

CLIMBING RANGERS

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1:15 Welcome and Introductions

1:30 PowerPoint Presentation

2:15 Questions and Discussion

- **Future growth of the program**
- **Fundraising Ideas/Initiatives**
- **Feedback**

WELCOME

Thank you for your support!

We would like to thank everyone for helping to make the 2024/2025 season the most successful of our program yet! We achieved bigger goals and outreach than ever before, and we couldn't do it without all of the support from our amazing partner organizations.



WHAT WE'VE ACOMPLISHED

- **Stewardship**
- **Data Collection/Patrols**
- **Education**
- **Community Outreach**



STEWARDSHIP



The Bishop Climbing Rangers more than **doubled** stewardship totals from last season. The 2024/2025 has been the most successful stewardship year of the program's history.

Volunteer Projects: 10

Total volunteers: 230

Volunteer hours: 517

STEWARDSHIP

- **Native plants: 300+**
 - ~66% survival rate
- **Area reseeded: 9,000m²**
- **Trail delineation 4,000+ft**
- **Graffiti panels removed: 2**
- **Pounds of trash removed: 900+lbs**
- **Vertical Mulch: ~15 truck loads**



STEWARDSHIP



- **Delineation and vertical mulch has greatly helped to concentrate foot traffic, reduce erosion, and protect vegetation/wildlife.**
- **Planting and vertical mulch has vastly accelerated restoration and aesthetics of Bishop's climbing areas**

PATROLS AND DATA COLLECTION

Dispersed Camping Patrols

- 3x a week in Volcanic Tablelands, Pine Creek, and Buttermilk Country.
- **803** surveys for individual dispersed campsites in volcanic tablelands since start of 23/24 season.
- LADWP, Forest Service, and BLM managed lands.

PATROLS AND DATA COLLECTION



Climbing Area Patrols

- **~300+** patrols across **17** locations

Wildlife

- All wildlife sightings recorded.
- Monitoring for raptors, bighorn sheep, and Mt. Lyell salamanders

User Trend Data

- Climbers vs. non-climbers
- Car counts
- Dogs: On-leash vs. off-leash

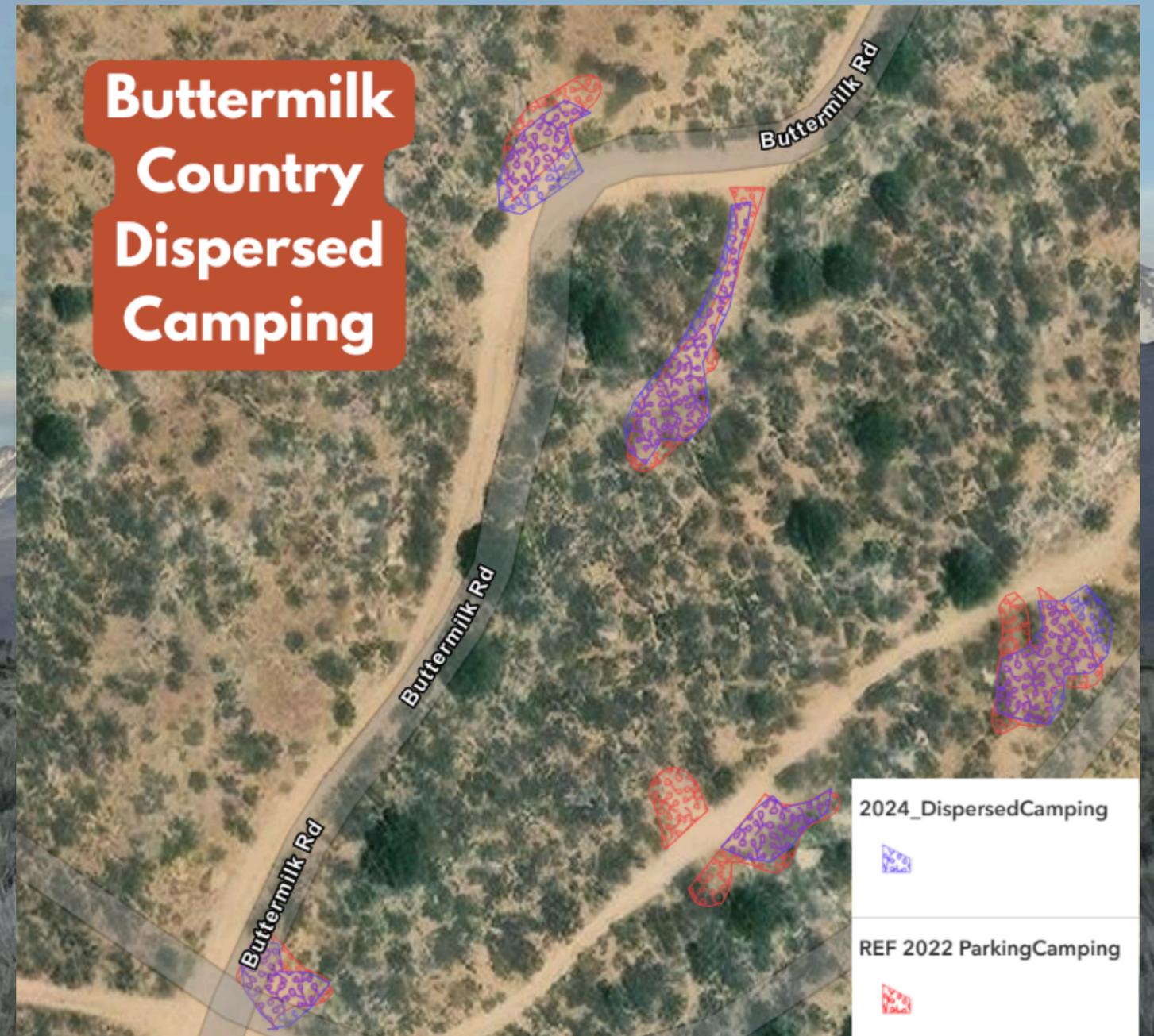
Contacts with public

- **2,300+** contacts with climbers in the field
- **150+** contacts with non-climbers

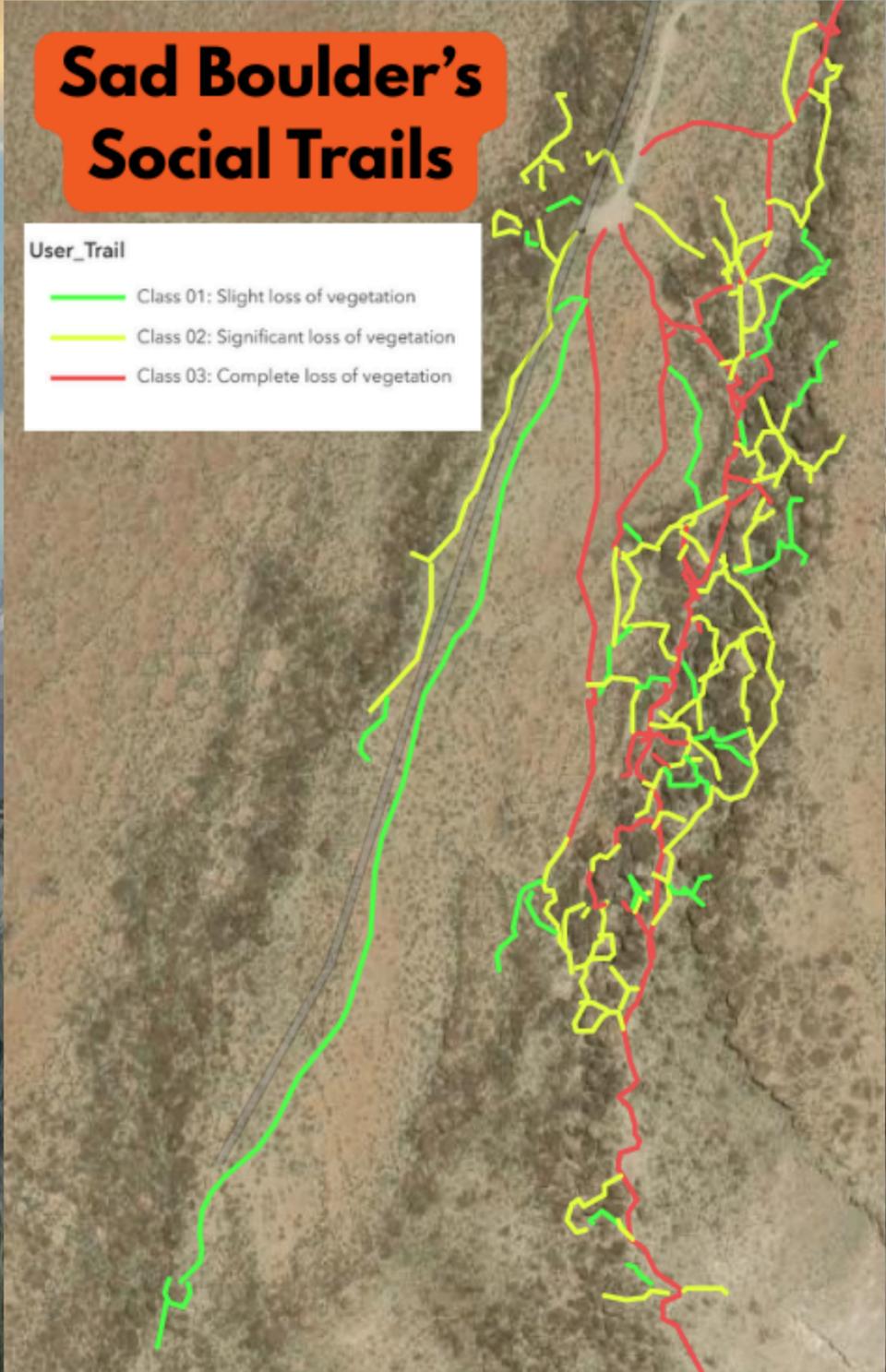
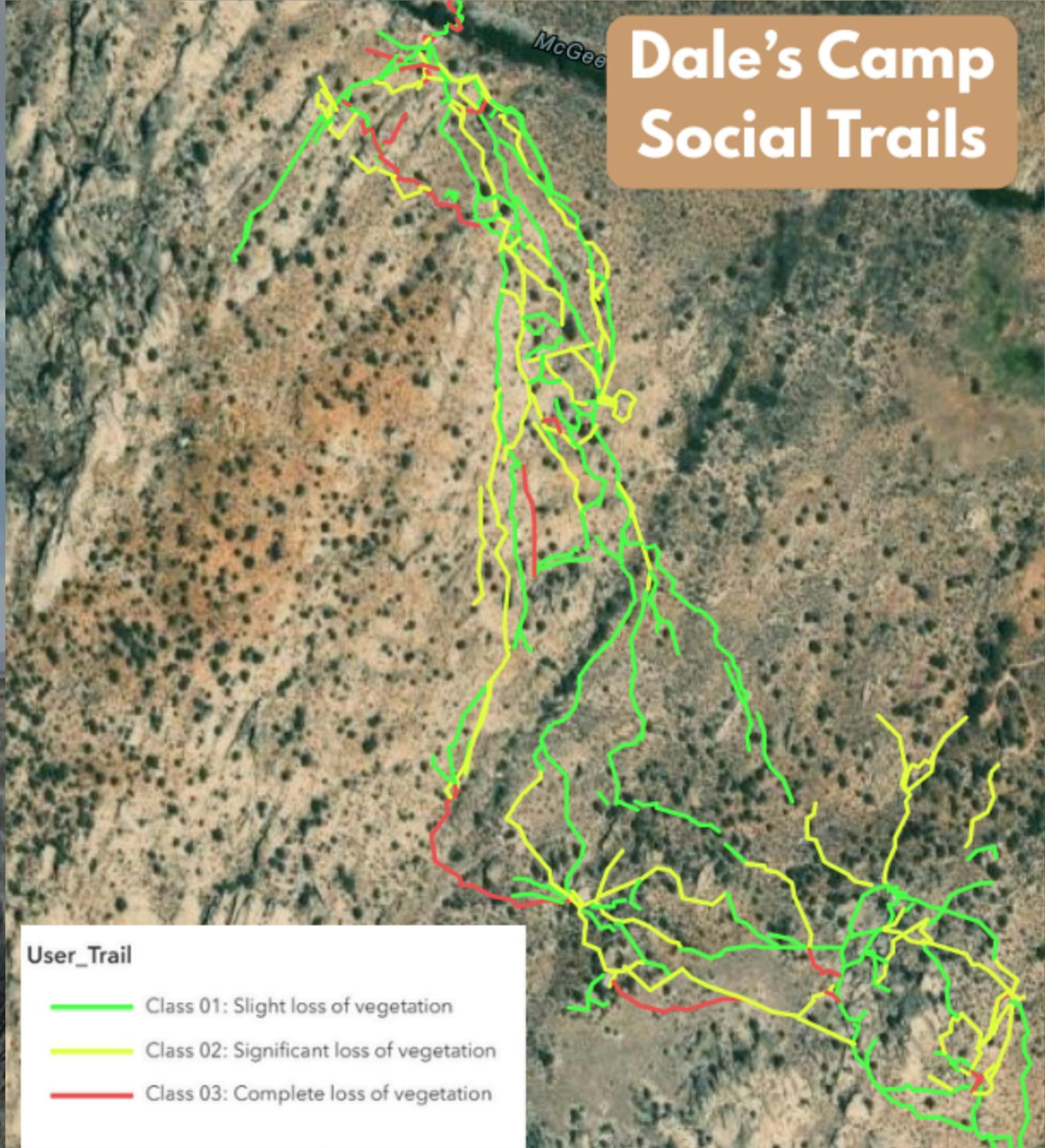
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Mapping

- Buttermilks Main, Dale's Camp, Sad Boulders, Happy Boulders, Patrica Bowl, Rock Creek Boulders, and Bardini Boulders mapped.
- Mapping of Buttermilk Country dispersed camping sites.
- **13 miles** of social trails mapped this season. Nearly 3x what was accomplished last season
- **30 miles** of social trails map in Bishop area



PATROLS AND DATA COLLECTION



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION



Climber Coffee

30 weekly meetups to engage with the climbing community and discuss Bishop specific ethics.

Education Programs

Cultural education day, snow school, and youth outdoor programs

Climbing Festivals Tabeing Events

Tabled and participated in the Craggin' Classic, Flash Foxy, and the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Earth Day festival

Deaf/ASL Climbing Retreat

Helped to host the first deaf/ASL climbing retreat in the Eastern Sierra in the Alabama Hills

Community Outreach and Education Snow School



6 days of field trips with Mammoth and Bishop 5th Graders.
Teaching about snow science and watersheds.



Community Outreach and Education Cultural Education Day

35 volunteers
Learned about the cultural significance of the
Buttermilk area to the Bishop Paiute Tribe.
Planted new plants and stewarded the land.



Community Outreach and Education Flash Foxy

Gave ethics presentation at the start of festival.
Collaboratively planned the Stewardship Day.
Managed over 45 volunteers at the Buttermilks.



Community Outreach and Education No Man's Land Fundraiser



**Bishop and Mammoth
Locations**

**Sold out the Bishop
Twin Theater**

**Awesome Q&A from
one of the film
makers and athletes.**

**Raised just under
\$5,000 gross revenue.
Over \$3,500 net
profit.**



Community Outreach and Education Inyo County School Programs



4th Graders from Inyo County go to Fish Slough and learn about the land.

**Archeology Station
Observed Pictographs.
Practiced grinding seeds.**

17 Participants traveling from around the country for this 3 day activity filled weekend!

First program of its kind.

Fundraised to cover cost of guides.

Received brand sponsorship and gear from Organic Climbing.

Community Outreach and Education ASL Climbing Retreat for Deaf Climbers



Local community members joined for our open to the public "silent dinner" to practice ASL and connect with the Deaf climbing community.

Community Outreach and Education Social Media

To encourage responsible recreation and an appreciation of the Bishop area through interpretive education and programming.

Conditions Reports

Weekly conditions reports were posted every Thursday. Detailed site-specific conditions, environmental concerns, and access concerns.

Restoration Rundown

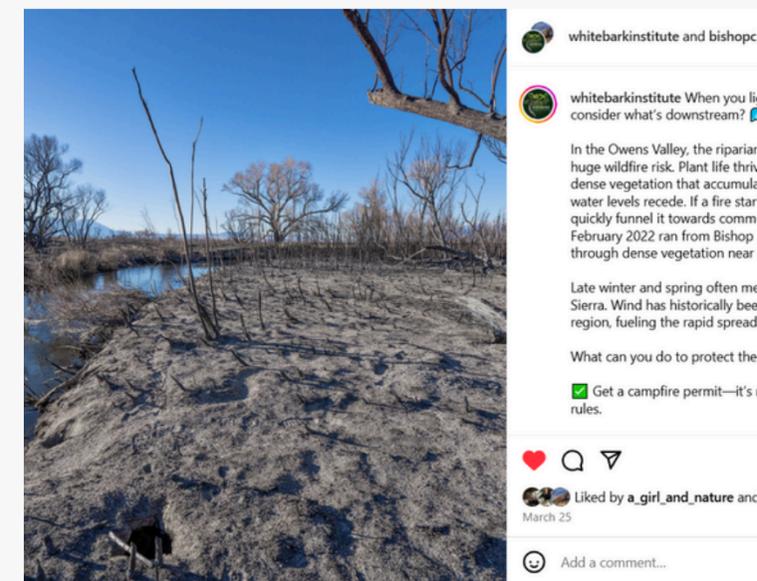
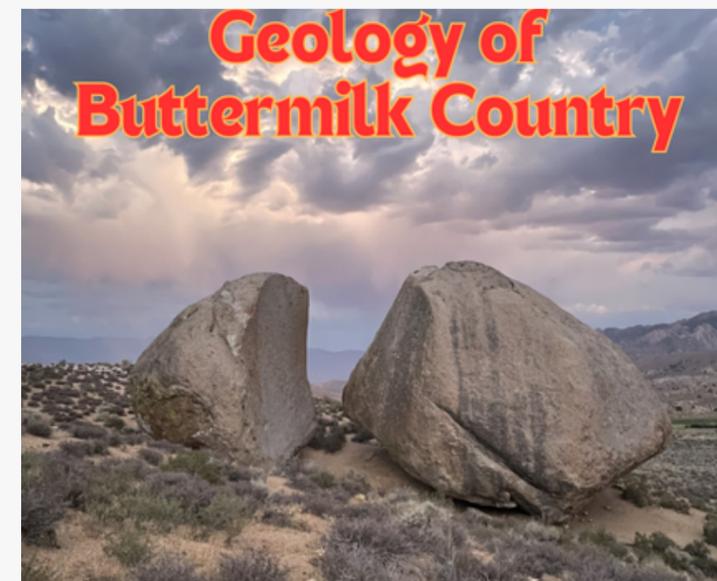
Collaborative posts with the BACC that provided information about restoration/trail projects within Bishop's climbing areas.

Nature and Geology

Regular Eastern Sierra geology and ecology themed posts.

Best Practices

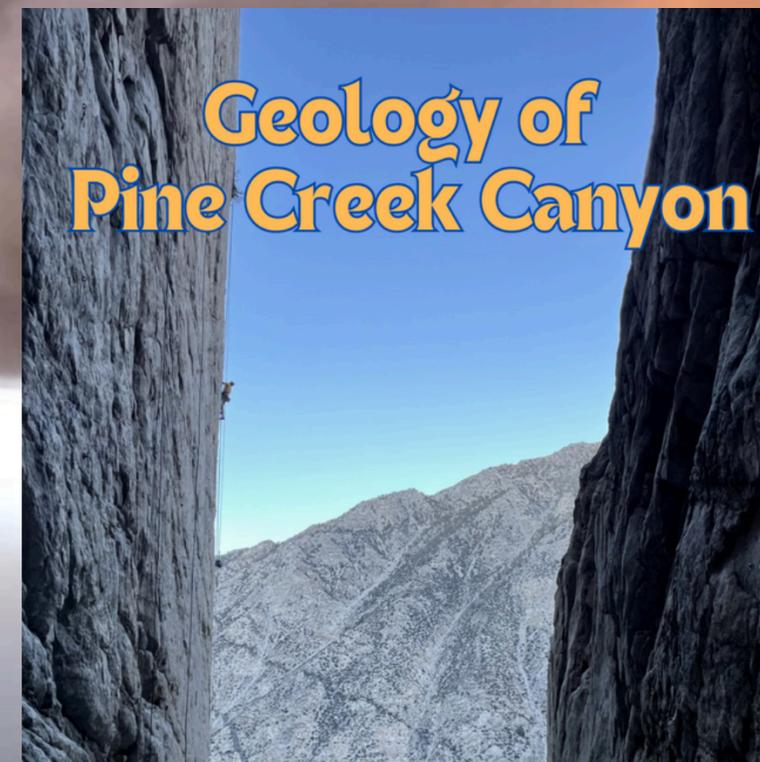
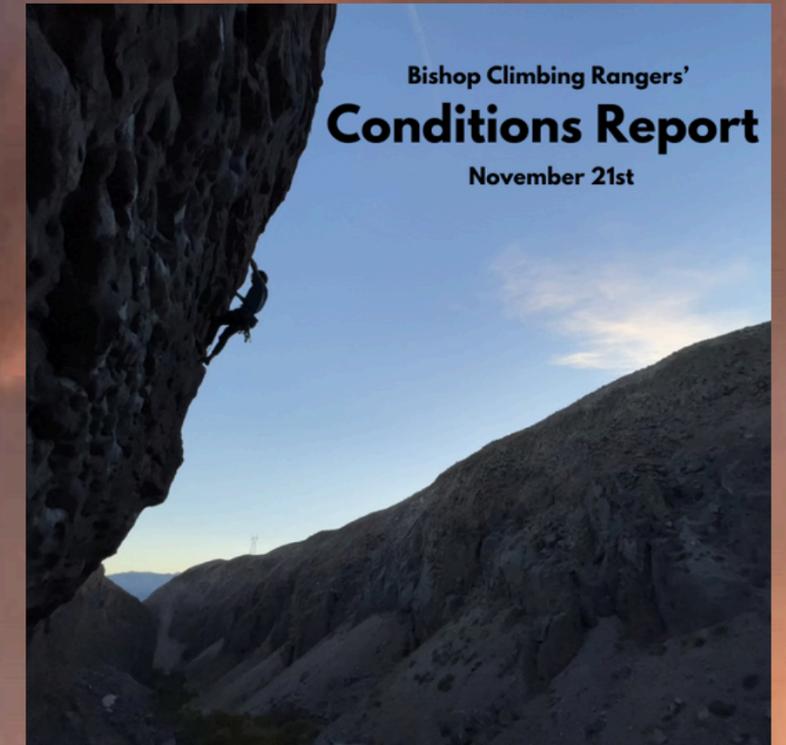
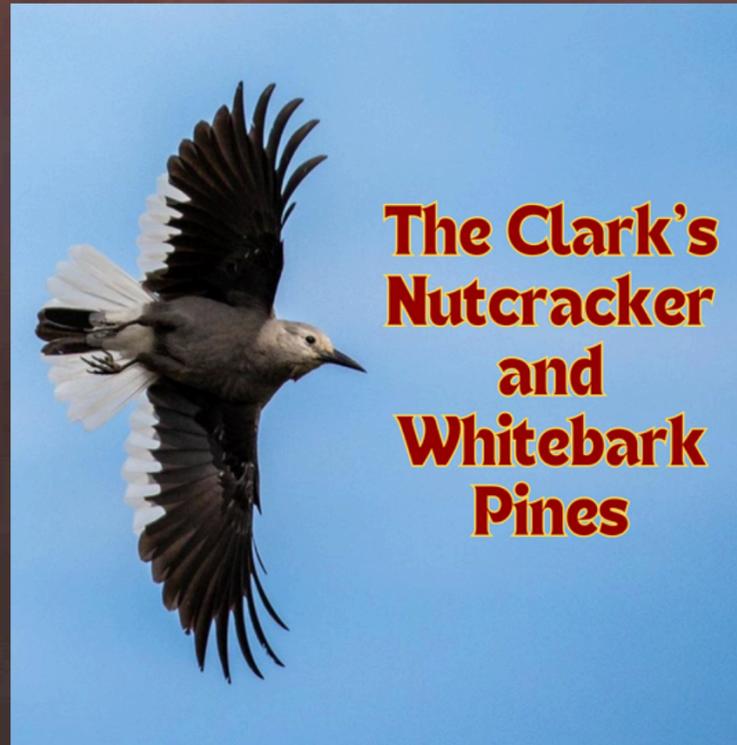
Leave no trace, fire safety, and sustainable recreation posts. Often collaborative with the BACC and Whitebark institute.



Community Outreach and Education Social Media

Instagram

- Page viewed **~36.4k** a month
- Conditions Reports viewed by **6k** users on average.
- Our page had **63** posts for the season
 - Local events, "neature" and geology series, "Restoration Rundown", and LNT content.



Future Goals:

- Increased stewardship collaboration with Bishop Paiute Tribe. Future projects with the Youth Conservation Corps and more cultural education days.
- Wag bag dispensers and more restoration signage in climbing areas (Clark Canyon, Patricia Bowl, etc.).
- Tri-panel interpretive sign in the Buttermilks
- Online QR code trail maps in climbing areas.
- Re-route of main Happy Boulders trail in one location.
- Belay pads and stairs in Pine Creek and Owens River Gorge.
- Increase the biological monitoring/data collection (animal activity, rare plants, and other Bishop species)
- Year-round position(s)
- Patrols of high traffic summer and wilderness climbing areas (Pine Creek, Whitney Zone, Rock Creek, Clark Canyon, Temple crag, etc.).
- Climbing stewards for Bishop Area
- Future ASL climbing events

Ideas for growing the program:

- More brand sponsorship outdoor companies.
- More collaborations with other local nonprofits.
- Untapped grants or fundraising potential for longer season/hiring more Climbing Rangers in the future.
- Social media fundraising campaigns.
- Year-round position(s)

WE LOVE THIS LAND AND THIS COMMUNITY AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO HELP IT THRIVE!



CHALLENGES

As our program has grown over the last three seasons, we have increased our stewardship, education, and outreach significantly.

Funding is a challenge. Every year we rely on grants, donations, and support to maintain the program. We would like to find dependable funding to receive raises and extend our seasons. Funding the future and growth of the program is a goal.

We would also love to be able to have multiple vehicles so we could divide for patrols, and have more support in boots on the ground patrols through a "Climbing Stewards" program, so that we could spend more time managing the office and program planning.



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For sharing stories, perspectives, and making time in his incredibly busy life to meet and come to our events

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Support and providing beautiful stewardship photos for this presentation and social media.

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For offering her home as a meeting space and awesome photos

Annie Crowley

Collaborative social media posts



THANK YOU!

The Climbing Ranger Program is only possible because of the support that we receive from you!

We would love to continue to grow our outreach and impact, and we see the potential for this program to make a huge difference in the community, but it will take all of us working together.

-Kara, Casey, and Spooky (mascot)