



EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ESCOG) Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Friday, June 12, 2020

8:30 a.m.

**Mammoth Lakes Council Chamber
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z
Mammoth Lakes, CA**

*NOTE: This will be a Zoom meeting and will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. It is strongly encouraged that you watch this meeting on the Town of Mammoth Lakes' (TOML) website at www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or on TOML's local government cable channel 18. **Public comments can be submitted to the TOML Assistant Clerk at aplaisted@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov before and during the meeting***

Board Members

Mono County Supervisor
Stacy Corless –Chair

Mono County Supervisor
Bob Gardner

Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember
Lynda Salcido

Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember
John Wentworth

Inyo County Supervisor
Jeff Griffiths

Inyo County Supervisor
Dan Totheroh

City of Bishop Councilmember
Jim Ellis

City of Bishop Councilmember
Karen Schwartz – Vice Chair

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Public Comment** – Notice to the Public: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters not calendared on the agenda. When recognized by the Chair, please state your name and address for the record and please limit your comments to three minutes. Under California law the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board is prohibited from generally discussing or taking action on items not included in the agenda; however, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board may briefly respond to comments or questions from members of the public. Therefore, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board will listen to all public comment but will not generally discuss the matter or take action on it.
5. **Approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2020 special meeting of the ESCOG JPA.**
6. **Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) Update.**
7. **Discussion regarding the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership “Innovative Finance for National Forests Grant Program” - Inyo National Forest and Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA)**
8. **Update on the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative – Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) and California Proposition 68 update.**
9. **Update on the National Parks System (NPS) “Rivers, Trails and Conservations Assistance” - MLTPA**
10. **Discussion and Direction (action) on COVID-19 regional impacts and response include decisions and actions by public land managers and/or other agencies.**
11. **Board Member Reports on Local, Regional, State and Federal matters related to ESCOG JPA interests.**
12. **Discuss and set date (proposed dates July 1st or 2nd at 8:30 a.m.) for special meeting to adopt the resolution adopting the ESCOG JPA Conflict of Interest Code.**
13. **Adjournment**



**EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ESCOG)
Joint Powers Authority**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Friday, May 15, 2020
8:30 a.m.
437 Old Mammoth Road, Ste. 230
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546**

Board Members

Mono County Supervisor Stacy Corless –Chair	Inyo County Supervisor Jeff Griffiths
Mono County Supervisor Bob Gardner	Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh
Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember Lynda Salcido	City of Bishop Councilmember Jim Ellis
Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember John Wentworth	City of Bishop Councilmember Karen Schwartz – Vice Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Stacy Corless.

3. Roll Call

Chair Stacy Corless, and Board Members Bob Gardner, Lynda Salcido, John Wentworth, Jeff Griffiths, Dan Totheroh, and Jim Ellis were present via videoconference. Vice Chair Karen Schwartz was absent.

4. Public Comment

There was a public comment from Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) Executive Director Patricia Robertson dated May 14, 2020 emailed to the ESCOG Secretary regarding the rent relief program they were operating and announcing an open position on the MLH Board.

There was a public comment from Holly Alpert of Bishop and Rick Kattelmann of Sunny Slopes dated May 14, 2020 emailed to the ESCOG Secretary regarding wildfire mitigation efforts in Inyo, Mono and Alpine Counties.

Chair Stacy Corless suggested that Holly Alpert and Rick Kattelmann be invited to a future meeting to give an update on wildfire mitigation efforts.

5. Approve the Minutes of the February 14, 2020 special meeting of the ESCOG JPA.

This item was taken out of order, after item #11.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Jeff Griffiths, seconded by Board Member Dan Totheroh, with Vice Chair Karen Schwartz absent, and carried by 7-0 roll call vote to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2020 special meeting.

6. Approve Legal Services Agreement between Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority and the County of Inyo. Legal Services to be provided through Inyo County's County Counsel's Office at an estimated cost of eight hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$833) per month.

Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Town Manager Dan Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

Inyo County Counsel Marshall Rudolph introduced Inyo County Deputy County Counsel Grace Chucla and announced that she would act as Lead Counsel for the ESCOG JPA. Mr. Rudolph spoke about the Legal Services Agreement between Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority and the County of Inyo and discussed how the proposed monthly fee had been determined.

There was discussion between Mr. Rudolph, Mr. Holler and members of the Board.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Bob Gardner, seconded by Board Member John Wentworth, with Vice Chair Karen Schwartz absent, and carried by 7 - 0 roll call vote to approve the Legal Services Agreement between Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority and the County of Inyo.

7. Discussion and possible adoption of the ESCOG JPA Draft Bylaws.

TOML Town Manager Dan Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Mr. Holler and members of the Board.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Bob Gardner, seconded by Board Member Jeff Griffiths, with Vice Chair Karen Schwartz absent, and carried by 7 -0 roll call vote to approve the ESCOG JPA Draft Bylaws.

8. Discussion and staff direction regarding the adoption of the resolution announcing the intent to adopt an initial Conflict of Interest Code for the ESCOG JPA.

TOML Town Manager Dan Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

Inyo County Counsel Marshall Rudolph spoke about the necessity for the ESCOG JPA to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code and the required forty-five-day public comment period. Mr. Rudolph outlined the information in the proposed Conflict of Interest Code and said that a Notice of Proposed Conflict of Interest Code would need to be posted.

There was discussion between Mr. Rudolph, Inyo County Deputy County Counsel Grace Chucla, Mr. Holler and members of the Board.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Jeff Griffiths, seconded by Board Member John Wentworth, with Vice Chair Karen Schwartz absent, and carried by 7-0 roll call vote to approve adoption of the resolution announcing the intent to adopt an initial Conflict of Interest Code for the ESCOG JPA.

9. Discussion and possible adoption of the ESCOG JPA Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget.

TOML Town Manager Dan Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Mr. Holler and members of the Board

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Jeff Griffiths, seconded by Board Member John Wentworth, with Vice Chair Karen Schwartz absent, and carried by 7 - 0 roll call vote to approve adoption of the ESCOG JPA Fiscal Year 20019/20 Budget.

10. Discussion and possible adoption of the ESCOG JPA Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget.

TOML Town Manager Dan Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Mr. Holler, Inyo County Deputy County Counsel Grace Chucla and members of the Board.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Bob Gardner, seconded by Board Member Lynda Salcido, with Vice Chair Karen Schwartz absent, and carried by 7-0 roll call vote to approve adoption of the ESCOG JPA 2020/21 Budget.

11. Discussion and Direction (action) on COVID-19 regional impacts and response include decisions and actions by other public land managers and state commissions or agencies.

This item was taken out of order.

TOML Town Manager Dan Holler outlined the information in the staff report.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Inyo National Forest (INF) White Mountain Director Phillip DeSenze spoke about the regional site closures which were extended through June 30, 2020. He stated that the date could be rescinded or amended at any time. Mr. DeSenze reported that campground hosts for concessionaire run campgrounds would be allowed to enter the forests starting May 16th to begin repairs and provide additional maintenance. He said that he was hopeful that some campgrounds would be open on June 1st and reported that additional staff would report to work after Memorial Day, and notes that employees that had come from out of the area would be required to quarantine for fourteen days. Mr. DeSenze said that additional INF operated campgrounds could potentially open on June 15th if all went well and if they had met government requirements. He reported that a related order should be signed, and a press release issued on May 15th. Mr. DeSenze spoke about the possibility to bifurcate Inyo County areas from Mono County if Inyo met the requirements first. He reported that backcountry guides and pack stations had been allowed to start preparing for reopening and said that INF had suspended wilderness permits through May 31st, but was unsure if that date would be extended.

There was discussion between Mr. DeSenze, Mr. Holler and members of the Board.

Chair Stacy Corless reported that there was tremendous interest in fishing opening up in Northern Mono County prior to the June 1st extension that the Board had previously requested. Chair Corless authorized an ad hoc committee to collaborate with Inyo County with regard to moving the date up.

Board Member Jeff Griffiths reported that he would be open to the idea of moving up the fishing opener as long as the prohibition on short term rentals was still in place to protect the County from a large number of people coming up from Southern California.

Board Member Dan Totheroh voiced concerns about the number of people that would likely come to the area for the fishing opener and the fact that there would be nowhere to house them if there was still a ban on short term rentals and no open campgrounds.

Inyo County Administrative Officer Clint Quilter reported that he would go to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors to propose that they submit a letter requesting a variance to move into Stage 2. Mr. Quilter described the progress that had been made on obtaining attestations from local businesses.

Chair Corless reported that Mono County's Public Health Officer and Mammoth Hospital were comfortable with the attestation for the variance. She announced that the Mono County Board of Supervisors would meet at 9:00 a.m. on May 18th to potentially approve the letter of support attestation.

Acting Mono County Administrative Officer Bob Lawton spoke about the readiness to move forward with attestation for Stage 2.

Board Member John Wentworth reported that he felt the County needed to get campgrounds and short-term rentals figured out if moving up the Fishing Opener date.

Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Incident Commander Frank Frievalt spoke about the balance between the economic effects of not moving forward with the Fishing Opener and avoiding a resurgence. Mr. Frievalt referred members of the Board to the California COVID website that showed the number of cases per County with the largest by far being Los Angeles County which was our core drive market.

Jeff Griffiths requested that a unified regional message be prepared for visitors and the business community regarding safety, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) practices and compliance to ensure that the Eastern Sierra was a safe place to visit.

There was discussion between Mr. Lawton, Mr. Quilter, Commander Frievalt, Mr. Holler and members of the Board.

Ms. Corless announced that Alpine had opened for Trout Fishing on May 15th. She reported that Bodie State Park had approached the Board with direction to open on May 16th. Ms. Corless said that the Mono County Sheriff Department had offered support and said that there was discussion of a soft open for Bodie State Park and Mono Lakes Tufa State National Reserve with no advertising.

Board Member Bob Gardner reported that Bodie State Park was not properly staffed at this time to move forward with an open date on May 16th. Mr. Gardner also discussed safety concerns.

Commander Frievalt spoke about utilizing the Public Information Officer (PIO) group and local marketing agencies to coordinate a unified regionwide message regarding the safety of visiting Mono County and welcoming visitors back to the region, while promoting consumer confidence. He reported that there would be an online portal created to assist local businesses with self-reporting followed by printing the mandatory certification of compliance which was required to be posted in all open businesses. He said that the site would provide a list of all businesses that had met the compliance requirements.

Ms. Corless reported that she had participated in the Yosemite Area Coordination Group meetings with regard to messaging and reopening as they move forward into Stage 2 and later into Stage 3.

Mr. Wentworth announced that the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) would meet on June 1st to discuss dispersed camping and managing various openings.

Mr. Holler spoke about dispersed camping and reported that the Mono County short-term rental ban would expire on May 31st and said there had been discussions as to whether that would need to be extended.

Mr. Frievalt announced that there would be a conference call on May 18th with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) with regard to the attestation process seeking to have Mono County separated out into unincorporated and incorporated areas.

Mr. Griffiths reported that Inyo County would have a meeting on May 15th at 12:00 p.m. with the CDPH.

There was discussion between Mr. Holler, Mr. Lawton, Commander Frievalt and members of the Board.

CONSENSUS: There was consensus by the Board for all member agencies to work together with regard to short term rentals, the Fishing Opener, Campgrounds: Public, Federal, State and private, and RV Parks, and to define the recreation and tourism messaging expectation.

12. Board Member Reports on Local, Regional, State and Federal matters related to ESCOG JPA interests.

TOML Town Manager Dan Holler asked if there were any reports regarding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and if there was an Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) report with regard to air service. Mr. Holler announced that commercial flights into the Mammoth Yosemite Airport for the summer had been cancelled.

TOML Public Works Director Grady Dutton gave an update regarding ESTA services and reported that there would be a request submitted to the ESTA Board to cancel shuttle service to Red's Meadow for the year.

Board Member John Wentworth reported that the TOML Town Council would meet next week to consider various important budget items and stated that he and Board Member Lynda Salcido served on the Local Transportation Commission (LTC). Mr. Wentworth announced that Ryan Dermody had been appointed as the new Region 9 Caltrans Director and reported that Caltrans was doing an origination study of traffic to and from the Eastern Sierra. He also spoke about ESTA staffing. Mr. Wentworth said that the Town was anticipating good news related to funding for The Parcel.

Chair Corless announced that Mono County personnel would be moving into the new Civic Center soon and thanked the staff for their work.

There was discussion between Mr. Holler, Mr. Dutton and members of the Board.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled on June 12, 2020.



EASTERN SIERRA
Sustainable Recreation Partnership

REGULAR PARTNER MEETING

June 1, 2020

In Times Like These, Housekeeping Can Be Good News

- USFS/LADWP Partnered Efforts: USFS/LADWP – *Inyo NF*
- “SRTI: Projects Collection Webpage – First Look” – *MLTPA*
 - <https://www.essrp.org/gateway-community-projects>
- “ESSRP: COVID Closures Webpage” – *MLTPA*
 - <https://www.essrp.org/covid19closuresessrp>

Sign up to stay informed about the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative

SIGN ME UP!



Do you have ideas for improvements to recreation infrastructure or programs in the Eastern Sierra?

WHY YOUR IDEAS ARE SO IMPORTANT

SUBMIT A PROJECT IDEA

REVIEW SUBMITTED PROJECTS

A NOTE ABOUT COVID

The Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative wants to hear from you!

HAVE A PROJECT IDEA ?


TOP

COVID-19 Eastern Sierra Recreation Closures and Information

COVID-19

**RECREATION
CLOSURE
INFORMATION**

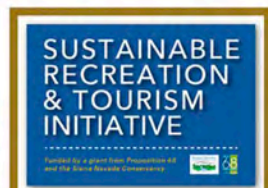
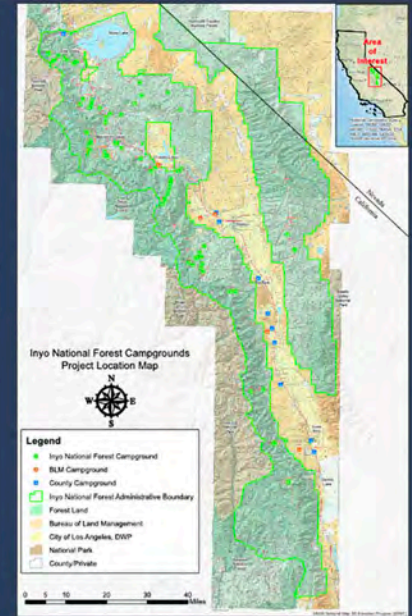
From the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership



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Innovative Finance for National Forests Grant Program





NEWS

\$1.8 MILLION IN GRANTS ANNOUNCED FOR INNOVATIVE FINANCE FOR NATIONAL FORESTS PROGRAM
—Ten awards support development of finance models that seek to leverage private sector capital to support resilience of the National Forest System and surrounding lands—

Campgrounds Business Plan: \$150,000

“....Quantified Ventures (in collaboration with regional partners) will develop a business plan that evaluates needs for campgrounds, identifies potential sources of funding through cost-sharing partnerships, and proposes finance options to address an estimated \$70 million funding gap for campground upgrades in California's recreation rich Eastern Sierra.”

State of California Updates + Current Orders

- Public Health Officers
 - Anticipated Guidance re: Campgrounds
 - Broader Regional Efforts
 - Statewide Travel Ban Still in Place
 - Monitor Impacts of Gradual Opening

Campgrounds, RV Parks, Hotels, Lodging, Roads, Highways, Dispersed Camping - California Partners

- Alpine County
- CALTRANS
- CA State Parks
- City of Bishop
- Inyo County
 - *02_Short-Term-Rental-Update*
- LA DWP
- Mono County
 - *03_PR_PrivateCampingRVParks_FINAL*
 - *04_MonoCampgroundGuide_low*
- Town of Mammoth Lakes

Campgrounds, RV Parks, Hotels, Lodging, Roads, Highways, Dispersed Camping - Federal Partners

- BLM
- HT National Forest, USFS
- Inyo National Forest, USFS
- National Park Service

What We Are Going to Need

- Messaging



PLEASE DO YOUR PART



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Provide space of at least 6 feet at all times during your visit



DO NOT GATHER IN GROUPS

Follow the latest guidance from officials



COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS AS YOU PASS

Alert trail user of your presence and step aside to let others pass



PACK OUT YOUR TRASH

Leave with everything you bring in and use



Forest Service

Pacific Southwest Region

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



POR FAVOR HAGA SU PARTE



PRACTIQUE DISTANCIAMIENTO SOCIAL

Mantenga siempre una distancia de al menos 6 pies durante su visita



NO SE REÚNA EN GRUPOS

Siga las indicaciones más recientes de las autoridades



COMPARTA EL SENDERO

Alerte a otros senderistas de su presencia y/o hágase a un lado para dejarlos pasar



EMPAQUE SU BASURA

Al salir, llévese todo lo que trajo y usó



Servicio Forestal

Mayo 2020

El Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos (USDA) es un proveedor, empleador y prestador que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades.



- American Hiking Society
- Children & Nature Network
- City Parks Alliance
- Hispanic Access Foundation
- LBC Action
- Leave No Trace
- National Forest Foundation
- National Park Foundation
- Outdoor Afro
- Outdoor Alliance
- Outdoor Industry Association
- Outdoor Recreation Roundtable
- PeopleforBikes
- REI
- The Conservation Alliance
- The North Face
- The Trust for Public Lands
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Washington Trails Association

#RecreateResponsibly

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



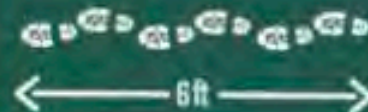
PLAN AHEAD



STAY CLOSE TO HOME



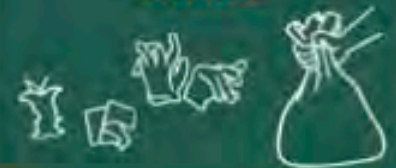
PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING



PLAY IT SAFE



LEAVE NO TRACE



Social Media Messages

Go big on distancing



takecaretahoe.org

1. Social Distancing

Expect Closures



takecaretahoe.org

2. Facilities Closed

Go small or go home



takecaretahoe.org

3. Reduce Risky Behaviors

Check in before you go out



takecaretahoe.org

4. Stay Up to Date

Air Five!



takecaretahoe.org

5. 6-Foot Everywhere

No germs left behind



takecaretahoe.org

6. Leave No Trace

Social Media Messages Cont.

Pack it in, pack it out



takecaretahoe.org

7. Pack It In, Pack It Out

It's a beautiful day to stay in your neighborhood



takecaretahoe.org

8. Keep It Local

Go small or go home



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8. Keep It Local



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9. Stay Home if Sick



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10. This Applies to Everyone

We're all in this together



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14. All Together

Staying Positive



takecaretahoe.org

12. Staying Positive

Printable Signs

Go big on distancing



1. Social Distancing

Expect Closures



2. Facilities Closed

Go small or go home



3. Reduce Risky Behaviors

Attention Humans



4. Social Distancing ALT

Air Five!



5. 6-Foot Everywhere

No germs left behind



6. Leave No Trace

Pack it in, pack it out



7. Pack It In, Pack It Out

It's a beautiful day to stay in your neighborhood



8. Stay Local

Expect Closures



9. Facilities Closed Tahoe

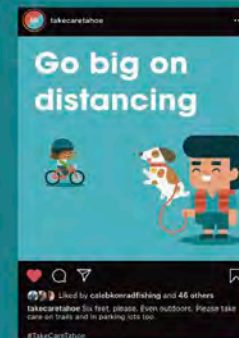
Messages in Action

Printed Signs: You can add your logo to printed signs, just follow these guidelines.



East Shore Trail

Social Media Examples:



Instagram



Facebook

Take care.



The Take Care Tahoe Campaign uses humor to share stewardship messages

Social Media Caption

1. **Social Distancing:** Six feet, please, and in parking lots too.
2. **Facilities Closed:** Tables will be here, recreation areas may close until...
3. **Reduce Risky Behavior:** It's fine when local hospitals are in limited op...
4. **Stay Up to Date:** Guidelines change, local websites, you might miss o...
5. **4 Feet Everywhere:** Follow your instincts, we're all social distancing a bit...
6. **Leave No Trace:** Now more than ever, enjoy yourself behind...
7. **Pack It In, Pack It Out:** No germs,...
8. **Keep It Local:** It's okay to go out, but everyone else...
9. **Stay Home If Sick:** We have one job when this is over, in the meantime...
10. **This Applies to Everyone:** We're all maintaining the six-foot distance w...
11. **All Together, But Separately:** We do even if it's staying at home...
12. **Staying Positive:** Let's be real, it's a person right now, but let's cheer...

Please use the hashtag #TakeCare

RESPONSIBLE RECREATION

COVID-19 OUTDOOR GUIDELINES:

1 MAKE THE HEALTH OF OTHERS YOUR PRIORITY - KEEP YOUR DISTANCE & BRING A MASK!

COVID-19 is a respiratory virus that spreads from person to person. You can be a vector for transmitting the virus. Act with this in mind at all times and follow the CDC guidelines closely. The Mono County Public Health Department uses the use of face coverings - like in public and interacting with people outside of your household unit. This order applies to trails, day-use and park-use, parks, a distance of 6 feet from any person (not including children, youth and members of the public who do not live with you).



2 RESPECT CLOSURES & THE LAW!

From parking and trailheads to use, leave and take appropriate care of your closure. Do not use motor vehicles, bicycles, or other vehicles, carry out, service, or use any other vehicle, park, or other vehicle or area. Research before heading out. It is a hot day, with no road, know the things that change daily. It is to use the facilities before you leave home. Pack out all your own waste, per vehicle and trash.



3 STAY AT HOME OR KEEP IT LOCAL

It is a hot day, with no road, know the things that change daily. It is to use the facilities before you leave home. Pack out all your own waste, per vehicle and trash.



4 AVOID TIMES & PLACES OF HIGH USE

So do physical distancing, apply a mask, avoid clearing large groups, avoid by going to less popular spots. Avoid times of high use. If an outdoor area is crowded or there is a large group, please your plan and go elsewhere.



5 DON'T GET HURT

Do not engage in high risk activities and know your limits. High risk activities include: for example, on uneven terrain, at all times, such as driving, backpacking, body-skiing, aggressive mountain biking, and backcountry snowshoeing or mountain biking on closed high trails.



6 LEAVE NO TRACE

And wherever you go, pack out all of your trash and recyclables - dog and people poop too!



For more information on COVID-19, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>



For more information on COVID-19, visit <https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/covid-19/>



COVID-19 Recreation

It is important for mental health. It comes with special considerations created to encourage responsible outdoor recreation. Encourage outdoor recreation.

It can be printed on a variety of trailheads, parking areas, and special media messages. Communication made available if you wish to share.

For more information, visit www.monocounty.ca.gov/covid-19/

Take
care.

RESPONSIBLE RECREATION

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1 MAKE THE HEALTH OF OTHERS YOUR PRIORITY - KEEP YOUR DISTANCE & BRING A MASK !

COVID-19 is life-threatening for many people. Even if you have no symptoms you can be a vector for transmitting the virus. Act with this in mind at all times and follow the CDC guidelines carefully. The Mono County Public Health Order requires the use of facial coverings while in public and interacting with people outside of your household unit. This order applies to trails, sidewalks and pathways where a distance of 6 feet or more cannot be maintained between yourself and members of the public who do not live with you.



2 RESPECT CLOSURES & THE LAW !

From parking and litter to allowed uses, laws and rules apply now as much as ever. Closures can mean visitor centers, restrooms, water faucets, campgrounds, service stations, restaurants, ski areas, parks, and entire outdoor areas. Research before heading out. Be self-sufficient with water and food, know that things may change quickly, and use the bathroom before you leave home. Pack out all of your own waste, pet waste, and trash.



3 STAY AT HOME OR KEEP IT LOCAL

The best thing to do is to stay home. Even if you are not symptomatic. And absolutely if you are sick. If recreation is allowed in an area and you choose to go outdoors do so **LOCALLY**. Avoid traveling to recreate and explore your own backyard instead. The small and rural communities that serve as gateways to many of our favorite outdoor spaces do not have the capacity to care for extra people at this time.



4 AVOID TIMES & PLACES OF HIGH USE

Social physical distancing applies outdoors too. Avoid creating large groups outside by going to less popular spots. Avoid times of highest use. If an outdoor area is crowded or there isn't adequate parking, adjust your plans and go elsewhere.



5 DON'T GET HURT

Do not engage in high risk activities and know your limits. Hospitals, ambulances, and first responders are under tremendous stress. Activities such as climbing, bouldering, backpacking, aggressive mountain biking, and backcountry skiing, snowboarding or snowmobiling are considered high risk.



6 LEAVE NO TRACE

And this means **NO TRACE!** Pack out ALL of your trash and recyclables - dog and people poop, too!



For more information on closures and rules in Mono County visit us here: <https://www.mono-county.com/health>



For more information about the Mono County COVID-19 response visit us here: <https://www.mono-county.com/health>



EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

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KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

You or others could be contagious, even without symptoms!



EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

LEAVE NO TRACE

Pack out all of your trash and waste!



EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

RECREATE FROM HOME

Avoid clusters of the trailhead. Start your hike at your own front door!



EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

RESPECT CLOSURES & THE LAW

Smokey says thank you!



EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

BRING A MASK & WEAR IT

If six feet of distance cannot be maintained when encountering others put your mask on!



EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

You or others could be contagious, even without symptoms!



Take Care Tahoe COVID-19 Responsible Recreation

Background: Getting outside is important for mental and physical health, but right now it comes with special safety issues. These messages were created to encourage being especially responsible during outdoor recreation. Most importantly, they do not encourage outdoor recreation itself.

Two Options: Printable signs can be printed on a variety of materials and installed around trailheads, parking lots, and other visible locations. Social Media messages can be shared through any internet communication mode or website, and have paired captions if you wish to share on social media.

If you would like to print signs but do not have printing capabilities, please email info@takecaretahoe.org to place an order.

**Take
care.**

RESPONSIBLE RECREATION

COVID-19 OUTDOOR GUIDELINES:

1 MAKE THE HEALTH OF OTHERS YOUR PRIORITY - KEEP YOUR DISTANCE & BRING A MASK !

COVID-19 is life threatening for many people. Even if you have no symptoms you can be a vector for transmitting the virus. Act with this in mind at all times and follow the CDC guidelines carefully. The Mono County Public Health Order requires the use of facial coverings while in public and interacting with people outside of your household unit. This order applies to trails, sidewalks and pathways where a distance of 6 feet or more cannot be maintained between yourself and members of the public who do not live with you.



2 RESPECT CLOSURES & THE LAW !

From parking and litter to allowed uses, laws and rules apply now as much as ever. Closures can mean visitor centers, restrooms, water faucets, campgrounds, service stations, restaurants, ski areas, parks, and entire outdoor areas. Research before heading out, be self-sufficient with water and food, know that things may change quickly, and use the bathroom before you leave home. Pack out all of your own waste, pet waste, and trash.



3 STAY AT HOME OR KEEP IT LOCAL

The best thing to do is to stay home. Even if you are not symptomatic. And absolutely if you are sick. If recreation is allowed in an area and you choose to go outdoors do so LOCALLY. Avoid traveling to recreate and explore your own backyard instead. The small and rural communities that serve as gateways to many of our favorite outdoor spaces do not have the capacity to care for extra people at this time.



4 AVOID TIMES & PLACES OF HIGH USE

Social physical distancing applies outdoors too. Avoid creating large groups outside by going to less popular spots. Avoid times of highest use. If an outdoor area is crowded or there isn't adequate parking, adjust your plans and go elsewhere.



5 DON'T GET HURT

Do not engage in high risk activities and know your limits. Hospitals, ambulances, and first responders are under tremendous stress. Activities such as climbing, bouldering, backpacking, aggressive mountain biking, and backcountry skiing, snowboarding or snowmobiling are considered high risk.



6 LEAVE NO TRACE

And this means NO TRACE! Pack out ALL of your trash and recyclables - dog and people poop too!



For more information on closures and news from Inyo National Forest...
<http://www.usda.gov/press/2020/04/20200414>



For more information about the Mono County COVID-19 response...
<https://www.mono-county.ca.gov/>





What We Are Going to Need

- Messaging
- Sanitation:
 - Port A Potties; Dumpsters; Hand Washing Stations
- PPE:
 - Masks; Gloves; Shields; Hand Sanitizer
 - Goggles; Rubber Smocks

Partnership: Wins and Actions/Overview and Updates

- Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative
 - *“Adjustments to SNC Grant Tasks, Deliverables & Budget” – Kristy Williams*
- *“Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance” - NPS*
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator
 - *Updates - Matthew Paruolo*

Governance Updates and Next Steps

- ESCOG Joint Powers Authority – *Stacy Corless, Chair*
 - Next Meeting tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 12
- ESSRP Governance Committee
 - Jan Cutts – *(Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)*
 - Jeff Griffiths – *(Inyo County)*
 - Bob Gardner – *(Mono County)*
 - Nora Gamino *(or Tammy Randall Parker)* – *(Inyo National Forest)*
 - Dan Holler - *(to assign from TOML)*
 - David Griffith – *(Alpine County)*
 - Karen Schwartz - *(City of Bishop)*

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

Thank You - !

Next Regular ESSRP Partner Meeting
Monday July 6 @ 3:30 PM
Via Zoom