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Safe and equitable access to outdoor spaces is a crucial infrastructure for all Californians and vital for our physical and mental health. Access to parks and open space is linked to countless benefits, including improving public health, recreation access, workforce development, youth development and education, natural resource stewardship, community climate adaptation, and cultural and historical connection.

The Outdoors for All initiative is focused on equitably expanding outdoor access through investing in parks, open space and natural areas, and outdoor programs. Outdoors for All seeks to build equitable access to California’s nature, culture, and history. Our Natural Resources Agency is eager to partner with federal, local, and tribal governments and collaborate with legislative champions, access advocates, non-profits, the outdoor recreation industry, and community-based organizations.

EARLY OUTDOORS FOR ALL WINS

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$500 MILLION in grants to local communities for parks infrastructure and programs including transportation and education.

$500 MILLION to expand access to State Parks and other state facilities through infrastructure and programs improvements.

CNRA is also proud to announce a new public-private partnership with the launch of the first-ever California sports team-branded license plates. The revenue collected from the license plates creates a sustainable, dedicated funding source for future access-oriented infrastructure and parks projects.

CALIFORNIA OUTDOORS FOR ALL FACTS

1 IN 4 CALIFORNIANS do not have a public park or open space within walking distance of their home.

6 IN 10 CALIFORNIANS live in a park-poor neighborhood with fewer than three acres of park and open spaces.

*Source: parksforcalifornia.org/parkaccess

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

The launch of Outdoors for All presents immediate opportunities for partnership at state, federal, local, and tribal levels. CNRA looks forward to collaborating across these systems to expand equitable access across California.

ADVANCING EXISTING PRIORITIES

Outdoors for All furthers both Governor Newsom and President Biden’s pledges to statewide and nationwide 30x30 conservation goals for land and coastal seas by investing in California’s public lands and natural resources. Outdoors for All also advances Governor Newsom’s “California for All” vision for a prosperous and equitable state by centering investments in access-related infrastructure and programs in underserved communities, particularly low-income communities and communities of color that disproportionately lack access to public lands and natural resources.

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