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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP).

I am in support of the project and other fuel reduction efforts in the eastern Sierra. A few comments on recreation and additional recreational opportunities within the project area.

In the document, it states approximately 15 miles of temporary roads may need to be created (p. 2-13). It would be great if some of these roads could be designed (like following elevation contours) with future multi-use trails in mind. As the roads are decommissioned, the decommissioned roads could become new multi-use trails within the project area. Yes, I realized additional NEPA analysis might need to happen to create new multi-use trails within a fuels reduction project area, but with a little additional planning and effort the community gets fuel reduction and more multi-use trail opportunities for recreation.

AnEC example, a few southern Mono County residents are working on a trail concept from Tom's Place (French Camp / Holiday Campgrounds) to Sherwin Creek Campground via Hilton Creek Trailhead, McGee Creek Campground, and Convict Lake Campground. French Camp is at an elevation of 7,200' to 7,400'. Sherwin Creek Campground is at an elevation of 7,600'.

If additional roads are needed to implement the project in the southern ESCCRP project area from Sherwin Creek Campground (7,600') southeast to Convict Lake (7,600'), before a road is built and or decommissioned, future use of that road as a new multi-use trail should be considered.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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