



Can you believe its July already? We're thrilled with all the work we've been able to accomplish on the Eastern Sierra's public lands this summer. There are lots of ways for you to get involved in this work too. Join us for an outing, help out as a volunteer, or share your opinions on the management of our forests. Keep reading for more details and thanks for all you do. -LB

## White Mountain Exploration

July 9

Come explore potential wilderness additions in the White Mountains. This will be a strenuous half 4-wheel drive-half hiking tour on Wyman Canyon Road to explore Water, Mill, and Dead Horse Meadows Canyons. Space is limited, so please [RSVP](#).

For info, check our [website](#) or [email](#) us. Feel free to call too: (760) 873-6500.



## Backcountry Volunteers Needed in Humphreys Basin

August 23-27

Join Friends of the Inyo and the Sierra National Forest in the John Muir Wilderness, just over Piute Pass, for a multi-day wilderness restoration project. Help protect beautiful Golden Trout Lake by restoring campsites that adversely impact unique riparian habitat. Expect a



impact unique riparian habitat. Expect a moderate hike in, three days of work, pack support for tools and food, and beautiful views of the backside of Mt. Humphreys.

For info or to RSVP, [email](#) or call (760) 873-6500

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## Forest Planning

We are well into the open comment period for the Inyo's new forest plan which closes August 25th. This is a crucial period and your chance to have a say in how the Inyo National Forest is managed into the future.

### Check out the Plan

Yes, it looks daunting, so **dip your toe in the cold water** to test it before jumping in. Try starting with the [overview](#). Next, read the [summary](#), and then skim the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ([DEIS](#)) to get a feel for it. This explains the alternatives and their consequences, and it's broken into three topic sections: **Ecological Integrity**, **Fire Management**, and **Sustainable Recreation**. Look for subjects that you care about, and then read in detail. After this, check out the [Draft Plan](#).

### Attend a Meeting

Join Friends of the Inyo for refreshments at Cerro Coso Community College before the **Mammoth Lakes** meeting on August 1. We'll also hold an open house at our office before the **Bishop** meeting on August 2. The Eastern Sierra Rec Collaborative will also be holding informational meetings throughout the summer (see below).

### Comment

The best comments address issues specific to the Draft Plan and provide **insightful feedback** and **realistic alternatives**. To comment, go [online](#), [email](#), or fill out Friends of the Inyo's [survey](#).

For more information check our [website](#) or contact [Jora](#).

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Hot Creek, a potential Wild & Scenic River, by Sam Roberts

## Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative

The ESRC is a group of local individuals and organizations, including Mammoth Lakes Trails and



including Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, working to ensure that sustainable recreation is addressed in the Forest Plan. A series of meetings this summer will bring various members from the community together to create one voice to comment on the Draft Plan in support of sustainable recreation. Find the meeting schedule [here](#).

For more info, [email](#) or call (760) 873-6500.

## Stewardship Crews

Our crews have been working everywhere from the Golden Trout Wilderness to Northern Mono County, including the Buttermilk and the Mammoth Lakes Basin. Check out our Facebook page or Instagram for pictures of their work and other projects like the Owens River Water Trail Project.



## Help Your Public Lands

You can invest in the future of the places you love by supporting Friends of the Inyo. Every donation helps maintain trails, restore habitat, and protect wild places throughout the Eastern Sierra. We can't do it without you. Thank you for being part of your public lands.



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