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**Eastern Sierra Land Trust Executive Director, Kay Ogden, Honored as 2013
Bedrock Award Recipient**

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ESLT’s Executive Director, Kay Ogden, recently received the prestigious Bedrock Award at the Sierra Nevada Alliance’s 20th Anniversary Celebration and Conference. The Bedrock Award is traditionally offered to a current or past Alliance staff or board member who is, "a bedrock of energy and commitment," and who supports individual and regional efforts that unite Sierra conservationists throughout the region.

Alliance Board Member and Defenders of Wildlife Representative Pamela Flick presented this year's award while conference attendees were sailing on Lake Tahoe aboard the Tahoe Queen. She shared her insights with the crowd: "Kay's passion for sustainability, community, and the land is authentic and she walks the talk. She [is] a key player in working to protect the environment at the community and regional level."

Kay is, "deeply honored to receive the Bedrock Award. The acknowledgement of my work - to work so future generations have the opportunity to stay on working farms and ranches, to have wild places to explore, and to have strong local economies that support rural communities - means more than I could ever say."

Since joining the Eastern Sierra Land Trust team last May, Kay has brought to the organization her great passion for conservation and experience in project management, strategic planning, building connections, and leading effective events and programs. After a long-time love affair with the Eastern Sierra, Kay is delighted to be living and working in her, "beloved eastside."

"This award is recognition of the amazing work Kay has done at the Alliance," says ESLT Board President, Tony Taylor. "At ESLT, we are thrilled to have Kay’s experience and skills applied to our successful land protection program, as well as our strong community-oriented tradition. Her energy, insight, and leadership are vital to our organization as we build upon our efforts to preserve the Eastern Sierra’s rural lands."

The Sierra Nevada Alliance unites individuals and conservation groups throughout the region behind a common vision. Striving for "a Sierra where natural and human communities coexist in harmony," the Sierra Nevada Alliance works to protect and restore the natural resources of our region and to promote sustainable communities for future generations to enjoy.

As one of over eighty-five member groups of the Sierra Nevada Alliance, ESLT works with willing landowners to preserve vital lands in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. ESLT’s goal is to preserve a healthy balance of land uses that can be sustained forever, ensuring both a strong local economy and environment. For more information about ESLT’s mission and preserved lands, visit our website at www.eslt.org.

