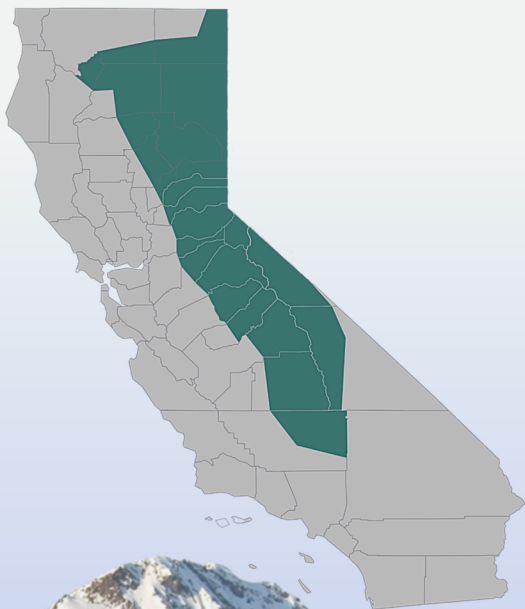


# SIERRA DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2026

## The Sierra Nevada is Essential to California's Water, Economy, and Climate Future



**25%**

of California's land area



**44%**

of California's high fire risk



**75%**

of California's drink Sierra-Cascade Water



**60%**

of California's animal species



**50%**

of California's forest carbon



**65 million**

annual recreation visit-days

Source:  
[sierranevada.ca.gov](http://sierranevada.ca.gov)

## THE SIERRA NEVADA IS:

### ➤ A CRITICAL STATE ASSET

#### Water & Outdoor Economy

- Sierra watersheds supply the State Water Project, Central Valley Project, and major municipal water systems statewide
- Snowpack is the state's largest natural reservoir, while forests and meadows regulate water storage, timing, and quality
- Sierra landscapes support some of California's most important biodiversity and habitats
- The Sierra's world-class outdoor recreation powers California's \$81.5 billion outdoor economy, supports more than 700,000 jobs, and drives millions of visits each year

### ➤ AT INCREASING RISK

#### Wildfire & Climate Impacts

- High-severity wildfires are increasing across the Sierra
- These events degrade water quality, damage infrastructure, and disrupt recreation
- Landscape conditions and climate change compound the risks to the region and the state

### ➤ DELIVERING RESULTS

#### Proven strategies reduce risk and deliver statewide benefits

- Forest restoration treatments protect statewide water supplies, communities, and recreation access
- State funding for wildfire resilience, biodiversity conservation, and outdoor recreation has leveraged hundreds of millions of federal and private investment

# 2026 Policy Priorities for the Sierra Nevada

Smart policy and strategic investments in the Sierra deliver measurable returns for California

## FOREST AND WILDFIRE RESILIENCE

*Scale proven forest restoration to reduce wildfire risk and protect communities and landscapes.*

- Restore \$200 million from GGRF for wildfire resilience
- Increase this year's Prop 4 wildfire resilience spending to \$500 million
- Pass AB 35 (Alvarez) to ensure Prop 4 dollars can be invested efficiently
- Pass AB 1699 (Rogers) to reduce barriers to applying beneficial fire to landscapes
- Pass SB 899 (Grove) to help protect Californians from harmful wildfire smoke



## BIODIVERSITY, RECREATION & COMMUNITY BENEFITS

*Balance support for outdoor access, wildlife conservation, and rural economies.*

- Support proposed Prop 4 investments in safe drinking water, biodiversity, and outdoor access
- Pass SB 1135 (Blakespear) to reduce human-wildlife conflict and improve coexistence
- Pass AB 2578 (Rogers) to support outdoor recreation, including equitable access to parks and green spaces



## WATERSHED HEALTH & RESTORATION

*Advance restoration and streamline implementation to improve water quality and ecosystem function.*

- Pass AB 2260 (Connolly) to streamline permitting for small-scale restoration projects—such as meadow, stream, and post-fire recovery efforts—accelerating opportunities to improve watershed health and reduce wildfire risk

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