



BEAR YUBA LAND TRUST

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MOVEMENT

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*Gynouse Ridge
Headwaters Region:*
Bear Valley Conservation Easement

Urban Core Region:
Independence Trail East, Nevada City

*Blue Oak Woodland &
Rangeland Region:*
Ellis Ranch Agricultural Conservation Easement
(left), and Garden Bar Preserve

Join us in preserving the majestic wilderness of our beloved Sierra Nevada foothills and mountains. Our mission to protect, conserve and ensure the lifelong sustainability of these lands has never been more apparent. We've made significant strides this year, safeguarding more of the Blue Oak Woodlands, Yuba River Ridges, Urban Core Trail System, and Grouse Ridge Headwaters, but there's more work to be done!

As we approach the year's end, we're reaching out for your continued support. **Our goal to raise \$100,000 by December 31** will allow us to continue our important work to preserve the Sierra Nevada landscape and protect and steward the places we all cherish. We know it's a big ask, but together with our community, we believe it's achievable.

Be a part of the movement with a donation to BYLT today! Donations can be made via check or online at bylt.org/donate. Thank you!

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LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

At Bear Yuba Land Trust we are steadfast in our commitment to creating a connected community. One where the people, native plants, and diverse wildlife have access to open, wild spaces to roam, to set roots, and to follow primordial migratory routes unencumbered by excessive development. There are many ways you can support our work and JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

Become a member of our **Oak Tree Society** with an annual donation of \$1,200+ or enter our **Legacy Circle** with a planned gift. Many of our supporters also give in creative, "tax-smart" ways, such as stock donations, grants from Donor Advised Funds, or through a Qualified Charitable Distribution. These options are often more beneficial than traditional cash donations and can provide you with significant tax advantages.

Visit bylt.org/support to become an Oak Tree Society member and to learn more about Planned Giving.



BYLT STAFF

Erin Tarr (Executive Director), **Sarah West** (Development Manager), **Annette Muller** (Communications Manager), **Emma LaValley** (Engagement Manager), **Diana Dobbs** (Finance Manager), **Jason Landers** (Conservation Manager), **Shaun Clarke** (Stewardship Manager), **Bill Haire** (Trails Coordinator), **Erik Marquis** (Recreation Manager)

BYLT BOARD

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV	In The Field: Bear Valley Trek Project on the Preserve Conservation Awards & Gratitude Breakfast
DEC	Oak Tree Society Holiday Soirée
JAN	In The Field: Fungi Hike
FEB	Community Rendezvous Project on the Preserve
MAR	Project on the Preserve
APR	NatureFest

Visit bylt.org/events and follow us on socials for all the latest in upcoming events.

CONSERVATION AWARDS

Please join us in honoring the 2024 Conservation Award Recipients at BYLT's annual Conservation Awards & Gratitude Breakfast on Saturday, November 16, 9:30am at the Miners Foundry. Together we will pay tribute to this year's distinguished Conservation Heroes who have led the way in conserving open spaces and enriching our community's connection with the land. Visit bylt.org/events for more information and to purchase tickets.



Thank you to our 2024 Conservation Awards Gold Level Sponsors:

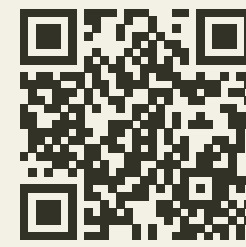


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Protecting Scenic Open Spaces and Working Lands Forever

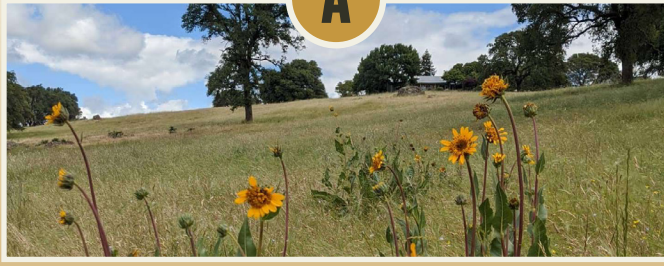
Your support makes all of this possible and involves more than a monetary transaction — it's an investment in our environment, wildlife, and community's future. Every contribution makes a notable difference, together we can write the narrative of conservation.

Thank you for making Bear Yuba Land Trust a priority in your year-end giving, and throughout the year.



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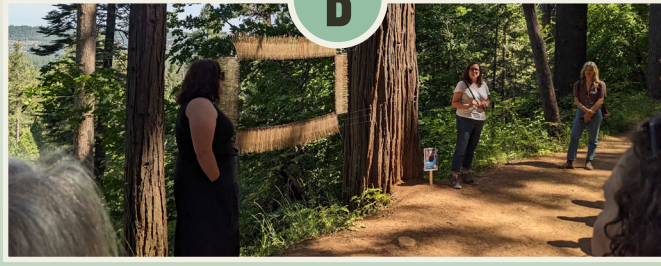
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Conserving A Land's History

In June 2024, the 65-acre **Sanford Dominguez Agricultural Conservation Easement** was protected after nearly 12 years of dedicated work on the project. This section of the historic ranch, located in the blue oak woodlands of South County, holds significant cultural landmarks, including bedrock mortars carved by early Nisenan peoples and rock walls built by Chinese immigrants in the 1860s.

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Art Into Nature

BYLT is the proud recipient of an inaugural **Arts in California Parks** grant to support artists, culture bearers, and the community in creating artworks that offer perspective on our past and present. Over the next 18 months, the grant will be used to expand our Arts In Nature programming, bringing a breadth of visual arts, poetry, and music onto our preserves and trails.

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Youth Movement

This past year, over **500 students** from all over Western Nevada County joined BYLT out on the land for recreation, placed-based learning, and land stewardship activities. This programming of guided hikes, nature journaling, poetry workshops, land history tours, and volunteerism, provides youth an opportunity to connect with nature in a meaningful and impactful way.

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Outings With Our Oak Tree Society

Throughout the year we connect our **Oak Tree Society** members to some very special places. In August we toured BYLT's Lindsey Lakes Conservation Easement while sipping wine and sauntering the nearby property of a longtime BYLT supporter. Join our Oak Tree Society for more opportunities to connect with the land and those who support this work.



SERVICE AREA

With your help, BYLT has conserved over 26,000 acres and built or maintained 50+ miles of trails in the Bear and Yuba watersheds of the Sierra Nevada.

- Roads
- Rivers & Lakes
- BYLT Protected Lands
- Migration Corridors

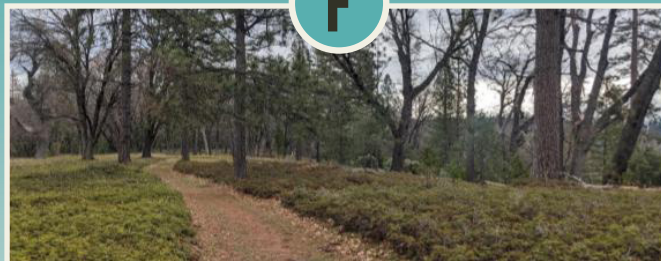
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All Hands

Volunteers are the backbone of BYLT's stewardship efforts, with 2024 seeing a record number joining the movement. With their hard work and dedication, we have been able to build trails, tackle invasive species, outreach to the community, and make a genuine and lasting impact. Soon you'll see a new face around, as Emma LaValley joins our team to lead the volunteer program.

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Leading The Way

High on the ridge above the South Yuba River sits Governor's Hill, named for Jerry Brown who once owned it. The community on Montezuma Ridge has cherished "Governor's Trail" as a fire break and a connection to North Columbia. In 2024, the landowners generously donated trail easements across their joint properties to ensure this section of the trail remains open and accessible forever.

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A Plan For Recreation

Nevada County took huge strides in 2024 to embrace the outdoor recreation economy through the adoption of their **Recreation & Resiliency Master Plan**. BYLT plays a pivotal role for recreation in Western Nevada County as we continue to expand upon community recreation needs. BYLT's newest team member, Recreation Manager Erik Marquis, will help bring our trail vision to life.

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On The Move

As cities on the western slope of the Sierra expand, BYLT's goal to protect critical **migration corridors** for wildlife becomes ever more urgent. A major migration route runs north from the Bear River to the Lower Yuba River and follows the South Yuba River all the way to the High Sierra. BYLT continues to protect contiguous ranches and open spaces along this route, ensuring wildlife their vital journeys.