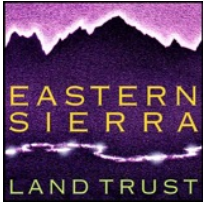


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ESLT's Mule Deer Migration Corridor Field Trip Saturday, March 15, 2014

Join ESLT as we spend the afternoon exploring an important section of our local Mule Deer migration corridor. Special guest Timothy Taylor from the Department of Fish & Wildlife will be there to share stories and information about the region's Round Valley Mule Deer Herd. The field trip will be held from 2:00-5:00pm, and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information and to RSVP contact Sara, Education Coordinator and AmeriCorps member at Sara@eslt.com, or call (760) 873-4554.

A migration corridor is used by wildlife for annual movements between their winter and summer habitats. Our local Round Valley Mule Deer herd consists of roughly 3,000 Rocky Mountain Mule Deer that travel through the migration corridor twice a year. In the spring the herd journeys north and then makes the opposite trip south in the fall —funneling thousands of animals right through several residential communities. Viable winter range habitat is critical for a deer herd. In severe winters with heavy snow, the deer must have access to the lowest elevations where forage is still available and movement is not hampered by deep snow.

Concerned that this deer herd's yearly migration was threatened by growing residential development, a group of concerned individuals came together in 2001 and formed Eastern Sierra Land Trust. Now, with 269 acres of private land permanently preserved along the migration corridor, the Mule Deer's passage between their winter and summer grazing grounds has been made safer.

Attendees will spend the afternoon exploring a section of ESLT's protected lands, witnessing spectacular views from the corridor and observing the movement of the Round Valley Mule Deer herd as they make their journey northward. This year's migration field trip is sponsored by a generous grant from Edison International.

ESLT works with willing landowners to preserve vital lands in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. ESLT's goal is to preserve a healthy balance of land uses that can be sustained forever, ensuring both a strong local economy and environment. For more information about ESLT's mission and preserved lands, visit our website at www.eslt.org.

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High resolution photos available upon request by contacting Sara at (760) 873-4554.
Sample low-resolution images are shown below.

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Photo Caption 1: Attendees at ESLT's 2013 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Field Trip survey the spectacular view and scout for deer as seen from Swall Meadows.



Photo Caption 2: Mule deer spotted in Swall Meadows.