



**NEVADA**  
DIVISION OF  
**OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Nevada Department of  
**CONSERVATION &  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

# DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION OVERVIEW

Presentation to the Washoe County Commission

May 17, 2022

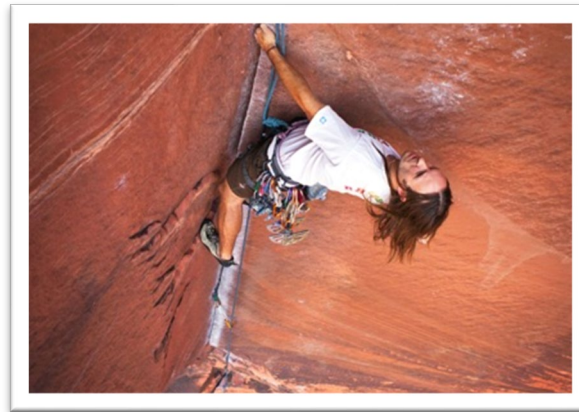
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# DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

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**Mission:** *To promote Nevada's outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities and the conservation of its natural environment, grow Nevada's economy through outdoor recreation, and educate the public about responsible recreation and healthy and active lives enriched by the outdoors.*



# DIVISION PARTNERS

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- NDCNR and Divisions
- USDA FS H-TNF, LTBMU
- NPS & USFWS
- USDA RD
- GOED
- NDOT / FHWA
- NACO
- OHV Program
- Travel Nevada
- BLMNV
- NDOW
- NVOBC / Outdoor Industry
- Outdoor NGOs
- NDHHS
- Main Street Program



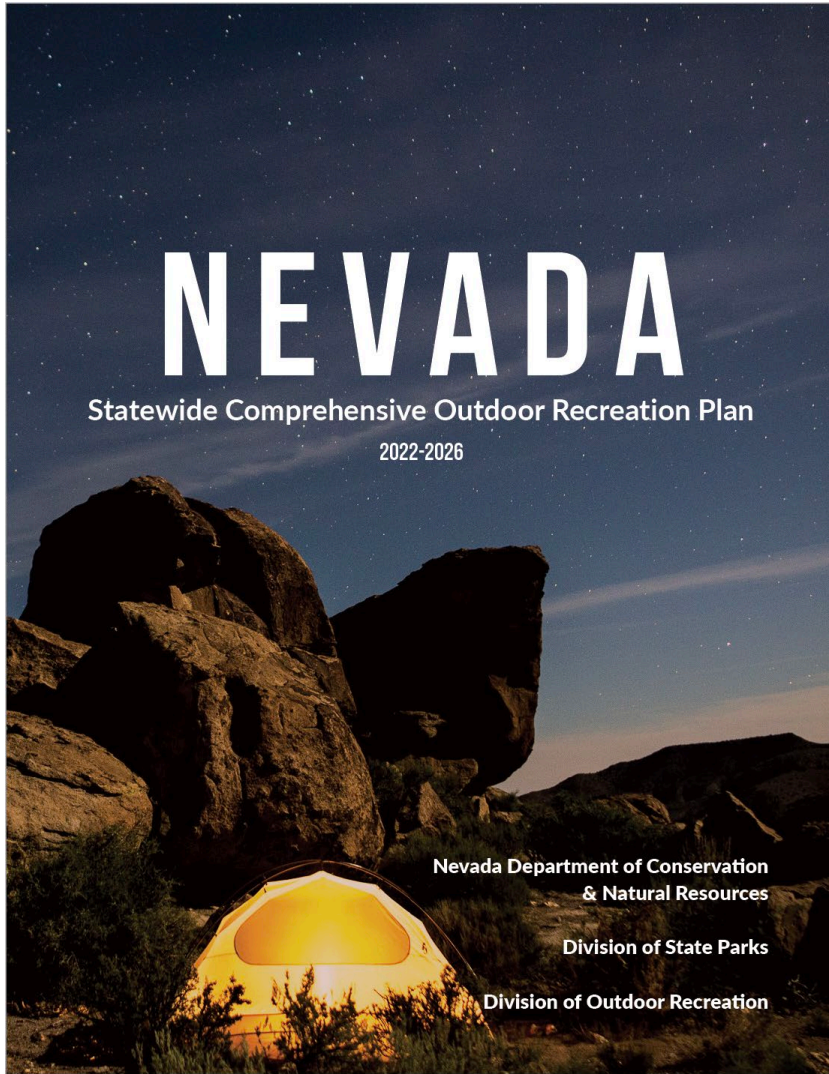
# CURRENT PRIORITIES

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- Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
- Nevada Agreement for Recreation Shared Stewardship
- Enhance Nevada's Outdoor Recreation Profile
- Funding: GAOA/LWCF/EDA/ARPA
- Economic Impact Analysis: \$4B / year
- Rural Community & Economic Development
  - EDA, USDA RD, SBDCs, UNR Cooperative Extension, ORR Rural Dev. Toolkit
- Access & Equity
- SB 52 – Dark-Sky Designation Program



# SCORP PRIORITIES



## Important to have within walking distance of home

All Respondents



**88%**

Open Space



**74%**

Trailhead



**72%**

Park



**50%**

Recreational Facility




# EDA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN



The American Rescue Plan allocates \$3 billion to EDA in supplemental funding to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks.

American Rescue Plan funding enables EDA to provide larger, more transformational investments across the nation while utilizing its greatest strengths, including flexible funding to support community-led economic development.

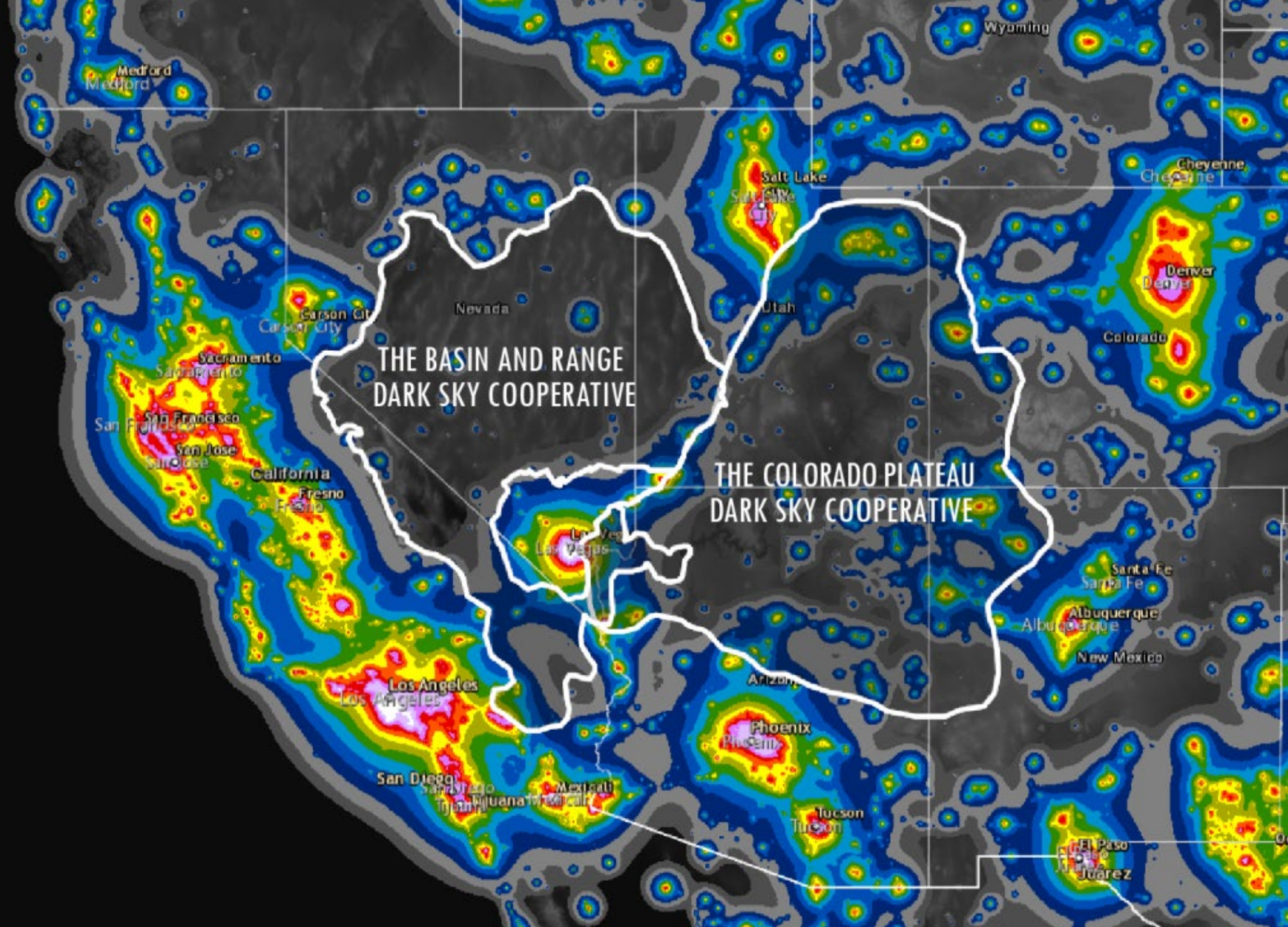
EDA is making a *Coal Communities Commitment*, designating \$300 million of its \$3 billion American Rescue Plan appropriation to ensure support for these communities as they recover from the pandemic and create new jobs and opportunities, including through the creation or expansion of a new industry sector.

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		STATEWIDE PLANNING, RESEARCH & NETWORKS \$90M	BUILD BACK BETTER REGIONAL CHALLENGE \$1B		TRAVEL, TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION \$750M	ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE \$500M	INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES \$100M	GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE \$500M	
GOAL	EDA is supporting states in planning efforts, investing in research that assesses the effectiveness of EDA's programs, and supporting stakeholder communities around key EDA initiatives.		This Challenge is designed to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks. <i>\$100M for Coal Communities</i>		Through state and competitive grant programs, EDA is focused on accelerating the recovery of communities that rely on the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors, which were hard-hit by the pandemic.	This program will help hundreds of communities across the nation plan, build, innovate, and put people back to work through construction or non-construction projects designed to meet local needs. <i>\$200M for Coal Communities</i>	EDA is allocating \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funding specifically for Indigenous communities, which were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.	This Challenge aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening regional systems and sectoral partnerships to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs.	
SPLIT	Planning: \$59M	Research & Networks: \$31M	Phase 1: <\$500k each	Phase 2: \$25-75M, up to \$100M	State grants: \$510M	Competitive: \$240M			
APPLICANTS	State or designated entity	National research & TA providers	All EDA eligibles	Phase 1 finalists	State or designated entity	All EDA eligibles	All EDA eligibles	Tribes and organizations serving Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.	All EDA eligibles
APPLICATION PROCESS	By invitation	Rolling	National competition	National competition	State grants allocation	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	National competition
APPLICATION DEADLINE	 <b>STATE PLANNING GRANTS</b> Application due 60 days after receiving invitation <b>RESEARCH AND NETWORKS GRANTS</b> Suggested application submission date: <b>October 31, 2021</b>		Phase 1 deadline: <b>October 19, 2021</b> Phase 2 deadline: <b>March 15, 2022</b>		<b>STATE TOURISM GRANTS</b> Application due 60 days after receiving invitation <b>COMPETITIVE TOURISM GRANTS</b> Suggested application submission date: <b>March 15, 2022</b>		Suggested application submission date: <b>March 15, 2022</b> Suggested application submission date: <b>March 15, 2022</b>		Application deadline: <b>January 26, 2022</b>



SB52 requires the Administrator of the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation to establish by regulation a program for awarding dark sky designation in Nevada.

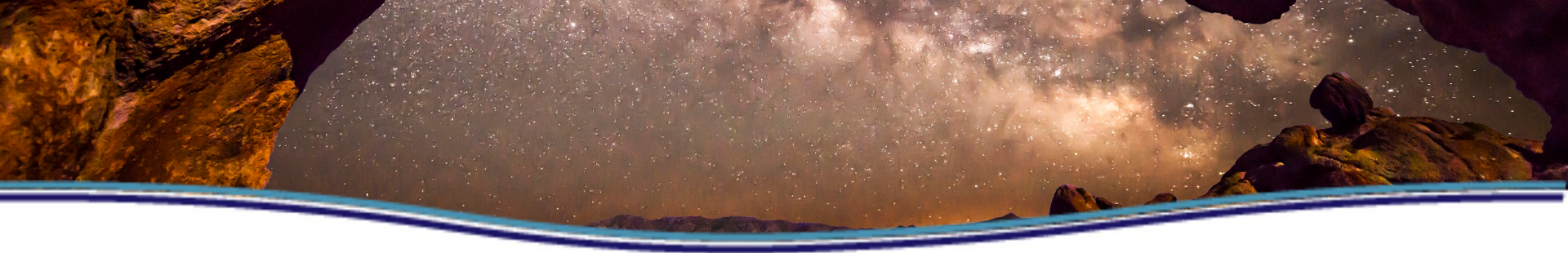




THE BASIN AND RANGE  
DARK SKY COOPERATIVE

THE COLORADO PLATEAU  
DARK SKY COOPERATIVE





## What SB52 Does



Establish by regulation a program for awarding a designation to sites in this State where the darkness of the night sky is relatively free of interference from artificial light



Regulations must include (1) the ***categories*** for which a site may be awarded a dark sky designation; (2) the ***standards*** for awarding a designation for each category; and (3) the ***procedures*** for applying for designation; for reviewing and suspending or revoking designation; and for appealing suspension or revocation of designation.

# HOW WASHOE COUNTY CAN ENGAGE WITH THIS WORK

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- **Advise the Administrator of the Division of Outdoor Recreation on needs, opportunities, and challenges at the county/local level regarding outdoor recreation**
- **Make Connections, Introduce the Division to Potential Partners in your communities and across the county**
- **Be a force multiplier—advance the causes, objectives, and mission of NDOR to the benefit of Nevadans and Washoe County residents**
- **Integrate outdoor recreation into planning and policy discussions at the county, and invite NDOR to the table**



# Questions?



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