



RESOLUTION No. 25-414

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ADOPTING “CALIFORNIA’S JOINT STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE”

WHEREAS, Nevada County, like many communities and regions in rural California, has an economic model that relies on recreation, tourism, and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, these vital natural resources and the infrastructure that supports them are under pressure from both overutilization and the looming threat of catastrophic wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the County has proactively addressed these challenges through the development and adoption of two cornerstone documents: the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, these two strategic plans provide a strong foundation for aligning local goals with broader statewide initiatives and reflect Nevada County’s commitment to integrating public safety, sustainable recreation, economic development, and land stewardship; and

WHEREAS, while great progress is being made toward wildfire and landscape resilience through state investments, local governments face the daunting challenge of planning for community well-being and for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery while working with numerous local, state, and federal agencies and jurisdictions and considering impacts on both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, California’s Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience, published by the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force in March 2023, provides a new planning approach and includes four goals with key actions to help guide local agency efforts in aligning landscape resilience with recreation management; and

WHEREAS, by adopting this Strategy, Nevada County joins other local governments and special districts in recognizing the value of public lands and the important role they play in community well-being, economic development, and sustainable land use; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Strategy aligns with Nevada County’s current recreation and wildfire frameworks and positions the County to benefit from potential state and federal funding opportunities, including those under Proposition 4 and the reauthorization of the Great American Outdoors Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby adopts California’s Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience as a non-mandatory, guiding document for resource protection, community investment, economic development, and public safety, and directs County staff to incorporate its goals and key actions into applicable planning, programming, and capital improvement efforts, as aligned with the County’s existing Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 12th day of August 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Robb Tucker, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

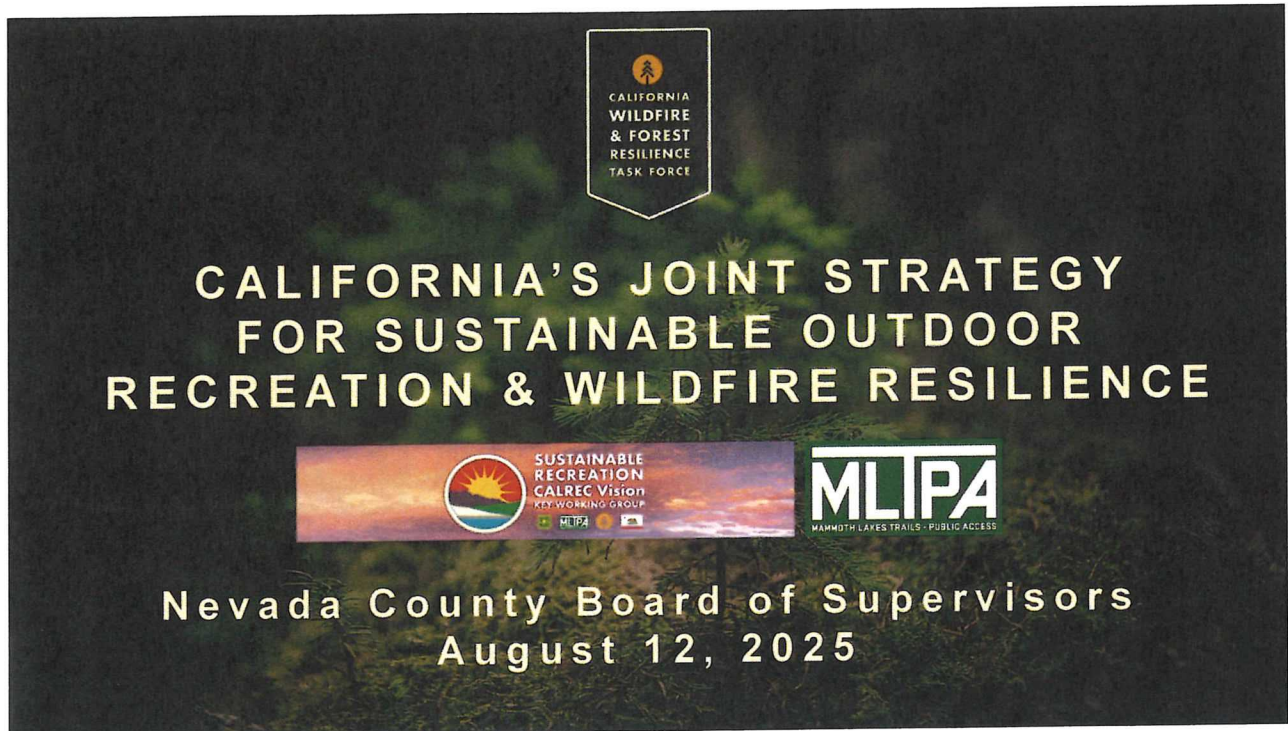
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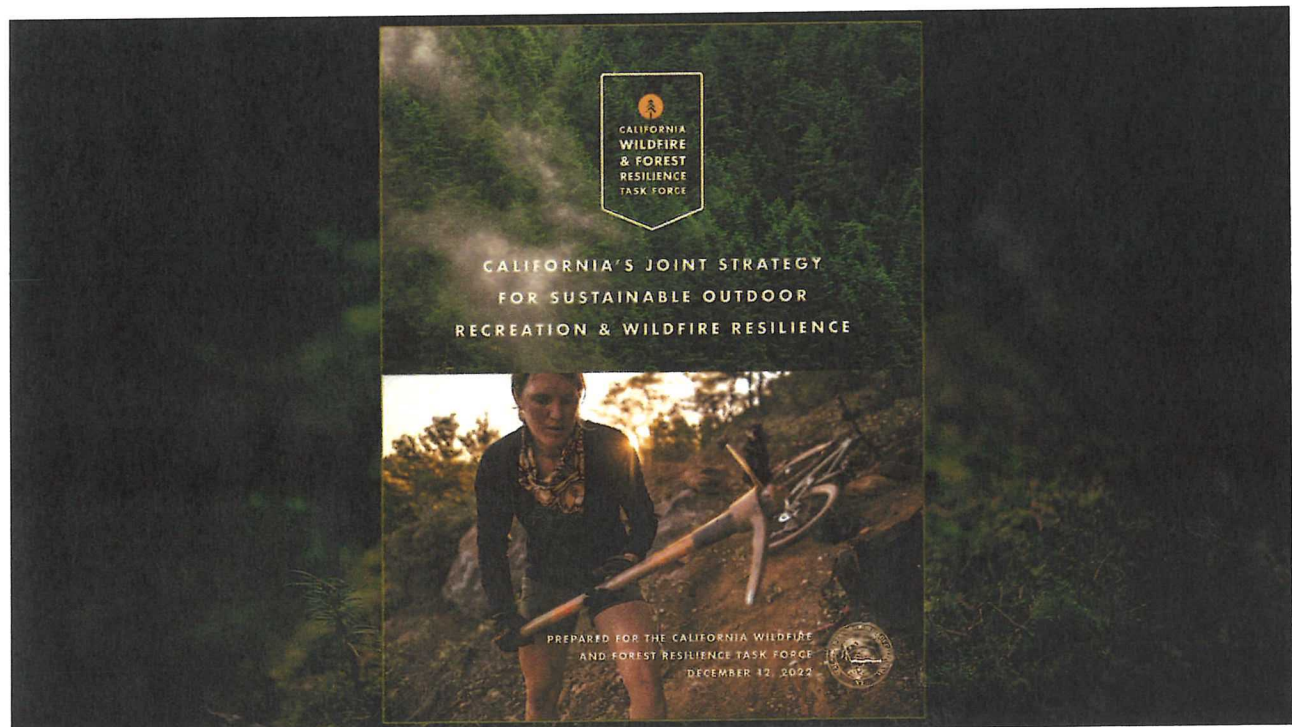
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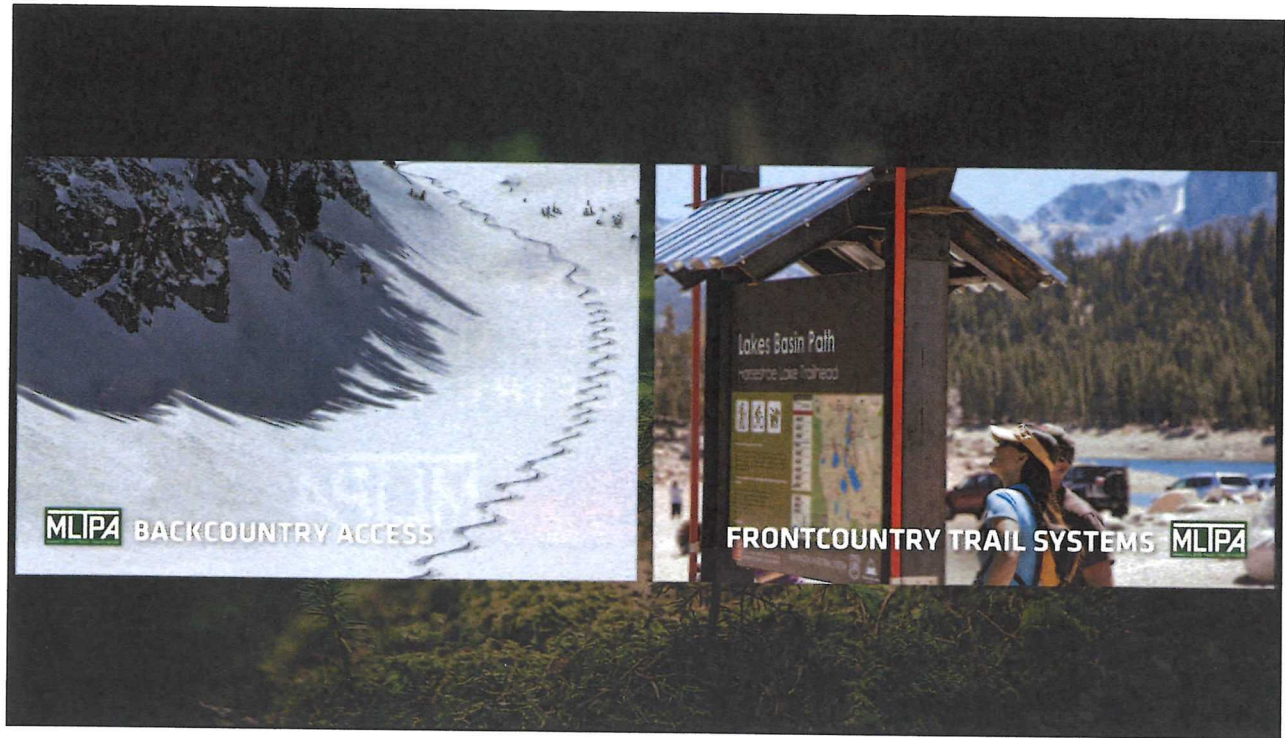
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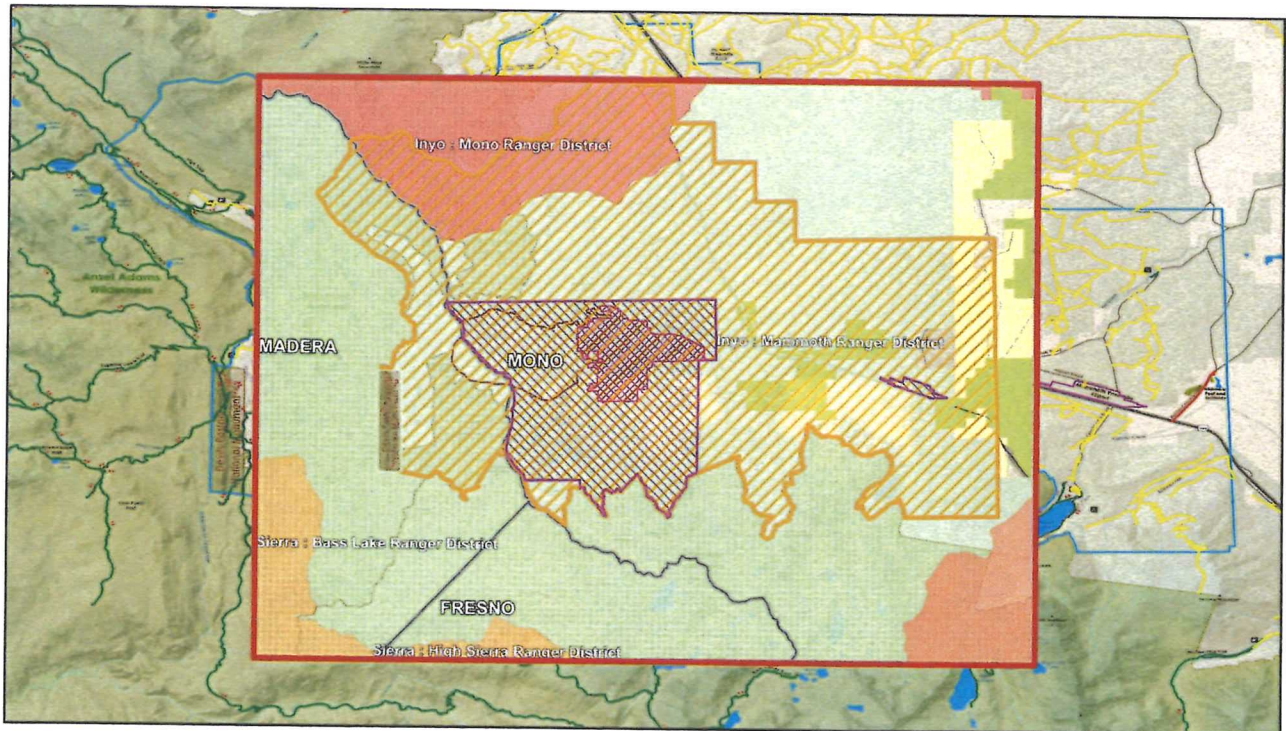
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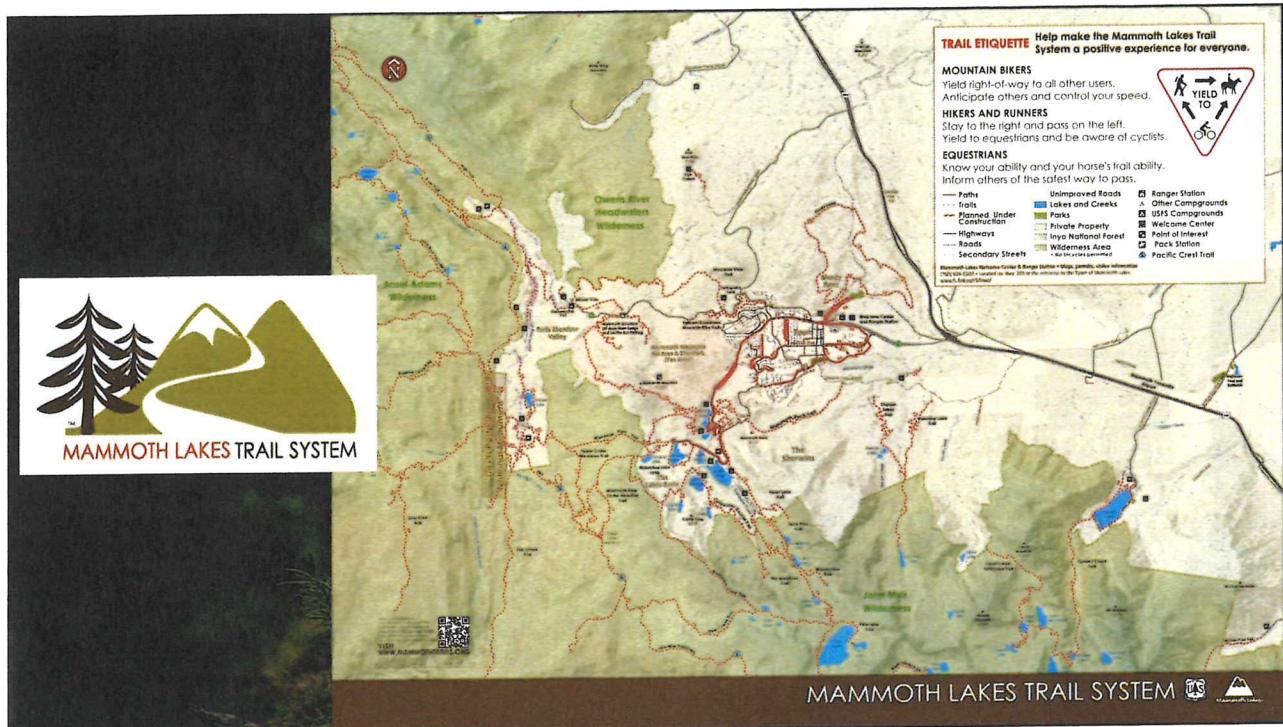
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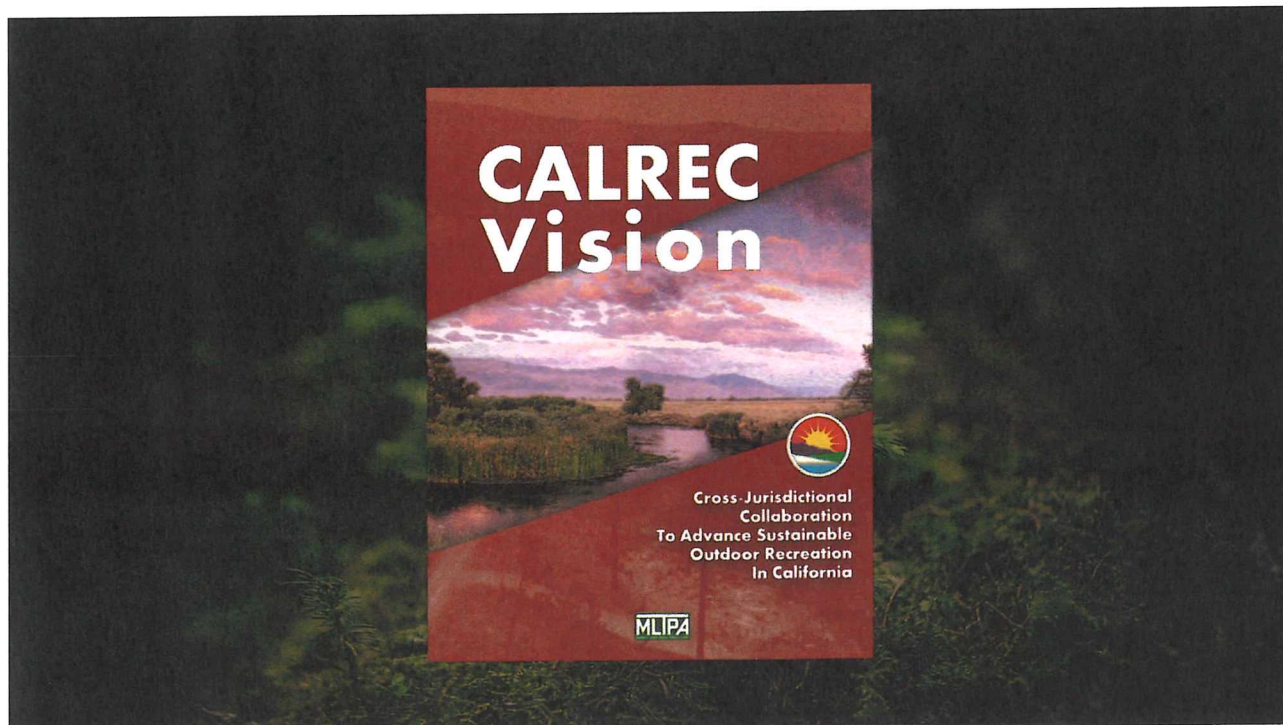
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INCENTIVES FOR COLLABORATION

Two recent policy actions signal potential for greatly advancing cross-jurisdictional collaboration for sustainable outdoor recreation in California. First, the newly passed **Great American Outdoor Act** (GAOA) brings increased federal funding to recreation facilities and amenities across local, state, and federal parks and recreation lands.¹ This new federal law dedicates up to \$1.9 billion annually for five years to address the deferred maintenance backlog on federal public lands, including lands managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Bureau of Indian Education. The GAOA also provides full funding for the existing Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), ensuring up to \$900 million annually to be allocated to conservation and recreation projects across the United States. State-specific allocations will be made on a formula basis, and the combined size and needs of California's local, regional, state, and federal park systems are anticipated to place the state in a leading position for increased LWCF funding.

The second recent development is the August 2020 signing of the **Agreement for Shared Stewardship of California's Forests and Rangelands** between the state of California and the United States Forest Service.² Under the agreement, the state's Natural Resources Agency and the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region agree 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," and to "develop shared tools, coordinated processes, and innovative approaches to increase the pace, scale, and effectiveness of forest and rangeland stewardship in California." Significantly, one of the key actions identified in the agreement is the commitment by the state and its federal partner to work toward improving access to sustainable recreation through a commitment to "leverage resources and extend capacity through partnerships and alignment around a shared vision of access and diversity."

Together, these two new policies offer great promise, both as a key funding resource for sustainable infrastructure and programs and as a policy framework for elevating sustainable outdoor recreation across public-land managers and their partners in the state.

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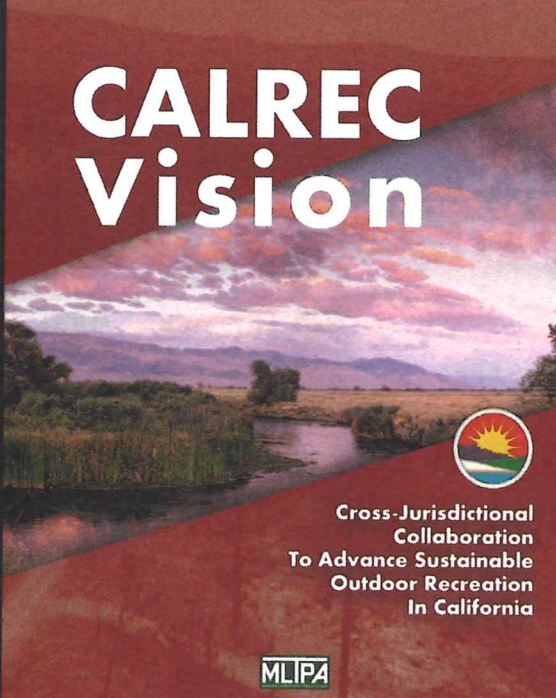
Passage of the GAOA and the signing of the Agreement for Shared Stewardship of California's Forests and Rangelands responds to the reality of the ongoing pressures on effective management of outdoor recreation-dependent natural and cultural resources. Deferred maintenance and neglected improvements to outdoor recreation infrastructure have diminished the availability of assets to the public. Agencies and local governments grapple with uneven visitation across public spaces; some of California's most popular natural resource attractions experience overcrowding, over-visitation, and adverse impacts that force periodic shutdowns, while other destinations struggle to maintain operations with little visitation and fewer available resources. Varying and conflicting access rules, policies, and fee structures on adjacent lands managed by different agencies lead to public confusion or resistance to such a patchwork of public access. COVID-19 has exacerbated these conditions and revealed systemic inequities and obstacles in institutions across the state and in the country. For outdoor recreation providers, land managers, and those promoting tourism and recreational pursuits, the current moment has proven especially acute.


In this same moment, an influx of recreation participants is requiring new ways of managing and enabling recreation. As under-resourced land managers navigate a pandemic, interest, awareness, and use of recreational resources has exploded as the public has turned to the outdoors as one of the few safe places to engage in social distancing. New uses of technology and changed operators and maintenance practices have been quickly implemented across recreation landscapes. Public-access limits have been instituted to protect visitors' and local residents' health while maintaining natural resources. The unprecedented public demand has created intense additional pressures on land-management institutions that were already underfunded and understaffed.³

1. United States Public Law No. 116-260—Aug. 4, 2019.
2. Retrieved from <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/08/20/2020-08-20-08/US-Forest-Services-forest-stewardship-agreement-signed-between-state-and-federal-agencies/>
3. "What's a pack a day?" Tahoe local protest risks tourism and COVID-19. Tahoe Daily News, Aug. 23, 2020.
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CALREC Vision





**Cross-Jurisdictional
Collaboration
To Advance Sustainable
Outdoor Recreation
In California**

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MOVING COLLABORATION FORWARD

Land-management agencies and their outdoor recreation partners work with the knowledge that increased resource impacts, uncertain public funding, and rising recreation demand are becoming "the new normal" for California. With this in mind, collaboration by willing partners across jurisdictions to achieve the environmental, economic, and social benefits of sustainable outdoor recreation in California is essential. To do so, state leadership, capacity building, and a focus on the state's regions will be critical to success.

STATE LEADERSHIP


State leadership is imperative to facilitate, coordinate, and support the functional alignments required to achieve sustainable outdoor recreation.

BUILDING COLLABORATIVE CAPACITY

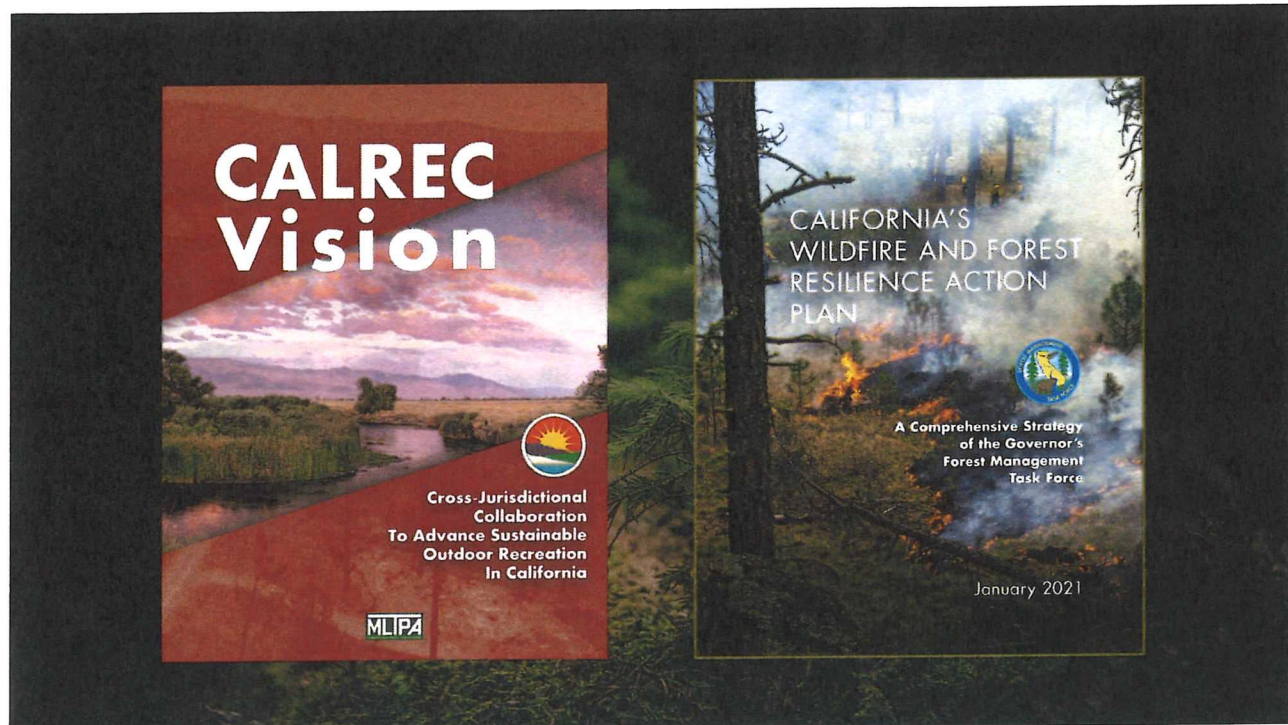
Building collaborative capacity and addressing the needs for sustainable collaboration is essential.

CALIFORNIA'S REGIONS

California's regions are vital assets for the state and her citizens.



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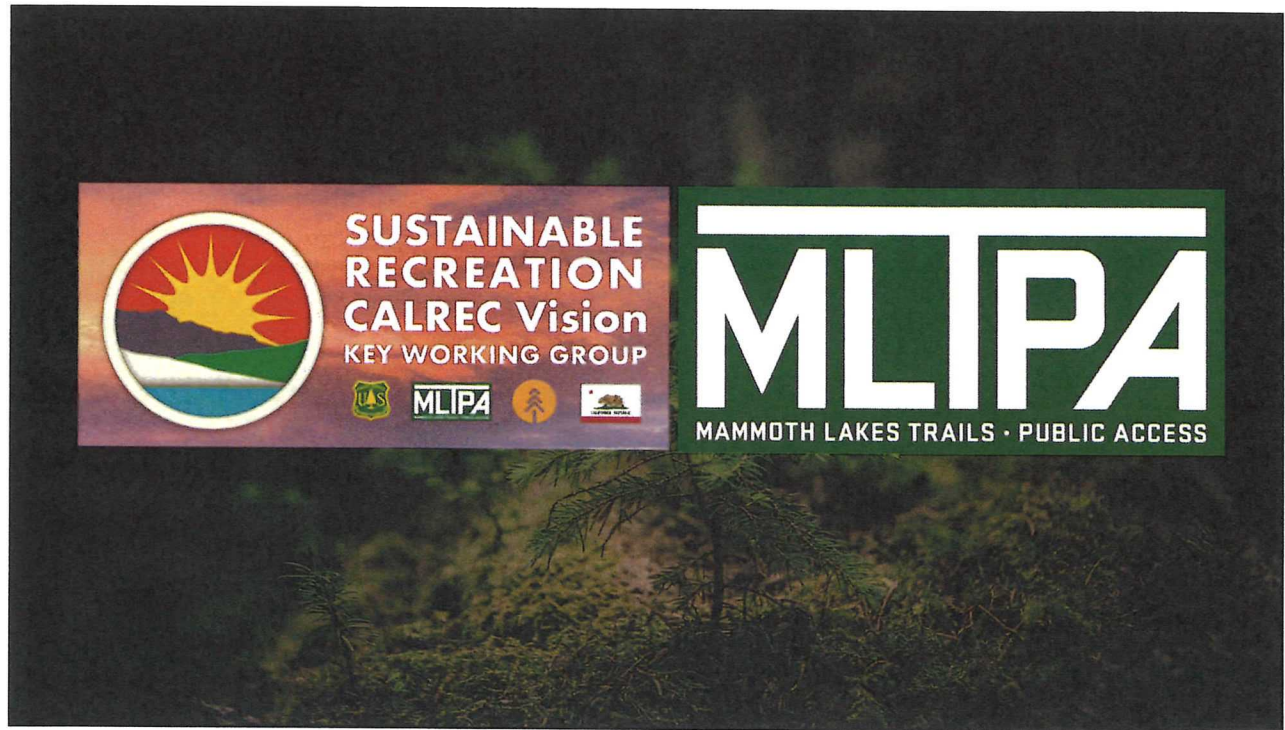
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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN

GOAL 3: MANAGE FORESTS TO ACHIEVE THE STATE'S ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS

3.14 Develop Joint Strategy to Improve Access to Sustainable Recreation: In accordance with the Shared Stewardship Agreement, the USFS will coordinate the development of a joint strategy to improve access to sustainable recreation.

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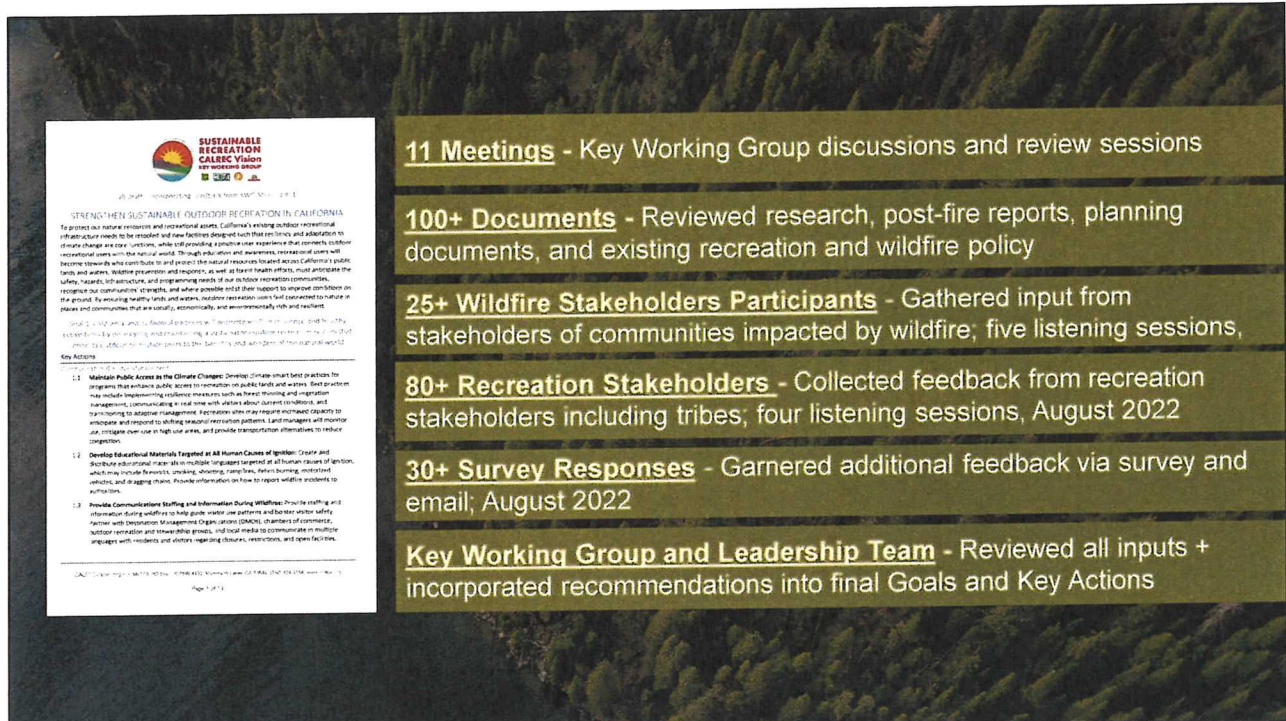


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- Bureau of Land Management
- CA Landscape Stewardship Network
- CA Natural Resources Agency
- CA State Parks
- L.A. County Parks and Recreation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Park Service
- Recreate Responsibly CA Coalition
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- U.S. Forest Service

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11 Meetings - Key Working Group discussions and review sessions

100+ Documents - Reviewed research, post-fire reports, planning documents, and existing recreation and wildfire policy

25+ Wildfire Stakeholders Participants - Gathered input from stakeholders of communities impacted by wildfire; five listening sessions,

80+ Recreation Stakeholders - Collected feedback from recreation stakeholders including tribes; four listening sessions, August 2022

30+ Survey Responses - Garnered additional feedback via survey and email; August 2022

Key Working Group and Leadership Team - Reviewed all inputs + incorporated recommendations into final Goals and Key Actions

**SUSTAINABLE
RECREATION
CALIFORNIA**
A Vision
for Recreation

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STRENGTHEN SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION IN CALIFORNIA

To protect its natural resources and recreational assets, California's outdoor recreational infrastructure needs to be updated and new facilities designed with both resilience and adaptation to climate change as core values, while still providing a positive user experience that connects outdoor recreational users with the natural world. Though both goals and outcomes, recreation users will become stewards who contribute to and protect the natural resources located across California's public lands and waters. Outdoor recreation and recreation, as well as fire health efforts, must anticipate the safety, capacity, infrastructure, and programming needs of our outdoor recreation communities, recognize the community's strengths, and where possible direct their support to improve conditions on the ground. By ensuring healthy lands and waters, outdoor recreation users feel empowered to leave in place and communities that are socially, economically, and environmentally rich and resilient.

Goal 1: Create and enhance outdoor recreation infrastructure and facilities that are resilient to climate change and provide a positive user experience that connects outdoor recreation users with the natural world.

Key Actions

1. **Maximize Public Access to the Climate Change:** Develop climate smart best practices for programs that enhance public access to recreation on public lands and waters. Best practices may include implementing evidence-based measures such as fire threat and migration management, communicating in real time with visitors about current conditions, and responding to adaptive management. Recreation sites may require enhanced capacity to anticipate and respond to shifting seasonal recreation patterns. Land managers will monitor use, integrate over-use in high-use areas, and provide transportation alternatives to reduce congestion.
2. **Develop Educational Materials Targeted at All Human Causes of Ignition:** Create and distribute educational materials on multiple languages targeted at all human causes of ignition, which may include fireworks, smoking, discarded cigarettes, debris burning, unattended vehicles, and idling engines. Provide information on how to report wildfires incidents to authorities.
3. **Provide Communications Staffing and Information During Wildfires:** Provide staffing and information during wildfires to help guide visitor use patterns and facilitate visitor safety. Partner with Department Management (Open Space (DMOS), chapters of community, outdoor recreation and wilderness groups, and local media to communicate in multiple languages with residents and visitors regarding closures, restrictions, and open facilities.

CAIT Climate Impact Assessment: Technical Report 1.0 (CAIT-TR-01-01) (June 2021)

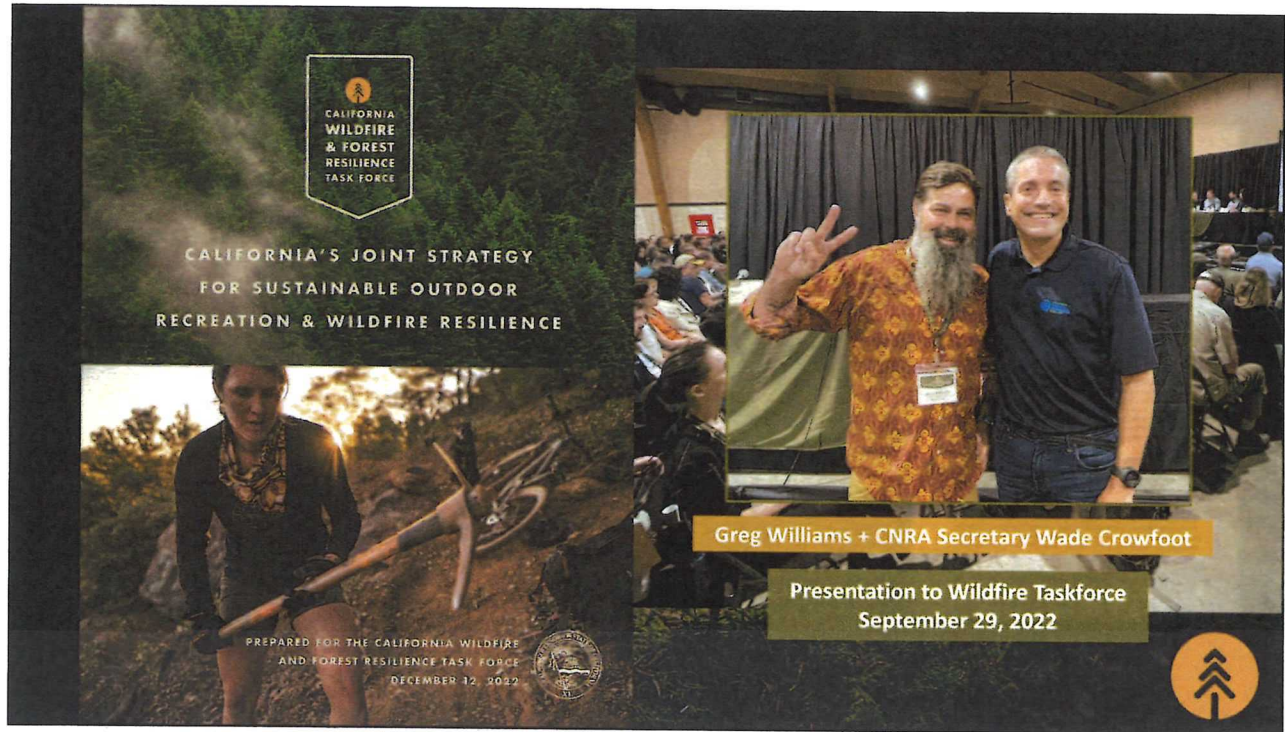
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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

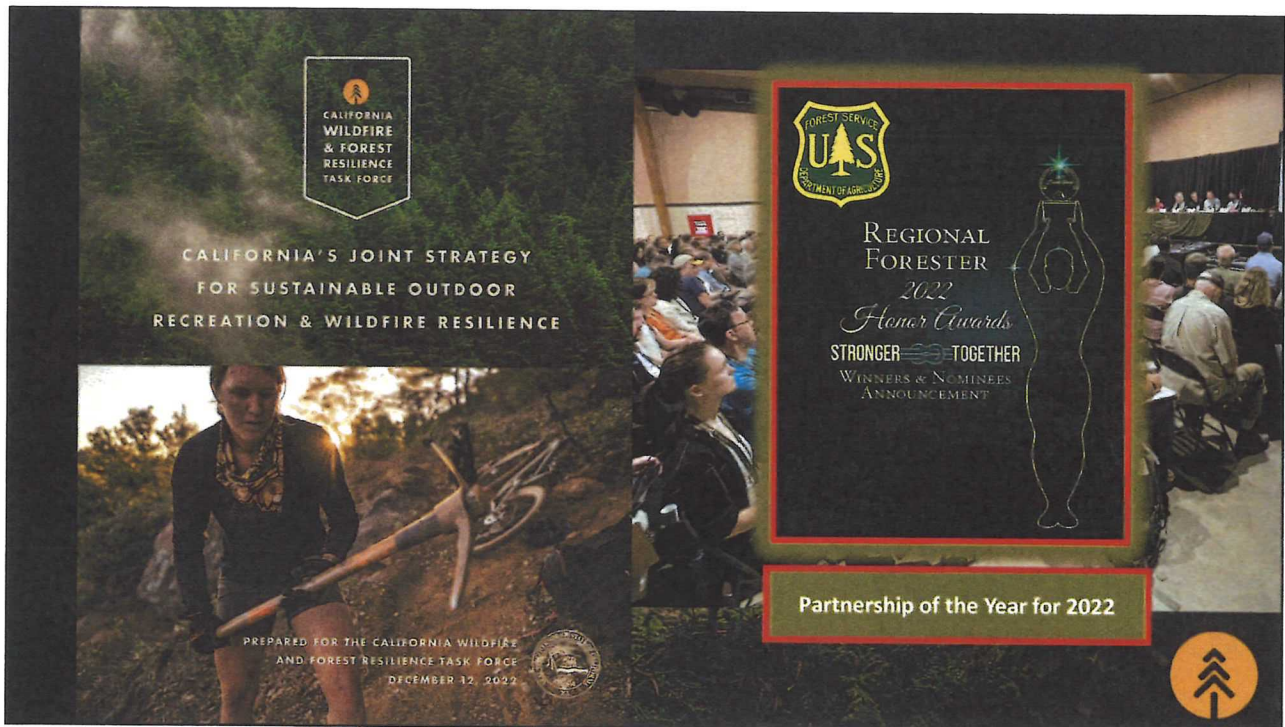
**CALIFORNIA'S JOINT STRATEGY
FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR
RECREATION & WILDFIRE RESILIENCE**

**PRESENTATION TO WILDFIRE TASKFORCE
SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**

PREPARED FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE
AND FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE
DECEMBER 17, 2022



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INTEGRATE FOREST HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION




Goal #1


12 Key Actions

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

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Goal #1

Maintain Public Access as the Climate Changes

Develop Educational Materials Targeted at Reducing the Human Causes of Ignition


Develop Integrated Communications Systems

Incorporate Sustainable Outdoor Recreation into the State Department of Conservation's Regional Forest Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program


Add Public Education to Forest Health Projects

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ADVANCE INCLUSION AND ACCESS FOR ALL THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA




Goal #2



7 Key Actions

"Plan for and provide a diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities to foster inclusive and equitable access for all Californians."

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Goal #2

Create Statewide School Programming

Create Interpretive, Historical, and Stewardship Educational Opportunities at Key Recreation Facilities


Minimize Impact of Wildfire-Related Area and Facility Closures to Public Access and Recreational Use

Engage with Local Communities During Post-Fire Recovery to Expedite the Resumption of Outdoor Recreation Access


Develop Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Across the State That Provides for a Diversity of Recreation Experiences

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Promote The Health and Well-Being of All Californians Through Outdoor Recreation



Goal #3



4 Key Actions

"Provide health information, training, and alternative recreation opportunities that promote the health and well-being of all peoples, with consideration of people's needs before, during, and after wildfires and other natural disasters."

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Goal #3

Improve Air Quality Advisory Communication

Train First Responders, Community Planners, and Outdoor Recreation Staff in Mental Health First Aid and Utilize Medical Reserve Corps and Similar Volunteer Groups to Provide Psychological Support During Disasters

Build Partnerships Between the Health and Outdoor Recreation Sectors

Increase Opportunities for Indoor Recreation

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SUPPORT ECONOMIES THAT ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION



Goal #4



8 Key Actions

"Foster and support robust and diversified economies that enhance sustainable outdoor recreation while investing in the resilience necessary to withstand the impact of climate change, wildfires, and other disasters."

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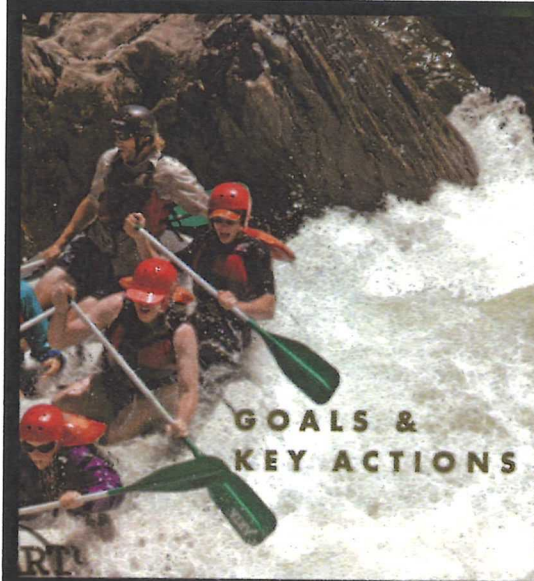


Goal #4

Build Sustainable Outdoor-Recreation-Based Economies
Support Fundamental Community Infrastructure
Engage Communities Regarding Emergency Response
and Land-Management Planning
Create Post-Fire Educational and Marketing Materials
Provide Technical Assistance to Local Businesses
Develop Post-Fire Insurance Program for the Outdoor
Recreation Economy

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IMPLEMENTATION



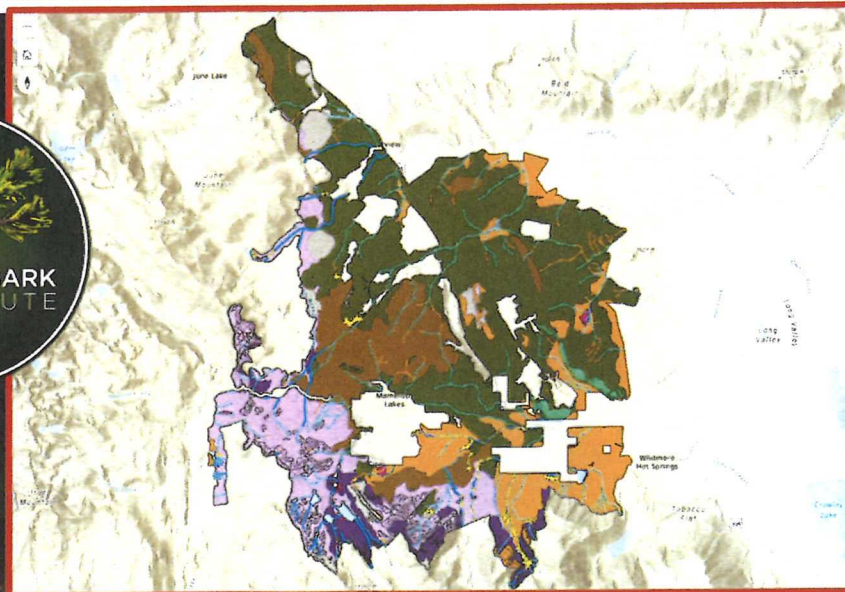
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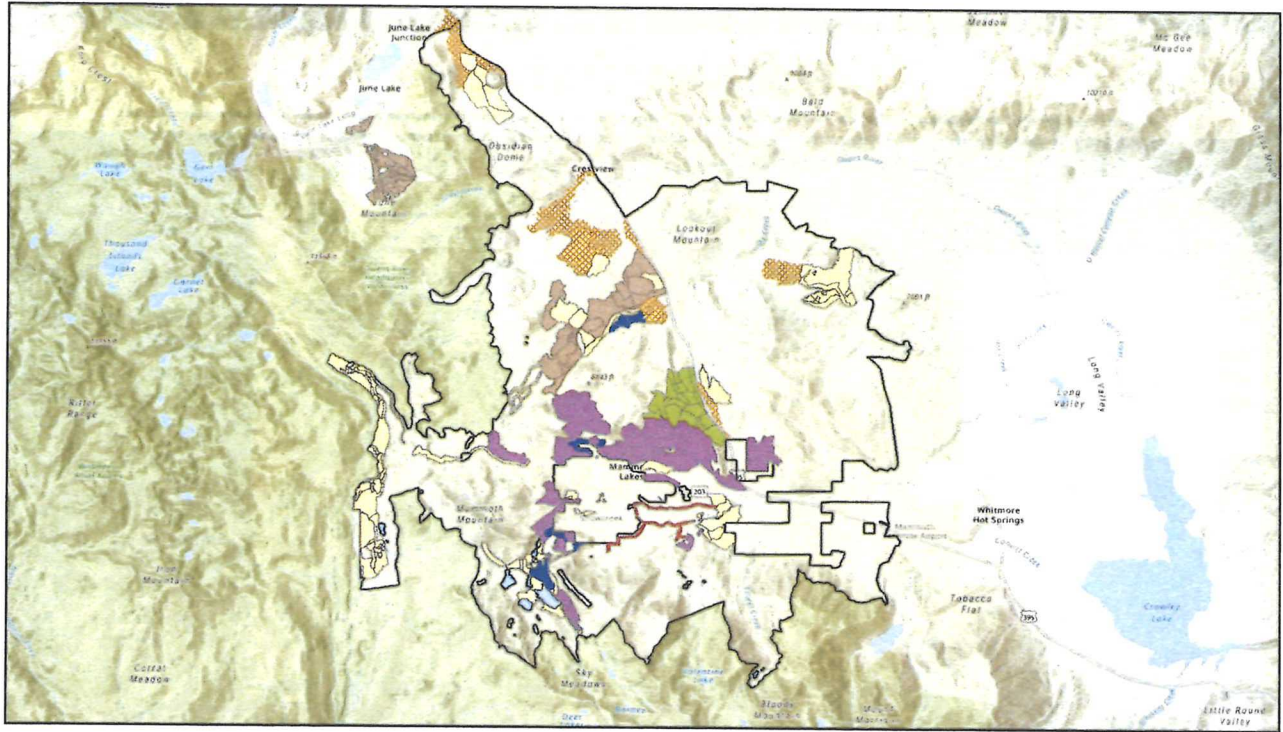


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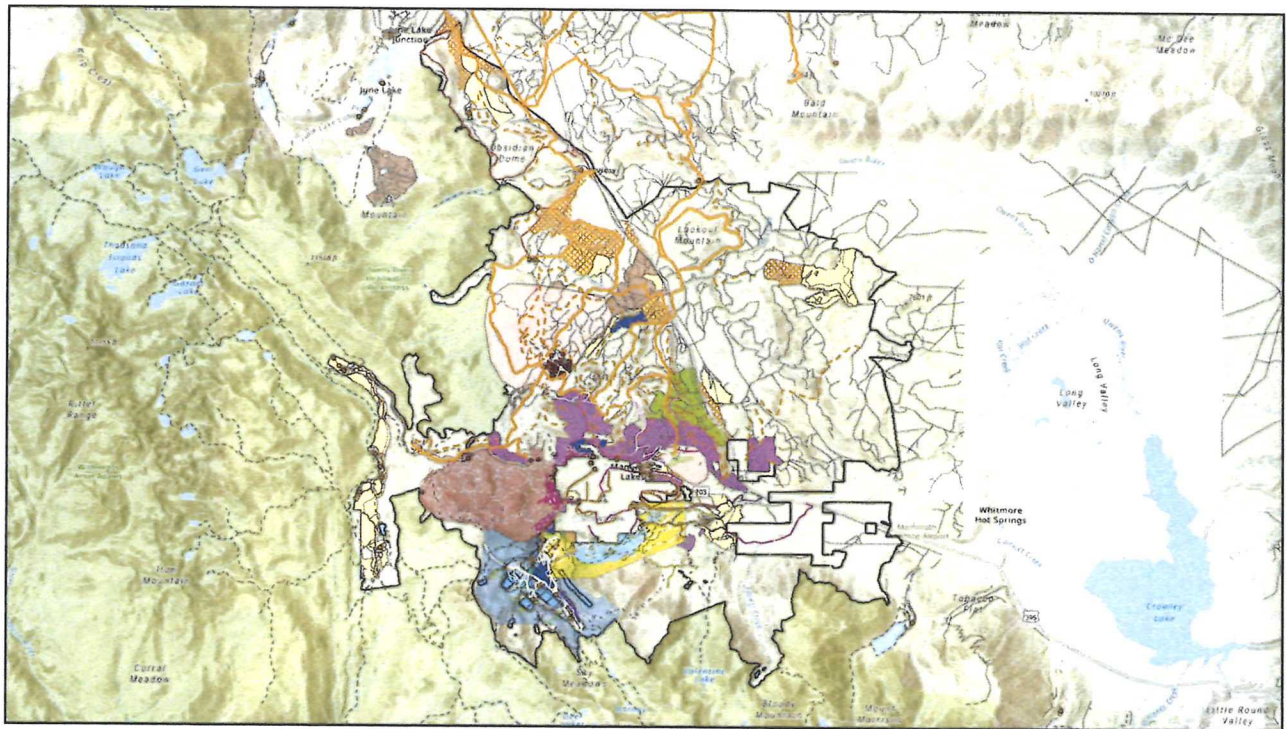
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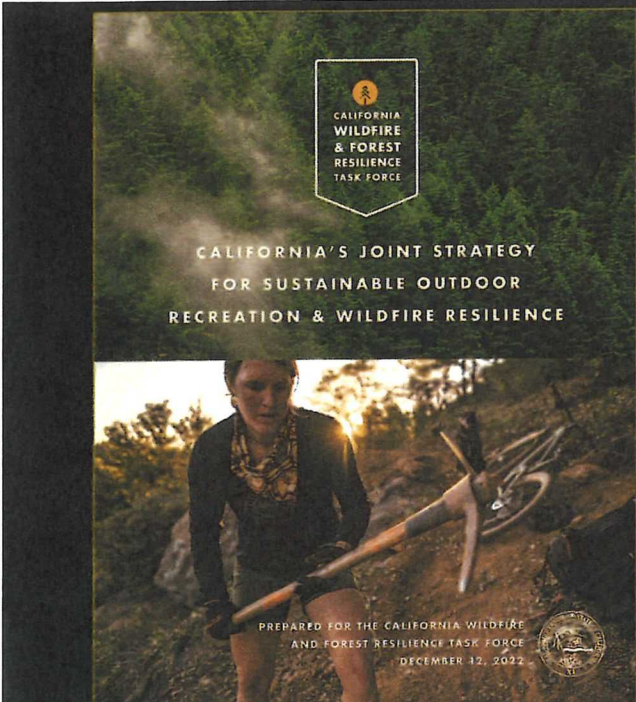
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TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Title: Town Council Adoption of California Joint Strategy for Sustainable Recreation & Wildfire Resilience

Meeting Date: January 15, 2025

Prepared by: Rob Patterson, Town Manager



RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Town Council review and adopt "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience" as published by The California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force in March of 2023, as a guiding document in the Town's effort for resource protection, community investment, and public safety.

BACKGROUND:

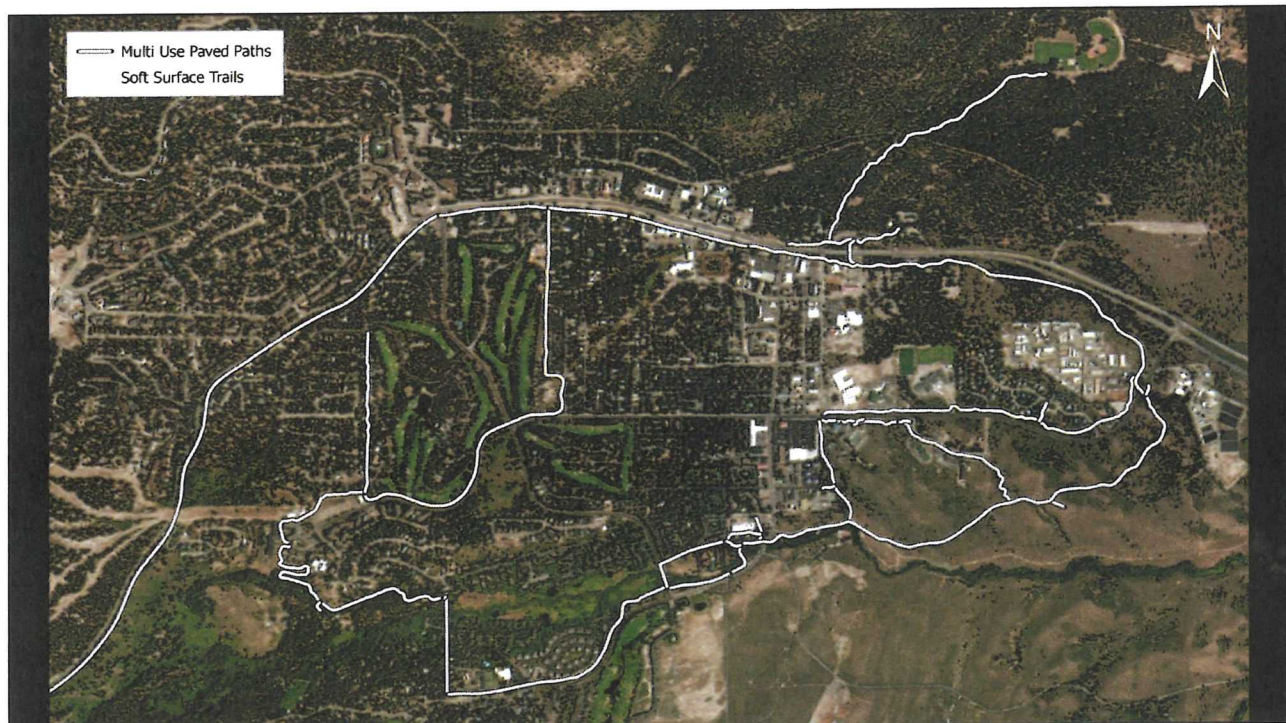
The Town of Mammoth Lakes, like many communities and regions in rural California, has an economic model centered around recreation, tourism and the natural environment, most of which is managed by the federal government. These vital natural resources are under pressure from both overutilization and the threat of catastrophic wildfires. The principal economic driver in our Eastern Sierra region is our recreation-based tourism economy and without the natural resources for these activities, the Town loses the ability to sustain itself financially. To rebuild from a natural disaster like a wildfire would take many years and require dependence on outside resources to recover. In light of the current and anticipated wildfire risk environment in California, the recovery may not even be economically feasible. The goal of adopting "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience" is to engage on a state and federal level with programs that can provide funding to mitigate our exposure to these catastrophic events before they happen. A part of our success has been to leverage programs that are complementary to our own stated goals. This force multiplier, using state and federal initiatives that align with our own goals, allows us to achieve more than we could on our own, with our own funding sources. Adopting this plan should enhance our eligibility to receive state-level and federal funding for programs that will be generated from the recent passing of Proposition 4 and the reauthorization of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provide funding for wildfire prevention, recreation infrastructure and programming, and the protection of communities and natural lands from climate risks. By adopting this plan, the Town would become the first in the state to recognize this strategy, and the implementation of its key actions that will address our unique concerns.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

The joint strategy consists of four goals with a number of specific key actions to address the effects of climate change and the threat of wildfire on sustainable outdoor recreation infrastructure and programs that drive economic activity. The Sustainable Recreation CALREC Vision Key Working Group, which developed the joint strategy, was awarded Partnership of the Year from the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region in recognition of their efforts. The joint strategy

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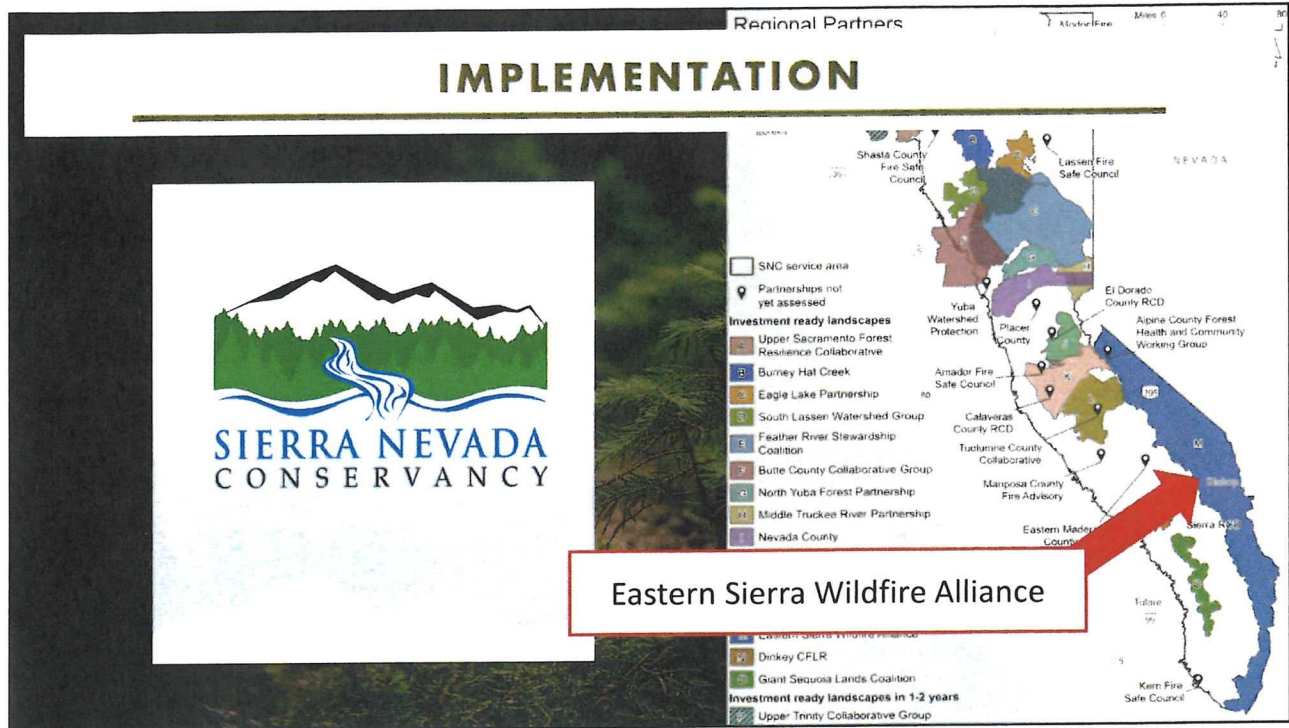


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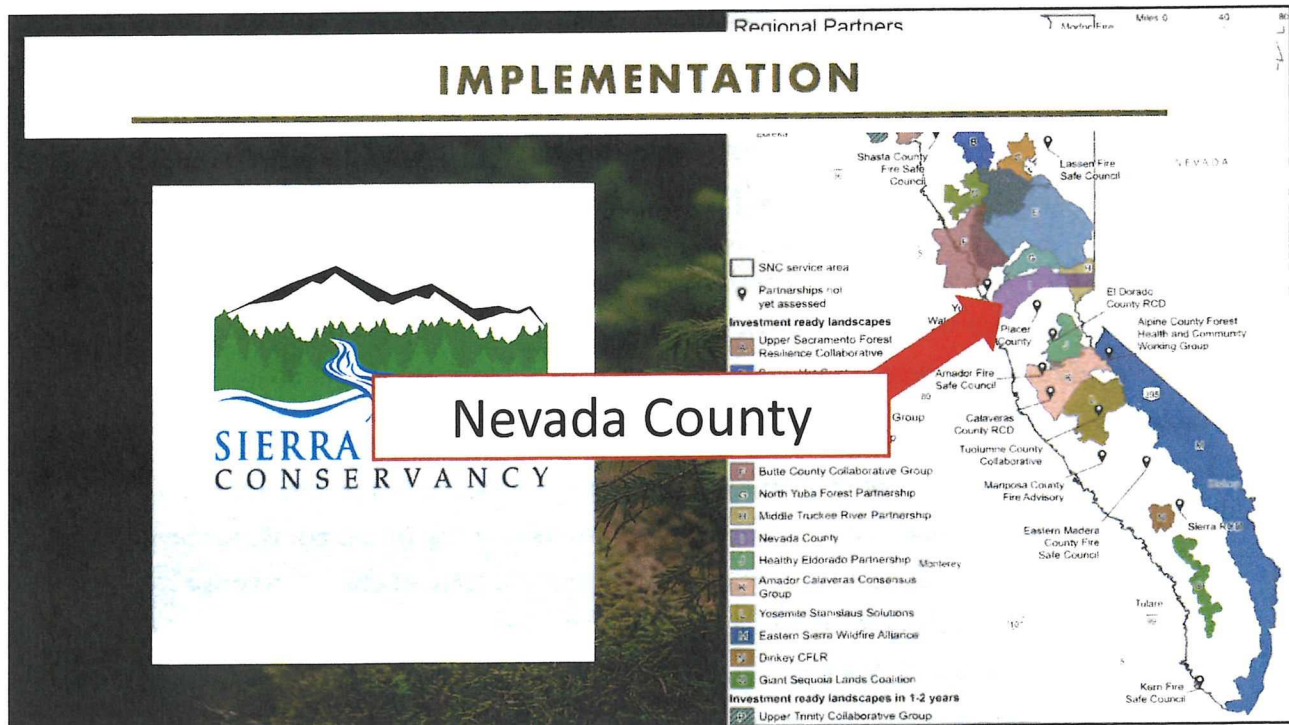
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30,000 Residents 7,000,000 Visitors

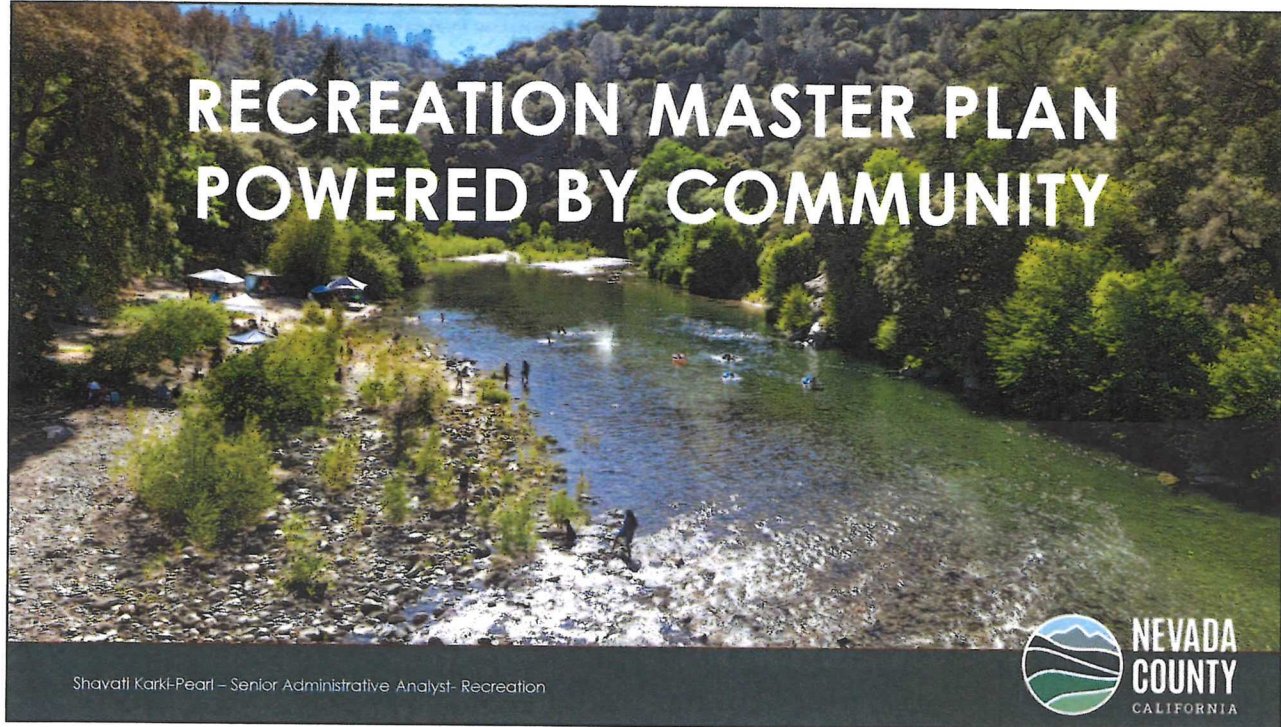
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Trump admin declares emergency in California's federal forests

The executive action spans the entire state

A memo from the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture released last week outlines the Trump administration's plans to quickly expand logging operations in the country's national forests, which could dramatically reshape the landscape of popular recreation areas in California.

Opening up California's national forests for commercial logging in the immediate future is just the latest change to public lands in the state during the Trump administration. National parks like Channel Islands and Yosemite are in a state of chaos and crisis due to federal funding cuts and job terminations, and the future of two national monuments designated at the end of the Biden administration also seems uncertain.

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