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Community Joins Together to Celebrate Conservation
Eastern Sierra Land Trust to Host Their 9th Annual Lands & Legacy

With its diverse wildlife, historic farms and ranches, recreational opportunities, and scenic marvels, the Eastern Sierra is an extraordinary place.

Yet each year, the region faces increasing pressures to subdivide and develop in ways that threaten the very values that make the Eastern Sierra so unique.

That’s where Bishop-based nonprofit Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) comes in. Through conservation partnerships with local families and land management agencies, ESLT works to safeguard the Eastern Sierra’s treasured lands for humans and wildlife alike – for today, and for generations to come.

This summer, join together with friends, neighbors, and fellow conservation supporters to celebrate the Eastern Sierra’s *Lands & Legacy* with Eastern Sierra Land Trust!

The organization’s 9th annual *Lands & Legacy* Celebration Weekend and Benefit Dinner will take place August 11th – 13th. At this fun event, community members will raise a glass to honor the lands, waters, and wildlife their support protects forever.

Hosted by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, ESLT’s Benefit Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 12th among the High Sierra peaks at Mammoth Mountain's Parallax Restaurant. The evening will include a delicious coursed dinner, open bar, and a Paddle Raise - which allows guests to contribute directly to the conservation projects that they care about most.

Dinner attendees are also invited to join Eastern Sierra Land Trust that same weekend for one of two guided land tours. On the afternoon of Friday August 11th, ESLT will lead guests on an outing to their Green Creek Powerhouse Preserve, where a historian will meet them to share stories about the property’s past. And on Sunday August 13th, guests will explore ESLT’s conservation project at Benton Hot Springs Ranch – the location of a significant habitat restoration project.

Tickets for *Lands & Legacy* are now available for a minimum donation of \$125 per person (with a 10% discount offered to ESLT members); the majority of each ticket purchase is tax-deductible. Space is limited, and tickets will sell out quickly – anyone interested in attending is encouraged to visit www.eslt.org or call (760) 873-4554 to reserve their place today.

Sponsorship opportunities with a variety of benefits are also available to area businesses interested in supporting local conservation. To learn more, email Heather Freeman, ESLT Philanthropy Manager, at heather@eslt.org.

Eastern Sierra Land Trust works with willing landowners to protect vital lands in the Eastern Sierra region for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. To learn more about ESLT's work and how to get involved, visit www.eslt.org.

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Sample low-resolution images with captions shown below; high-resolution versions are attached to email. For additional pictures, please contact Marguerite Merritt, Communications Director, at marguerite@eslt.org.



Caption: The Lands & Legacy Celebration is Eastern Sierra Land Trust's annual "Party of the Year": an occasion for conservation supporters to come together and toast the important work they make possible.



Caption: During the Lands & Legacy Celebration Weekend, attendees will have the chance to join ESLT on one of two exclusive tours and explore some of the spectacular places that their support helps protect.