



To the Directors of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy;

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Thank you for allowing us to comment on the SNC Strategic Plan. The plan looks good from a project and environmental point of view, but several potential partners, for example Hunters and Fishermen, are absent from this document. Both of these groups are beneficiaries of a healthy ecosystem and also contribute to wildlife conservation and habitat enhancement and improvement, as well as the local economy.

Along with Pitman Robertson and Dingle/Johnson dollars, which are special taxes on both hunters and fishermen, are a direct financial benefit to SNC's mission the Mule Deer Foundation has spent a great deal of money in the Sierra Nevada's and has entered into a Master Steward agreement with the US Forest Service with some projects complete and others in both planning and vision stages.

The hunting and fishing community are one of the primary recreational users of public land within SNC's purview. Hunters and fishermen greatly benefit local communities within the Sierra through lodging, food, gas, retail purchases, use fees, etc.

Law abiding hunters and fishermen tend to spend a lot of time in the field and oftentimes are the first line of defense for observing and reporting illegal activity.

Thank you.

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