

RECREATION MASTER PLAN POWERED BY COMMUNITY

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RECREATION BECOMES A BOARD OBJECTIVE

Nevada County strengthens communities and safeguards nature through a **connected and coordinated system** of parks, natural lands, rivers, lakes, trails, and arts and culture. **Working together**, land managers, volunteers, residents, and users embody the County's independent and engaged spirit to **enhance recreation access** and **community vitality** while **preserving natural resources** and **agricultural lands**.



Enhance Recreation
Access



Support Health &
Safety



Support Economic
Growth



Preserve Natural
Resource Assets

THREATS TO THE SYSTEM



**Temperature
Change**



Heat Waves



Precipitation



Snowpack



**Unsustainable
Visitation**



**Rec Site
Communications**



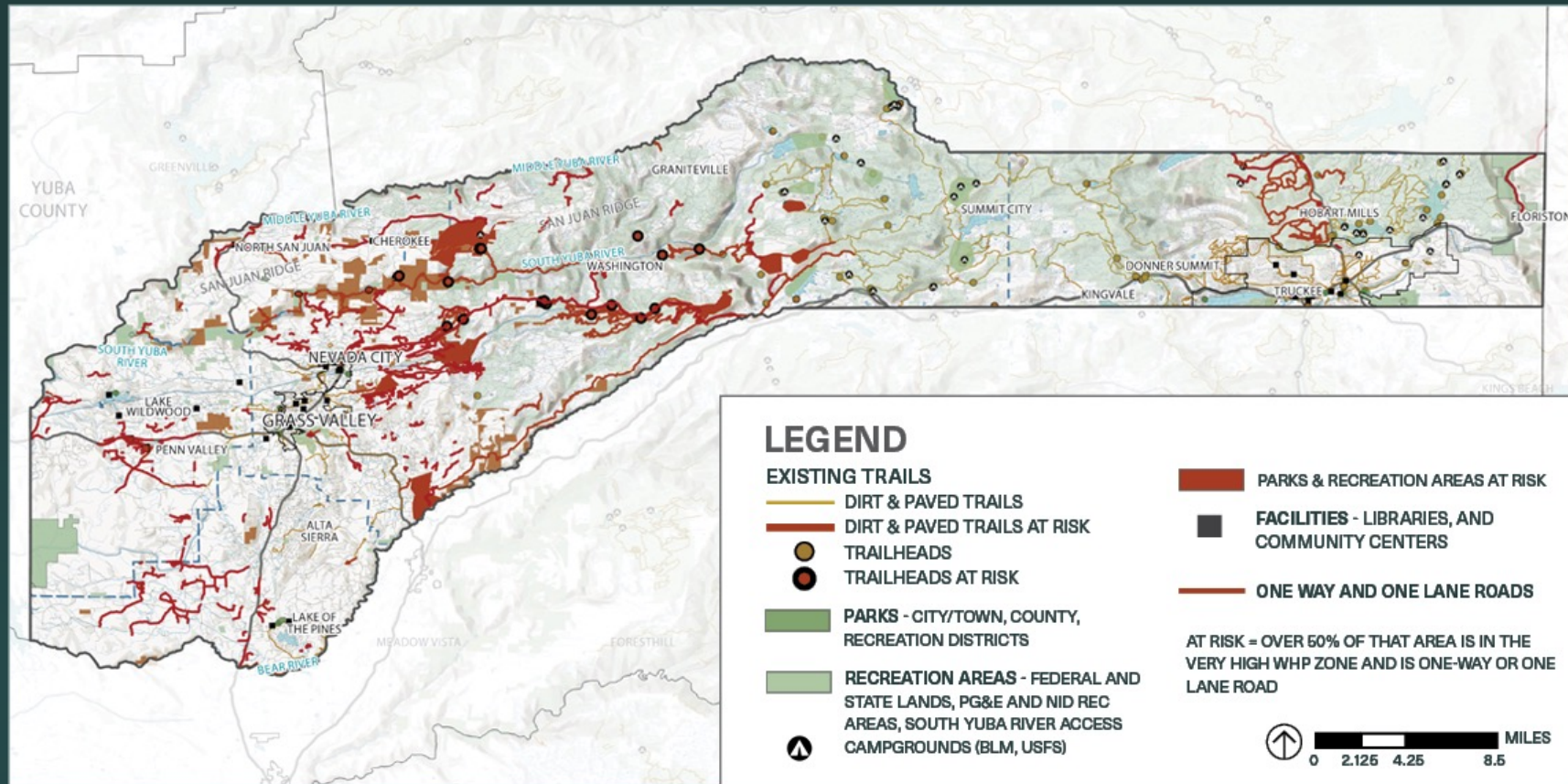
**Housing
Availability and
Affordability**



Wildfire

INTERSECTION OF RECREATION & RESILIENCY

Parks & Trails in Areas of Very High Wildfire Hazard



There are **245,740 acres** of land in Nevada County that exist in a “very high severity” zone.

OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE RISK, AND INCREASE RESILIENCY THROUGH THE MASTER PLAN



**Trails as Fuel
Breaks & Access
Routes**



**Drought
Resistant &
Resilient Planting**



**Designing for
Predicted Climate
Changes**



**Parks & Open
Spaces as Fire
Mitigation**



**Improve
Technology
Access with Trail
Construction**



**Community
Facilities as
Resiliency Hubs**

SYSTEM OF RECREATION – 3 CATEGORIES



ORGANIZED REC & PLAY

Local, Community, and Regional
Parks, Facilities, and Programs



OUTDOOR RECREATION

Access to Open Space, Rivers,
and Lakes

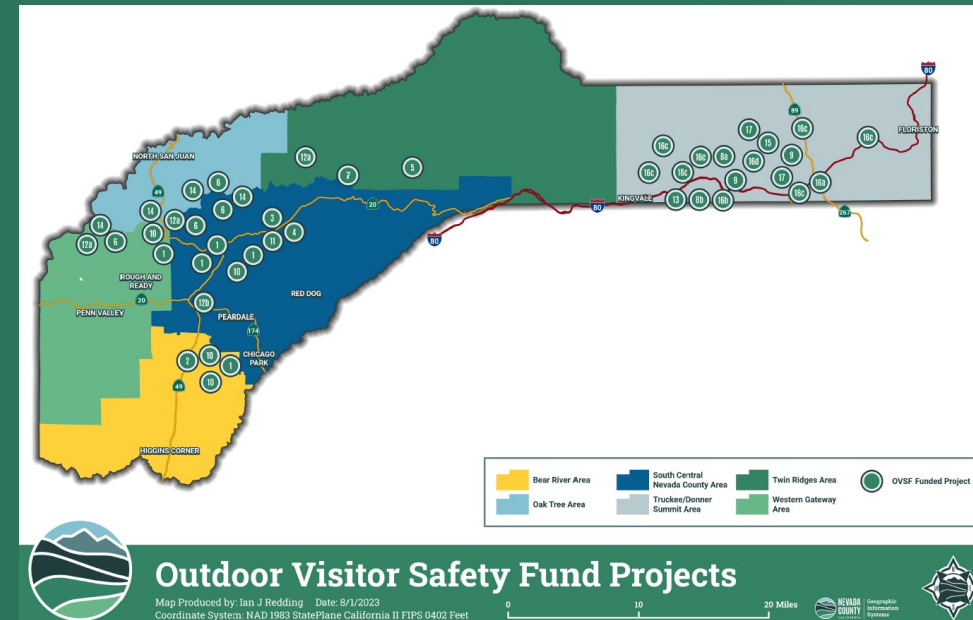


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RECREATION AND RESILIENCY MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Kicked off with a \$2 M budget with \$1.6M in one-time grants to improve access, health, and safety countywide available from 2023 through 2026

Funded by the General Fund and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.



<https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/Outdoor-Visitor-Safety-Fund>

Beyond Boundaries: How Nevada County Powers Outdoor Recreation Through Collaboration



The Convening Approach



What We Do:



- Align stakeholders to solve shared issues.



Why It Works:



- Shared ownership = shared solutions = shared success.



How It Functions:



- Cohorts, collaboratives, and coordinated plans.

South Yuba River Public Safety Cohort



- Formed to address safety, access, and environmental impacts.



- Monthly meetings, subcommittees, shared messaging.

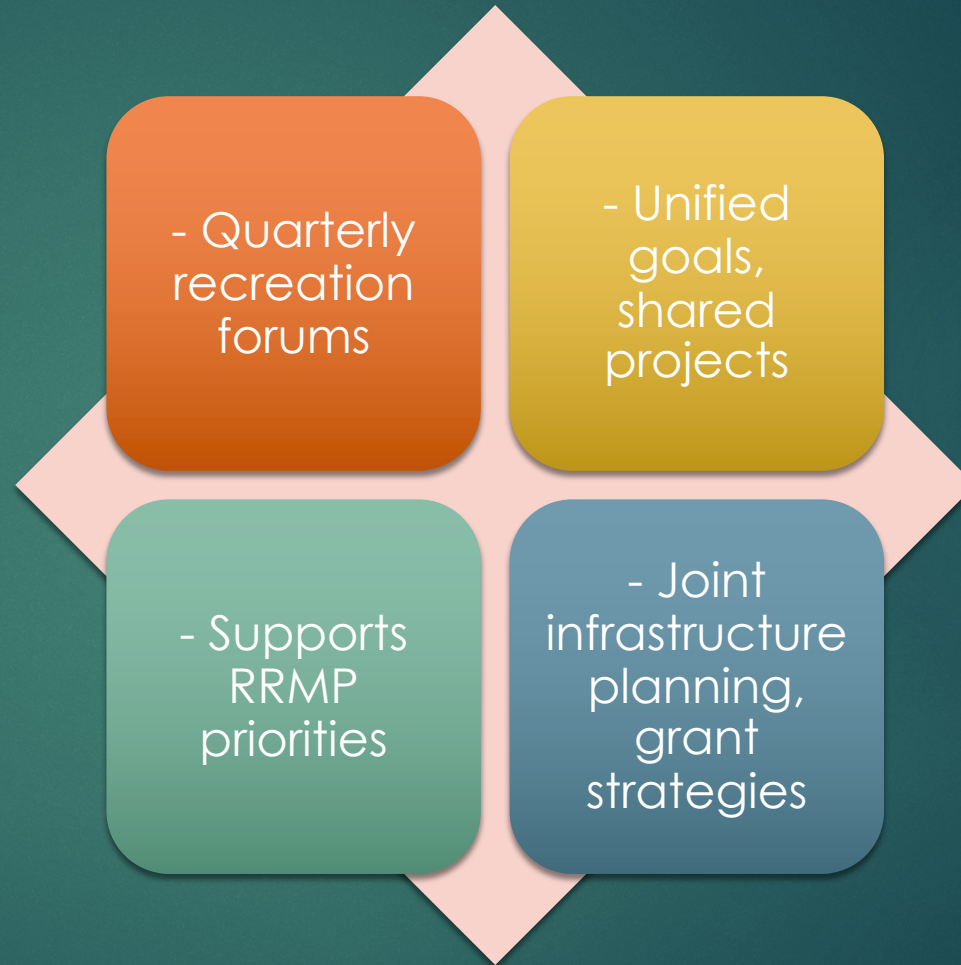


- Results: Burn bans, coordinated messaging, call boxes, signage, life jackets.



- Awarded CSAC and NACo honors.

Recreation Coalition & NCRPD Collaborative



Real-World Success: Pines to Mines Trail

- Started as a vision in 2015; now under construction.

- Connects Truckee to Nevada City (70-80 miles).

- Multi-sector partnership: public + nonprofit + private.

- Open to all non-motorized use and Class 1 e-bikes.

CCC – Convene. Champion. Catalyze.



A Leadership Forum for
Sustainable Truckee.



Success Story:



- Palisades and Northstar
created parking
reservation systems in
response to CCC pressure.



- Heliport expansion in
2020 to address ski season
health emergencies
during COVID years.

Why This Model Works

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- Scalable to various rec and land use topics.

2

- Equitable engagement across all sectors.

3

- Keeps momentum alive beyond one grant or leader.

Looking Forward



- EXPAND CONVENING TO CLIMATE, LAND ACCESS, EQUITY.



- FORMALIZE GOVERNANCE (MOUS/JPA).



- PURSUE FUNDING ACROSS FIRE, REC, CLIMATE, HOUSING.

Jobs & Workforce Development



- ROLES: TRAIL BUILDERS, EVENT STAFF, RIVER STEWARDS.



- OPPORTUNITIES IN TOURISM, BUSINESS SERVICES, SAFETY.



- PLANNING & ADMIN SUPPORT ENABLE LONG-TERM GROWTH.

Real-World Challenges We Are Working on

-Smaller Park Districts struggle with limited resources and funding.

-Recreation Visitation UP. Funding and Staffing DOWN.

- Aging Infrastructure. Parking, Restrooms, Bridges

- Need for Resilient Recreation Systems.

Final Message



“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”



Nevada County's collaboration model delivers sustainable outdoor recreation – with real results.



THANK YOU



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