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**Lend a Hand on the Land with Eastern Sierra Land Trust**

The Eastern Sierra is home to spectacular wildlife, awesome recreational opportunities, and some of the most unique and precious lands in the world. Local nonprofit Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) is committed to conserving these treasured lands for future generations – and a large part of their mission is to help restore the natural landscape for both humans and wildlife alike.

With the weather warming, Eastern Sierra Land Trust has planned a series of Volunteer Stewardship Days for the upcoming months. ESLT staff and friends will be getting outdoors and going to work to remove invasive weeds, clean up trash and debris, and create safer wildlife habitat. They are now looking for volunteers willing to join them on the land and help further these critical conservation projects.

Eastern Sierra Land Trust works with willing landowners to help safeguard their land against the threat of future development – and their work is by no means complete when a project closes escrow. In fact, it is only just beginning. “When we help landowners protect their property, we make a promise to carefully and responsibly manage the land that has been entrusted to us – and this commitment is forever,” shared Kay Ogden, ESLT Executive Director. “Responsible land stewardship is at the core of ESLT’s mission.”

As a nonprofit organization, Eastern Sierra Land Trust relies on its community to help advance its conservation efforts. “Whether you live here permanently or visit on occasion, it’s up to people like us – people who care about the future of this incredible place – to help protect its wonders by becoming stewards of the land we love,” continued Ms. Ogden.

According to ESLT, there are many different ways to be a responsible land steward – and one of them is, “by getting outdoors, rolling up your sleeves, and doing what needs to be done to make sure this region continues to thrive.”

Anyone interested in lending a hand on the land is encouraged to sign up to be a Stewardship Volunteer by emailing Catherine Tao, ESLT Education Coordinator/AmeriCorps Member, at [Catherine@eslt.org](mailto:Catherine@eslt.org) or calling (760) 873-4554.

*Eastern Sierra Land Trust works with willing landowners to protect vital lands in the Eastern Sierra region for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historic, and watershed values. To learn about ESLT’s work and other ways to get involved, please visit [www.eslt.org](http://www.eslt.org).*

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*Interested in helping conserve and restore the natural values of protected Eastern Sierra landscapes? Lend a hand on the land with Eastern Sierra Land Trust this spring at one of their upcoming Volunteer Stewardship Days!*