



# Alpine Watershed Group

*Protecting the Headwaters of the California Alps*

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**Creek Day**  
Saturday, September 19, 2026

*31 volunteers worked at five project sites  
12 bags of trash removed from approximately 13 highway miles, adaptive management performed on one beaver dam analog (BDA), built one "rhino structure" and repaired another, and planted 60 willow stakes*

## **Projects & Outcomes**

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanups—Alpine Watershed Group and California Alps Cycling

- 8 bags of trash (~45 lbs.) and approximately 3 lbs. of recyclables collected along 7 miles of Highway 89

Highway Pull-off Cleanups

- 4 bags of trash (~140 lbs.) collected within 6 miles of highway pull-offs—a radiator and a plastic louvre were found

Faith Valley Restoration Work

- Implemented adaptive management to raise and improve one existing BDA (work included placement of conifers, willow, and sediment within the channel), built one "rhino structure" and repaired another

Hope Valley Restoration Work

- 60 willow stakes planted at Site 1 of Alpine Watershed Group's Hope Valley Restoration and Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

Markleeville Library Watershed Education Activities

- 30 participants (9 children and 21 adults) engaged in a variety of environmental education activities offered inside and outside the library during the workday—including a watershed model and pollutant activity, a water table, a "Bear and Trout" tag game, watershed-themed story time, and a scavenger hunt.

### Event Partners

Alpine County Library  
Alpine Trails Association  
American Rivers  
California Alps Cycling  
California Coastal Commission  
California Department of Transportation  
Carson Water Subconservancy District  
High Sierra Fly Casters  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Sierra Nevada Alliance  
Symbiotic Restoration

### Sponsors

Alpine County Chamber of Commerce  
Carson Water Subconservancy District  
Desolation Hotel  
Liberty Utilities  
Resource Concepts Inc.  
Sierra Nevada Foundation  
Trout Unlimited – Sagebrush Chapter

### Beverages for Volunteers

Yerba Madre

### Snacks for Volunteers

Kirkwood Mountain Resort