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**Celebrate Conservation Successes with a Party for Protection** *Eastern Sierra Land Trust to Host Their 10th Annual Lands & Legacy* 

**May 17, 2018, BISHOP, CA** - Celebrate the hope and resiliency that can be found in nature with Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) at their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lands & Legacy weekend, June 8-10, 2018. Everyone is invited to purchase tickets to this annual benefit and join friends, family and fellow conservation supporters as we raise a glass in honor of our conservation successes in the Eastern Sierra.

Each year, the Eastern Sierra region faces increasing pressures to subdivide and develop in ways that threaten the very values and breathtaking vistas that make the Eastern Sierra so unique. Through volunteer conservation partnerships with local families and land management agencies, ESLT works to safeguard the Eastern Sierra's special lands for humans and wildlife alike – for today, and for generations to come.

Mammoth Mountain hosts the dinner at Parallax Restaurant on Saturday, June 9 from 5-8pm. This fun-filled evening comes to life with mystifying magic tricks by Tammer the Magician, a delicious dinner, open bar, and an exciting Paddle Raise, where guests champion causes that will have a major impact on the future of our region.

Dinner attendees can join one of two guided tours on the land. Friday, June 8 from 2PM-4PM, is *Bodie's Breadbasket: A Tour of Historic Conway Ranch*, where we'll hear stories from a historian of how the Ranch fed hungry miners and residents of Bodie, and then ideas from land management professionals on how the Ranch can be managed for the benefit of wildlife, agriculture, and the visiting public. On Sunday, June 10, from 8AM to noon is *Snapping the Sierra: Nature Photography at Sinnamon Meadows*, when professional photographers will help guests capture this scenic, private ranchland in the Bridgeport Valley morning light.

Lands & Legacy tax-deductible tickets are now available for \$125 per person (with a 10% discount offered to ESLT members) by visiting <u>www.eslt.org</u> or calling (760) 873-4554. Space is limited, and tickets will sell out quickly.

Sponsorship opportunities with a variety of benefits are also available to area businesses interested in supporting local conservation. To learn more, email Heather Freeman, ESLT Philanthropy Manager, at <u>heather@eslt.org</u>.

## ABOUT EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST

Eastern Sierra Land Trust 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. To learn more about ESLT's ongoing work and how you can get involved, please visit <u>www.eslt.org</u>.

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Photo 1 Caption: Champion the Eastern Sierra at ESLT's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lands & Legacy Benefit



Photo 2 Caption: Hear about the fascinating historic role of Conway Ranch during *Bodie's Breadbasket: A Tour of Historic Conway Ranch* 



Photo 3 Caption: Capture the morning light under the guidance of professional photographers on the tour, *Snapping the Sierra: Nature Photography at Sinnamon Meadows*