

Historic and Current-Day Environmental Issues facing the Eastern Sierra: Honoring Andrea Mead Lawrence as a local Planner, Elected Official, and Conservation Pioneer


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What is the Mammoth Donut Project?

➤ Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) “Mammoth Donut” - The Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) sets forth to plan for ecological forest restoration on approximately 56,000 acres of Inyo National Forest lands surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

<https://www.eswildfirealliance.org/esccrp>



What about CEQA?

Cal Vegetation Treatment Program - The California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP), developed by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, is a critical component of the state's multi-faceted strategy to address California's wildfire crisis. The CalVTP includes the use of prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, manual treatments, herbicides, and prescribed herbivory as tools to reduce hazardous vegetation around communities in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), to construct fuel breaks, and to restore healthy ecological fire regimes. The CalVTP Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Programmatic EIR) provides a powerful tool to expedite the implementation of vegetation treatments to reduce wildfire risk while conserving natural resources. <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp/>





What about CEQA?

Cal VTP- Treatable Landscapes Viewer – Cal VTP available within State Responsibility Area (to see if your planning area is covered)

<https://calfire-forestry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=78782787ae4d459e8cb313141a5c41be>

Is there a CEQA easy button?

Some fuels reduction projects are exempt from CEQA (*typically these exemptions apply to small scale project in close proximity to built infrastructure*)

- Valentine Reserve fuels work (CE)
- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/10411/forest-fire-prevention-exemption-form.pdf>
- [Class 4 Minor Alterations](#)



Questions

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