



THE LITTLE TOWN WITH LOTS OF CHARM

Support our Satellite Office in Lone Pine to Strengthen Strategic Connections for Public Lands Protection!



Dear Friend,

In August 2022, Bishop-based Friends of the Inyo, which has been protecting and caring for the public lands of California's Eastern Sierra since 1986, opened our first ever satellite office within our extensive Inyo/Mono bi-county coverage area.

We chose **Lone Pine** for this endeavor. It is a welcoming community that, as its welcome sign states, prides itself in being the "Little Town with Lots of Charm."

Located in the middle western part of Inyo County at the southern end of the **Owens Valley, along U.S. Route 395, the Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway**, Lone Pine provides us with easy access to a number of well-known public lands managed by our agency partners, including the **Alabama Hills National Scenic Area** (Bureau of Land Management); **Mt. Whitney and the Inyo National Forest** (U.S. Forest Service); and **Manzanar National Historic Site**, a relocation center for Japanese Americans during WWII, and **Death Valley National Park** (National Park Service).

Our new Lone Pine office brings us closer to the headquarters of the **Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone and Timbisha Shoshone Tribes**, with whom we are working more closely than ever to protect and care for lands that comprise their ancestral homelands.

Lone Pine is also known for its **Museum of Western Film History**, a loyal partner to Friends of the Inyo when we host our popular **Owens Lake Bird Festival** every year on Earth Day Weekend, to celebrate the migration of tens of thousands of birds along the Pacific Flyway.

Since opening the Lone Pine Office last summer with just one full-time employee, **we have added a second staff member devoted to our desert lands protection work, who is fully bilingual in English and Spanish.**

Our two most important initiatives spearheaded by the Lone Pine Office are:

- **Campaign for permanent protection of biodiversity-rich and culturally and spiritually important desert BLM lands in Southern Inyo County that include Conglomerate Mesa, and parts of Centennial Flat and Santa Rosa Flat.** These lands are home to many rare species, including forests of successfully reproducing Joshua Trees. Friends of the Inyo and its partners have been working to protect Conglomerate Mesa from destructive gold mining interests over the past three decades.
- **Engagement in planning for renewable energy development that furthers our state's goal of decreasing dependency on fossil fuels while protecting wildlife habitats and respecting tribal**

sovereignty and cultural resources. Friends of the Inyo will be heavily involved in the planning processes so that much-needed clean energy sources are appropriately sited.

Both of these initiatives help further our state's 30x30 goal to conserve 30 percent of California's lands and waters by 2030.

Friends of the Inyo is committed to this work, our partners in conservation, and the community of Lone Pine for the long haul. Our Lone Pine Office is a keystone part of this commitment.

With office rent and supplies, staff salaries and benefits, and fuel and maintenance costs for one dedicated vehicle from our fleet, our expenses to run Friends of the Inyo's Lone Pine Satellite Office amount to about \$115,000 per year.

Your gift will help tremendously with the general operating expenses of our Lone Pine Office so that we can continue to protect and care for the many public lands strategically close to the "Little Town with Lots of Charm." Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,



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