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## **ESLT Announces Application for Accreditation**

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Bishop, CA—Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) is pleased to announce it is applying for accreditation. The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. This is a systematic and objective verification process that shows how ESLT is using the highest standards possible in its land conservation work. Board President, Tony Taylor, says that "the accreditation process has been fairly arduous, but it has strengthened ESLT's policies and procedures, and made us a more efficient organization."

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how ESLT complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see [www.landtrustaccreditation.org/getting-accredited/indicator-practices](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/getting-accredited/indicator-practices).

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org). Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 112 Spring Street, Suite 204, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments on ESLT's application will be most useful by August 30, 2010.