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## **Living With Wildlife Festival Comes to Mammoth**

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MAMMOTH LAKES, CA—Eastern Sierra Land Trust is joining forces with a number of local wildlife organizations and agencies to bring their second annual Living With Wildlife Festival to Mammoth Creek Park this coming weekend, September 27th from 9am until noon. Formerly held in Crowley Community Park, the ESLT chose a new venue this year to make it easier for more families to attend.

This event is a rare opportunity that brings wildlife groups together in one place to answer your questions about animals living in the area. Groups will provide the public with information they need to know about protecting wildlife habitat around their homes and preventing bothersome interactions. Kid's activities include identifying animal tracks with The Eastern Sierra Watershed Education Program and painting wildlife tiles for the Sierra Ceramic Mural Project.

The California Deer Association, Mountain Lion Foundation, and Bear-With-Us, among others, will provide information about the species they protect. Eastern Sierra Wildlife Care will share ways to help injured wildlife and will bring a hawk and snakes, weather permitting. CalFire and the Inyo National Forest Fire Prevention Program will be on hand to discuss creating fire safe space around your home and how it benefits the wildlife living nearby. The Roadside Heritage Project will unveil a new CD that talks about wildlife migration and the Eastern Sierra Land Trust will announce a new preserve near Crowley Lake that protects a critical wildlife migration corridor.

“We expect a record turn out,” said Katie Nelson of Eastern Sierra Land Trust who is working hard to put this event together. “We’re quite excited about all the buzz it’s generating,” Nelson added.

The festival will be in Mammoth Creek Park on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am until noon. Refreshments will be provided. Event sponsors include LADWP, CalTrout, The Eastern Sierra Audubon Society, The Sierra Ceramic Mural Project, and The Eastern Sierra Institute for Collaborative Education. For more information, contact Katie at ESLT: 760-873-4554, or check out their website: [www.easternsierralandtrust.com](http://www.easternsierralandtrust.com).