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**RE: Connected Communities** 

Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship's vision and mission have a lot in common with our organization's long-term commitment to this place we all call home. Since 1974, Friends of Plumas Wilderness has been dedicated to studying, exploring and maintaining the integrity of natural ecosystems where the Sierra and Cascades meet. Our vision for the Sierra-Cascade region is to maintain a healthy environment, create an equitable society, and build a diverse economy through the conservation of public lands, protection of wild places, and restoration of forests and rivers.

The portion of the Connected Communities project that resonates best with Friends of Plumas Wilderness is that the project aims to empower individuals to explore close to home by a trail network with downtown trailheads. This will not only expand access to nature for all individuals within those communities but also provide a unique bond between each community and the natural ecosystems at our back doors.

We strongly support SBTS's Connected Communities legacy project and would be proud to be listed as a partner organization. We see both organizations as core partners in this long-term endeavor to conserve, protect and restore the Lost Sierra and will continue to work with SBTS to ensure our common visions are achieved.

Sincerely,

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