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Eastern Sierra Land Trust: Protecting All Species for All Time

Today, fewer cars ramble up and down Scenic Highway 395. Snow fell this spring; it stayed on the mountain without the usual tracks of skiers and snowboarders. Fishing spots, campsites, and picnic areas lie empty. But who's still coming out to play? Mule deer, bobcats, songbirds, and so much more. Amidst a global coronavirus pandemic and California-wide stay-at-home orders, the Eastern Sierra is still teeming with springtime life.

Our wildlife has always been here and always will be, as long as we keep doing our part to protect their homes. Since its founding in 2001, Eastern Sierra Land Trust has been dedicated to protecting wild and working land in the Eastside for wildlife and people, forever. This local organization plays a key role in protecting our region by partnering with landowners, agencies, and conservation supporters to protect the Eastern Sierra for the future.

ESLT and their partners work together towards shared conservation goals, countering rising pressures to subdivide or develop, and creating a necessary bridge between private and public land. It's been almost twenty years since their founding and ESLT has now protected nearly 15,000 acres of sustainable, wide-open habitat for iconic Eastern Sierra wildlife like pronghorn, Bi-State sage-grouse, mule deer, and migratory birds.

With our ongoing support of conservation organizations like ESLT, wildlife will continue to thrive even when the region is open again to visitors. ESLT preserves a healthy balance of land uses – from ranching to biking, public preserves to favorite fishing spots – where both wildlife can thrive and people can find peace, solitude, and the deep connection with nature we crave. This conservation work is deeply important, and it continues today. Together, we'll keep working to make sure this region is protected for all species, for all people, for all time.

Eastern Sierra Land Trust works with willing landowners to protect vital lands in the Eastern Sierra region for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. To learn more about ESLT's work, visit www.eslt.org.





Photo Caption 1: Eastern Sierra Land Trust was founded in 2001, by a group of residents of Swall Meadows who cared about and wanted to protect the Round Valley mule deer herd's migration pathway. Since then, ESLT has worked with their partners to protect nearly 15,000 acres in the Eastern Sierra forever, for wildlife and for people. Photo by Tom Koerner, USFWS.