

June 20, 2023
Regular Meeting
Item # 7i.

Program
Overview -
Sustainable
Recreation
Powerpoint
Presentation

A hiker wearing a green cap and a grey backpack is sitting on a large, reddish-brown rock in the foreground, looking out over a calm lake. The lake is surrounded by rocky terrain and green trees. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A pine tree with red cones is visible on the left side of the frame.

Mono County Sustainable Outdoors & Recreation

What is Sustainable Recreation?

Sustainable Recreation is where **facilitating outdoor recreation** opportunities meets **public land preservation, conservation and environmentalism**

Mono County is 94% public lands

USFS, BLM, CA State Parks, NPS



MCSOAR Partners

MCSOAR is managed through several cooperative agreements with:

Humboldt Toiyabe NF

Inyo NF

BLM (Bishop Field Office)

Town of Mammoth Lakes

Mammoth Lakes Recreation

Mammoth Lakes Trails & Public Access Foundation

CA State Parks

National Park Service

LADWP

Economic Development
and Tourism
Community Development



MC SOAR Staff

A photograph of three people walking on a paved trail that leads to a large body of water, likely a reservoir or lake. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The people are seen from behind, walking away from the camera. The person on the left is wearing a plaid shirt and a dark hat. The person in the middle is wearing a teal jacket and dark pants. The person on the right is wearing a black jacket and a green cap. The trail is flanked by dry, yellowish-brown grasses. There are three text boxes overlaid on the image, each with a green border. The top box is centered and contains the title and name of the Sustainable Recreation Coordinator. The bottom row has three boxes, each containing the title and name of a Trail Steward.

Sustainable Recreation Coordinator
Marcella Rose

Trail Steward
Permanent Seasonal
David Percak

Trail Steward
Permanent Seasonal
Sarah Shelov

Trail Steward
Temporary FY23/24

How does MC SOAR staff contribute to Sustainable Recreation?

Trail assessment and maintenance

Rec site stewardship

Restoration

Visitor information

& Interpretive programming

Program facilitation

Region-wide recreation management





Mountain Gate Park

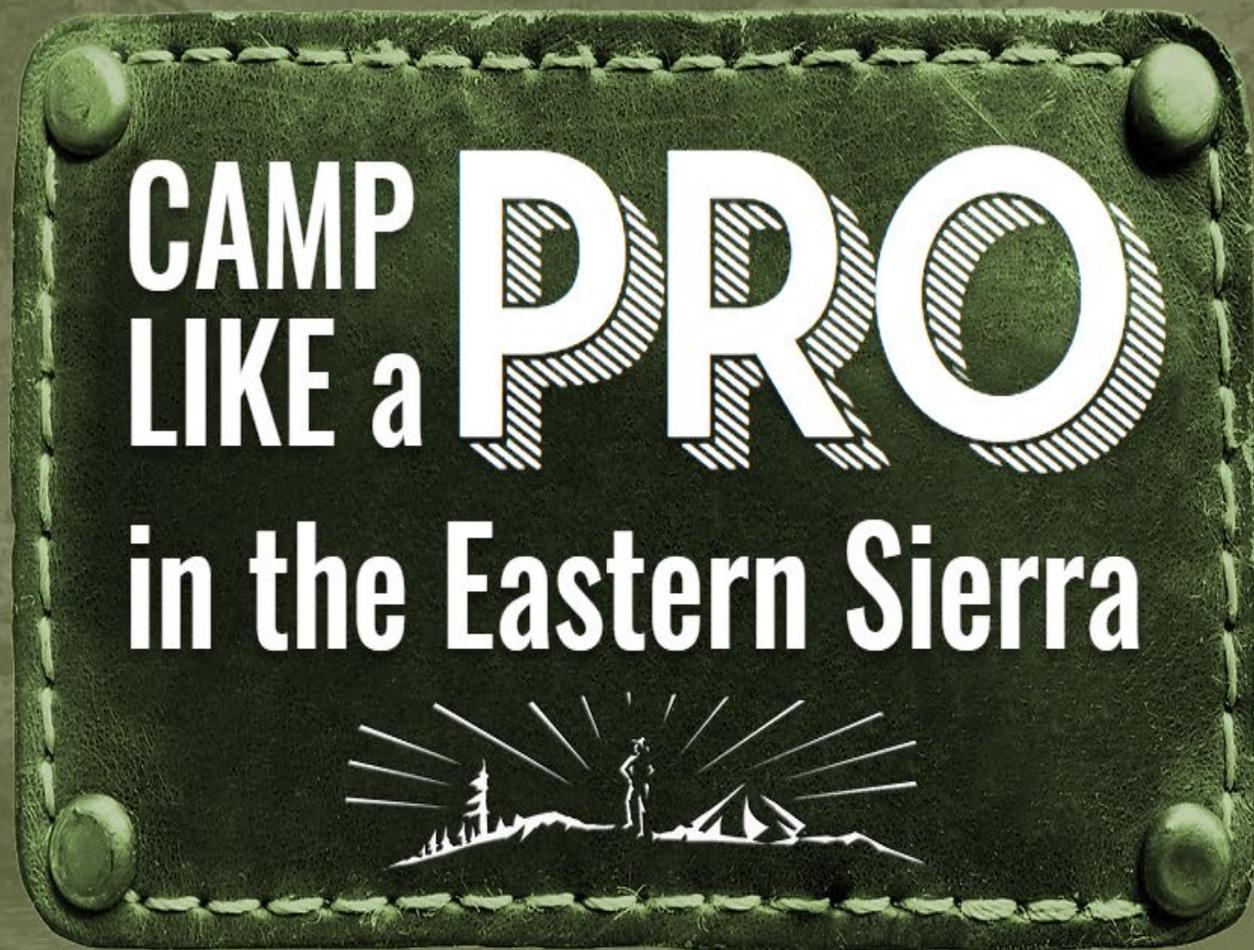
1997 Flood = deeding parcels for open space and public access

Current park dedicated in 2015;
adjacent parcel needs improvements
Mountain View Fire 2020

Ecosystem Restoration
River access
Trails
ADA Access
Additional parking access

ESSRP.org/camping

- *Education*
- *Stewardship*
- *Infrastructure*
- *Mapping*
- *Enforcement*



**Eastern
Sierra
Dispersed
Camping
Collaborative**

*“A coalition of
the willing”*

DOWNLOAD THE CAMP LIKE A PRO APP
(CAN BE USED OFFLINE)

Tangle Free Waters

Preservation of local waterways
via
collection of monofilament fishing line

Fiscal sponsors + volunteers

Expansion in Mono County



Eastern Sierra Adopt A Trail

Leaning into citizen stewardship
for trail maintenance & stewardship

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Grant Lake Overlook Project

- Mono County
- Inyo NF
- JLTC
- Bench & picnic table installation
- Log armoring
- Brushing
- Parking lot marking
- Sign painting
- Use trail restoration

Division Funding

Primary funding:
CA Geothermal Royalties Revenues

“Undertaking projects for the **enhancement, restoration, or preservation of natural resources**, including but not limited to, water development, water quality improvement, fisheries enhancement, and park and **recreation facilities and areas**”



Division Funding

Geothermal Fund Current balance = ~\$600,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Establishment and development of Rec program* Rec coordinator and trail steward salary* Project management and tools* Development of safety protocols
State of CA OHV Grant \$322,000 – 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Restoration of illegal vehicle routes* Installation / repair of OHV signage* Improvement of OHV mapping products
Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant \$150,000 – 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Dispersed camping management* Restoration of undesirable camping sites* Camp Like a Pro expansion* Installation of dispersed camping infrastructure
CalTrans Clean CA Grant \$100,100 – 1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Installation & maintenance of dumpsters at dispersed camping portals
BLM Wildlife Grant \$86,000 - ~5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Preservation of natural, open-space landscapes* Improvement of wildlife habitat adjacent to rec areas

Division Management

Board Driven program

County Counsel & Risk Management Review

Not a mandated government service, but **a service of significant public, political, and economic demand**





**THANK
YOU**

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