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To: California Roundtable on  
Recreation, Parks, and Tourism  
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*Keeping light in the range.*

The Sierra Nevada Alliance supports the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, created by the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks, and Tourism.

The California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights recommends a fundamental list of experiences that every child in California would benefit from before entering high school. Numerous studies document that children who do these things are healthier, do better in school, have better social skills and self-image, and lead more fulfilled lives. The Bill of Rights provides that youth between the ages of four and fourteen should have the opportunity to:

1. Play in a safe place
2. Explore nature
3. Learn to swim
4. Go fishing
5. Follow a trail
6. Camp under the stars
7. Ride a bike
8. Go boating
9. Connect with the past
10. Plant a seed

The Sierra Nevada Alliance recognizes that unstructured play in the great outdoors can be a wonderful experience for people of all ages, and especially for our youth. Participating in outdoor activities is not only enjoyable, but also develops an appreciation of California's unique environment.

The Sierra Nevada Region is renowned as one of California's iconic outdoor resources, and many parts of the Region depend heavily on the enjoyment of those resources for their social and economic well-being. The Sierra Nevada Alliance has committed to supporting these goals and is formally endorsing the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights to promote the health of future generations.

*The Sierra Nevada Alliance supports and endorses the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights as a guideline for parents, guardians, parks, communities, health professionals, private enterprises and other entities to encourage children to experience each of the activities listed by the completion of their 14<sup>th</sup> year.*

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