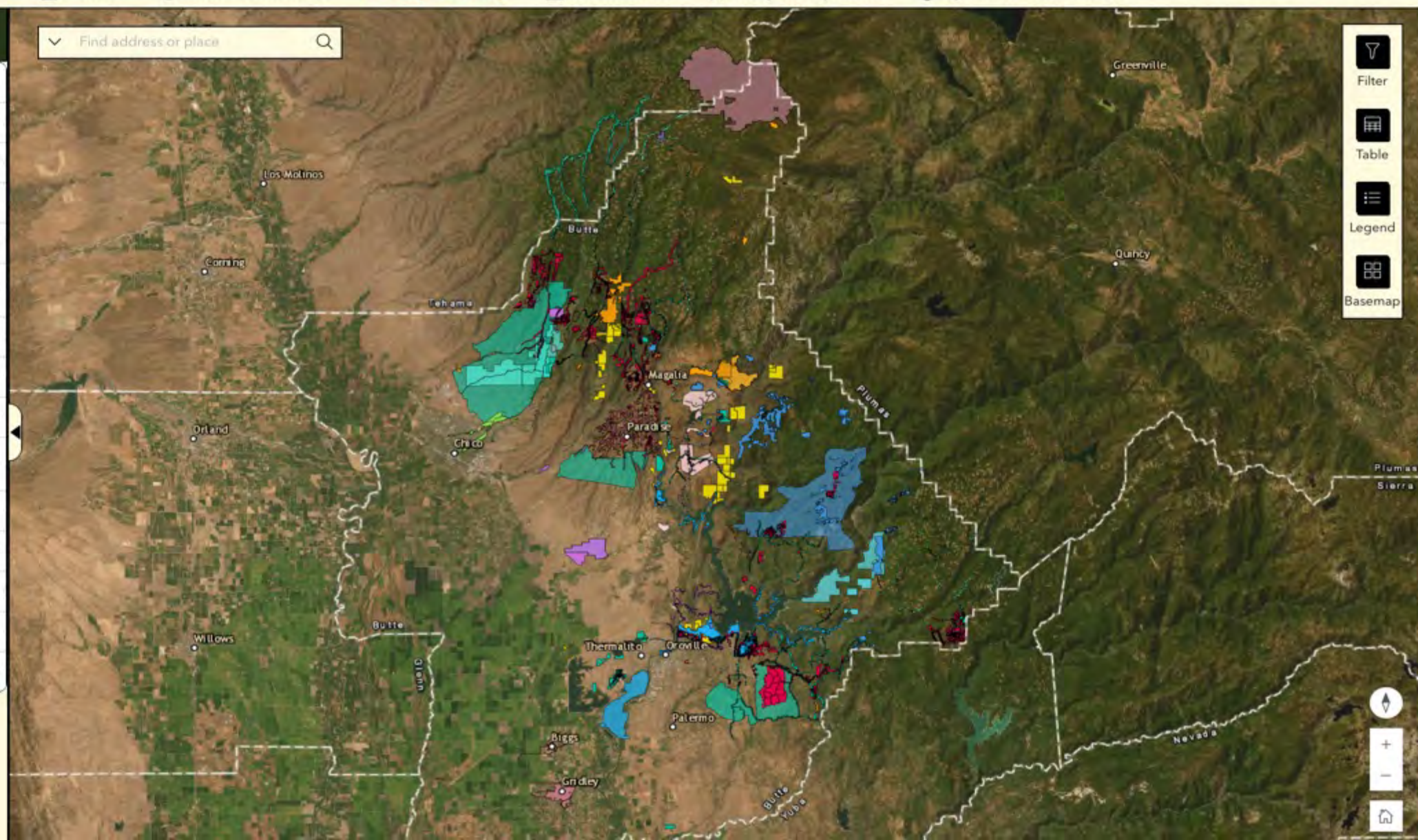


BUTTE COUNTY COLLABORATIVE GROUP

Projects Map

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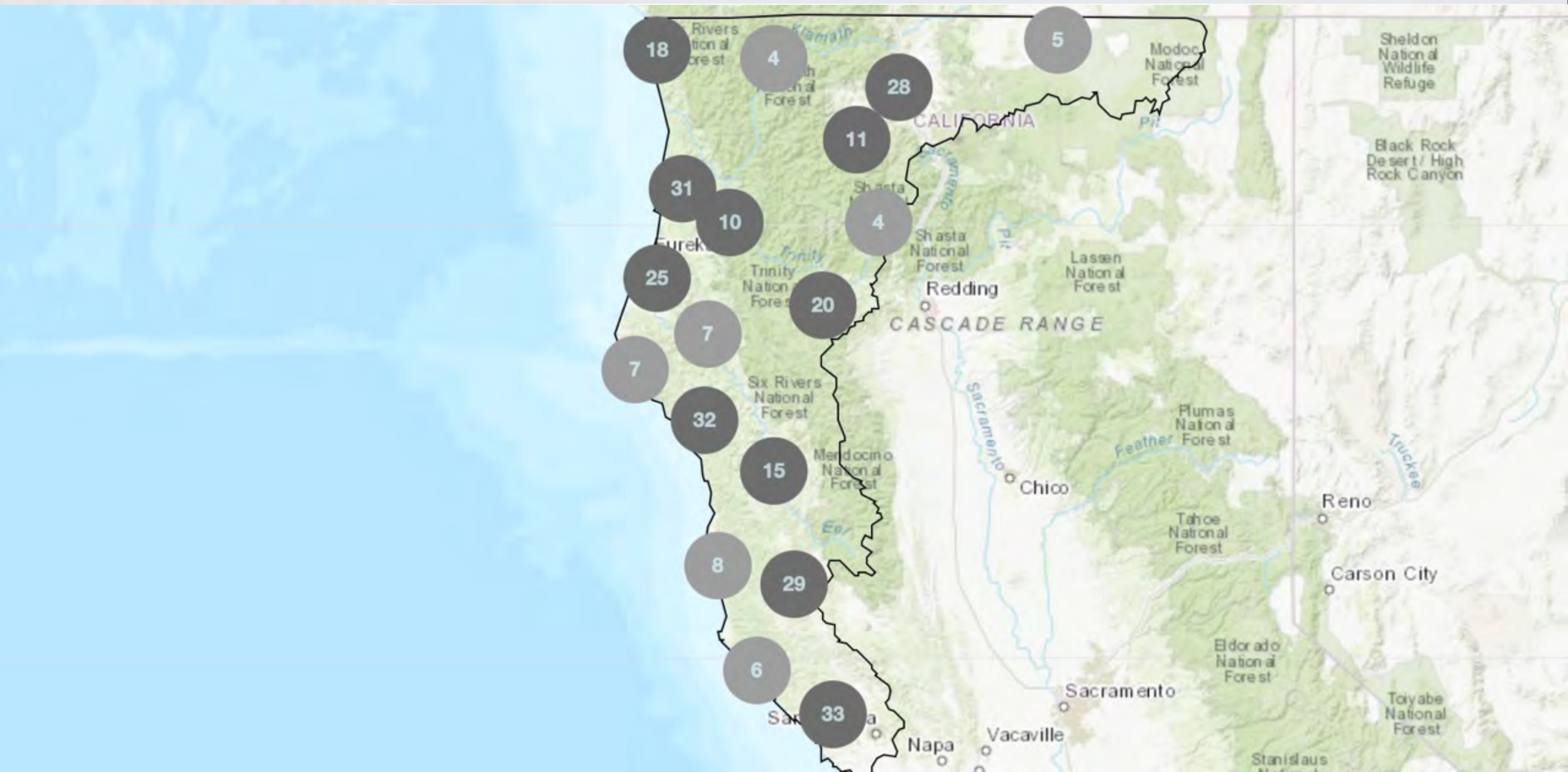


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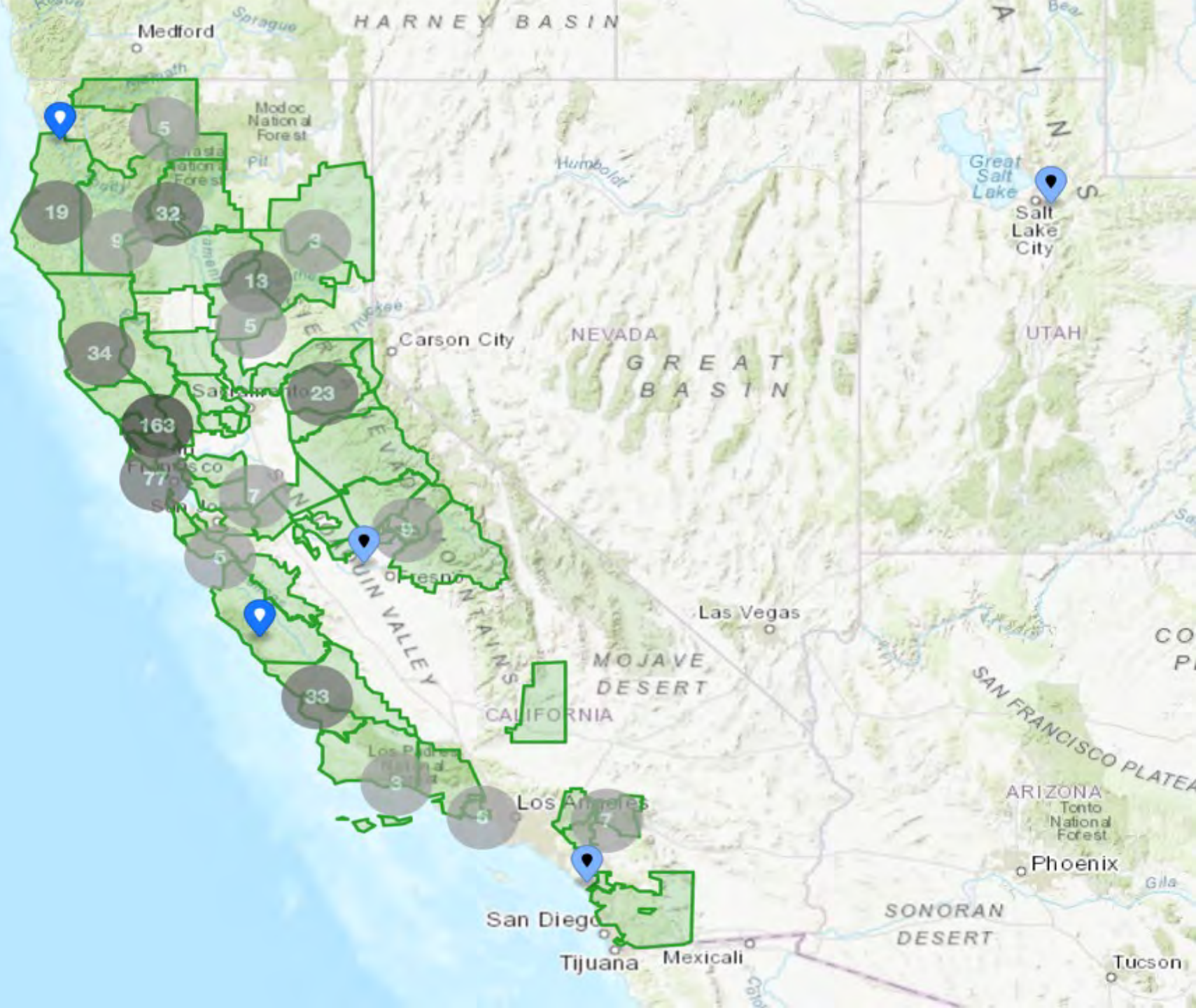




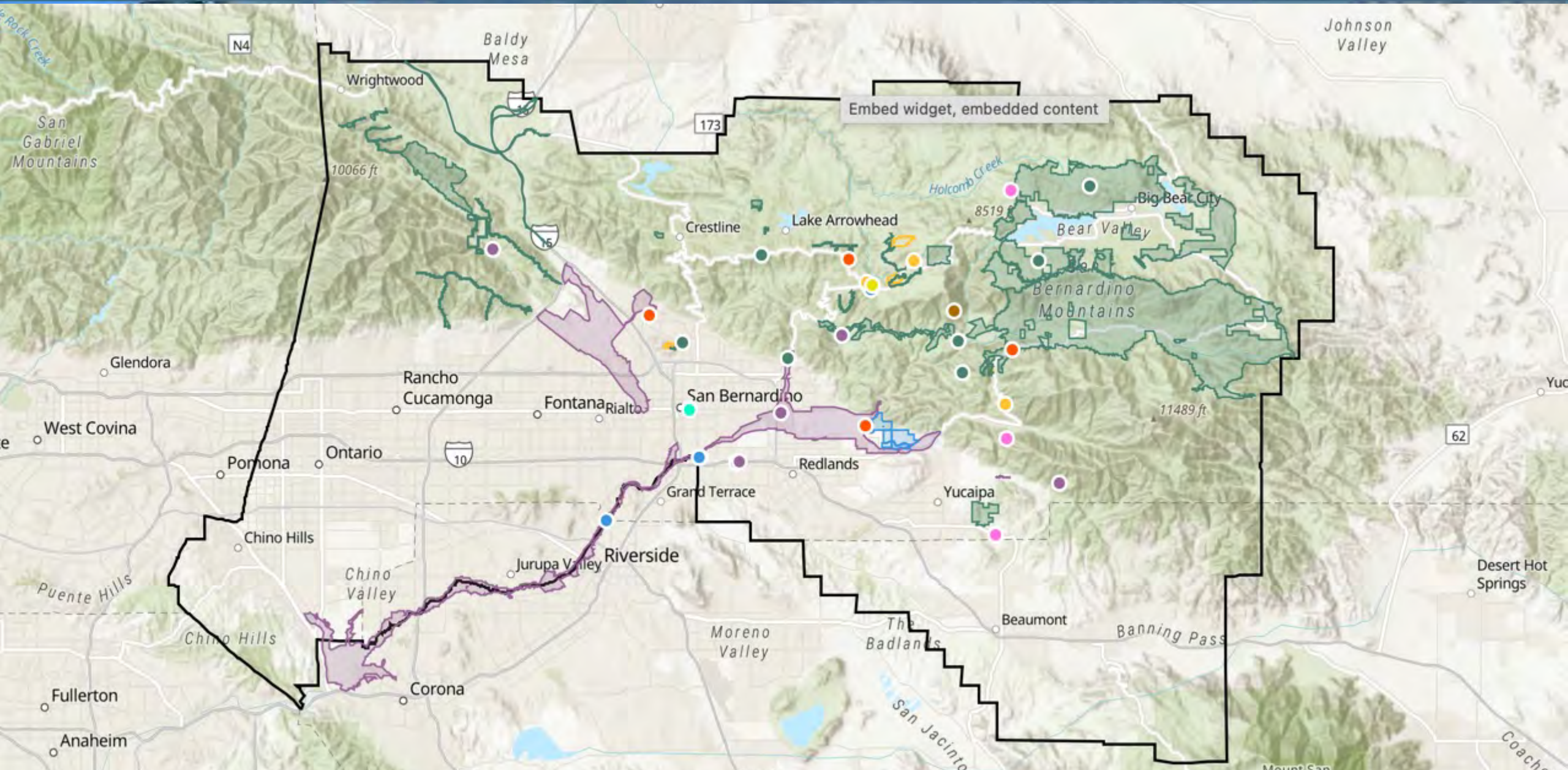


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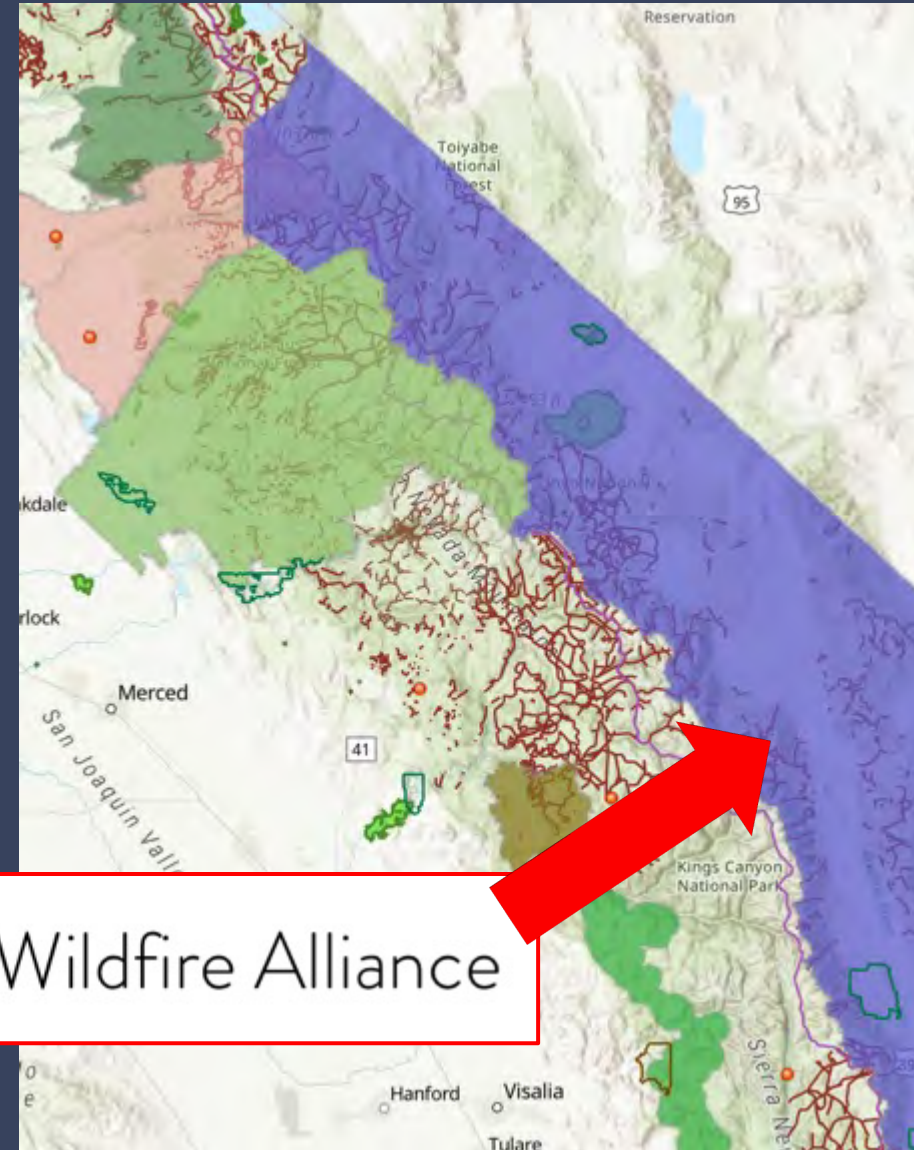
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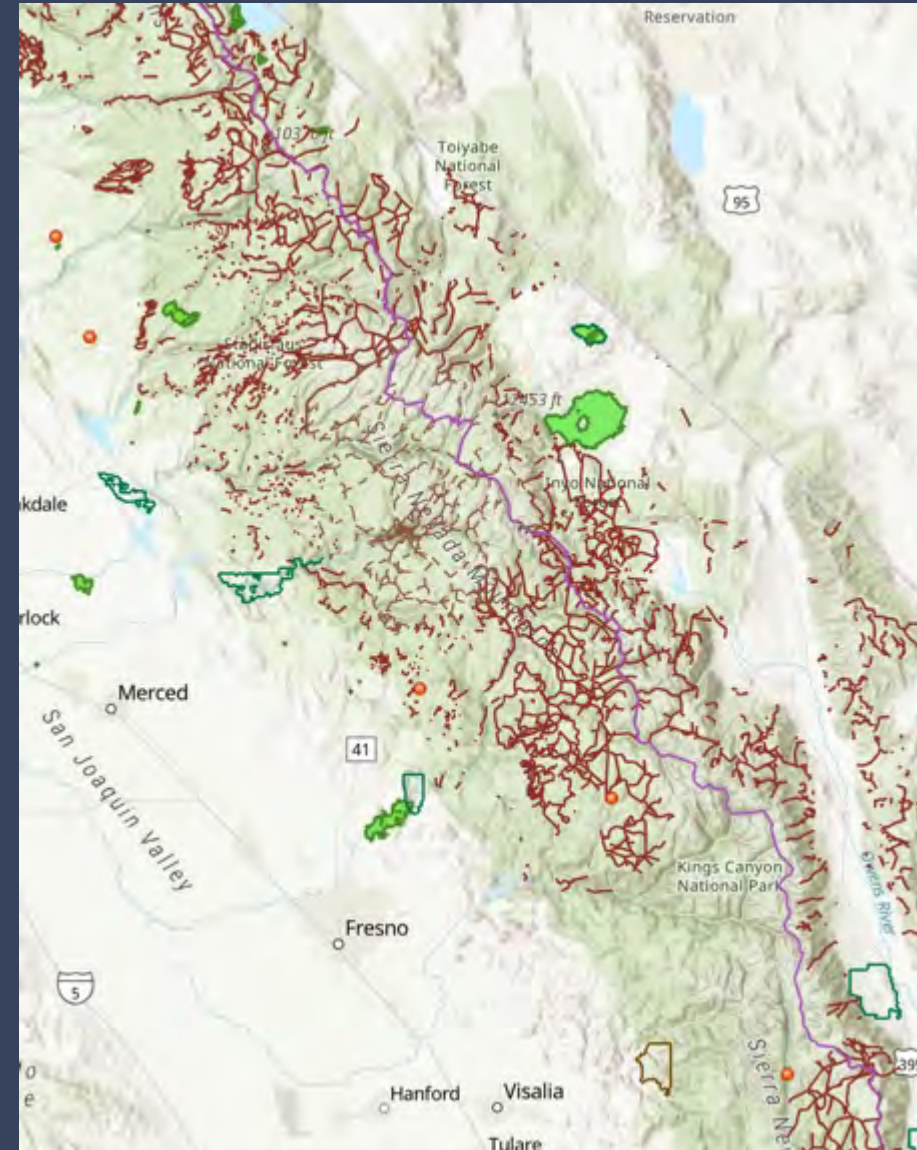
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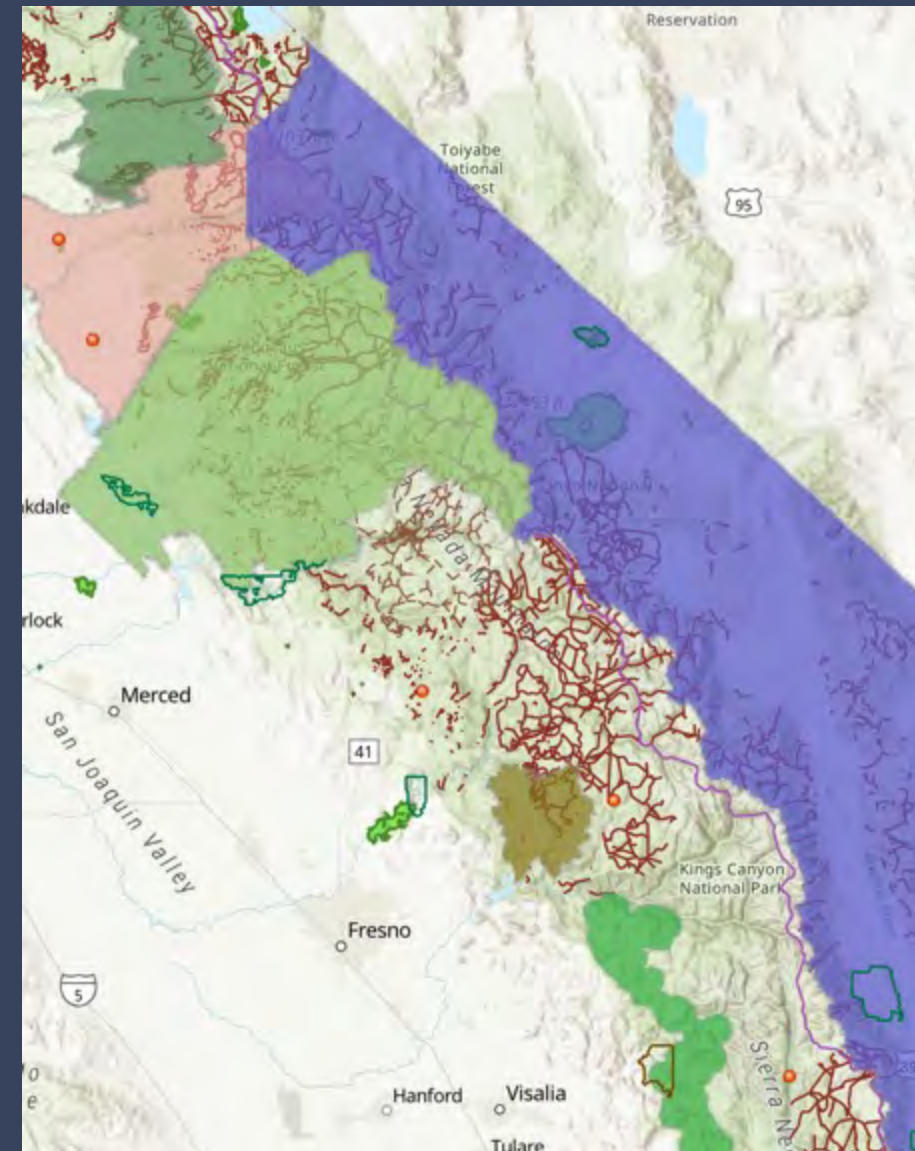
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CAL FIRE to host an online workshop: Wildfire Prevention Grants

The Virtual Office Hours will be hosted on Microsoft Teams. No registration is necessary.

CAL FIRE will be hosting an online virtual Office Hours for the FY 2025-2026 Wildfire Prevention Grant Program funded by the California Climate Investments (CCI) initiative and the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4).

Remote Participation: Participation is remote only.



Virtual Office Hours Details:

Date: July 09, 2025

Topic: Application and Scope of Work

Time: 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device.

Click here to [join the meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 229 338 412 961 3
Passcode: 6z62oc3L

Or call in (audio only)
+1 650-564-3271,,269908412#

Wildfire Prevention Grants Program Contacts

Northern Region Contact
CNRgrants@fire.ca.gov

Southern Region Contact
SouthernRegionGrants@fire.ca.gov

Sacramento Contact
WPgrants@fire.ca.gov
CALFIRE.Grants@fire.ca.gov



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The link to the grant program information was missing in the original announcement. Please see below for an updated version with the link included.

July 1, 2025

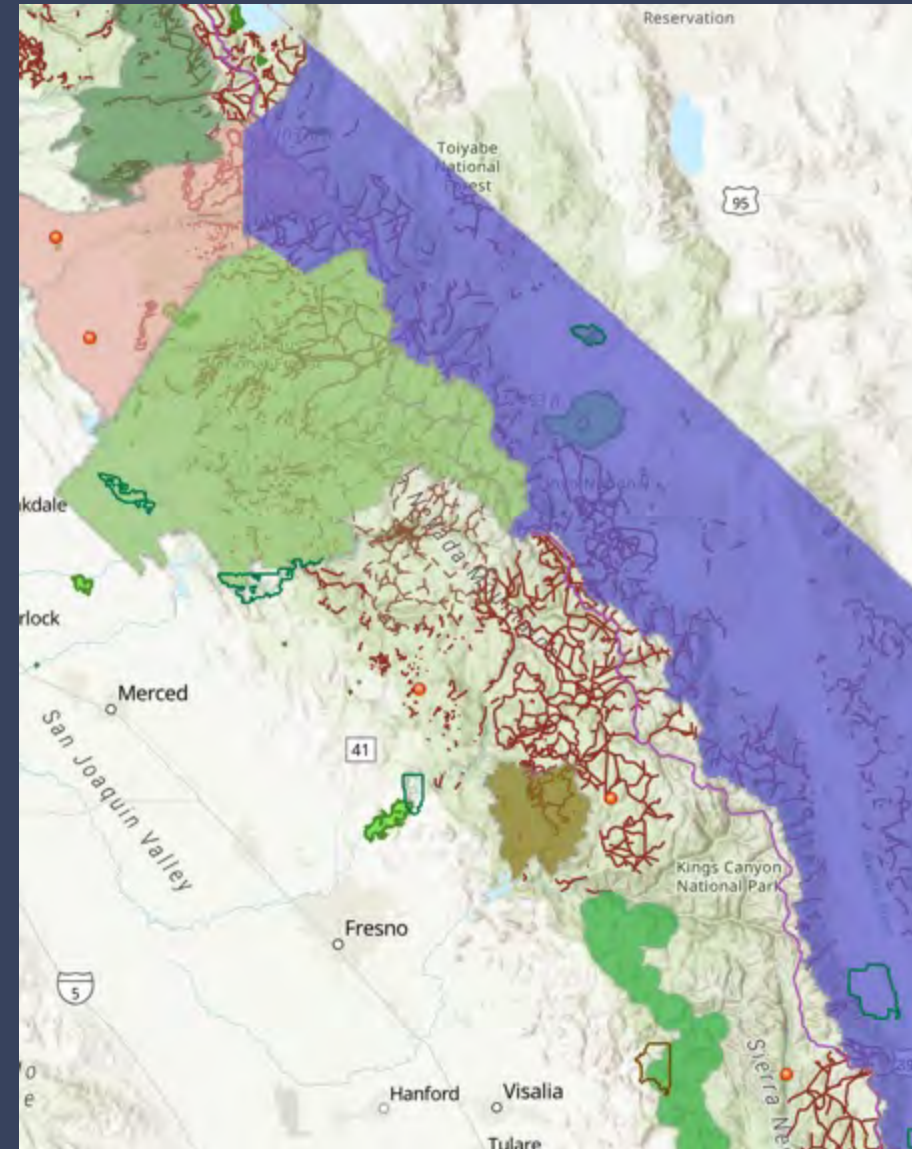
SNC launches Sustainable Recreation, Tourism, and Equitable Outdoor Access grant round

New program will allocate more than \$4 million to boost recreational and outdoor access opportunities in Sierra-Cascade



A family enjoys some afternoon horseback riding on the Southside Trail that runs parallel to the Bizz Johnson Trail. Photo courtesy of the BLM.

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is accepting concept proposals for its Sustainable Recreation, Tourism, and Equitable Outdoor Access Grant Program. This program will distribute approximately \$4.1 million of remaining Proposition 68 funds to projects that enhance, promote, and develop sustainable recreation and tourism within SNC's Sierra-Cascade service area.



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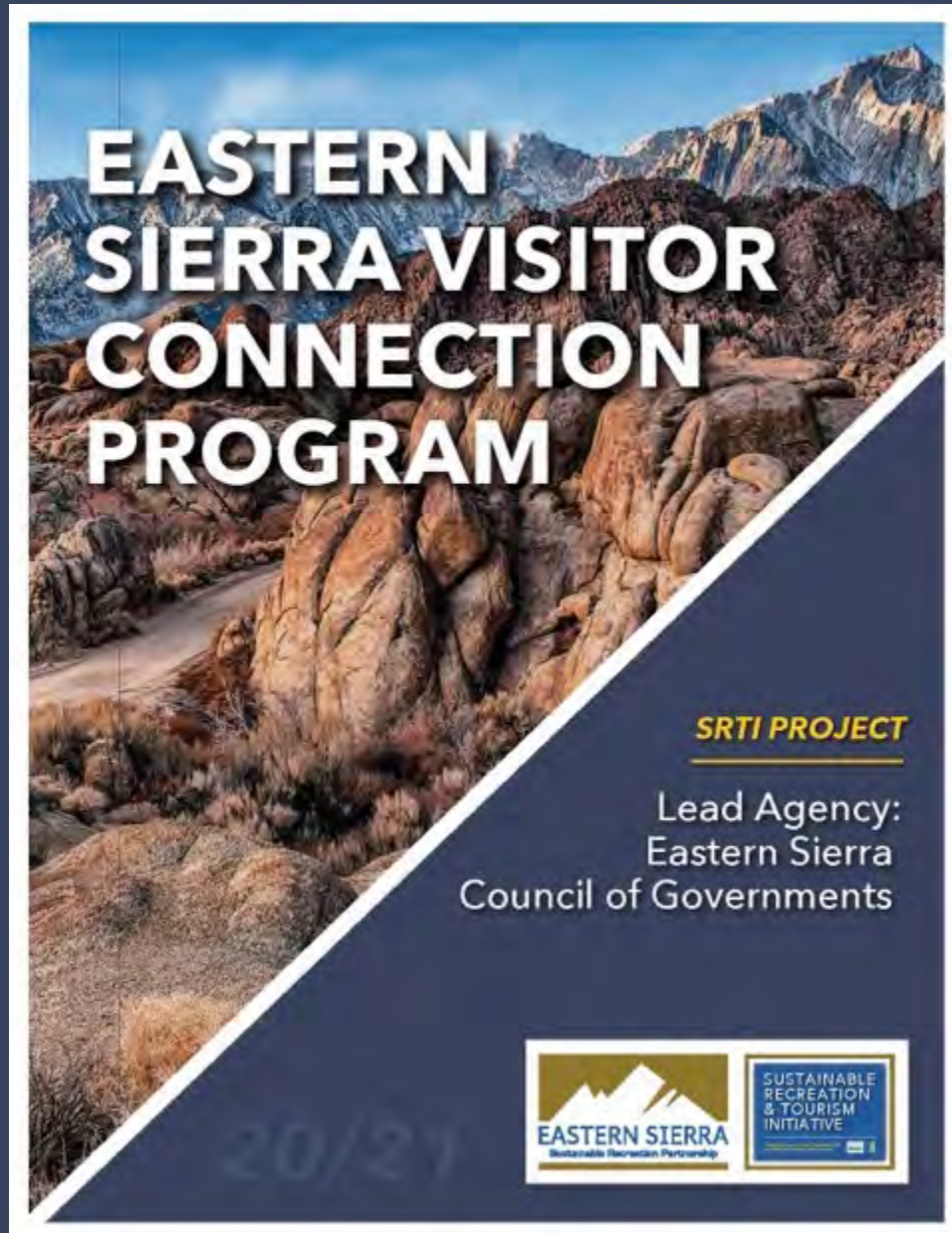
Upcoming Meetings

Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Meeting
Thursday, September 18th, 2025

More information to follow

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MARKETING CONTENT STRATEGY



VCP FIRE - SEASON 2

MAY - OCTOBER 2025



Date: Mar 25, 2025

Goals and objectives: “Ignite Awareness”

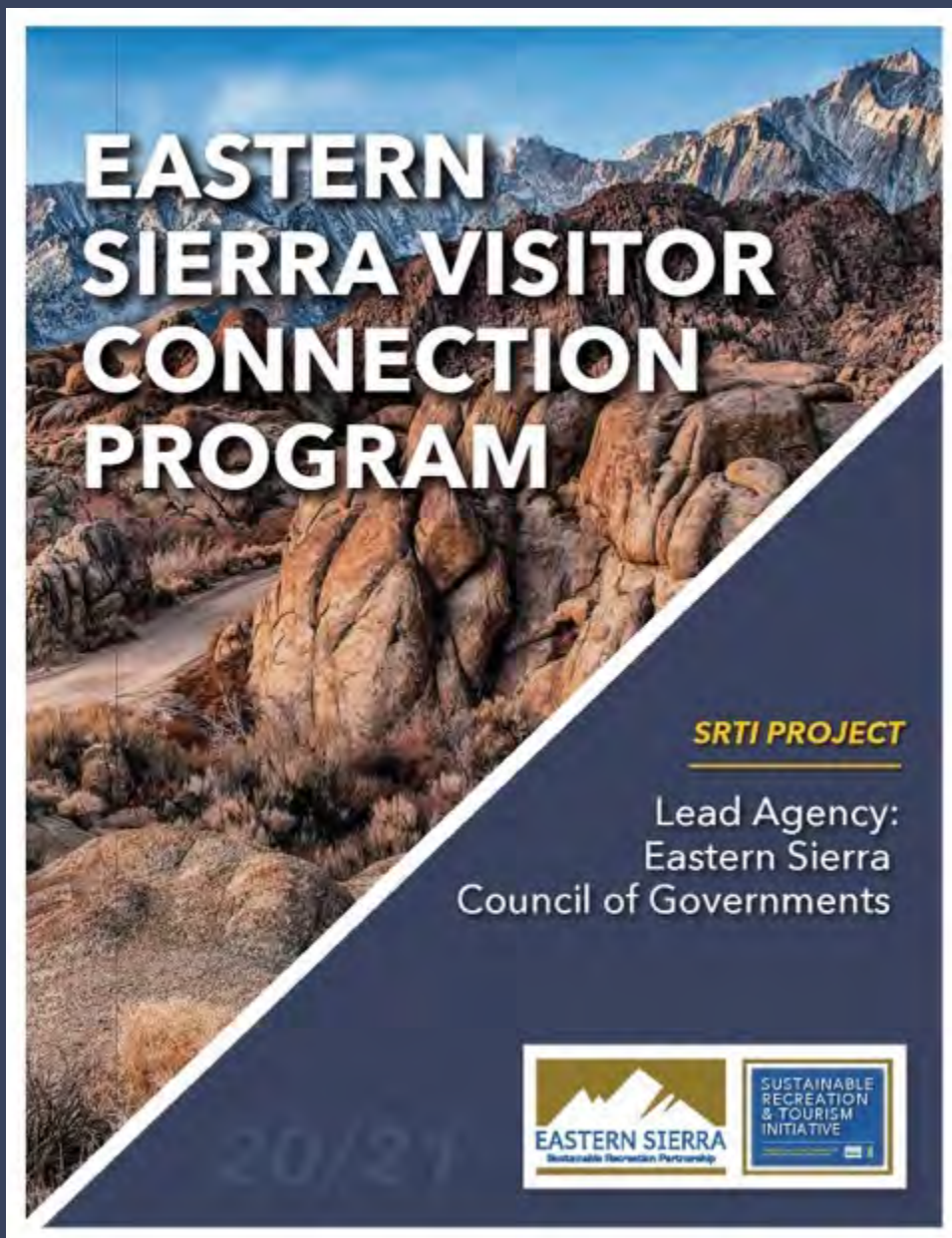
Create objectives that align with broader business goals. Separating them into primary, secondary, and long-term will provide focus and strategic direction. Here’s an example:

- 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



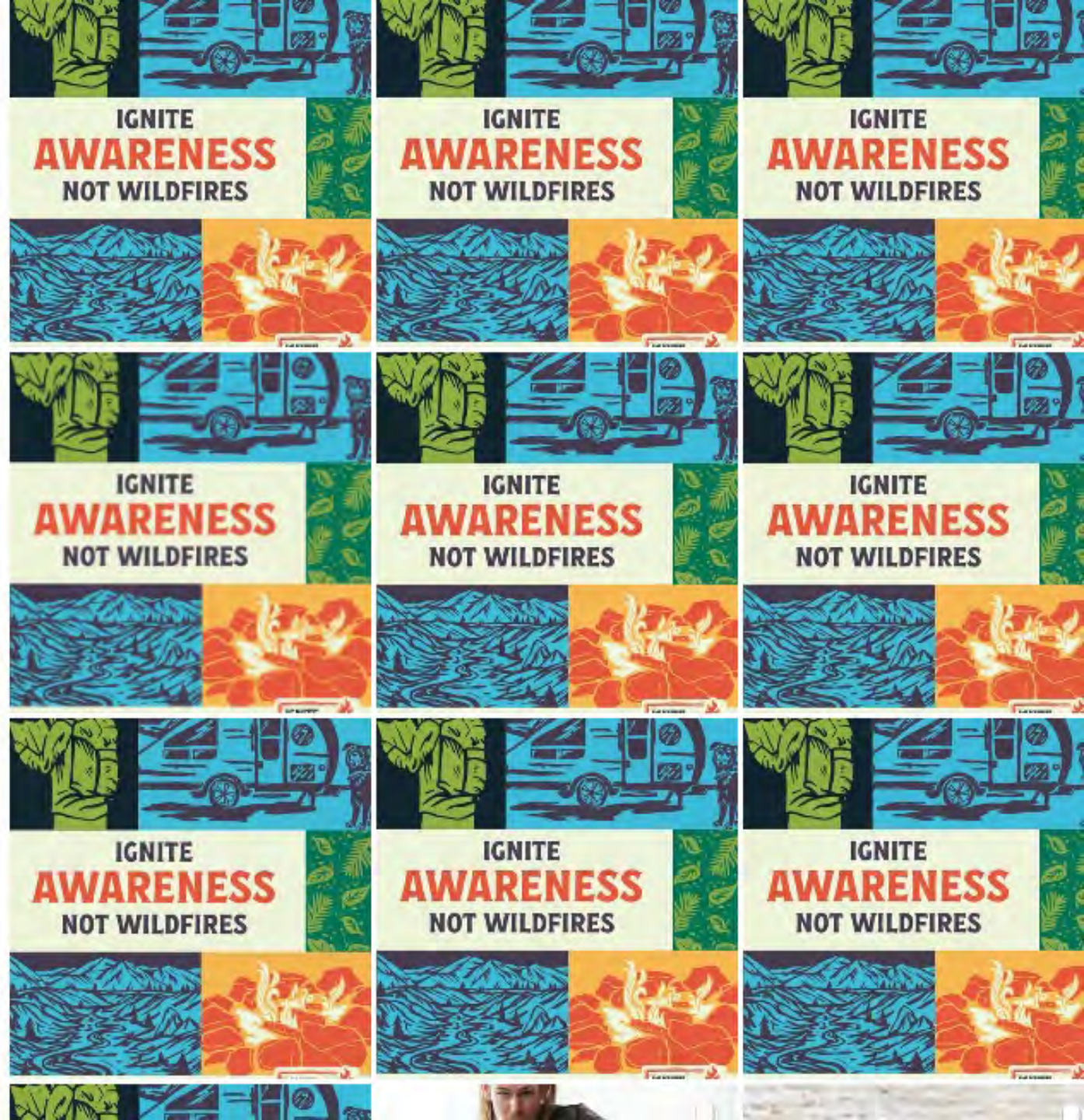
**EASTERN
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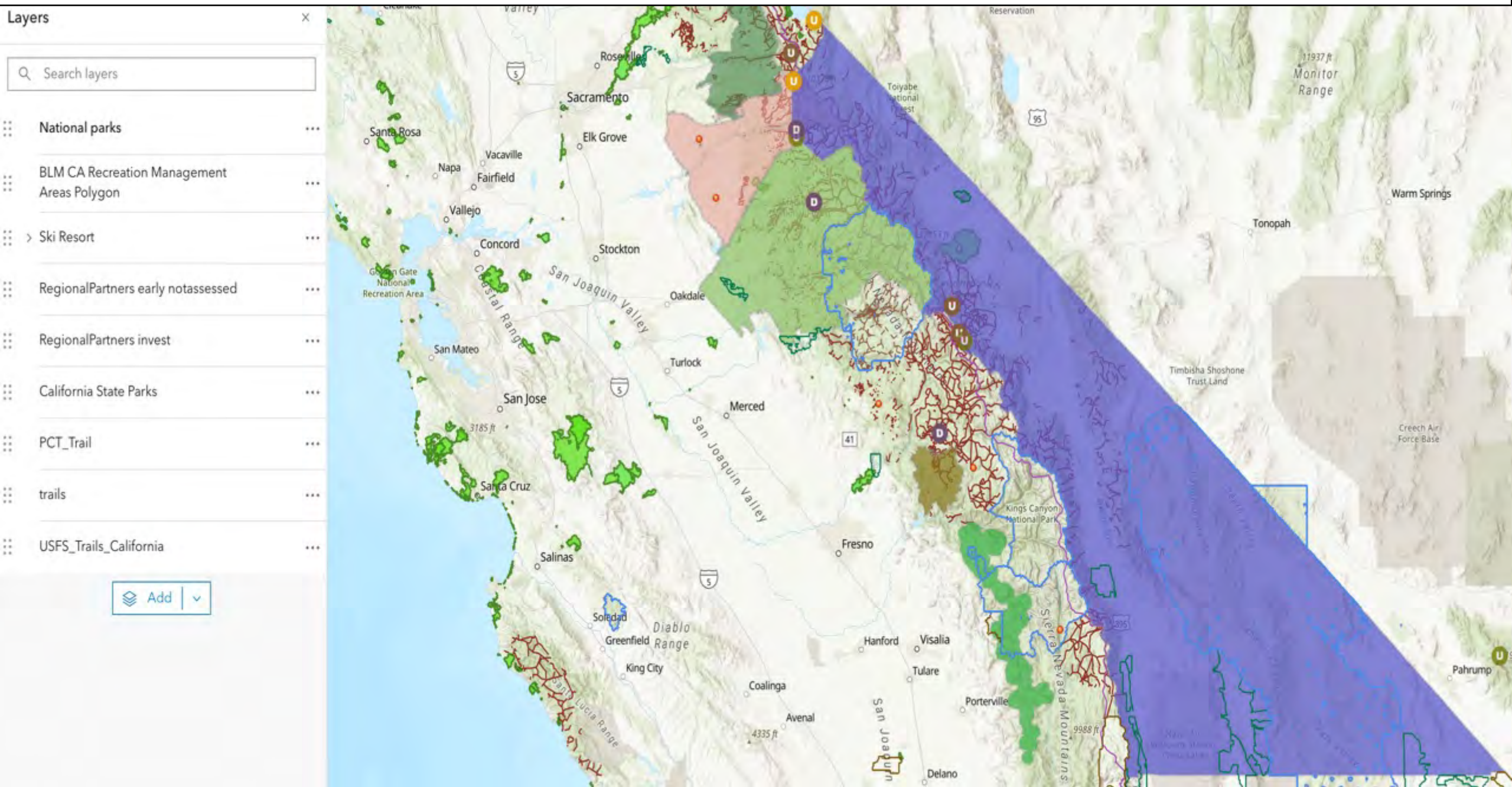
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**EASTERN
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VISITOR CONNECTION PACKAGE

A Framework
for the Development
and Implementation of
a Regional Voice for
Sustainable Recreation
in the Eastern Sierra



Funding for this project has been provided by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, an agency of the State of California, under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) and in support of the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program.

WORDS THAT DESCRIBE THE EASTERN SIERRA



scenic dramatic
nature significant magnificent lasting
adventure connection
escape expansive timeless tradition
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

THE VISITOR CONNECTION PROGRAM SHOULD:

- ★ Focus on stewardship education and the celebration of local culture.
- ★ Be reliable, implementable, and forward thinking.
- ★ Utilize informed and collaborative decision-making.
- ★ Employ a phased approach to develop tools and capacity.
- ★ Leverage existing communication assets to engage visitors throughout their "sequence of encounter."
- ★ Not compete with existing efforts in the region.

MESSAGING THEMES FOR THE EASTERN SIERRA

RESPECT - APPRECIATION - STEWARDSHIP

ESCAPE - ADVENTURE - SURPRISE

MEMORY - TRADITION - CONNECTION

EXPANSIVE - DRAMATIC - TIMELESS

ALIGNING IMAGES WITH THEMES

RESPECT - APPRECIATION - STEWARDSHIP



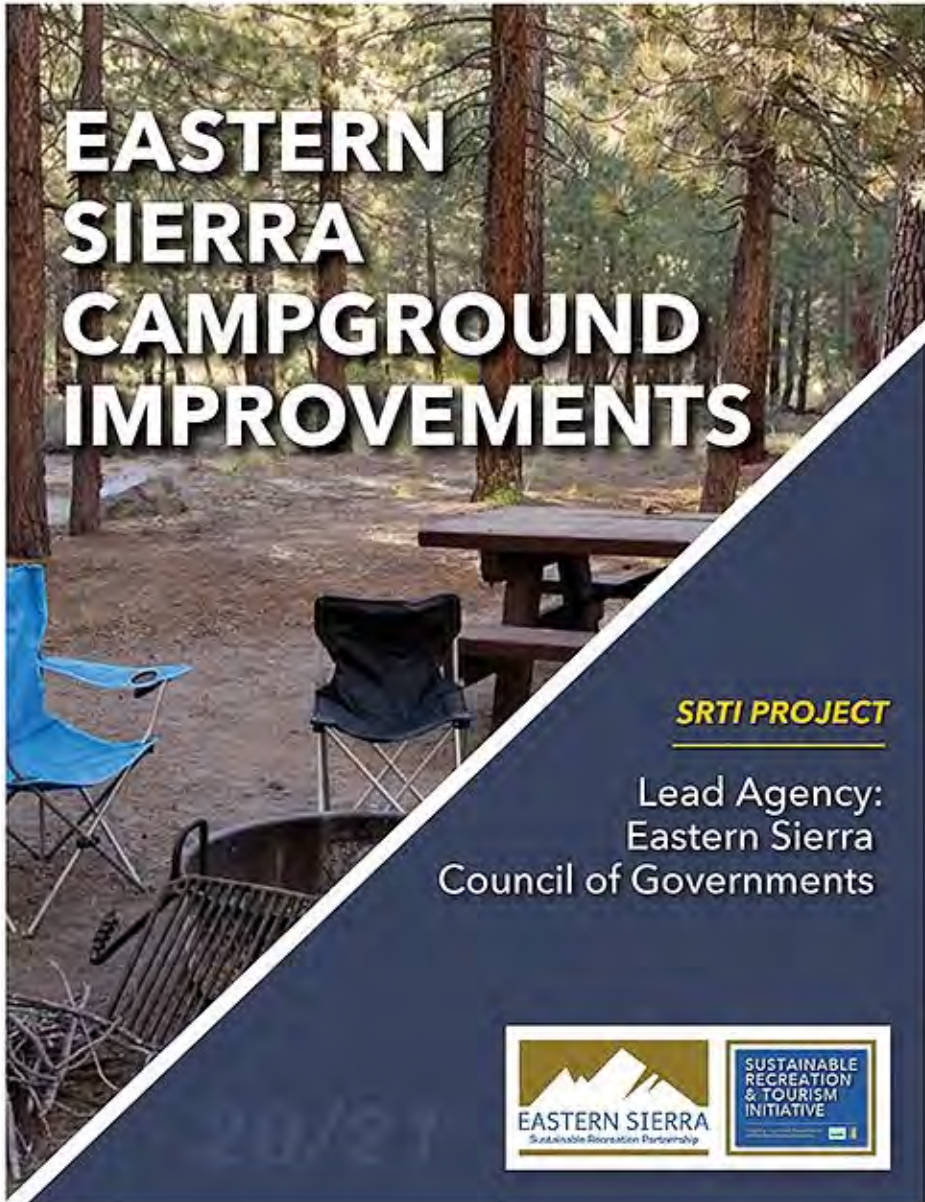
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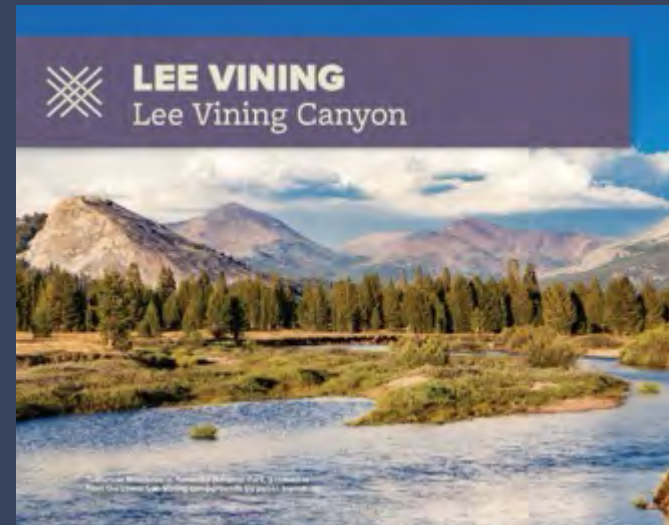
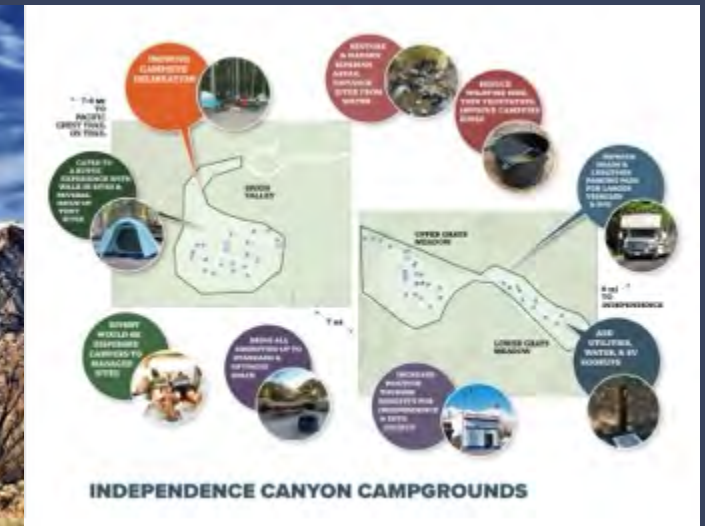
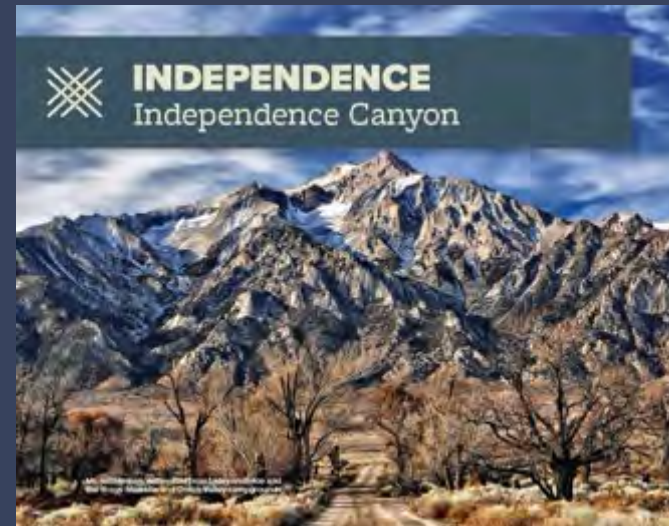


EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

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PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

IMPLEMENTING THE PRESIDENT'S "DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY" WORKFORCE OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER
February 11, 2025



MLTPA Sustainable Recreation Projects



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INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This Independent Contractor Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into on the date of the signature thereof by and between the Millennium Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation ("MLTPA"), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, whose principal place of business is P.O. Box 100, PMD 012, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, and the independent contractor, John Nordstrom Roberts & Associates, Inc. and referred to herein as "Contractor", collectively referred to as MLTPA and each individually as a "Party", whose principal place of business is 2927 Norbury St., Ste. B, Berkeley, CA 94701.

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

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

2. Compensation and Payment

2.1 MLTPA will pay Contractor a fee for the Services as set forth in Exhibit A. The fee shall be paid to MLTPA within 30 days of receipt of an invoice for the Services or as specified in Exhibit A. Contractor shall invoice MLTPA for the Services on a monthly basis for the term of the Agreement. Payment shall be made by check or money order payable to the order of Contractor's designated payee.

2.2 MLTPA will pay Contractor in connection with the Services as set forth in Exhibit A.

2.3 Contractor shall be responsible for all Contractor's compensation, including but not limited to, taxes, social security, and any other taxes or fees, and shall be responsible for all Contractor's expenses incurred by MLTPA as Contractor's agent or employee or other income tax liability.

3. **Term, Termination, and Assignment:** This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from the date of the Agreement and shall remain in effect until terminated by either Party.

In witness whereof, the Parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and date first above written.

MLTPA FOUNDATION

JOHN NORDSTROM ROBERTS & ASSOCIATES, INC.





By: John Nordstrom

By: John N. Roberts

Date: 11/11/2021

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THIRTEEN-POINT AGREEMENT

Between

MLTPA FOUNDATION

And The

YODA FOREST SERVICE

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

This THIRTEEN-POINT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into on the date of the signature thereof by and between the MLTPA Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, whose principal place of business is P.O. Box 100, PMD 012, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, and the Yoda Forest Service, a division of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Interior and Natural Resources, whose principal place of business is 1000 N. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Background: The Yoda Forest Service manages 100,000 acres of land in the Yoda Forest region. The Yoda Forest Service has been working to develop and implement a plan for the Yoda Forest region and to improve the health and vitality of the Yoda Forest region. The Yoda Forest Service is currently working on a plan for the Yoda Forest region and is seeking input from the MLTPA Foundation.

The Yoda Forest Service and the MLTPA Foundation have entered into this Agreement to:

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Agreement is to document the cooperation between the MLTPA Foundation and the Yoda Forest Service to develop and implement a plan for the Yoda Forest region and to improve the health and vitality of the Yoda Forest region. The Yoda Forest Service is currently working on a plan for the Yoda Forest region and is seeking input from the MLTPA Foundation.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTEREST:

MLTPA is a sustainable and healthy community and is committed to the health and vitality of the Yoda Forest region. The Yoda Forest Service is committed to the health and vitality of the Yoda Forest region and is seeking input from the MLTPA Foundation. The Yoda Forest Service is currently working on a plan for the Yoda Forest region and is seeking input from the MLTPA Foundation.

In consideration of the above promises, the Parties agree as follows:

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4. NAME/ADDRESS OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNIT ADMINISTERING GRANT/AGREEMENT (unit name, street, city, state, and zip + 4): Inyo National Forest, 351 Pacu Ln., Bishop, CA 93514	5. NAME/ADDRESS OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNIT ADMINISTERING PROJECT/ACTIVITY (unit name, street, city, state, and zip + 4): Same	
6. NAME/ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR (street, city, state, and zip + 4, country): Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, PO Box 100 #432, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546	7. RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR'S HIS SUB ACCOUNT NUMBER (For HIS payment use only):	
8. PURPOSE OF MODIFICATION		
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:	This modification is issued pursuant to the modification provision in the grant/agreement referenced in item no. 1, above.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE IN PERFORMANCE PERIOD: extend to June 30, 2027	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE IN FUNDING: add \$435,000	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES: correct cooperator address	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (Specify type of modification): additional scope item	
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the Grant/Agreement referenced in 1, above, remain unchanged and in full force and effect.		
9. ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR DESCRIPTION OF MODIFICATION (add additional pages as needed): see attached		
10. ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION (Check all that apply):		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Revised Scope of Work	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Revised Financial Plan	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: justification for modification	
11. SIGNATURES		
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: BY SIGNATURE BELOW, THE SIGNING PARTIES CERTIFY THAT THEY ARE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES AND AUTHORIZED TO ACT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS FOR MATTERS RELATED TO THE ABOVE-REFERENCED GRANT/AGREEMENT.		
11.A. SIGNATURE (Signature of Signatory Official)	11.B. DATE SIGNED	11.C. U.S. FOREST SERVICE SIGNATURE (Signature of Signatory Official)
11.D. NAME (type or print): John Wentworth	11.E. NAME (type or print): Lesley Yen	
11.F. TITLE (type or print): CEO/Board President	11.G. TITLE (type or print): Forest Supervisor	
12. G&A REVIEW		
12.A. The authority and format of this modification have been reviewed and approved for signature by:		12.B. DATE SIGNED
 U.S. Forest Service Grants & Agreements Specialist		

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Cooperator Agreement No.:				
Note: This Financial Plan may be used when: (1) No program income is expected and (2) The Cooperator is not giving cash to the FS and (3) There is no other Federal funding				
Agreements Financial Plan (Short Form)				
Financial Plan Matrix:	Note: All columns may not be used. Use depends on source and type of contribution(s).			
	FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS	COOPERATOR CONTRIBUTIONS		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	Noncash	Cash to Cooperator	Noncash	In-Kind
COST ELEMENTS				(e) Total
Direct Costs				
Salaries/Labor	\$6,290.00	\$392,875.50	\$100,000.00	\$12,844.80
Travel	\$0.00	\$2,579.04	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies/Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other				\$0.00
Subtotal	\$6,290.00	\$395,454.54	\$100,000.00	\$12,844.80
Coop Indirect Costs		\$39,545.45	\$0.00	\$39,545.45
FS Overhead Costs	\$0.00			\$0.00
Total	\$6,290.00	\$434,999.99	\$100,000.00	\$12,844.80
Total Project Value:				\$554,134.79
Matching Costs Determination				
Total Forest Service Share =		(f)		
(a+b) ÷ (e) = (f)		79.64%		
Total Cooperator Share		(g)		
(c+d) ÷ (e) = (g)		20.36%		
Total (f+g) = (h)		(h)		
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Agreements Financial Plan (Short Form)

Financial Plan Matrix: Note: All columns may not be used. Use depends on source and type of contribution(s).

"These campgrounds are long overdue for redesign and renovation to meet the needs of current visitors and to improve resilience to natural disturbances like floods and wildfires. The modification will fund the next step in the project. The cooperator will prepare a construction document package and construction cost estimate ready for bidding."

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: BY SIGNATURE BELOW, THE SIGNING PARTIES CERTIFY THAT THEY ARE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES AND AUTHORIZED TO ACT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS FOR MATTERS RELATED TO THE ABOVE-REFERENCED GRANT/AGREEMENT.

11.A. SIGNATURE: _____ 11.B. DATE SIGNED: _____

(Signature of Signatory Official)

11.C. U.S. FOREST SERVICE SIGNATURE: _____ 11.D. DATE SIGNED: _____

(Signature of Signatory Official)

11.E. NAME (type or print): **John Wentworth** 11.F. NAME (type or print): **Lesley Yen**

11.G. TITLE (type or print): **CEO/Board President** 11.H. TITLE (type or print): **Forest Supervisor**

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U.S. Forest Service Grants & Agreements Specialist

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"If this modification is not approved, the six campgrounds will continue to degrade, deferred maintenance costs will continue to accumulate, and the public will be unable to fully access and enjoy their public lands due to the physical limitations of the campgrounds. In addition, \$2,000,000-\$4,000,000 in new local economic activity will be forgone annually if the campgrounds are not upgraded and do not meet the needs of current visitors. "

OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES AND AUTHORIZED TO ACT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS FOR MATTERS RELATED TO THE ABOVE-REFERENCED GRANT/AGREEMENT:

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(Signature of Signatory Official)

11.E. NAME (type or print): **John Wentworth** 11.F. NAME (type or print): **Lesley Yen**

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12. G&A REVIEW

12.A. The authority and format of this modification have been reviewed and approved for signature by:

U.S. Forest Service Grants & Agreements Specialist

12.B. DATE SIGNED: _____

Matching Costs Determination	
Total Forest Service Share =	(f)
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Total Cooperator Share	(g)
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Seeking Input on Impacts to Federal Lands Recreation Management, Stewardship & Access

Dear Colleagues –

With significant changes and reductions in staffing across federal land management agencies, the Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Collaborative (SORC) Steering Committee is sharing an opportunity to complete a [SHORT SURVEY](#) to help document the extent of impacts to federally managed recreation-related assets, the degree to which volunteer organizations are being challenged to continue their work

Tracking Form: Impacts Across Sierra Nevada From Federal Mandates and Funding Cuts

As requested by Congressman Kevin Kiley, we are collecting stories and evidence

As requested by Congressman Kevin Kiley, we are collecting stories and evidence of public lands impacts across California's 3rd Congressional District [[view district map here](#)]. We also welcome any impacts to projects, public lands, and recreation sites at any other location within California's Sierra Nevada and Cascade region.

If willing, please complete the survey by June 30, 2025.

Please feel free to share the survey with any other relevant organization and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You!

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federal agencies. Content might also be used in social media and blog posts or press release (if approved by you).

What type of impacts to report via this form?

- Funding cuts or shortfalls affecting projects or programs
- Delays or breakdowns in co-management agreements
- Programs and projects that are stalled and unable to move forward
- Staff reduction at local Forest Service or BLM offices
- Degraded recreation sites due to understaffing or underfunding (e.g. overflowing trash at trailheads, impacted access to outdoors recreation sites, closed facilities, vandalism, unsafe or unsupervised recreation areas, misuse of campgrounds, unmaintained toilets and public facilities, irresponsible recreation, closure of reservation systems).
- Impacts to cultural or natural resources
- Anything else you believe is important to report



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Nevada County Board of Supervisors
August 12, 2025

May 13, 2025

An aerial photograph of a river flowing through a lush, green forest. The river is surrounded by dense trees and vegetation. On the left bank, there is a rocky shoreline with some small shrubs and a few people standing. In the middle of the river, several people are swimming and playing. The water is clear and greenish. The sky is blue and clear.

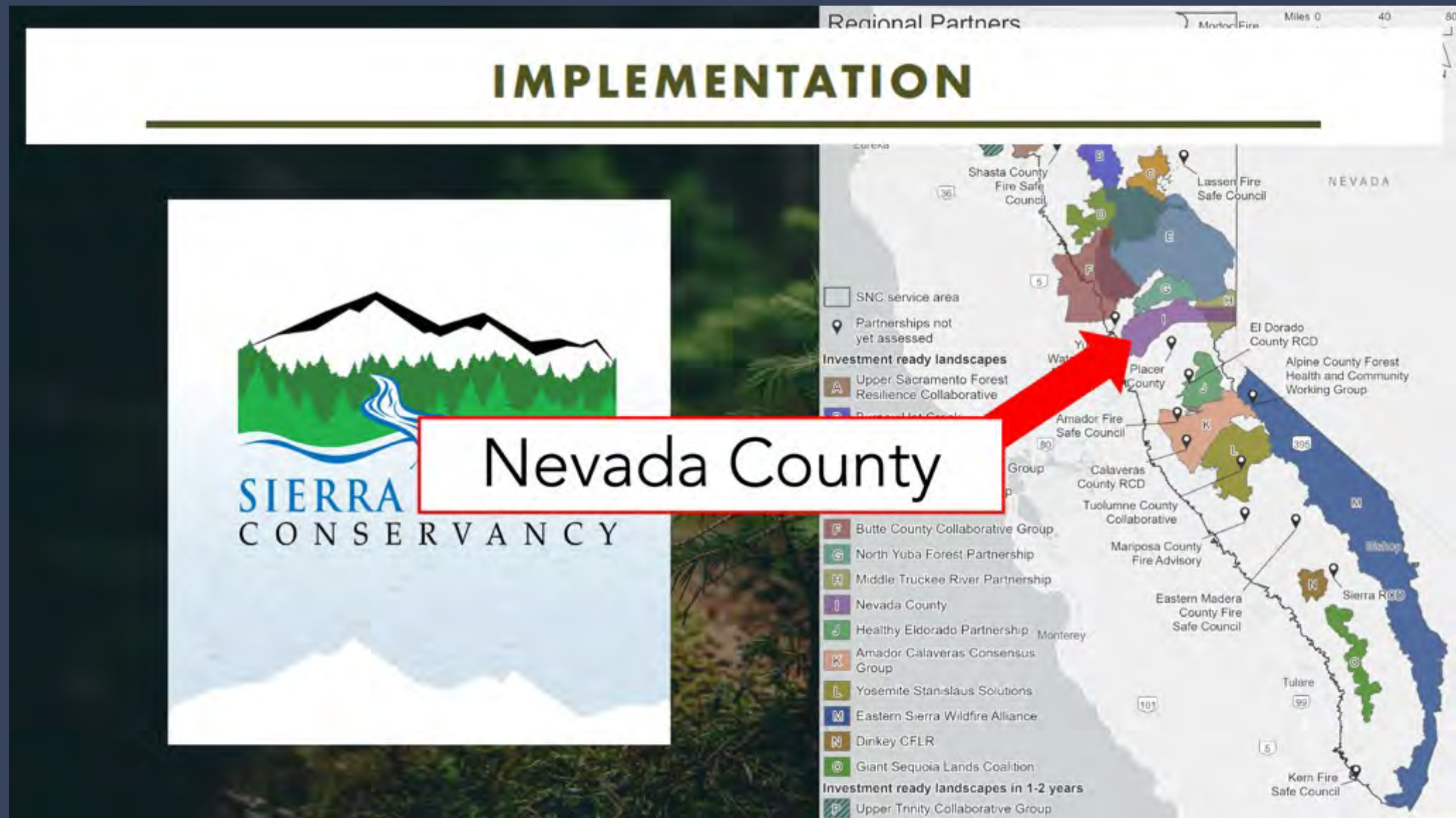
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PROPOSAL // JOINT STRATEGY ADOPTION CAMPAIGN

CLIENT // MLTPA Foundation

PROJECT CONTACT // John Wentworth, President/CEO

PROJECT BRIEF

TOPO Collective is pleased to support the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) in advancing the **Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience**. This strategy, co-developed by state and federal leaders and informed by MLTPA's CALREC Vision, calls for **cross-jurisdictional collaboration** to address the dual challenges of wildfire risk and the rising demand for sustainable, equitable outdoor recreation and access.

With federal land management capacity significantly reduced due to budget cuts and policy changes, California jurisdictions face an urgent need to step into the recreation stewardship role. The Joint Strategy provides a tested framework for this transition, connecting recreation planning and maintenance with wildfire resilience and state funding opportunities.

This proposal outlines a short-term, high-impact scope of work designed to increase awareness and accelerate **voluntary adoption** of the Joint Strategy by land managers, public agencies, and gateway communities. All efforts will emphasize equity, local relevance, and shared stewardship—principles foundational to the CALREC Vision and consistent with the goals of the California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force.

OBJECTIVES

- Drive adoption of the Joint Strategy by jurisdictions across California
- Support and showcase communities that are leading the way
- Equip local leaders with communications tools and messaging templates
- Visualize progress through maps and data storytelling
- Demonstrate statewide momentum by the September 4-5, 2025 Wildfire Task Force meeting

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Outdoor recreation plays an essential, multi-benefit role in public health, quality of life, and economic activity in California. The sector is responsible for 691,000 jobs, \$92 billion in economic benefits, and vital economic activity in forested communities. Significant new state and federal funding sources will provide opportunities for integrated sustainable recreation and forest health projects. Much of this work will be implemented through partnerships with state, local, and tribal governments, NGOs, and others as part of the Shared Stewardship framework and the Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force.



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Under the Redwoods: Sempervirens Fund Webinar Series

In this webinar series, Sempervirens invites experts and thinkers to join them to explore our magnificent redwood forests, what makes redwoods so special, why they thrive here and nowhere else in the world, and what they mean to us in our lives. **Webinars are the last Tuesday of each month (January - October) from 1 - 2 PM PT.**

- [Register for the July 26th Webinar:](#) Researching Redwoods, Michael Jones, Ph.D., Univ. of California
- [Learn more >>](#)

Winter Wildlands Alliance Grassroots Advocacy Conference

September 11-14th, 2025

With climate disruption, agency underfunding, and mounting pressure on our public lands, this year's conference will explore how we can build more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable systems for the future. Expect dynamic workshops, engaging panel discussions, shared meals, and plenty of time for music and outdoor fun in the spirit of "summer camp for winter advocates."

- [Learn more and register here.](#)

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BOLT Coalition Introduction

On January 4, 2025, the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act (EXPLORE Act) was signed into law.

The EXPLORE package contains the BOLT, or **Biking on Long Distance Trails Act**, an exciting piece of legislation that the mountain biking, bikepacking, and broad cycling communities were advocating in support of for over a decade.

The BOLT act will do the following:

- Create a catalog of a minimum of 10 existing long distance bike trails no less than 80 miles in length
- Develop an inventory of at least 10 area where opportunities may exist to develop or complete long distance trails of no less than 80 miles in length
- Direct federal land management agencies to coordinate with stakeholders to develop resources to complete long distance trails
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[Submit Your Long Distance Bike Trail](#)

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The **Ouachita National Recreation Trail** in Arkansas, **High Country Pathway** in Michigan, **Maah Daah Hey** in North Dakota, the **Great Divide Mountain Bike Trail** running from the Canada to Mexico border, and, when completed, the **Bonneville Shoreline Trail** in Utah are all mountain bike trails that could benefit from the BOLT Act.

[Read the Bill](#)



"...it [BOLT Act] would diversify the economy, improve the physical and mental health of the community, and help attract much needed skilled workers looking for recreation close to home. I am sure there are many communities across the country who would see similar benefits." — **Jen Hanks**, **Southern Nevada Mountain Bike Association**

[Economic Impact of Long Distance Trails](#)

Supporters

Non-profit partners Adventure Cycling Association, Bikepacking Roots, and PeopleforBikes have expressed support for the BOLT Act and continually partner with IMBA on advocacy efforts for the bill. IMBA Local Member Organizations and corporate partners have also expressed support via letter-writing initiatives.

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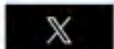
Sugar Bowl ski resort announces \$100 million expansion plan

Kenzie Margiott | Tue, July 1st 2025 at 7:15 AM

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Sugar Bowl ski resort announces \$100 million expansion plan. Renderings provided by Sugar Bowl Resort



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Sugar Bowl, one of California's oldest ski resorts, is set to undergo a \$100 million modernization, marking the largest investment in its 86-year history. The San Francisco-based homeowners' corporation that owns the resort announced the expansion, which aims to enhance the guest experience while preserving the resort's historic charm.

"The improvements include a complete renovation of the Village Lodge, replacement of the resort's original gondola, a reimagined day lodge experience, and expanded culinary offerings," said the resort.

The expansion will feature a new lodge with a two-tier deck and fire-resistant materials, alongside a modern locker facility and a reimagined food and beverage offering. The development is scheduled to be completed by November 2025, with further restoration and beautification projects planned for the summer of 2026 and beyond.



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'Prepare to be blown away': New national monument near Santa Cruz to open with trails for hiking, biking

By Kurtis Alexander, Reporter

June 20, 2025

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This California lake is seeing 'apocalyptic' overcrowding — and officials are cracking down

By Gregory Thomas, Travel & Outdoors Editor

July 5, 2025

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Crowds of visitors over a three-day, holiday weekend at Pinecrest Lake.

Tracy Barbutes/Special to the Chronicle

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Governor Newsom marks historic expansion of California's Film and Television Tax Credit Program, announces 16 new projects to film in the Golden State

What you need to know: Governor Newsom is more than doubling the state's Film and Television Tax Credit Program, and adding 16 new television projects that will generate \$1.1 billion in new economic activity.

BURBANK – Today, Governor Gavin Newsom joined labor representatives, entertainment leaders and state officials to mark the official expansion of California's [Film and Television Tax Credit Program](#)—solidifying the Golden State's status as the global epicenter of film and television production. The move more than doubles the program's annual funding—from \$330 million to \$750 million—and introduces key updates to keep production, below-the-line jobs, and investments rooted in California.

The banner features a man with a guitar and a woman sitting on a beach, with palm trees in the background. The text "Tax Credit Program 3.0" is prominently displayed in the center.

Navigation links at the top include: CA, Home, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn, Contact Us, Select Language, Google, and Settings.

Secondary navigation links include: CALIFORNIA Film Commission, Locations, State Permits, Production, Tax Credit, News & Notices, About, and Search.

Three yellow buttons are overlaid on the image:

- The Basics
- Program 3.0 Resources
- Program 4.0 Refundability Summary

At the bottom, there are two smaller images with corresponding labels:

- An image of a yellow Volkswagen Beetle with the label "Application".
- An image of a man and a woman in a scene with the label "Guidelines".

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State of Montana Newsroom

Governor Gianforte, USFS Chief Schultz Sign Historic Forest Management Agreement

Finalize 200,000-acre management agreement in northwest Montana

Governor's Office
June 30 2025

HELENA, Mont. – Governor Greg Gianforte and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Chief Tom Schultz today formalized a landmark Shared Stewardship Agreement between the State of Montana and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

This historic agreement establishes a new framework to dramatically increase the pace and scale of forest restoration, wildfire risk reduction, and sustainable timber production across Montana's national forests and adjacent lands.

"Today marks historic and continued progress for Montana's forests and the communities that depend on them," Gov. Gianforte said. "Thanks to a renewed interest in collaborating with states from the Trump administration, this agreement will empower our state to take the lead in active forest management, reduce wildfire risk, support local jobs, and ensure our forests remain healthy for generations to come. We are proud to partner with Secretary Rollins and Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz to deliver real results for Montana."



Gov. Gianforte speaking alongside DNRC Director Amanda Kaster and Chief Schultz before signing a historic Shared Stewardship Agreement in Helena

AGREEMENT FOR SHARED STEWARDSHIP OF CALIFORNIA'S FOREST AND RANGELANDS Between the STATE OF CALIFORNIA And the USDA, FOREST SERVICE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "the State," and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, hereinafter referred to as "the U.S. Forest Service" and together referred to as "The Parties."

TITLE: Agreement for Shared Stewardship of California's Forests and Rangelands

PURPOSE:

This MOU establishes a joint framework to enhance science-based forest and rangeland stewardship in California. The U.S. Forest Service and the State of California commit to maintain and restore healthy forests and rangelands that reduce public safety risks, protect natural and built infrastructure, and enhance ecological habitat and biological diversity. The Parties agree to develop shared tools, coordinated processes, and innovative approaches to increase the pace, scale, and effectiveness of forest and rangeland stewardship in California.

The U.S. Forest Service and the State of California, through the California Natural Resources Agency, make this commitment in accordance with the following provisions.

STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

Restoring healthy forests and rangelands in California will yield both ecological and community benefits. Healthy forests will improve climate resilience and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, safeguard water quality and air quality, protect fish and wildlife habitat, enhance biological diversity, sequester carbon, improve recreational opportunities, and generate good jobs and economic opportunities.

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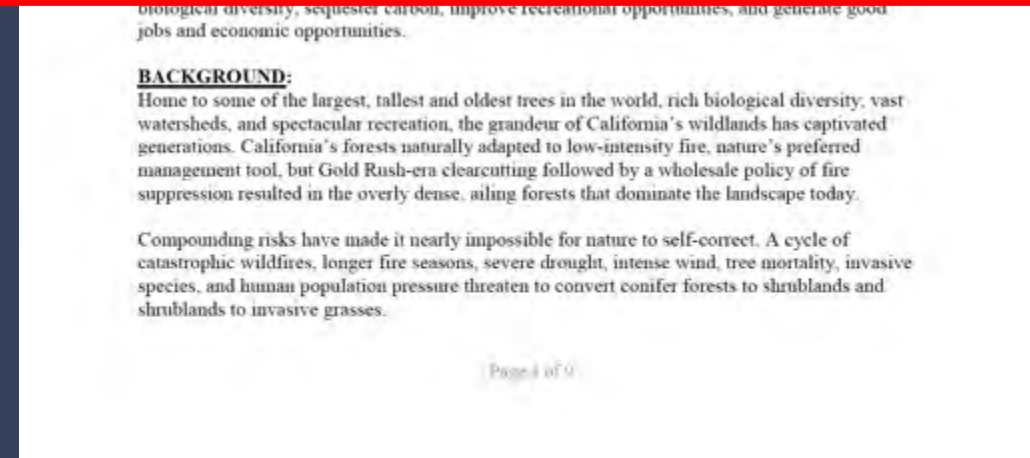
Home to some of the largest, tallest and oldest trees in the world, rich biological diversity, vast watersheds, and spectacular recreation, the grandeur of California's wildlands has captivated generations. California's forests naturally adapted to low-intensity fire, nature's preferred management tool, but Gold Rush-era clearcutting followed by a wholesale policy of fire suppression resulted in the overly dense, ailing forests that dominate the landscape today.

Compounding risks have made it nearly impossible for nature to self-correct. A cycle of catastrophic wildfires, longer fire seasons, severe drought, intense wind, tree mortality, invasive species, and human population pressure threaten to convert conifer forests to shrublands and shrublands to invasive grasses.

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- 7. Improve Access to Sustainable Recreation:** Foster a range of forest and wildland opportunities that reflect the needs of and better serve California's diverse population. The Parties will pursue mission-appropriate and sustainable recreation opportunities in ways that leverage resources and extend capacity through partnerships and alignment around a shared vision of access and diversity. Examples include improved transportation opportunities, more affordable lodging options, increasing accessible trails and facilities, and targeting low income communities that lack access.




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'No full time rangers': Payette and Sawtooth National Forests see trash piling; continue to adjust to federal cuts

The Payette and Sawtooth National Forests both have ranger districts with either only partial hours, or temporarily closed due to staffing shortages.



Credit: Sawtooth National Forest

Author: Abby Wilt
Published: 8:20 PM MDT June 11, 2025
Updated: 8:20 PM MDT June 11, 2025

IDAHO, USA — Following federal cuts impacting ten percent of the Forest Service's workforce nationwide, Idaho districts are also feeling the effects.

In the Payette National Forest, the Supervisor's Office in McCall will stay open, but sales for things like maps or wood permits will only be allowed Wednesday through Friday.

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SAM Magazine—Winter Park, Colo., June 17, 2025—Booking reticence for summer vacations persists while bookings by international visitors from Canada, western Europe, and now Mexico, continue to fall, according to the monthly Market Briefing from Intopia's DestiMetrics. The booking pace at 17 participating mountain destinations in seven western states has declined for six consecutive months, its longest downward streak since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.



"The financial and political turbulence of the past few months continues to have an impact on bookings—even with some good economic news and an uptick in consumer confidence during May," said Intopia senior vice president of business intelligence Tom Foley.

As of May 31, bookings from Canada were down 55.5 percent for the entire summer period, while western Europe was down 35.5 percent. For the first time in months, there was also a decline in bookings from Mexico—down 5.4 percent for the summer. Domestic bookings were up just 1.7 percent for the summer, while the overall booking pace during May for the full summer was down 7.1 percent.

After several post-pandemic summers with consistent year-over-year growth, occupancy for the upcoming summer is sluggish with aggregated occupancy down 1.2 percent by May 31. However, the average daily rate rose an aggregated 3.7 percent, helping to offset those losses for lodging properties—but higher rates are also deterring bookings.

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House Secretary Shigeyuki Sugita, Director General, Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment and Western Affairs at the Interior General Office Building on May 11, 2025. (JOSH MCKINNEL / THE HILL)

National Parks scramble to fill top leadership positions, but fix could create more vacancies

The agency is also struggling to recruit staff for front-line positions as the parks hit their busiest season.

JUNE 24, 2025

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ERIC KATZ
Senior Correspondent

The National Park Service is scrambling to fill top-level leadership positions at posts throughout the country, launching a new initiative to fill dozens of vacant roles that some inside the agency fear will only create new openings at other sites.

Dubbed "Operation Opportunity," NPS is soliciting applications for openings at the superintendent, deputy superintendent and chief of facilities level at a variety of park locations. Due to an ongoing governmentwide hiring freeze, however, the positions are only open to internal applicants within the Interior Department.



Bryce Canyon National Park on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025. | Tess Crowley, Deseret News



By Amy Joi O'Donoghue

Amy Joi has worked at the Deseret News for 25 years and for 14 years has devoted her coverage to the environment, agriculture and energy issues facing the West.

KEY POINTS

- Interior Secretary Doug Burgum issued a secretarial order Monday to strengthen relationships between gateway communities and national parks and monuments.
- The order creates a community liaison to bolster that relationship.
- Burgum said he also wants to restructure the park employee deployment to get more boots on the ground.

Interior Secretary Doug Burgum issued an order Monday to bolster relationships between gateway communities and national parks, saying it is vital to tap into a mutual benefit.



Burgum orders parks to tighten links to gateway communities

Another order by the Interior secretary implements the EXPLORE Act, which aims to boost recreation on public lands.



BY HEATHER RICHARDS | 04/24/2025 01:37 PM EDT



Interior Secretary Doug Burgum speaking in the Oval Office at the White House. | Evan Vucci/AP

GREENWIRE | Interior Secretary Doug Burgum signed a pair of orders Wednesday to boost outdoor recreation on public lands and formalize the ties between national parks and the communities that surround them.

Burgum's first order tasks the agency with implementing a sweeping public lands law that passed late last year, the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act. The EXPLORE Act overhauled significant portions of federal policy governing recreation on public lands and included provisions to increase internet access, allow online ticketing and hasten permitting processes.



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Secretarial Order Supporting Gateway Communities Issued by the Department of the Interior



June 26, 2025 | Press Release

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Tom McClintock lauded the secretarial order signed yesterday by Interior Secretary Doug Burgum, ordering the National Park Service to enhance coordination between the parks and the Gateway communities that rely on them.

At signing ceremonies at the Department of Interior, McClintock said "Our gateway communities depend on tourism for a large part of their economies. Many make their livelihoods by making visitor stays as comfortable and enjoyable as humanly possible. They comprise people who have spent their whole lives in and around Yosemite National Park and know it far better than the park employees who rotate in and out every few years. And yet, one of the greatest frustrations they have expressed to me is that they feel largely ignored and excluded from decisions that directly affect the park, its visitors, their local businesses and their communities.

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Signs to police 'negative' history went up at Manzanar. Historians are nervous.

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People of Japanese ancestry wait to board buses that will take them to the prison camp at Manzanar, Calif., 1942.
Clem Albers/NARA

By **Olivia Hebert**, News Reporter
Updated June 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.

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Signs to police 'negative' history went up at Manzanar. Historians are nervous.

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On the orders of the Donald Trump administration, National Park Service employees hung two highly controversial signs this week at Manzanar National Historic Site, a museum examining the property's former role as a prison where the U.S. government incarcerated more than 10,000

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In nearly 200 submissions NPS received in the first days since historians solicited help, visitors implored the Trump administration not to erase U.S. history and praised agency staff for improving their experiences. JEFFREY MAYER / GETTY IMAGES

Management

'Censorship:' See the National Park visitor responses after Trump requested help deleting 'negative' signage

The administration asked for help erasing language on park displays that failed to emphasize American grandeur, but visitors have not identified any examples.

JUNE 18, 2025

NATIONAL PARKS LAND MANAGEMENT

Updated June 19 at 2:30 p.m.

The Trump administration recently began posting signs on federal parks and historic sites asking for help from visitors in identifying language that negatively discussed America's past or present and launched a process for federal agencies to remove, cover or replace flagged materials.

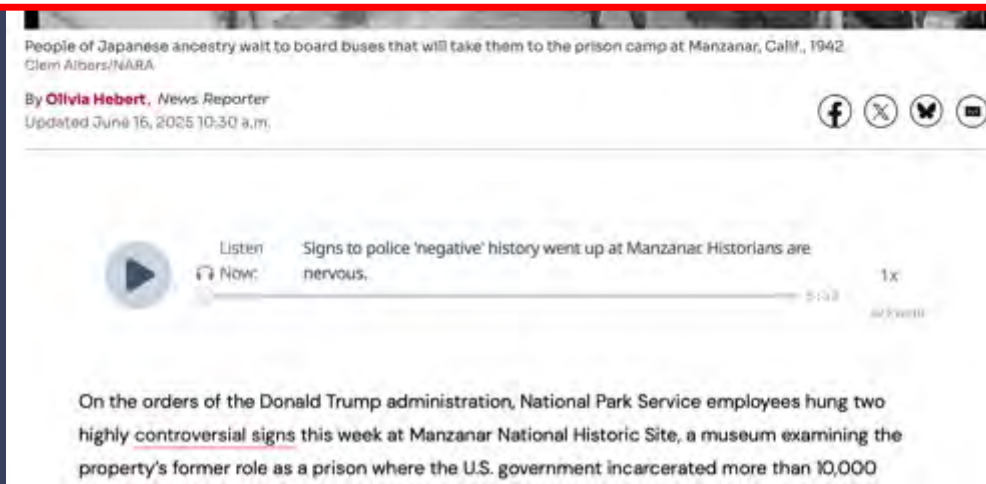
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Senior Correspondent

In the responses submitted by visitors to National Park Service sites, however, which were obtained by *Government Executive*, no single submission pointed to any such examples. Instead, in the nearly 200 submissions NPS received in the first days since the solicitations were posted, visitors implored the administration not to erase U.S. history and praised agency staff for improving their experiences.

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Trump administration shuts down U.S. website on climate change



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EPA used an unexpected argument to kill the endangerment finding

The agency's effort to roll back a landmark climate finding is pinned on divorcing local carbon emissions from global ones — and the dangers they pose.



BY: JEAN CHEMNICK | 07/31/2025 04:31 AM EDT



EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin argued that the Obama administration incorrectly linked local pollution to global climate change. | Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images

CLIMATEWIRE | EPA's proposal to undo a key scientific finding that supports most climate regulations included an unexpected legal argument.

The draft to scuttle the so-called endangerment finding, released Tuesday, led with the claim that EPA can only regulate pollutants that cause direct harm to people and the environment, and the danger needs to be near the source of pollution. It added that the link connecting pollution to a danger should be clear-cut. If a local pollutant, for example, combines with the global swirl of atmospheric gases that result in higher temperatures — and contributes to impacts such as floods in Texas, wildfires in California or heat waves in Indiana — that doesn't count, EPA argued.

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DOE reframes climate consensus as a debate

Energy Secretary Chris Wright handpicked five researchers to write a report that assaults what he called the "cancel culture Orwellian squelching of science."

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Energy Secretary Chris Wright (left) and Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy (right) listen during the annual Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference on June 3 in Anchorage, Alaska. | Jenny Kane/AP

CLIMATEWIRE | The Trump administration has given a government stamp of approval to the contrarian claims of a group of conservative researchers who for years have positioned themselves as being part of a Galileo-like quest to question mainstream climate science.

On Tuesday, those researchers appeared to reach the apex of that journey. Less than two months after joining the Department of Energy, they produced a 141-page report that often conflicts with and distorts the consensus view of climate scientists to support President Donald Trump's effort to repeal the endangerment finding, the scientific underpinning for greenhouse gas rules on carmakers, energy companies and other industries.

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EPA says it can't address 'global climate change' under Clean Air Act

Greenhouse gases "do not endanger public health or welfare through local or regional exposure," EPA said in its proposal.



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EPA can only regulate pollution that directly harms public health and welfare, but greenhouse gases driving climate change are too attenuated, EPA argued in its proposal. | Kevin Dietrich/Getty Images

The Trump administration argues in its proposed repeal of the endangerment finding that the EPA lacks the legal authority to write regulations that "address global climate change concerns."

The agency also cast doubt on the underlying climate change science, arguing that the Obama administration's analysis was unreasonable and questioning the reliability of warming projections. Along with a wholesale repeal of any greenhouse gas limits on cars and trucks, the proposal marks a sea change in EPA's treatment of climate pollution and is certain to set off a fierce battle with environmentalists and Democrats who say EPA has abandoned its mission.

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Best States for Outdoor Enthusiasts

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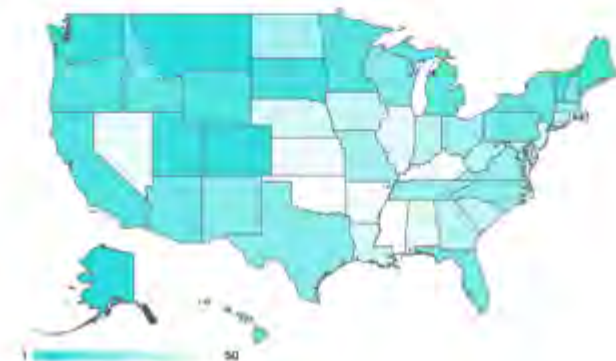
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Overall Rank*	State	Total Score	Environmental Quality Rank	Outdoor Activity Access Rank	Economic Impact & Job Opportunities Rank
1	Montana	63.24	12	1	5
2	Alaska	63.06	1	12	1
3	Colorado	61.96	10	3	2
4	Washington	57.90	14	4	9
5	Utah	57.44	21	2	10
6	Vermont	57.21	4	11	6
7	South Dakota	55.17	20	13	4
8	Maine	54.84	6	14	15
9	Wyoming	53.79	3	19	3
10	Oregon	53.60	35	5	23
11	California	51.28	46	6	16
12	Minnesota	51.08	39	8	26
13	Idaho	50.81	17	16	12
14	Michigan	50.14	40	7	44
15	New York	49.60	5	17	45

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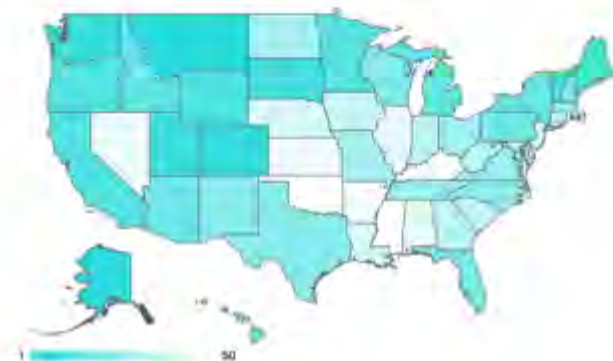
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- 30 years Federal agency experience
- President of Eastern Sierra Land Trust Board of Directors
- Two term Mono County Supervisor
- Born and raised in Bishop, CA

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

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Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting
Monday, September 7, 2025 @ 3:30