

ESSRP Projects 51 to 117 - Stakeholder "Desirability" Scoring - November 19, 2020 - N = 47	Composite - SORT	Stewardship	Access	Benefit
<p>Q58. 108 - Celebrating Indigenous History and Culture (Entire east side; Education)</p> <p>Interpretive tours of local Indigenous sites, by local Indigenous guides. The east side (Payahuunadu) has an incredibly rich Indigenous history. The Paiute (Numu) and Shoshone (Newe) people have thousands of years of history and culture in this landscape and continue to live and thrive here to this day. The east side has some of the most extensive Indigenous cultural resources of anywhere in California, but visitors and locals alike are often all too unaware of the privilege we have to experience petroglyph sites, village locations, and other remarkable places. This project would partner with local Indigenous guides to create tours of cultural sites, for the education and benefit of the public. This would be done with deep respect and mindfulness of the desires of the local tribal community, including avoiding sites that are sensitive or kept secret for religious, cultural, and archaeological reasons. A "trial run" of sorts of this was done at the 2019 Fall Highball climbing festival, where Kris Hohag led a tour of tribal sites on the tablelands.</p>	21.11	6.96	7.13	7.02
<p>Q4. 54 - Friends of the Inyo Trail Ambassadors (Inyo, Humboldt-Toiyabe, and Sierra NF's, (Inyo & Mono Counties; Stewardship and Volunteers)</p> <p>Trail Ambassadors educate users on how to recreate responsibly, provide interpretive talks, engage the public in volunteer stewardship events, do trail maintenance, and are a presence on the ground. Friends of the Inyo has been operating its Trail Ambassador program since 2013 and has contributed to maintaining thousands of miles of trail, removing thousands of pounds of trash, and interacting with thousands of visitors. The program operates on a truly region-wide basis, from Lone Pine to Bridgeport, across three National Forests, and six Ranger Districts. The more trail ambassadors available, the more effective the program is. Providing more trail ambassadors in the field, on the trails, helps mitigate the damage caused by rising numbers of visitors and alleviates some of the pressure on USFS wilderness rangers. Trail ambassadors help manage habitat degradation, clean up trash, maintain trails, but more importantly educate visitors on how to conduct themselves on our public lands.</p>	21.04	7.56	6.43	7.05
<p>Q62. 112 - Kids in Nature (Mammoth Lakes area; Education)</p> <p>Provides science and nature-based outdoor education programs to get kids outside exploring and learning about nature and how to responsibly enjoy the outdoors. Kids of all backgrounds and ages benefit from time spent outside exploring and learning. Environment and nature-based education is an important way to provide an engaging context for learning and to give children the tools they need to feel comfortable in the outdoors. We propose to build on the highly successful Outdoor Science Education Programs offered by the Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserves to provide additional free and low cost programs for children of the Eastern Sierra to come to the reserves for short summer nature programs where they can blend summer learning and outdoor recreation. We hope to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards by introducing them to the wonder and beauty of the outdoors at an early age.</p>	20.98	6.98	7.09	6.91

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Q18. 68 - Inyo National Forest Campground Improvements (Inyo National Forest; Maintenance) Revitalize and address maintenance issued for all forest campgrounds. It has been years since the campground in INF have had major maintenance and improvements, especially in light of all the use they get. Things like bathrooms, water systems, road surfaces, parking all need to be addressed.	20.95	7.16	6.75	7.04
Q23. 73 - Dispersed Camping Management & Education (Mammoth Lakes Area; Maintenance) Define, limit and manage dispersed camping areas on Inyo National Forest lands around Mammoth Lakes. Dispersed camping is allowed in many areas of the Inyo National Forest. In recent years, dispersed camping has become more popular and is taking place in areas on the forest surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes, including areas close to town where it is prohibited. Working with local government and law enforcement, the Inyo National Forest should develop clearer guidelines for dispersed camping, better manage dispersed camping areas, and consider prohibiting dispersed camping altogether on forest lands west of Highway 395 near Mammoth Lakes (in areas around Sherwin Creek Road, the Scenic Loop and Inyo Craters, and Shady Rest Park/Sawmill Cutoff Road). This project must include clear mapping, signage and communication about where and how dispersed camping is allowed and could also include a permit system and seasonal placement of trash dumpsters and porta potties.	20.73	7.56	6.12	7.05
Q65. 115 - New Eastern Sierra Visitor Information Center (Downtown Bishop; Visitor Centers) Convert and existing vacant building into a new, enlarged and improved information center for Eastern Sierra guests. The Bishop area information center is operated by the Bishop Chamber of Commerce and currently housed in an aging building owned by the City of Bishop at the Bishop City Park. This center provides comprehensive information on all recreational opportunities, venues and events from Death Valley to Bridgeport and beyond. While the current location is ideal, the building itself is in disrepair and too small to safely and effectively provide vital information services to Eastern Sierra guests. A larger and more modern facility would allow for enhanced educational exhibits and possibly even a place to co-locate the public lands info center/permit office that is currently a few blocks away. The ability to personally connect with Eastern Sierra guests is essential to the goal of promoting sustainable recreation and having an improved facility will allow us to do just that.	20.64	6.44	6.89	7.31
Q1. 51 - Accessible Parks (Various- Alabama Hills, Buttermilks, Happy Boulders, Owens River, Hot Springs, etc.; Multiple categories) I'd like to see formal parks developed at some of the most popular outdoor recreation destinations that would provide restrooms, trash collection, and parking, etc. There are a number of locations that could be greatly improved by minor investments to make these places more accessible and easier to find, create a family-friendly and tourist-friendly environment, and reduce the impact of visitors to these destinations. Some of the most important improvements would be restrooms, trash collection, and parking, including ADA accessible parking. Many of the sites could also use monument signs to provide	20.57	6.56	7.27	6.74

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a sense of destination and directional signage to make them easier to find. Others could use landscaping and/or ecological restoration to mitigate existing impacts, and delineation of sensitive areas to prevent further impacts. Some tables and benches would make the sites more accessible to the public and more appealing for visitors that are not necessarily there for adventure sports. A paved greenway along the Owens River or LADWP canals would be an appealing asset for visitors and locals alike. Etc.				
<p>Q64. 114 - Buttermilk Protection Project (Buttermilks climbing area; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>The Buttermilk Road area is heavily overused year-round. This area needs developed campsites, bathrooms, signage and protective signage. This area is heavily trafficked all year round. There are pullouts starting from the entrance off Hwy 168 extending to well above the main climbing area that have tent and RV campers almost every day of the year, and certainly every weekend year-round. This area desperately needs some kinds of measure to make the currently uncontrolled access less damaging - such as porta-potties, garbage cans, designated camping pullouts, parking areas, etc. It also needs signage and education for climbers to not crush and destroy the vegetation nearest the climbing spots. The local climbing coalition does as much as they can to educate - but this area needs some real dollar investment to keep it from getting more and more degraded.</p>	20.46	7.44	6.11	6.91
<p>Q49. 99 - Buttermilk Dispersed Camping Management (Buttermilk Country; Visitor Centers)</p> <p>Develop a management plan for traffic and dispersed camping impacts in the Buttermilk area. Develop a management plan for the Buttermilk area that addresses reduced dust impacts (without paving!), informational signage about the impacts of dispersed camping and creation of new campgrounds by pulling off the road on the sensitive Buttermilk ecosystem, and educational information about campfire management.</p>	20.44	7.32	6.19	6.93
<p>Q40. 90 - Dark Sky Initiative (Inyo & Mono Counties; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>Use energy saving technology to reduce light pollution in urban areas & outlying industrial facilities. The result: Stunning stargazing rare in California & restore nocturnal wildlife habitats. Bishop is surprisingly bright at night. This, along with several outlying industrial facilities contribute to unnecessary light pollution throughout the Owen's Valley. These extremely bright lights create eyesores in our beautiful wild landscape, waste millions of lumens of electricity every year and disrupt fragile nocturnal wildlife. Let's transition streetlights and security lights to energy efficient LED bulbs, mandate "low light hours" (Example: dim -50% after midnight) and improve streetlights with upward light shields (to project lighting downward, rather than skyward).</p>	20.39	6.84	6.39	7.16

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<p>Q9. 59 - Wounded Warrior Access (Inyo National Forest, Toiyabe National Forest, BLM Land; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>To provide Wounded Warrior access to all lakes and rivers that have road access. As was done at June Lake Beach, provide Wounded Warrior access to all water of the eastern sierra. Only June Lake beach is accessible and that is unsustainable. As more and more people require provisions in order to participate in outdoor recreation it should not just be the able bodied that are allowed to recreate in our wonderful area. Access should be provided for all. The success of the June Lake beach Wounded Warrior access speaks for itself and speaks volumes about the need. That small effort has completely changed the beach usage and numbers that now come to the ONLY accessible lake in the eastern sierra.</p>	20.14	5.7	7.71	6.73
<p>Q48. 98 - Mammoth Loop Trail Repairs (Town of Mammoth Lakes; Maintenance)</p> <p>The loop trail bike/pedestrian path needs help. The loop trail around the town of Mammoth Lakes is in need of repairs - especially the eastern section. The frost heaves alone make the trail painful to bike on. This trail is a huge tourist draw. Can you work with the town to fix it, or even to expand it? The trail also needs improved signage.</p>	19.9	6.15	6.84	6.91
<p>Q55. 105 - Owens River Gorge for All (Owens River Gorge; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>Collaborate with LADWP to improve the unofficial trail in the ORG and make it accessible to all users. The ORG is a true multi-use destination. Though known mostly for climbing, hiking the gorge from the lower gorge to the upper gorge roads is listed in the 50 Classic Day hikes of the Eastern Sierra guidebook, and the area is also very popular among anglers. The trail running the length of the gorge, however, is unofficial and unmaintained. River crossings can be very difficult and even hazardous without infrastructure like bridges. This project would seek to make the gorge trail something accessible to all users, and not just those comfortable talus hopping or shimmying across rickety tree branches to make it from one point in the gorge to another.</p>	19.75	6.02	7.09	6.64
<p>Q29. 79 - Actual Bear Proof Dumpsters (Mono County; Wildlife Management)</p> <p>Upgrade all public trash and recycling facilities to actual bear proof containers. The carabiner is out of date technology. Example: Yosemite National Park. The carabiner to lock dumpsters and recycling facilities from Bears getting in is outdated technology. Here in Mammoth Lakes, I have seen a few dumpsters with the new technology, but it is not consistent throughout Town - it should be consistent throughout the region. Also, all recycling containers must be bear proof. It is shocking that in locations here in Mammoth there are recycling containers that are not at all bear proof and regularly full of food trash that bears get into.</p>	19.72	7.22	5.43	7.07

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<p>Q63. 113 - Science-Based Conservation Conversations (Mammoth Lakes area; Planning and Environmental Review)</p> <p>This project will provide a facilitated forum to address issues in planning for sustainable recreation with minimal environmental impacts. This project will provide a facilitated forum where scientists and agency representatives will present the latest research and findings on topics relevant to planning for sustainable recreation with minimal environmental impacts. Managing conflict through science can help to focus conversations on controversial issues in a rational and productive way. We will host a series of meetings and workshops at the new Page Center at the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab (SNARL) where leading scientists will present the latest research and address questions from the public on topics ranging from wildlife migration to forest management. Many of these issues underly smart planning for recreation that is indeed 'sustainable'. Workshops and meetings such as these, where institutions of higher education are partners can help to ensure that stakeholder engagement and credible science are strong components of the planning process.</p>	19.54	6.98	6.08	6.48
<p>Q19. 69 - Bishop Creek Recreation Area (Bishop Creek drainage; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>A wholesale look at the Bishop Creek drainage as a recreation area. Campgrounds, water systems, day use parking, sewage treatment plant upgrade, interpretive trails, climber's campground, etc. all could be addressed in this project with a long term view of how to manage the increasing use in the Bishop Creek drainage.</p>	19.52	6.8	6.32	6.4
<p>Q16. 66 - Bishop to Laws (Bishop; Trail Planning)</p> <p>Create a paved pathway from the Visitor Center (with wayfinding) to Laws Railroad Museum. Create a tie from downtown Bishop's most popular gathering place to this wonderful outdoor museum. Give people the excuse to exercise safely on a smooth pathway with a wealth of history and a fantastic family picnic area at the other end.</p>	19.48	5.73	6.84	6.91
<p>Q52. 102 - Tangle Free Waters (Mammoth/Mono County; Stewardship and Volunteers)</p> <p>To keep our aquatic resources clean, pristine, free of fishing line hooks lead sinkers that buildup yearly in the waters and surrounding habitat causing impacts to people and wildlife. There are many volunteers willing to help on the land and on the water in removal of tangled fishing line and hooks. For decades plastic line has been degrading in our waters into microplastic particles. We also need to get a reading on our waters for the volume of microplastic particles. The tourism volume is so large that during the summer peak months we need help to get access to the lakes and creeks to provide the cleanup that is so necessary for human and wildlife health.</p>	19.47	7.46	5.3	6.71

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<p>Q7. 57 - Bishop to Tablelands (Pleasant Valley; Planning and Environmental Review)</p> <p>This project would complete a full bike path from the City of Bishop to the Chalk Bluff Road, giving access to the Tablelands from town. Right now there is a patchwork of dirt roads from the City of Bishop towards Chalk Bluff Road and the tablelands, but it falls short in the full connection due to the lack of a bridge to cross the Owens Valley at Pleasant Valley. Completing such a bridge would encourage sustainable recreation by removing the need to drive to the tablelands for many dirt bikers, fishermen, as well as many people wanting to recreate in the climbing areas off of Chalk Bluff Road. In particular, there is a route that begins behind the Catholic Church and heads north. It crosses the highway and goes 1 mile on DWP dirt road (over a pedestrian bridge) before it crosses Dixon lane before arriving at Riverside drive; where it goes 3.5 miles before dead-ending at the Owens River in Pleasant Valley -- within a few hundred feet of Chalk Bluff Road and the Happy Boulders. All we need is a bridge to complete this route!!!</p>	19.33	5.93	6.8	6.6
<p>Q3. 53 - Kiosk Trailhead OHV Information (Mono/Inyo counties; Education)</p> <p>Provide trail map information to winter/summer OHV enthusiasts, include a code of responsibility to protect the area's natural, cultural, social resources and maintain sustainability of the region. This project would emulate the information found at most USFS trailheads, but focus would be on the winter/summer OHV population that recreates on our public lands. Major areas of use would be targeted and also serve as an educational tool to promote sustainable/responsible use of our eastern Sierra resources.</p>	19.31	7.04	5.58	6.69
<p>Q8. 58 - Markleeville Creek Restoration Project and Heritage Park Restrooms, Access, and Signage (Markleeville, CA; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>Construct new public restrooms, parking, accessible trails, viewing platform, and interpretive signage at a 5-acre site along Markleeville Creek as part of a major stream restoration project. The project is to enhance public park type amenities including approximately ten (10) parking spaces, an ADA accessible restroom, 250 ft of ADA accessible trail to a viewing platform at the bank of the restored Markleeville Creek, and interpretive signage.</p>	19.19	6.24	6.65	6.3
<p>Q27. 77 - Trailhead Information Kiosks (Inyo National Forest and Bishop BLM management area; Education)</p> <p>Update all trailhead information kiosks. The trailhead kiosks have been in place for decades and are not only showing wear and tear, but also need to be updated with current information (i.e. no drones in wilderness)</p>	19.15	6.5	6.15	6.5
Q56. 106 - Scheelite Canyon Stewardship (Scheelite Canyon/ AKA Pratt's Crack Canyon, Pine Creek; Maintenance)	18.93	7.16	5.4	6.37

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<p>Staging area improvements for popular climbing areas in Scheelite Canyon, Pine Creek. The popularity of Pine Creek as a climbing destination has exploded in the last few years, especially since the publication of a new climbing guidebook. The most popular crags in the canyon - the Mustache, Ministry, and Gecko walls, in Scheelite Canyon - have seen a dramatic increase in use, and the resultant environmental impact. Braided social trails and unstable slopes are becoming a problem below the Mustache and Ministry walls. Rehabilitating unnecessary social trails and reinforcing low profile, strong staging areas at the base of these walls will prevent longer-term impact and degradation.</p>				
<p>Q2. 52 - Defining Sustainable: Where is the tipping point? (Entire Region; Planning and Environmental Review)</p> <p>As we work together to build additional recreational opportunities in the Eastern Sierra, a first step should be to define sustainable at various scales and locations in the region. Increasing pressure on natural resources has a limit. While significant economic opportunity is here, we need to ensure that increasing recreational opportunities can happen without compromising local conservation values. What is the actual carrying capacity of a given trailhead, day use area, community? Do we have the law enforcement/ educators/ community patrols/stewards to ensure we are not compromising the very thing we flock to experience? When is enough enough? This question is a fundamental first step into understanding what our target is, how we intend to manage it and then to select projects that will help achieve those goals/objectives. If this is a sustainable recreation planning effort, are we all clear on what "sustainable" really means? I expect it can mean different things to different people and different places can handle more than others, but what are we striving for beyond economic growth and are we on the same page?</p>	18.87	6.66	5.53	6.68
<p>Q25. 75 - Forest Stewards & Trash Management (Lakes Basin Sites + Dispersed Camping Areas; Management; Enforcement; Forest Protection)</p> <p>Problem: "Camp Hosts" seem unable to address issues in developed campgrounds plus dispersed camping is destroying our forests as there is no management or oversite for those areas. Developed campgrounds need additional dumpsters and personnel to walk sites from sunup to 10 PM quiet time. Pass out flyers, counsel campers, educate. Hire these folks as a second layer beyond the traditional camp hosts. Model it like Mammoth Mountain hosts who are there to help and educate but also be able to call in assistance when needed. Dispersed camping needs to be reviewed and eliminated if there are not enough resources to patrol and enforce limitations (such as no fire, trash, pooping, etc.), then a resource needs to be put in place as part of a new prohibition on dispersed camping. There needs to be "regional overlays" where dispersed is prohibited due to gross overuse and no enforcement ability, with the balance of areas still allowing this use.</p>	18.84	7.05	5.37	6.42

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<p>Q46. 96 - Inclusive Fishing (Mammoth Creek – TOML; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>Add accessible paths and "platforms" that creates accessible means for all individual who desire to experience fishing that opportunity. Adding accessible pathways from current parking areas to Mammoth Creek and to add a few accessible platforms that allow for inclusive access to all individuals who desire to experience fishing has the opportunity. Also serves as a place to simply enjoy the beauty, sound, and other wildlife and fauna within the area of Mammoth Creek.</p>	18.79	5.44	7.16	6.19
<p>Q28. 78 - Interpretive Campground Programming (Developed campgrounds in Mammoth Lakes and June Lake; Education)</p> <p>Interpretive "rangers" who would visit new campers and walk through the campgrounds at night teaching about bears, food storage, fire extinguishing and other information related to their visit. Between 2-5 (to be determined based on needs - start low and grow) interpretive rangers or ambassadors whose job it would be interact with campers starting around 3 or 4 in the afternoon and talking to them about bears, food storage, fire extinguishing and other information. They would meet them in their site, preferably on the first day of their stay, and their only job would be giving information so that the visitor can ask as many questions as necessary and there can be a real engagement and conversation. On nights like Saturday where there aren't many new campers, this same team could put on bigger interpretive campfire sessions (this could still occur in covid times especially with four or five employees doing different "campfire" programs throughout the campground)</p>	18.63	6.52	5.95	6.16
<p>Q41. 91 - East Fork Loop Trail (East Fork Rock Creek Canyon; Trail Planning)</p> <p>Reroute current "locals" trail up the south side of Rock Creek to protect sensitive wetland fens. At present, the east fork trail begins at the Rock Creek Snow Park parking area and begins up the East side of Rock Creek before coming to a pedestrian foot bridge across the creek that leads to the East Fork Campground. From the campground the "official" trail continues up the West side of the creek to the Pine Grove Campground. At the bridge a local use trail also continues up the East side of the creek and travels through a series of wet meadows known as fens. Trailing in wetlands from humans or other species in high numbers can lead to damaging meadow degradation and fens are known to support a plethora of rare or sensitive species. The project would identify a new route on more durable surfaces, away from current fens, and would provide a loop for East Fork hikers that passes through Rock Creek Lodge. Locals use this trail to steer clear of high visitor use times, yet they are harming the resource unknowingly.</p>	18.25	7.07	5.38	5.8
<p>Q33. 83 - Resource Center for DEI Access Programs (Mammoth Lakes or Bishop; almost all of the "project types")</p>	18.22	5.67	6.44	6.11

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<p>There are a number of excellent programs getting off the ground in the Eastern Sierra to facilitate the connection of historically marginalized groups to the land. These include Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps (multiple programs), Indigenous Women Hike, Inyo-Mono Association for the Handicapped, Friends of the Inyo, and likely others I'm not aware of. A resource center to support these programs would include a library, a gear library, facilities to wash used gear and tools, storage for each programs, small office spaces (cubicles?), a small conference room to promote inter-program communication, a sheltered parking area to load vehicles, showers, and possibly even a group campsite for 5-10 tents, exclusively for programs like these. These programs all struggle for resources, and the resources will go further, and the programs will be more sustainable if they are able to share what they have.</p>				
<p>Q22. 72 - Large Recycling /Trash Container (June Mountain parking lot; Anti-Litter/ Recycling)</p> <p>We need a LARGE recycling and trash container placed at June Mountain parking lot for our community. This needs to be done for a long time especially with all the to go aluminum cans, bottles, glass containers etc. being found on the sides of the roadways. Our community needs a place to recycle in town... not just the overflowing ones at Gull Lake.</p>	18.21	6.72	4.93	6.56
<p>Q34. 84 - Bear Box Signage (Mammoth Lakes Basin; Education)</p> <p>Place clear signage on bear boxes at popular trail heads to educate visitors on their proper use (i.e. they are not trash bins). Even though dumpsters are often in sight, bear boxes are continually used for waste disposal which in turn renders them useless for those who need to use them for their rightful purpose. One thought would be signage on the door that says "Stop - this is not a trash bin" and point people to the location of the bins. Another solution would be to install a combination lock on the boxes then paint the combination on the box. This would make people put some effort into placing items in the bear box.</p>	18.18	6.61	5.33	6.24
<p>Q10. 60 - Alpine County Wayfinding Project (Alpine County; Signage)</p> <p>Implementation of highway monument signs, kiosks, and trailhead signage. Kiosks are intended to better direct the public to recreation opportunities and public services. The wayfinding project creates an integrated and consistent source of public information for visitors while traveling and at recreation destinations. The project focuses on guiding visitors to public land recreation opportunities for Forest, BLM, State, and County facilities and provide relevant high-quality signage at appropriate sites.</p>	18.15	5.81	6.29	6.05

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<p>Q31. 81 - Give a Hoot (Mono & Inyo Counties; Education)</p> <p>Woodsy Owl & Woolly Mammoth lead program to care for the Great Outdoors, i.e., etiquette, resources, and maintenance. Kids rewarded with badges. Adults rewarded with local gift certs/deals. A quiz with questions like (How close can you camp to water? What are fire restrictions? How do you put out a fire?) available via QR code or taken at visitor centers. Kids rewards are like "junior ranger program." Adults are given discounts at local participating businesses, which build rapport and knowledge of local small businesses. Build on the success and memory of the 1970s Give a Hoot, Woodsy the Owl will reach people fifty and older. Additional civil patrol to aid forest service enforcement for violation of fire safety, pollution, wildland protection, etc.</p>	18.04	6.37	5.67	6
<p>Q39. 89 - Mono Pass/Mono Creek Trail Maintenance (Mono Pass/Mono Recesses; Maintenance)</p> <p>This trail is in terrible condition from the pass west down along the front of the Mono Recesses. I heard of the idea to put a new trail through the Sherwins. It seems crazy to put a new trail through a relatively virgin area that will then need future maintenance when so many existing trails are not getting enough maintenance already. What is already out there is not sustainable.</p>	17.95	6.53	5.49	5.93
<p>Q44. 94 - Doe Ridge Trail System (Do Ridge - extending from Whitmore Park; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>Add up to 30 miles of hiking, running, & biking loop trails out of Whitmore Park. Project adds 30 miles of multi-use, non-motorized trails at Doe Ridge, extending from Whitmore Park to USFS Geological site on Hot Creek. Looped trails serve different skill levels, connection with Park and geological site provides diversification of recreation and local geological information.</p>	17.92	5.6	6.23	6.09
<p>Q54. 104 - McLeod Lake Loop Trail (McLeod Lake; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>Provide better signage for the loop around McLeod Lake. The loop trail around McLeod Lake is well used and not signed at all. Because of this, on the south side of the lake (nearest the crest), meadow areas and wet areas from the lake receding are taking a beating. We should restore the proper trail and sign it to keep people off of these delicate areas, while letting them still explore all the beautiful views McLeod has to offer.</p>	17.91	6.62	5.53	5.76
<p>Q5. 55 - Protect Quiet Vehicle Camping in the Inyo National Forest (All motorized campgrounds in Inyo National Forest; Regulation for Resource and Visitor Protection)</p> <p>Regulatory actions by the Inyo Forest Supervisor to minimize generator use in motorized campgrounds:</p> <p>1) Recognize that quiet campers have been and will continue to be displaced by generator use, that percussive noise is a health hazard, and that batteries, propane, and solar can meet campers' legitimate needs. 2) Establish a significant percentage of "quiet camping" sites in campgrounds (i.e. generator use not allowed), in addition to current tent only sites. 3) Enforce current quiet hours, requiring</p>	17.74	6.3	5.4	6.04

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violators to pay a fee or leave. 4) Reduce the hours when generators can be used (i.e. distinct from current quiet hours). 5) Charge an extra daily fee for generator use. 6) Require generators to be solidly boxed/screened/soundproofed with common materials (heavy plywood, fiber cement siding board, etc.). 7) Limit the number of days that generator users can stay in any one campground. 8) Encourage generator users to cook etc. away from the campground, at view overlooks, day use areas with little off-hour use, roadsides, etc.				
Q6. 56 - Equestrian Camping (Inyo/Mono/Alpine; Permits and Agreements) Developed Equestrian camping, with corrals and hookups at current permitted facilities. There is a desperate need for equine camping that is managed. Currently equestrian users often don't know where to camp with their horses and mules. Developing 2-3 facilities at current Pack Stations or trailhead locations would allow accommodation beyond just the 3 that currently exist along the entire Eastern Sierra.	17.7	5.93	5.95	5.82
Q17. 67 - Mammoth Lakes Basin (Mammoth; Improved resource management) Close off the Mammoth Lakes Basin to summer vehicle traffic and offer shuttles. Getting rid of the traffic in the basin would allow for a better visitor experience and decrease adverse effects on the environment, particularly parking issues and traffic flow. Vehicle access for campgrounds and boat launches could be maintained. The Lakes Basin is hammered, and we need to manage the area differently before it is totally destroyed.	17.48	7.18	4.56	5.74
Q13. 63 - Online Education Permitting (Internet; Education) Mandatory education to acquire fire permits, dispersed camping permits or wilderness permits. To operate a boat, I take a class. To fire a gun. I take a class. To be avalanche certified i take a class. To carry concealed. I take a class. If I am coming up to use forest service property to recreate. I believe there should be a mandatory educational class to acquire any of the permits such as wilderness, fire, dispersed camping.	17.47	6.58	4.91	5.98
Q67. 117 - From the Corral to the Trail: Engaging Marginalized Young Adults in Pack Stations (Inyo County, Mono County; Stewardship and Volunteers) We propose to engage indigenous and young adults of color to work as paid Interns with selected Eastern Sierra pack stations to learn traditional packing skills, on the trail and in the corral. The proposed project would engage young adults from both the Bishop Paiute Tribe and African American riding stables in Oakland, CA as paid Interns with selected pack stations in the Eastern Sierra. The Interns would learn the art and skills of running pack strings of horses and mules and would be provided an educational module on the tradition role of pack stock in public land management and stewardship. The Student Conservation Association will partner with a long-time packer in the Eastern Sierra (Kent Reeves) to develop and implement the project. Initial discussions with selected pack stations have already occurred.	17.44	5.05	6.79	5.6

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<p>Q61. 111 - Bike Riding Mentoring (Alpine County; Education)</p> <p>Experienced cyclists will mentor Project Uplift students to teach bike riding skills, safety, taking care of a bicycle and riding in Alpine County. Project UPLIFT is a non-profit organization whose goal is to help at-risk youth develop skills, through mentoring and coaching, that will enable them to succeed and contribute to our society. Project UPLIFT seeks to uplift our surrounding community! We motivate young people in elementary, middle, and high school. Mentors/Tutors provide the youth with the structure, feedback and encouragement necessary to help them take responsibility for their own success.</p>	17.4	5.02	6.38	6
<p>Q15. 65 - Digital Stewardship (Sierra; Outreach and Communications)</p> <p>Use of 360-degree video on numerous digital platforms and social media to educate visitors and users on ideal camping locations. Digital & social media campaigns have been successful (using hash tagging) to redirect users from heavily impacted areas and perhaps even inappropriate areas to camp (whether with RV's, tents, or vans) and towards more appropriate areas with amenities. For instance, businesses and campgrounds. This type of campaign if effective because it directs and impacts users in the same way they learn about unique recreation areas, by hash tagging on social media channels (Instagram, You tube, etc.)</p>	17.22	6.12	5.5	5.6
<p>Q42. 92 - Whitmore Multipurpose Recreation Staging Area (Whitmore Park - Mono County; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>Installation of a year-round winterized restroom and a paved parking lot to allow for year-round use - limits mud and allows for snow removal. Site needs better parking, restrooms, kids play area to serve as a staging area for bicycling, running, track, soccer, baseball events.</p>	17.19	5.31	5.88	6
<p>Q14. 64 - Enforcement of Laws and Regulations (Fishing habitats; Staffing)</p> <p>A community or local enforcement agency that helps uphold the rules and regulations of our fisheries. I have been fishing Mono and Inyo county for 30 years. I have been a resident for 13. Every single day I fish I could enforce a regulation or rule that is not being followed. Which I happen to still do often. Whether wading hot creek, bait fishing upper Owens. Barbed hooks in hot creek. Fishing the crooked creek inlet. Or bait fishing Crowley in Oct I have seen it all. We need to help empower our local guides and residents to help uphold our regulations. This will help preserve our resources that drive our summer tourism. Having MLPD on the lake or in the rivers, having the Sheriff in Crowley more than 5 times a summer. (Opinion). Community outreach programming to help alert local agents opposed to using Caltips that has no follow up or response rate.</p>	17.07	6.61	4.53	5.93

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<p>Q12. 62 - Recreational Road Coordination (Regionwide; Signage)</p> <p>Funds for helping public agencies and user groups coordinate, plan and sign recreational road systems.</p> <p>Example: Forest and BLM roads are not always well coordinated. Forest roads are often numbered, BLM roads are usually not.</p>	16.98	5.23	5.7	6.05
<p>Q21. 71 - Ride, Stay, and Explore Markleeville (Markleeville; Outreach & Communications)</p> <p>Destination-based bike travel is so-named because it requires a basecamp location that is a destination in and of itself. The style of riding can be road or mountain bike or, increasingly, gravel. Cycle the Central Coast and Bike Lodi are cycling destinations because of its online social media marketing. The same cycling destination marketing will benefit the Eastern Sierra Region. The key is that Markleeville has name recognition and lots to offer.</p>	16.87	5.29	5.65	5.93
<p>Q36. 86 - Off Road Vehicle Rules (All public lands; Planning and Environmental Review)</p> <p>Introduce speed limit for ATV's and other motorized off-road vehicles and limit their use to dedicated roadways. ATV's and motorcycles have become a major disturbance for all users of public lands. Many drive far too fast, they are noisy, generate a lot of dust and pollution and damage the roadways and may become a fire hazard. Many users are underage.</p>	16.8	6.12	4.93	5.75
<p>Q57. 107 - Just Cause It's Easy Doesn't Mean It's Easy (Key trailheads: North Lake, Meysan Lake, etc.; Education)</p> <p>Certain popular, "entry level" alpine climbs get a disproportionate SAR response. This project would install preventative signage at the trailheads for those climbs. The east side has some incredible moderate, accessible alpine routes. Locals often will run up these low fifth class climbs in a few hours after work. But for visitors seeking to experience their first true mountaineering experience, these climbs can be an attractive nuisance. A few particular climbs get a disproportionate amount of attention from SAR due to their "entry level" status - despite being relatively easy, these climbs are still very serious alpine missions that require a high level of skill, physical fitness, and mountain sense. Specifically, the Waterfall Route on Mt. Emerson, the North Ridge of Lone Pine Peak, and several other classic alpine climbs routinely see several SAR call outs a season due to underprepared visitors who don't understand the seriousness/difficulty of the climb. This project would install signage at the trailheads for these climbs with specific, detailed information on the difficulties of these climbs and recommendations for a successful ascent.</p>	16.01	4.8	5.45	5.76
<p>Q32. 82 - EV Charge Station (Markleeville; Enhancing the statewide goal of encouraging zero emission vehicles)</p> <p>Markleeville is the hub of Alpine County with lodging, restaurants, government buildings and short-term rentals. Yet there is not an electric vehicle (EV) charge station in Markleeville. The number of electric vehicles is projected to increase dramatically in the coming years. Markleeville survives on</p>	15.81	5.46	4.56	5.79

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tourism especially during the summer months. Yet there are no (EV)charge stations. This limits the number of visitors driving electric vehicles who can visit the area. Alpine County should encourage no emission electric vehicles and thereby do its part to limit global warming.				
Q53. 103 - Lakes Basin Parking Permit (Mammoth Lakes Basin; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure") Require and sell for a nominal fee a parking pass for the Lakes Basin area. Currently visitor's for Southern California are very used to purchasing a parking pass for their local hiking and parks area. As a front-line employee, I am regularly asked by visitors if they need a parking pass for our Lakes area. A Parking pass would be a great way to monitor the amount of cars in the Basin and could be a good revenue source for improvements and restoration in the Lakes Basin area.	15.68	5.73	4.45	5.5
Q11. 61 - National Scenic Byway Designation of SR 89 - Monitor Pass (Antelope Valley to Tahoe Basin; Outreach and Communications) Exploration of a new National Scenic Byway designation for State Route 89 from US 395 at Topaz Junction to the Lake Tahoe Basin. The proposed byway designation could create an exceptional and continuous scenic byway system by connection of the existing Ebbett's Pass National Scenic Byway (SR 4 from Arnold to Markleeville), the existing and future Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway (US 395), and the Lake Tahoe Basin via SR 89.	15.5	4.7	5.12	5.68
Q20. 70 - Recycling (The industrial Park; Planning and Environmental Review) I would like to see a redemption center. Our recycling center doesn't take enough of our trash to recycle. We pay a nickel a can to Vons and don't get that amount back.	15.13	5.65	3.74	5.74
Q45. 95 - Whitmore Sports Field Complex (Whitmore Park: New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure") Add multiple sports fields to allow TOML & Mono County to become a destination for field sports tournaments and training (Soccer, baseball, other). TOML is working with LADPW to add 50+- acres to Whitmore Park. This provides the opportunity to add a number of sports fields and supporting facilities that not only serves the local community but establishes the ability to diversify the primary recreational attractions to the Eastern Sierra. Playing and training at altitude creates a unique opportunity for athletes.	15.13	3.9	5.4	5.83
Q66. 116 - The Easter Sierra Permit (Mammoth Lakes; Permits and Agreements) Similar to a fishing license or permit, people would have to take an online course, adaptable to COVID times, in order to receive an Eastern Sierra Permit. They must renew every year and agree to terms of recreating responsibility, and a permit for the use of recreational areas (similar to backpacking permit). This will make sure that people know what rules to follow and will be responsible for their actions that affect our environment and community.	15.09	5.62	4.27	5.2

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<p>Q59. 109 - End of the One Economic Base (Eastern Sierra, Ridgecrest to Walker, Kernville; Planning and Environmental Review)</p> <p>Address the traditional 3 elements, The Community, the Environment and the Economy when any of the sectors falter the others will follow. We are in the straits of this relationship currently. The Eastern Sierra communities have focused on a very limited economic base, if at all, a divided population made up of older second homeowners or generations of families that maintain the core economic foundation is mining and Ag. Built on another foundation by many others is Tourism and that leads to recreation, the Fishing, Hiking, Biking and Skiing, Climbing and the long list of user groups that come and go. Many in the recreation community fail to see that as other industries that are extractive, Tourism/Recreation activity is also extractive. A quick reading of the project list suggest that to solve some of the past short comings, Add bathrooms, roads, trails, signs, parking lots, campgrounds mapping to get to the secret special places the cycle continues, a very unstable economic base, more damage to the resources and the Community is overrun by visitors, as Mammoth sees on Sunday night as the dumpsters are overflowing and the lids open.</p>	14.76	5.06	4.41	5.29
<p>Q26. 76 - Mammoth Lakes Dog Park (Mammoth Lakes; Dog park)</p> <p>A gated place for dog owners to take their dog(s) off leash that is legal within the town of Mammoth Lakes. Mammoth Lakes does not have a legal place for dog owners to allow their dog's to be off leash. There is Shady Rest in the summer months, but owners are required to keep them on leash. Most do not, so either change this to be off leash or do not ticket-or, have a separate official dog park. Bishop has a nice dog park. Two separate areas: one for small dogs and the other for larger dogs.</p>	14.73	4.46	4.95	5.32
<p>Q50. 100 - MMBP = Mammoth Mountain Biking Project (Mammoth Lakes, CA; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>My idea is to create a new set of trail systems made for advance riders who are looking for a challenge and to create an area where riders can work on skills to take to the trails. This would be somewhere in Mammoth Lakes and have easy accessibility. The trails would take up only a small portion of land and would be built in the best way to protect the environment whilst creating a challenge to advanced riders. The skills park would be a dirt area with different technical features. This would be at the bottom of the trail systems.</p>	14.52	4.19	5.07	5.26
<p>Q30. 80 - Drive By Information (Lone Pine; Outreach and Communications)</p> <p>Utilizing the free Wi-Fi in Lone Pine, ping phones coming through asking their final destination and then providing them with the website for that location. This is maybe a bit pie in the sky but the idea would be that cell phones coming through would get a text or a ping notification on their phone welcoming them to the Eastern Sierra and asking the final destination, with options throughout the region. Based</p>	14.51	4.58	4.98	4.95

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on the selection they would then be sent a link to the proper visitor bureau (i.e. if Bishop was selected, they would be directed to visit Bishop website)				
Q43. 93 - Whitmore Dog Park - Picnic/Playground (Whitmore Park - Mono County; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure") Expand/share space used by dog agility for a fenced dog park. Add shelter area for picnic area. Add playground amenity. Integrated items add value to a family-centric recreational experience. Added amenities allows family-based activities to support both active and passive recreation. Integrates with other activities at the park. Shade area, playground and dog park address lack of facilities at Whitmore Park and within the Town and greater County area.	14.51	4.36	5	5.15
Q47. 97 - Shady Rest Winter Staging Area (Shady Rest Park – TOML; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure") Expanded parking along current park road with "bulb out" at end to allow for truck and trailer turning movements to exit the staging area. Add set of winterized restrooms. Expanded parking along current park road with "bulb out" at end to allow for truck and trailer turning movements to exit the staging area. Add set of winterized restrooms. Providing additional parking, ease of ingress and egress and basic facilities provided safer and better guest experiences. Improving the functionality of the existing site is a simple step to add value to all users.	14.36	4.31	5.07	4.98
Q35. 85 - Eastern Sierra Outdoor Event Center - Big Benefits and Economic Drivers (Mammoth Lakes; Programming) Build a natural outdoor venue such as Red Rocks Amphitheatre (CO), Gorge Amphitheatre is (WA), Harveys Arena (CA) For concerts and other community events. The Eastern Sierra offers some of the most scenic surrounding in N America. Mammoth Lakes is an ideal location for an outdoor concert venue offering families experiences of a lifetime.	14.09	3.3	5.18	5.61
Q51. 101 - Trail Difficulty Signage (Inyo/Mono County; Signage) Construct signs at trailheads providing info on the trail's difficulty to follow and complete. Build signs at trailheads in the area providing info on the trail's difficulty— including a simple symbol or rating similar to those at ski resorts, the trail's length, and possibly an estimated time to complete.	13.45	3.95	5	4.5

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<p>Q37. 87 - Single Track Revival/ Reclaiming Our Eastside Trails (All of Mono county open to motorized recreational use; New Bathrooms, Buildings, Roads, Trails or other "Hard Infrastructure")</p> <p>Single track revival is all about reclaiming forest routes on the Inyo for responsible motorcycle use. Local multi-use trails have become blown out by UTV visitors, overuse, and are hazardous. For many years we've had a fragmented single-track network connecting our communities together. This idea proposes to re-work the motorized single-track trail system for the entire county (Mono). Utilizing an OHV staging area out of Mammoth we suggest multiple single-track loops connecting our different towns. We'd like to see a 30-mile loop, 60-mile loop, and a 120-mile loop with connections to Bishop and north county (Bridgeport to Coleville)</p>	13.41	4.35	4.27	4.79
<p>Q60. 110 - Heated Skate Park & Pool (Shady Rest Park; Partnerships)</p> <p>Work with Ormat, USGS and USFS to build a Geothermal heated pool and skate park near the test well along Saw Mill road. I have talked to USGS and they seem to think it is feasible. I talked to a USGS Scientist who worked at the test well drill site and he said we "should at least have a heated pool or something".</p>	13.41	3.58	4.9	4.93
<p>Q38. 88- The Sierra Encounter (Eastern Sierra Territory; Education)</p> <p>Online Scavenger-Hunt type Challenge guiding tourists to unique locations in the Sierras. Earn points, track visits on a virtual passport. Interesting visitor information for each location. This could be comparable to the Geo-Cashing Adventures. Online passport to various and unique locations. Points can be earned based on difficulty and uniqueness of locations. Visits logged on a virtual Passport Program. Participants must post selfie photo in that location in order to get credit. Information such as history, unique facts, geo-coordinates, things to look for, things to be aware of could be included for each location. Also, to have an opportunity to report major concerns (i.e. traffic hazards, nearby bear sightings, etc.).</p>	13.07	3.88	5.02	4.17
<p>Q24. 74 - wôkNnature - Slow Mindful Walks in Nature (Mammoth Lakes; Programming)</p> <p>Slow, guided, mindful walks in nature. Allowing you to slow down and connect with nature and yourself in a unique way! This guided Forest Bathing walk, "wôkNnature" will boost your mental and physical being by reducing your stress levels, lowering your pulse and blood pressure, lifting you into a more positive you. Your mind, body and spirit will thank you!</p>	12.51	3.76	4.61	4.14