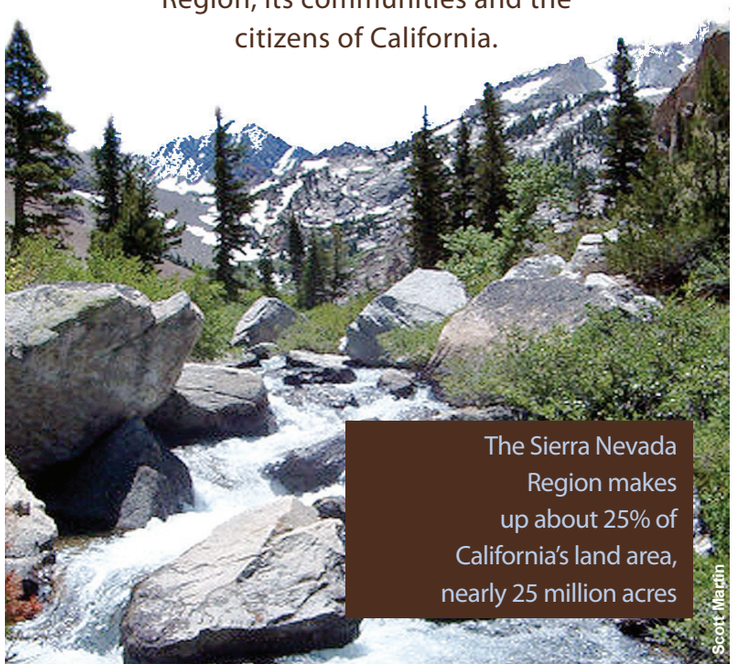
who we are

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a State Agency created by bipartisan legislation in 2004. The State of California recognized that the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada and its communities are closely linked and that the State and the Region would benefit from an organization providing a strategic direction. The SNC supports the Sierra Nevada Region by providing funding for local projects, offering technical assistance, and supporting collaborative projects in partnership with local government, nonprofit organizations, state and federal government organizations, and Tribal entities.

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy initiates, encourages, and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities and the citizens of California.



The Sierra Nevada Region makes up about 25% of California's land area, nearly 25 million acres

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SNC Boardmembers

Governor's Appointments

John Laird	Secretary, Natural Resources
Eraina Ortega	Department of Finance
Bob Kirkwood	Public Member
B.J. Kirwan	Chair, Public Member
Vacant	Public Member

Legislative Appointments

Bob Johnston	Senate Rules Committee Appointee
John Brissenden	Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

Local Government Appointments

Pam Giacomini	North Subregion, Shasta County Supervisor
Burt Bundy	North Central Subregion, Tehama County Supervisor
Jennifer Montgomery	Central Subregion, El Dorado County Supervisor
Ron Hames	East Subregion, Alpine County Supervisor
Louis Boitano	South Central Subregion, Amador County Supervisor
Allen Ishida	South Subregion, Tulare County Supervisor

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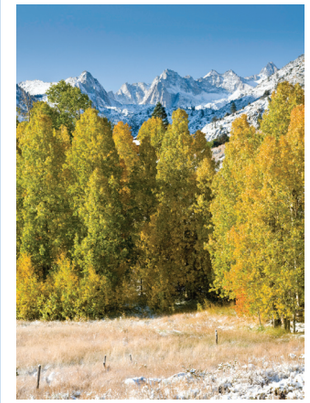

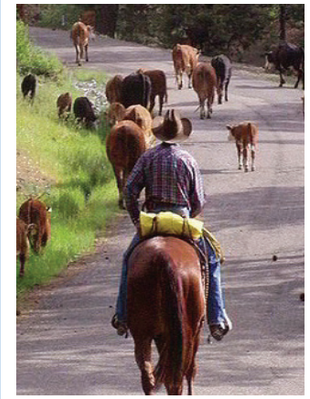

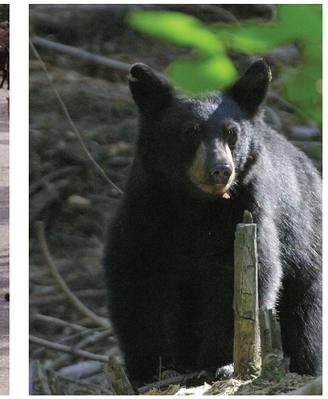

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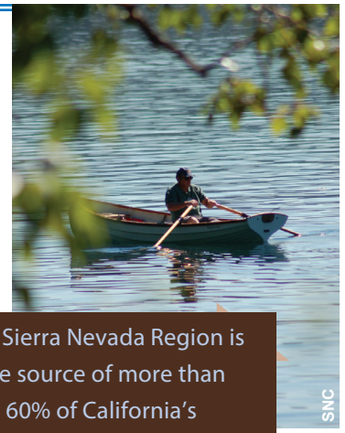
our programs

- Provide increased opportunity for tourism and recreation in the Region
- Protect, conserve and restore the Region's physical, cultural, archaeological, historical and living resources
- Aid in the preservation of working landscapes
- Reduce the risk of natural disasters
- Protect and improve water and air quality
- Assist the regional economy
- Enhance use and enjoyment of public lands



The Sierra Nevada Region is the source of more than 60% of California's developed water supply

Great sierra river cleanup

The Great Sierra River Cleanup is an annual event that brings together the efforts of local groups to remove trash and restore the health of waterways throughout the Sierra Nevada Region. Thousands of volunteers have removed 100s of tons of trash and recyclables from Sierra rivers through this program. This effort, in partnership with the California Coastal Cleanup Day, serves to promote good stewardship on all of our waterways, from the source to the sea. Visit our website to find out how to get involved.

sierra nevada forest & community initative

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy is sponsoring the Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative (SNFCI). Current conditions in the Sierra Nevada that the initiative is posed to address include unhealthy forests at risk of large damaging fires, degraded habitat conditions, and some of the highest unemployment rates in the state. SNFCI is a collaborative effort to take actions that will:

- Create ecologically healthy public forests
- Reduce the risk of large damaging forests
- Promote sustainable forest stewardship
- Protect and restore habitats and water quality
- Promote biomass energy and the production of wood products
- Increase natural storage of water
- Create jobs

Grant program

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy administers a competitive grants program to encourage and support local projects that improve watershed health. Funding has been awarded government entities, nonprofit community groups, and Tribal entities for local projects that improve water quality, reduce the risk of wildfire and other natural disasters, protect important natural resources and habitat, promote sustainable recreational use (when tied to resource conservation), improve resource management practices, protect working farms and ranches, and address climate change impacts. Funding for these projects comes from Proposition 84 passed by voters in 2006.

The Sierra Nevada Region is home to 60% of the state's animal species & almost 50% of its plants

The Sierra Nevada Region supports 212 communities with more than 850,000 residents dependent upon natural resources for jobs, recreation, and community

Geotourism

The Sierra Nevada Geotourism MapGuide Project celebrates the Sierra Nevada as a world-class destination, while contributing to the economic health of the Region by promoting sustainable tourism. SNC partnered with the National Geographic Society and Sierra Business Council to showcase the history and heritage of the Sierra Nevada Region by creating an interactive web site. The Sierra Nevada MapGuide highlights the natural, historic, and cultural assets and events unique to each area based on local input.

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