



GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 5. Presentation from ROAR Regarding a Trail Planning Project on Land Owned by GRTA in the Alderpoint Region

FROM: Hannah Bartee

RE: Presentation from ROAR Regarding a Trail Planning Project on Land Owned by GRTA in the Alderpoint Region

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In fall 2024, the Revitalizing Opportunities for the Alderpoint Region (ROAR) group was awarded a grant by the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) from funds specified by the legislature to advance the development of the Great Redwood Trail and the GRTA board authorized a Right-of-Entry permit for on-site trail planning activities to begin within GRTA property in the Alderpoint region. Conservancy and GRTA staff continue to coordinate with ROAR on this early phase of trail development. Emily Wood and James Ficklin, Project Managers for ROAR, will provide an informational report (slides attached) to provide background on the project and update the board on their current planning efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational Item Only

ATTACHMENTS:

A. ROAR PRESENTATION 11.20.2025

GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL ALDERPOINT PROJECT OVERVIEW



Welcome to Alderpoint

Heart of the Eel River

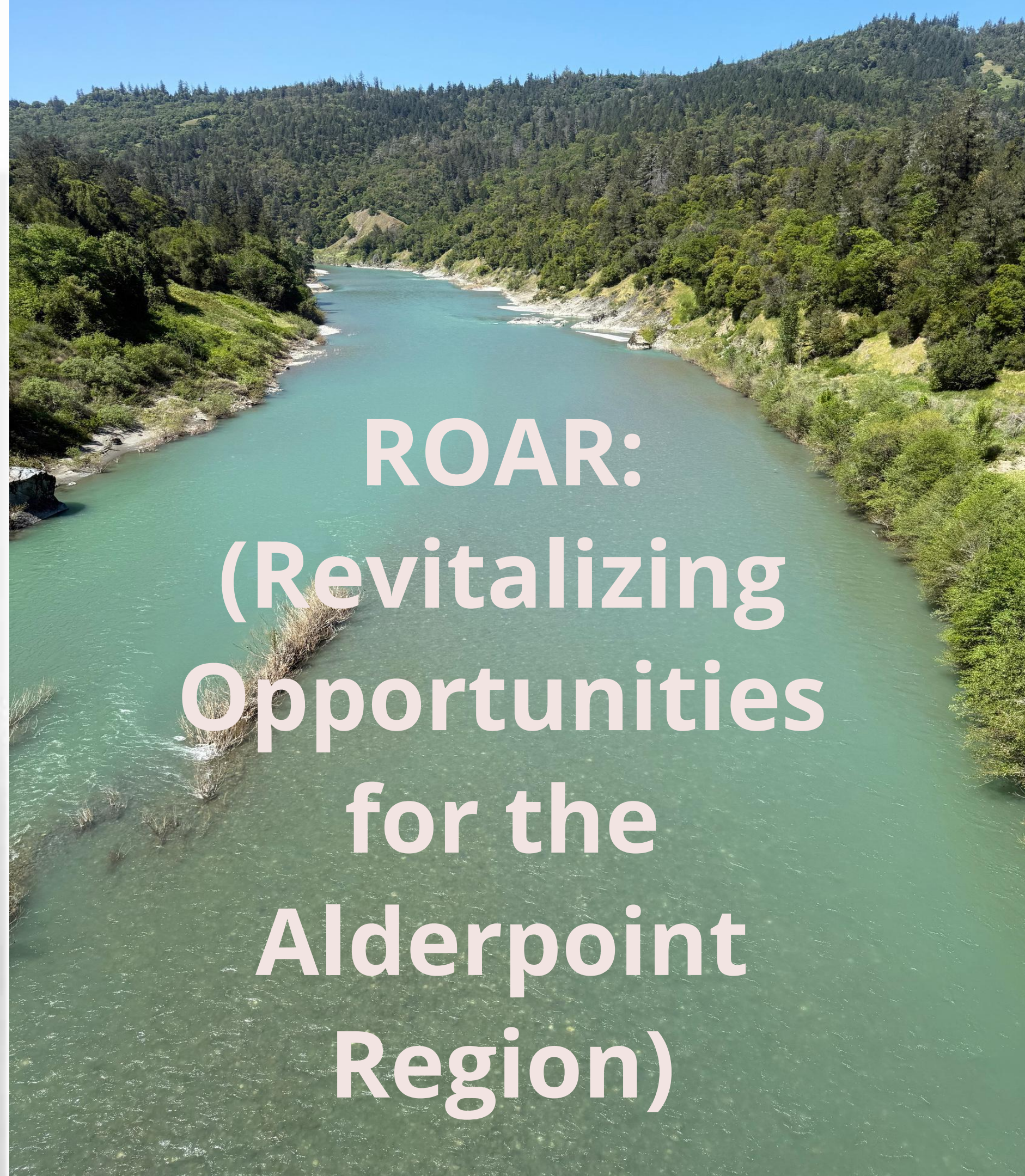


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ROAR



ROAR:
(Revitalizing
Opportunities
for the
Alderpoint
Region)





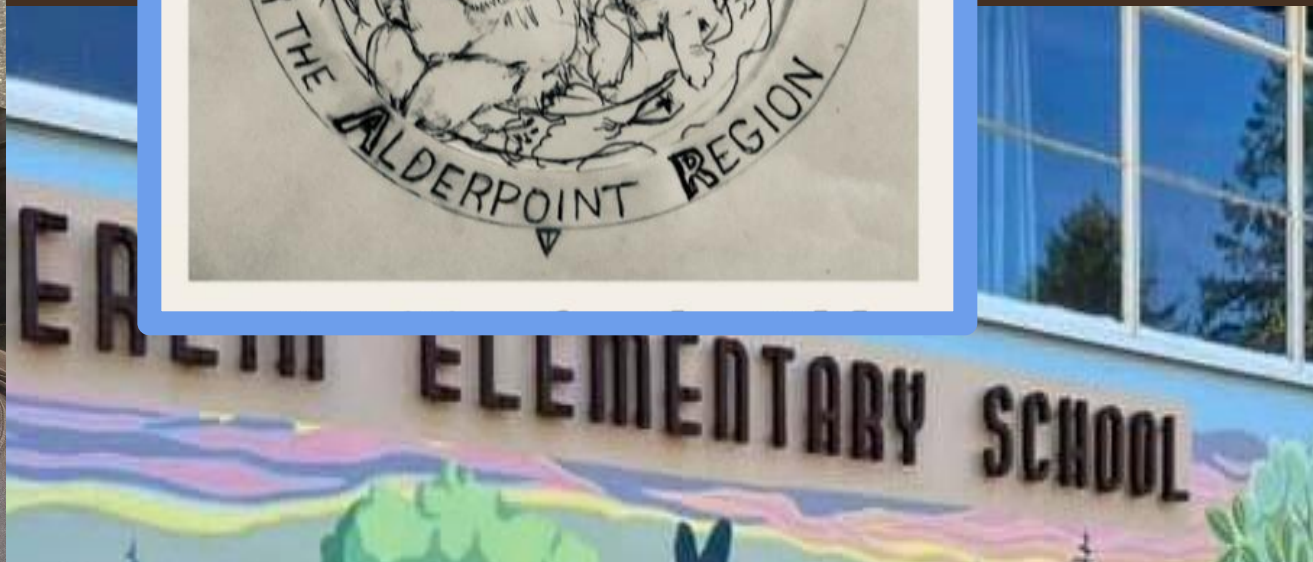
ROAR IS...

- Grant projects by and for Alderpoint residents
- Local people → local solutions
- Parent-led → community-led

A group of people are hiking on a grassy trail that runs alongside a river. In the foreground, a man in an orange jacket and cap stands with his back to the camera, looking down the trail. Further ahead, a person carries a child on their shoulders. The trail leads towards a large, arched tunnel entrance built into a hillside. The background shows a river, forested hills, and a cloudy sky.

Community Collaborations

- Friends of the Eel • Pacific Watersheds Associates • Wildlands Conserveancy • American Whitewater • Save California Salmon • Friends of the Annie & Mary Trail • Rios to Rivers • Local Schools • Solidarity with Native-led Events



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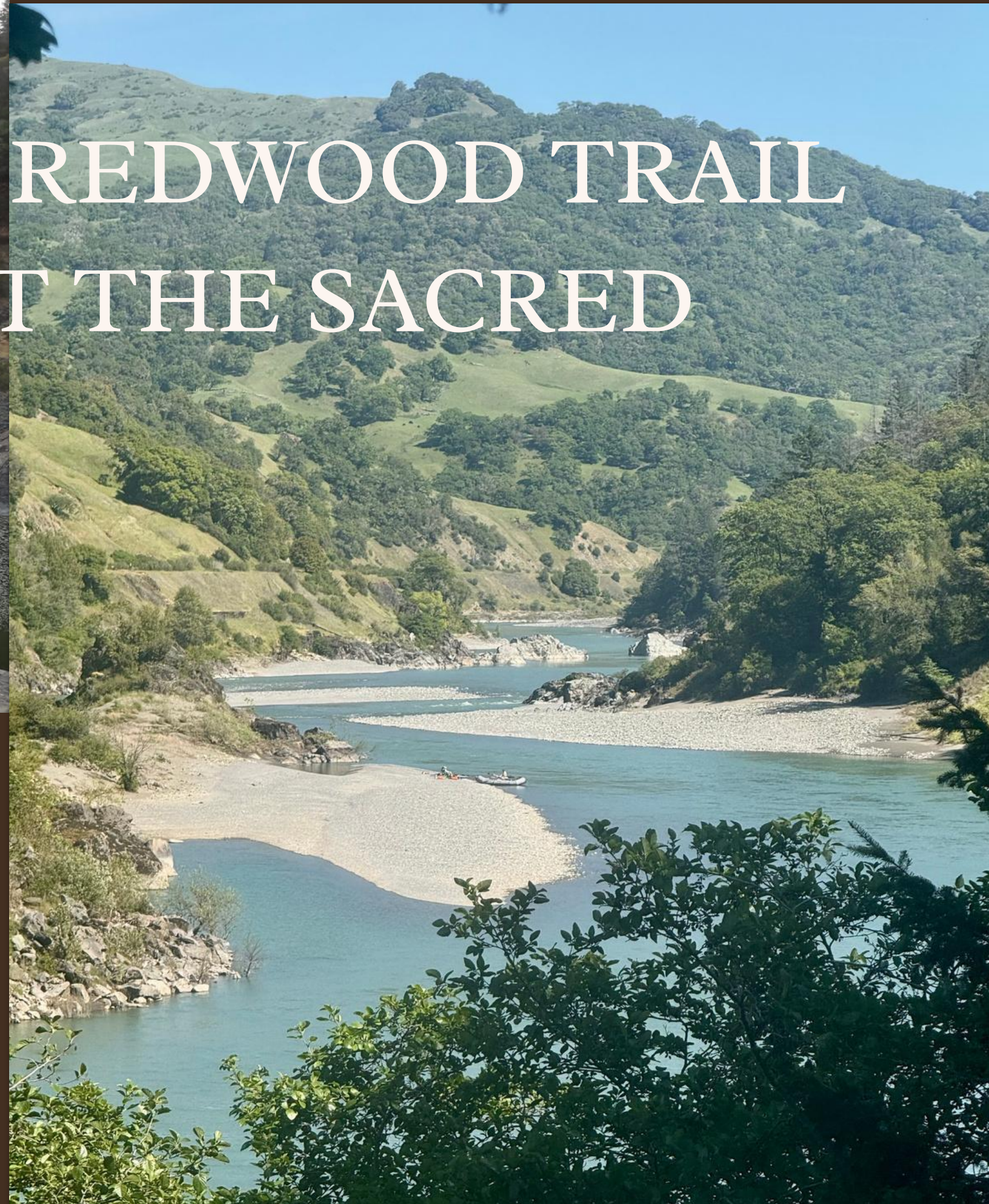
PRESENT

FUTURE

ALDERPOINT GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL

PHASE I: PROTECT THE SACRED

- 4.5-mile segment of railroad right-of-way from Alderpoint upriver
- Trail-town opportunity for local families



YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS

CLEAN UP

- Trash Removal-
- Toxic Remediation-

PROTECT THE SACRED

Great Redwood Trail
Alderpoint
Planning Phase 1

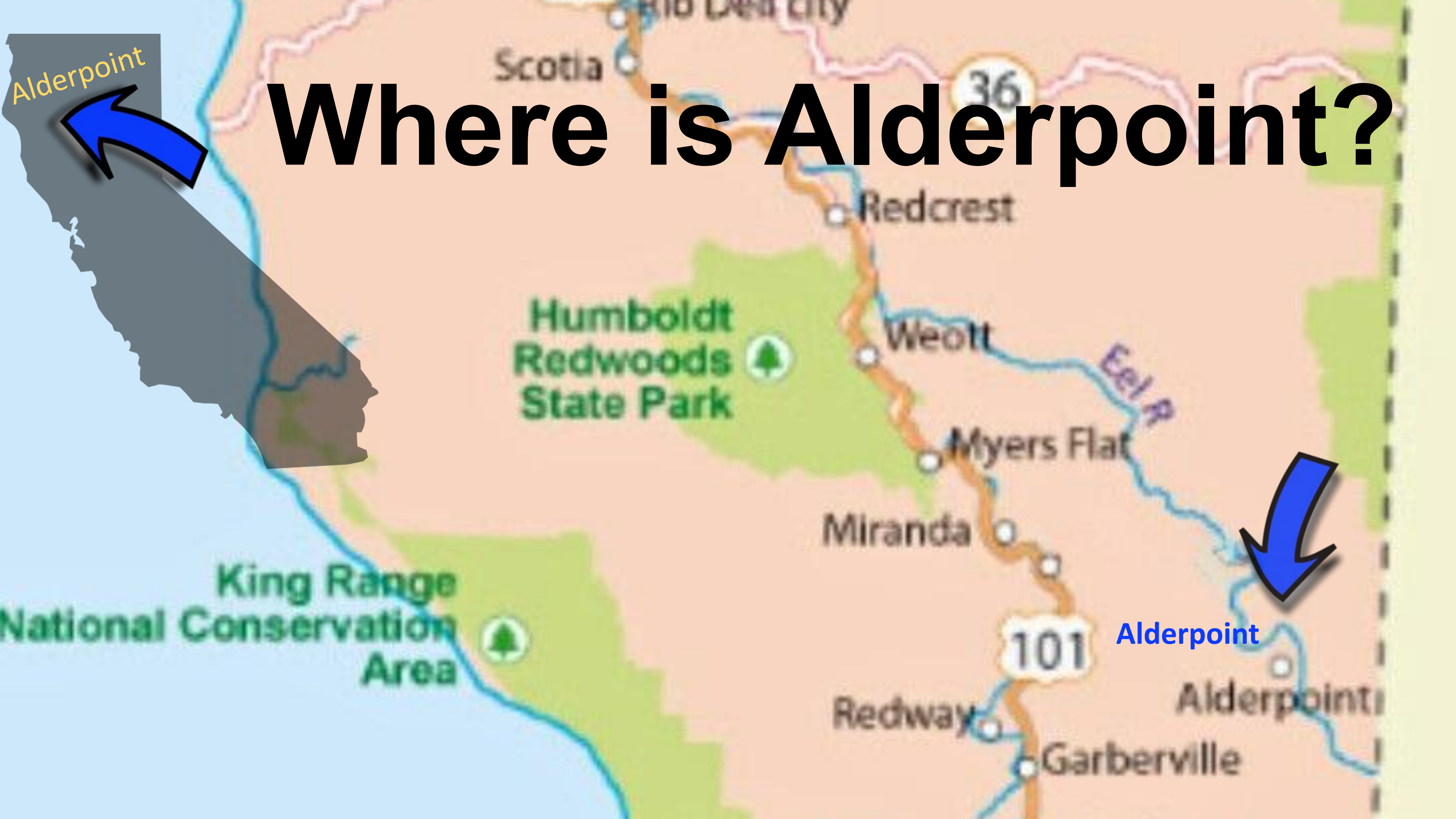
CULTURAL BOTANICAL STUDY

- Native Plants-
- Edible, Medicinal-
- Ceremonial Use-

CULTURAL RESOURCE STUDY

- Sacred Sites,
Tribal Choice-
- PUT SAFEGUARDS
IN PLACE

COMMUNITY DESIGN



Alderpoint

Where is Alderpoint?

Alderpoint

Mural at Garberville
Town Square



Xa-Cho
EEL RIVER
WATERSHED

HOME OF THE
WAILAKI/KINESTE
PEOPLE

EEL RIVER

VAN DUZEN R.

MATTOLE R.

SOUTH FORK

NORTH FORK

MIDDLE FORK

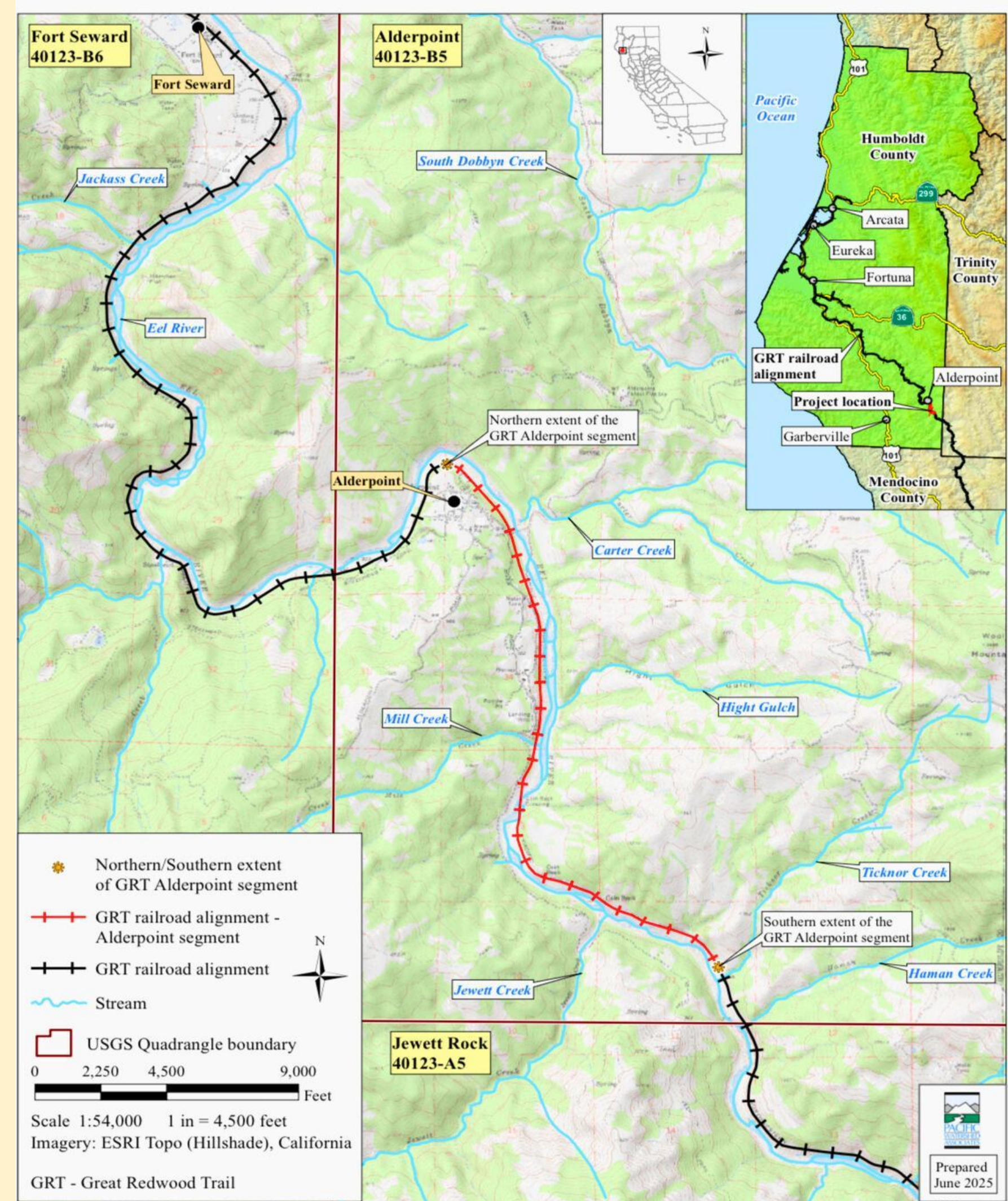
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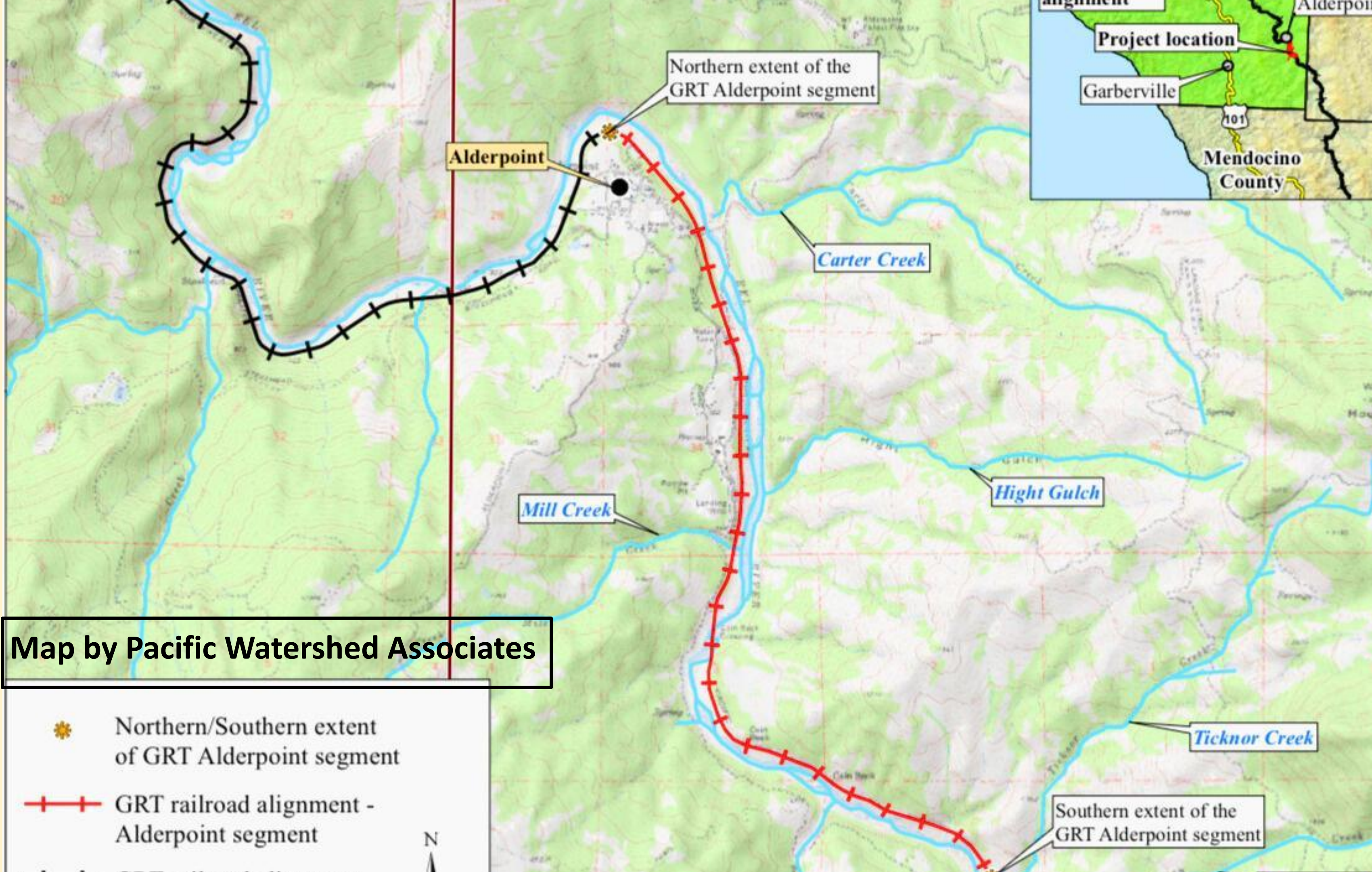


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Where is the Project Area?

- 4.5 miles
- Alderpoint to Ticknor Creek (Wildlands Conservancy)
- Only paved road access in Eel River Canyon





Oak • Grassland • Mixed Forest

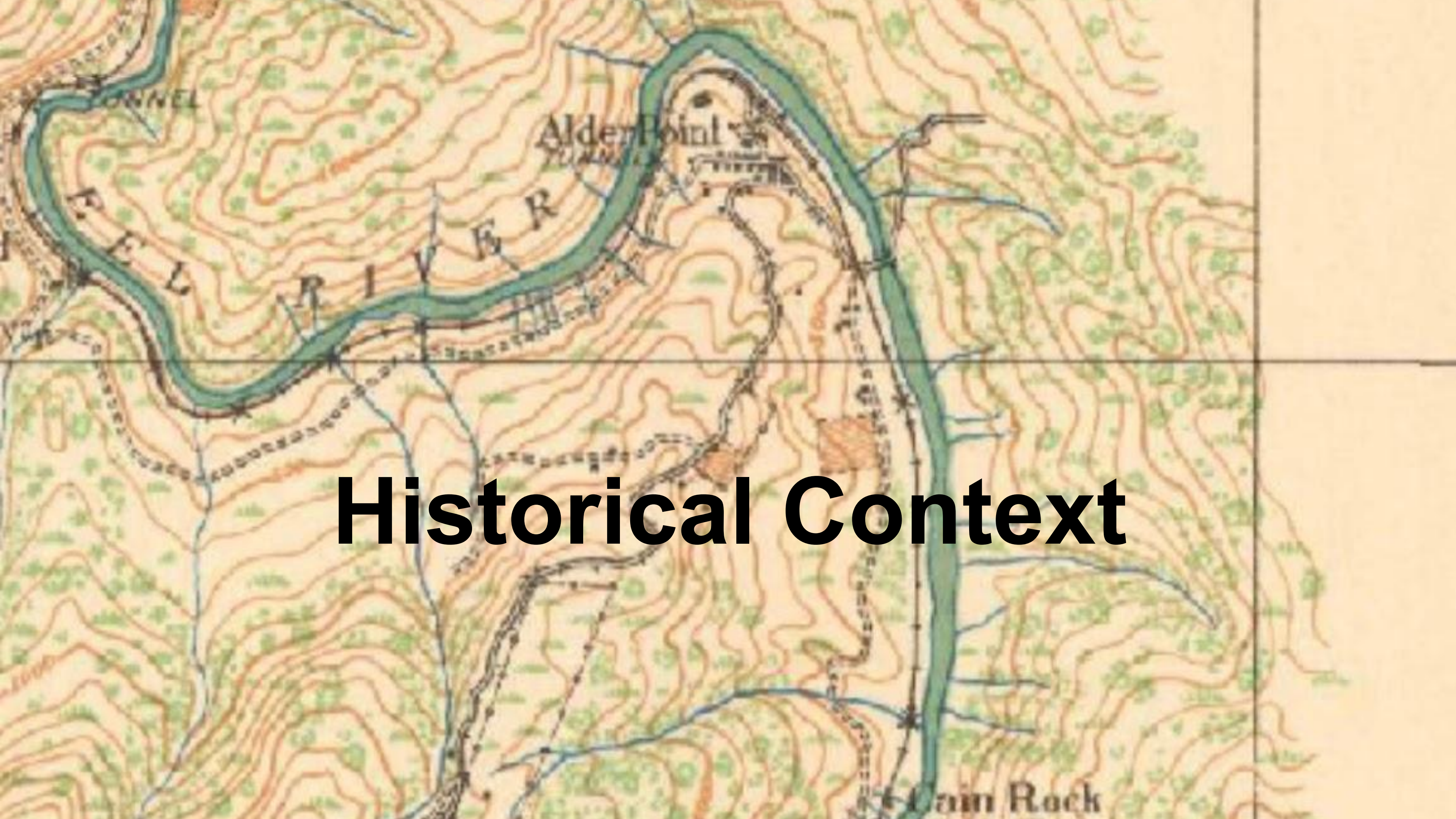
- Native Plants - Endangered Species Habitat
- Wildlife Diversity - Clean Water Sources



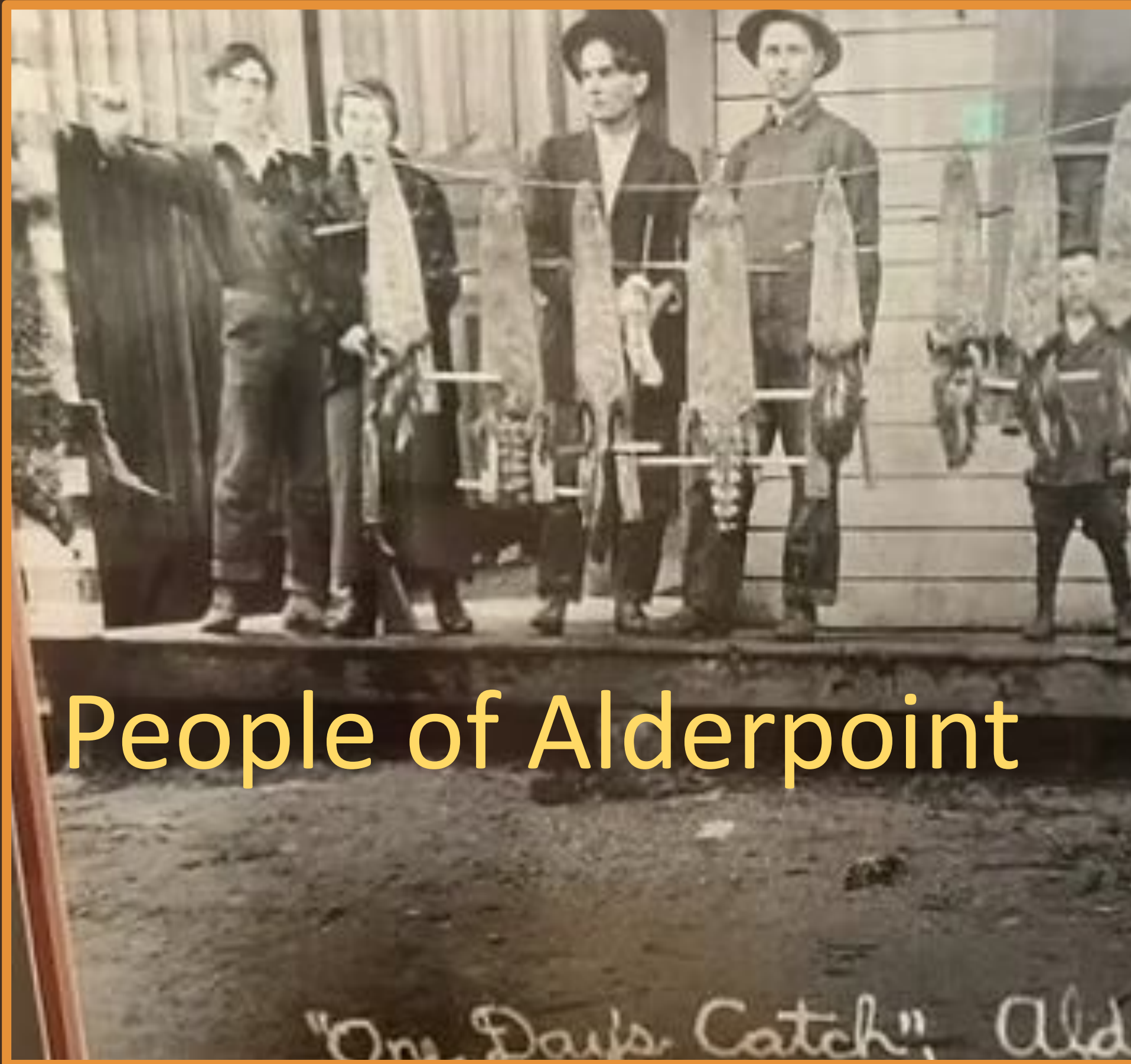
Why Phase I Planning Matters:

- Locate & protect any cultural resources & sensitive habitats
- Maximize local opportunities



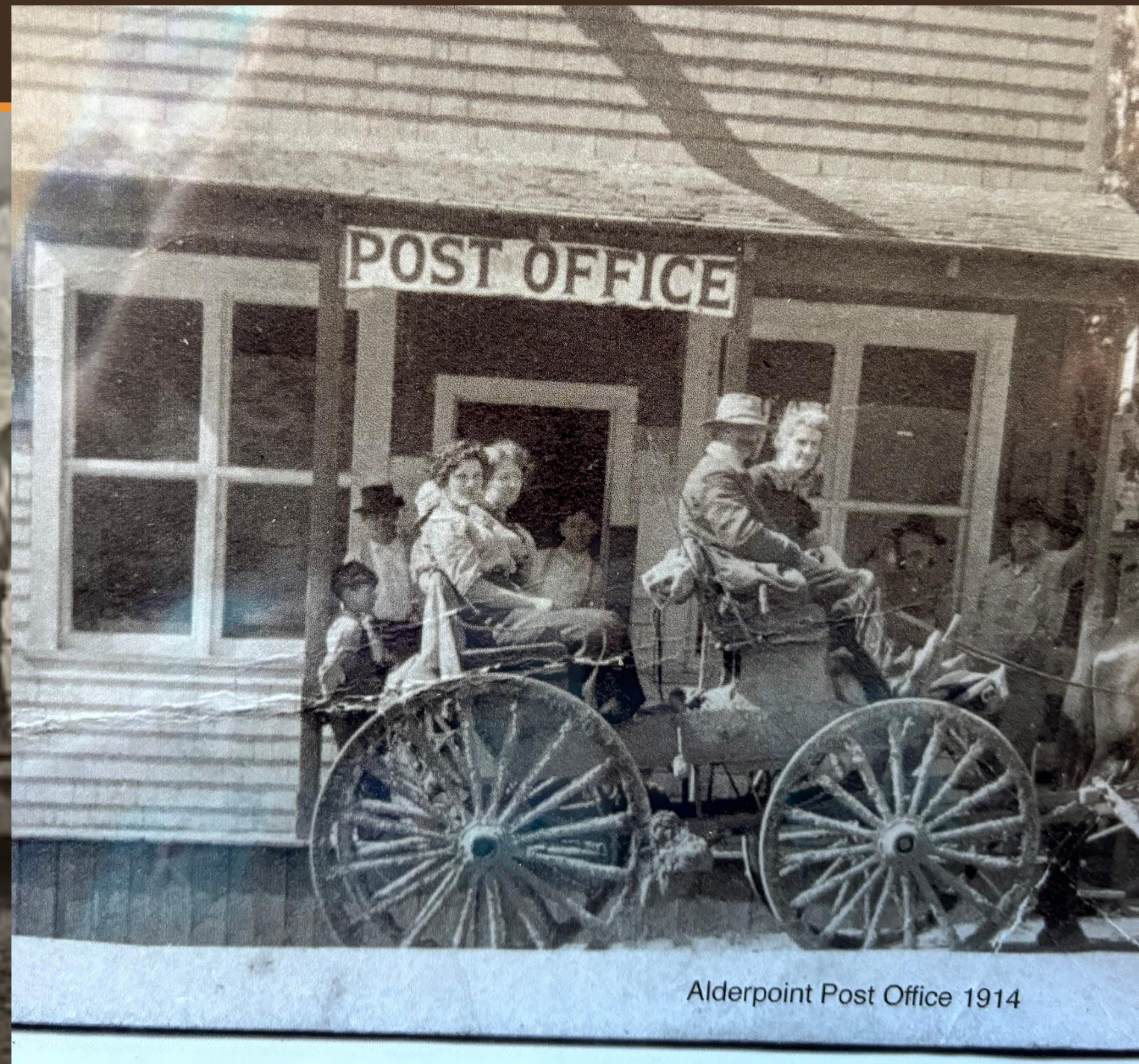


Historical Context



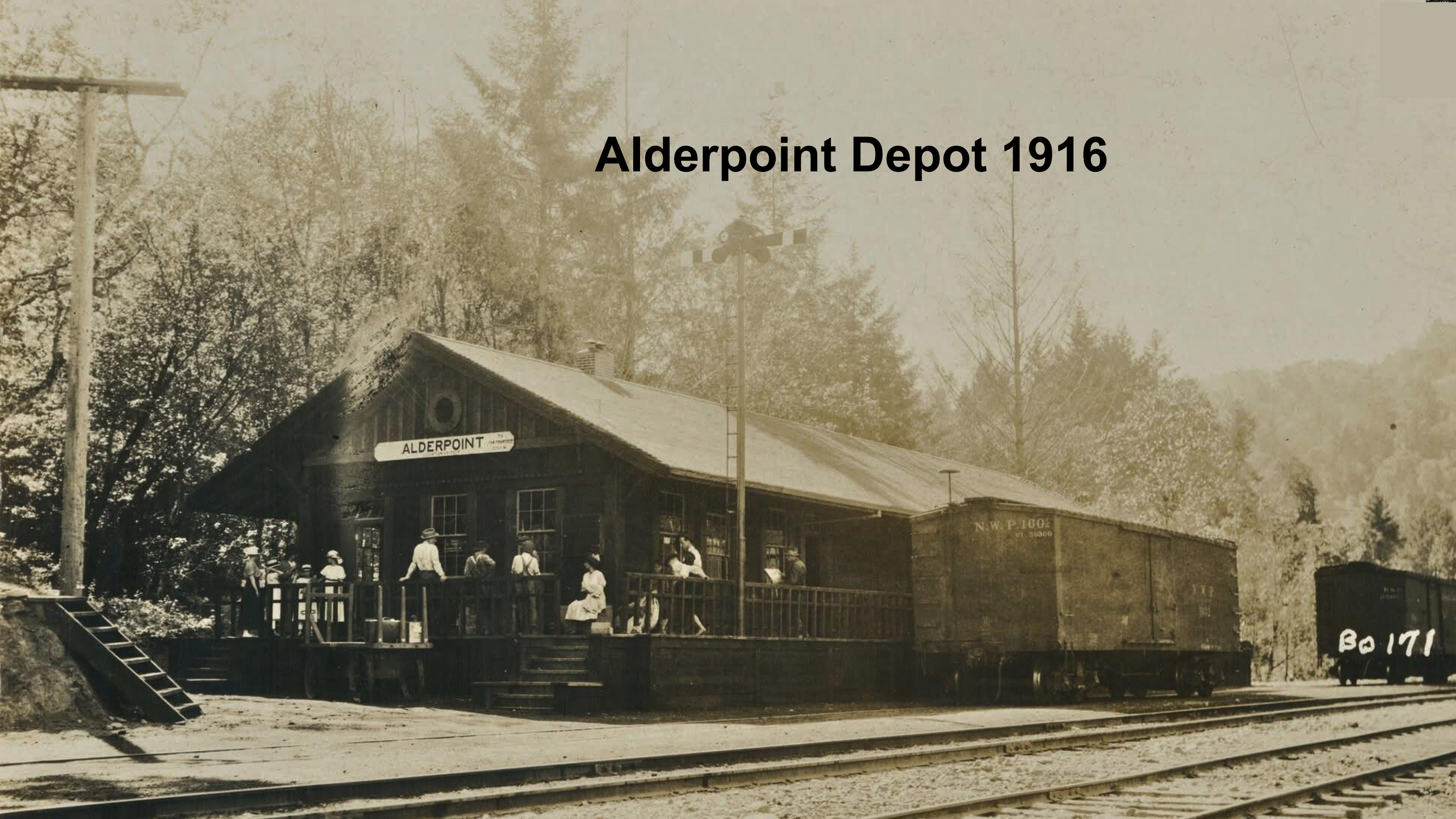
People of Alderpoint

"One Day's Catch", Alderpoint, Cal



Alderpoint Post Office 1914

Alderpoint Depot 1916



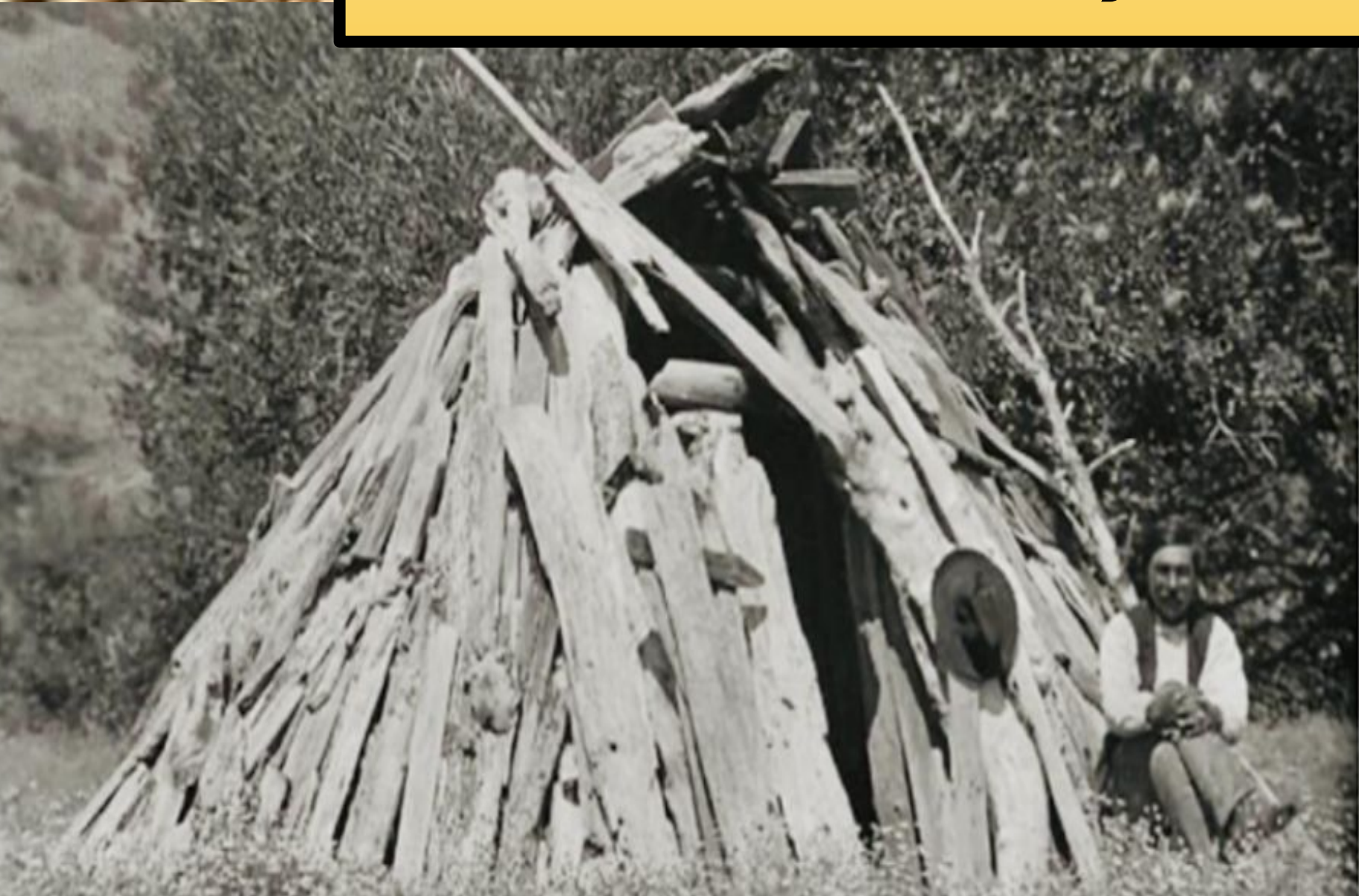
Ancestral Stewards: The Wailaki/Kinest'e People





“Yit” = “Home”

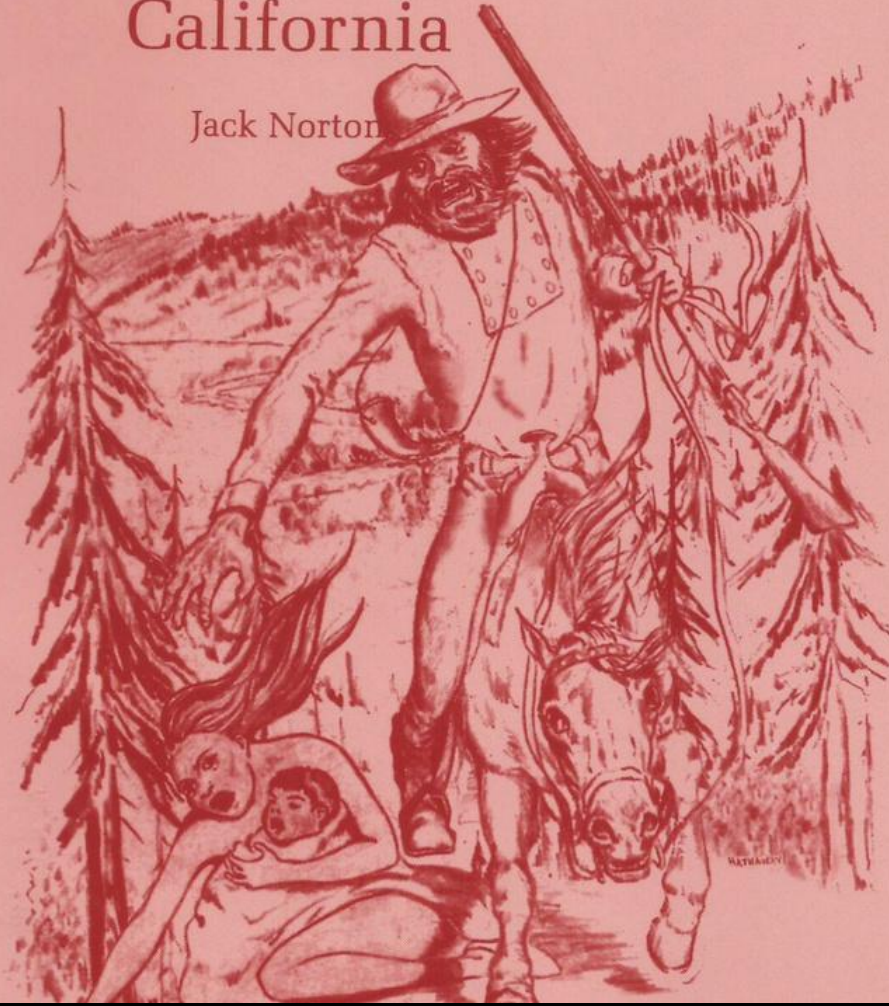
A Wailaki/Kinest'e dwelling



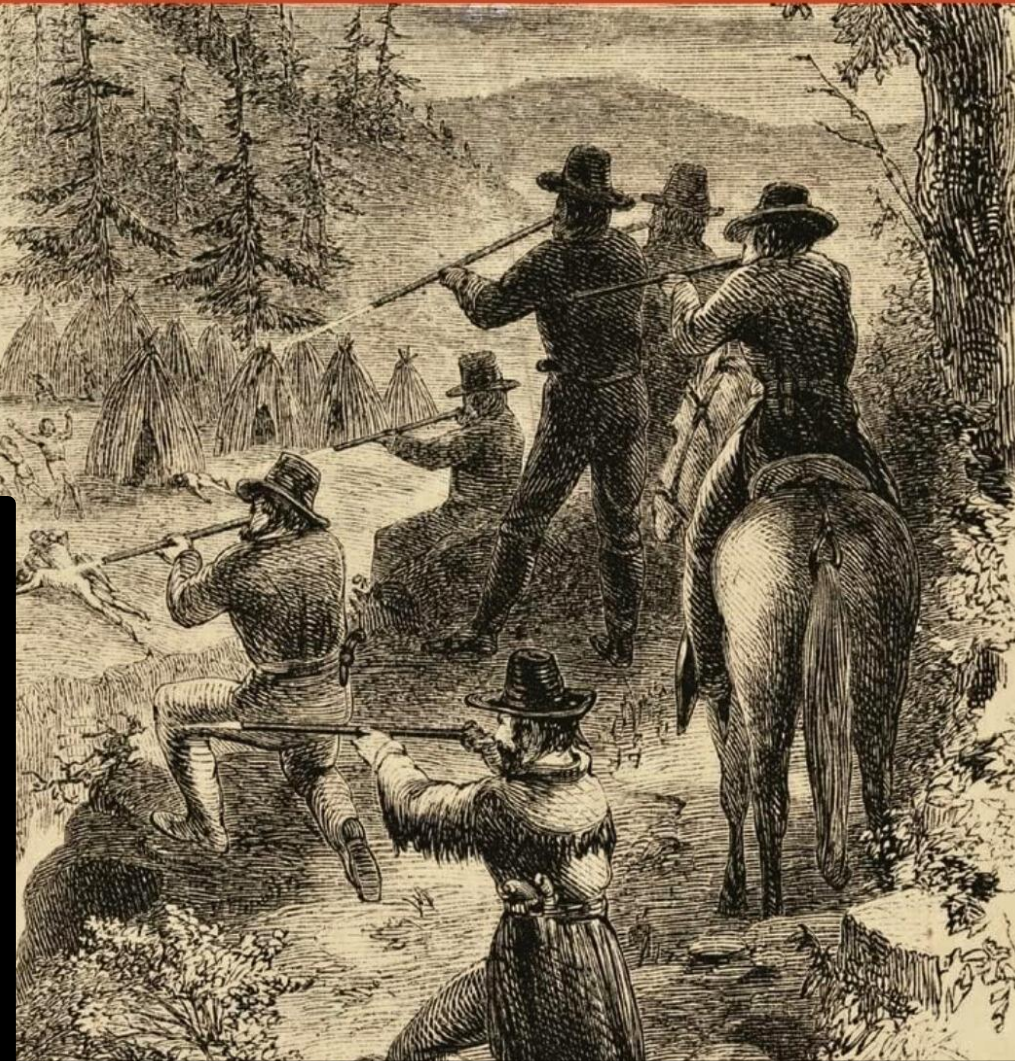
A Dark History

Genocide in Northwestern California

Jack Norton



MURDER STATE

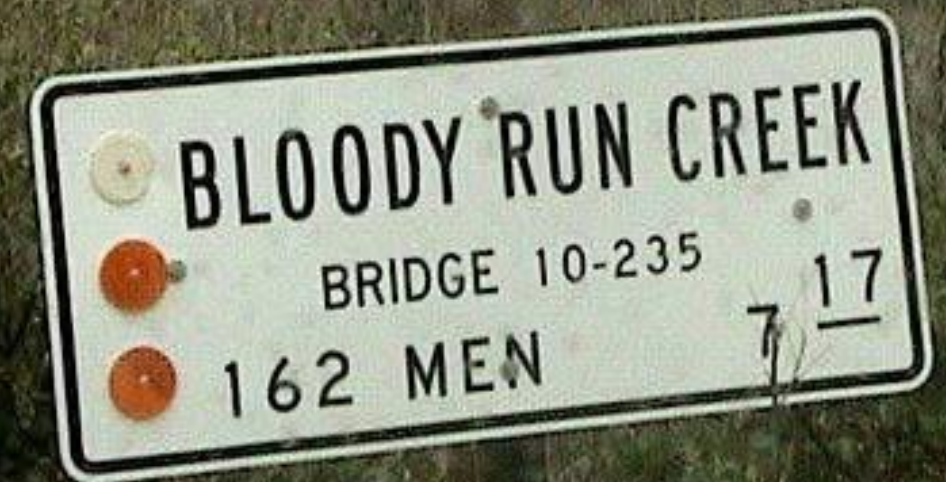


By
Lynwood Carranco
and Estle Beard



Genocide and Vendetta

The Round Valley Wars
of Northern California



Wailaki Placenames

<kaiL tcī ta dūñ>

kaiłchi-ta=din

redbud-among=Loc

Redbud-Among-Place

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“WHERE 40 KILLED”

41 kaiłchi ta dūñ

~~Redbud~~ Redbud place
where 40 were killed

42 same as 41
bānti kaster dūñ

bracket wind flow
low gap where
of trail passes
above se near south
side

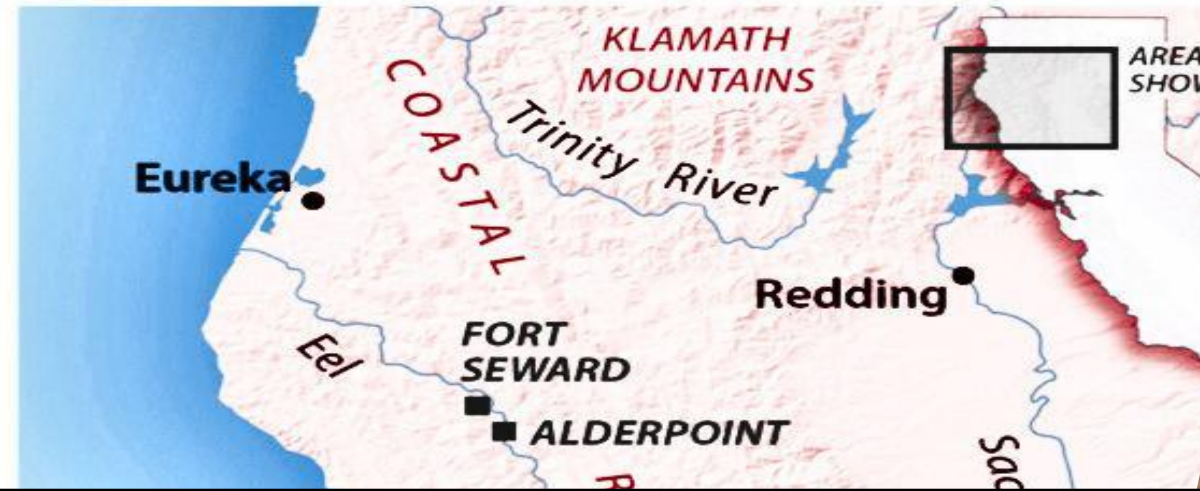
Source Analysis Questions

1. What do we know about the people who killed the men in Lucy Young's community?
2. What happens to a community when all men are killed?

Learn More



Lucy Young, a survivor of an attack by white men on the Native Americans of Fort Seward, escaped forced labor and physical abuse in a white man's house and arrived home the same day the men of her tribe were all killed by white men.



Lucy Young,
aka "T'tcetsa"-
"Yellow Jacket,"
born in Alderpoint

FAMILIE

A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF ROUND VALLEY, 1862



Wailaki/Kinest'e Revitalization Today

Eel River Wailaki Annual Big Time

Wailaki Cultural Fire Crew

Native Health in Native Hands

Alderpoint Redwood Canoe Floats






PROTECT THE SACRED:

- 2024 Wailaki petition
- inspired ROAR's grant
- Cultural studies come first

change.org

Start a petition






Protect Wailaki Ancestral Homelands vs. Great Redwood Trail Plan

✍ Sign petition

266[✓]
Verified signatures ▼

 Let's get to 500 signatures!

Alderpoint Community: High need — High potential



PERMANENTLY
CLOSED





Alderpoint “Bridge” Fire, July 2025



Alderpoint “Bridge” Fire July 2025



- Alderpoint = “Very High” fire risk
- Need for prescribed, cultural burns
- Trail = shaded fuel break + access
- Our project has begun brush clearing

Project Components In Depth



Cain Rock
RR Bridge

A close-up photograph of a moth with brown and grey patterned wings resting on a vibrant purple flower. The background is dark and out of focus.

Component 1 - Cultural Botanical Study

Cultural Botanical Study:

- Document cultural plants
- Help them thrive!
- Led by Wailaki / Kinest'e



Native Elders + botanists + youth

- Invasives removal to aid access
- Allow native species to thrive





Component 2

Cultural Resources Survey

Cultural Resource Study:

- Cal Poly Humboldt's Cultural Resources Facility
- Wailaki members guide the decisions



MARK CASTRO, RPA



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calpolyhumboldtcrf This week CRF students were able to join CRF staff to learn how to operate Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) equipment.

Surveying the Trail Corridor





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Three:

**Clean
Up!**

- Clean-Up =
Employment for
Locals
- NOTE:
Clean-Up to Begin
after an Ok from
the Cultural
Resources Team



Clean Up= Service Hours for Youth

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS!

Participate in Alderpoint area clean-up to earn the volunteer hours seniors need to graduate. Additional paid hours are also possible with work permit and orientation!



Putting up a ROAR poster on the school bulletin board



Graphic Design
By Tenzin Wood

Revitalizing Opportunities For The
Alderpoint Region

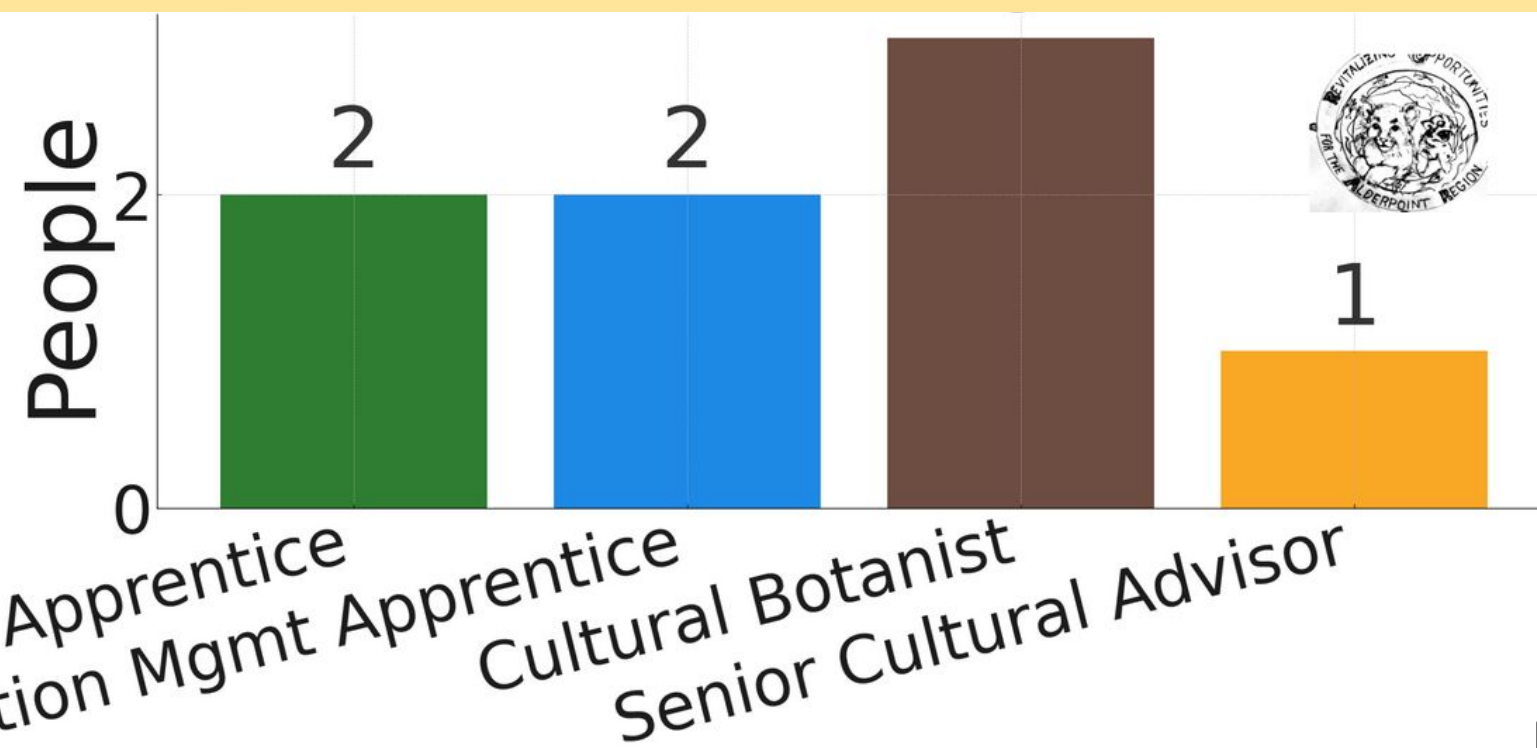
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Community Initiatives (501-2) and their local project ROAR (Revitalizing

Community Benefits / Jobs

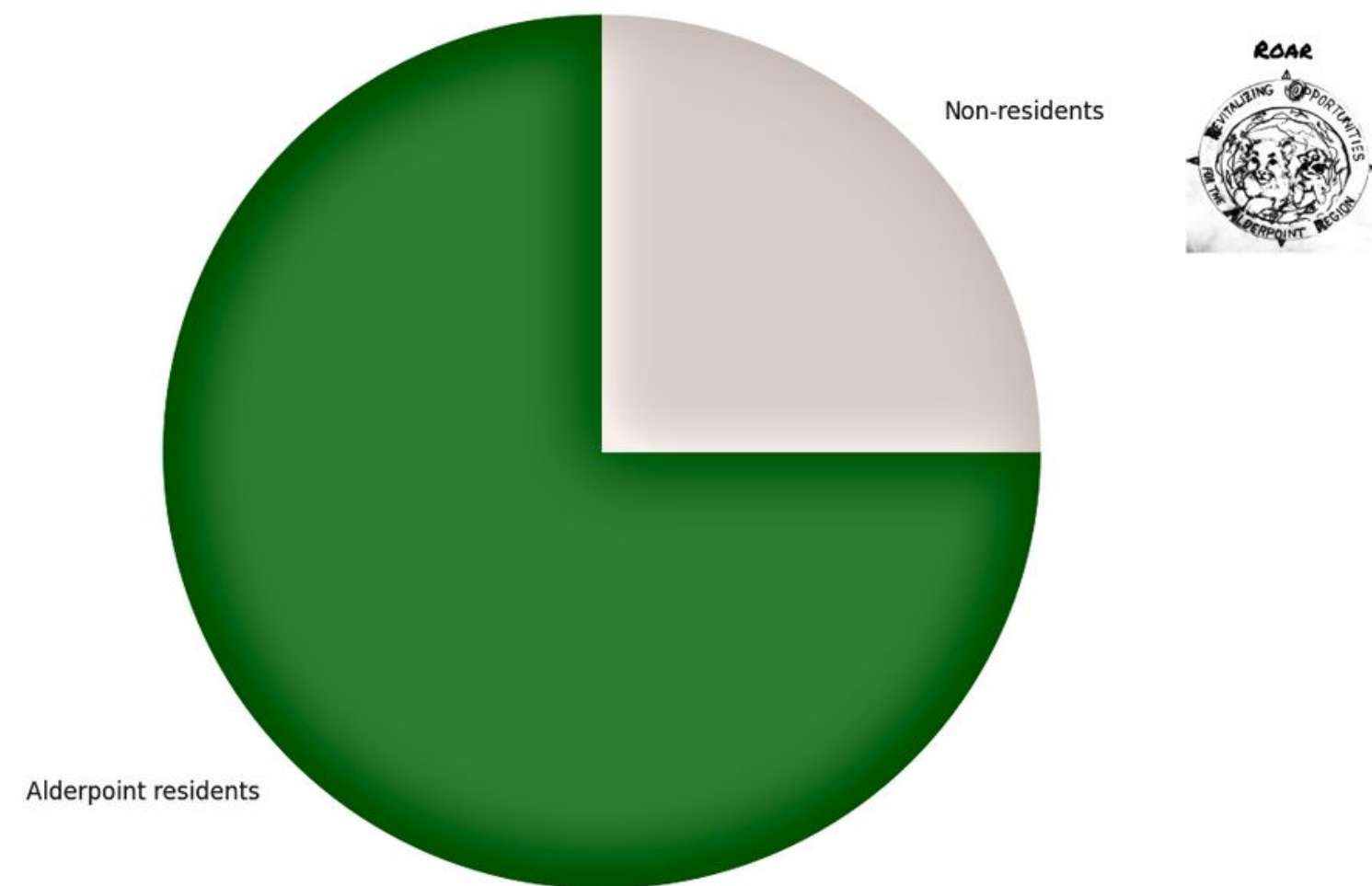
- Restoration = local work
- Elders as cultural advisors
- Youth apprentices



ROAR Hires = 75% Wailaki members



ROAR hires = 75% Alderpoint Residents



- Trail-focused workforce



(Plans=Example, not Actual...Yet!)



*Come ride
with us ♡*



Sacred Trails Guide

A Vision for Renewal

- Adapt proven models to Alderpoint
- Trail related employment for locals

Adventure Awaits

Explore The
Blackfeet Nation

Blackfeet example→
guide/docent/steward jobs
uplifting community

Working to Protect

Native Guides *Tours* Stewards

“A Seat at the Table”:
Blackfeet Shield Keepers
Help Care for Land &
Culture



Members of the Shield Keepers and representative

Blackfeet Outfitters



Backcountry Trips —...
Blackfeet Outfitters



Blackfeet Tours | Visit...
Visit Montana

Why Do This?

We do this for our kids! Alderpoint youth deserve
a healthy, hopeful future.





To get involved-Be employed
Apprentice-Consult-Participate

visit

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Sincere Thanks from ROAR!



Extra
Special
Thanks
to GRTA
Staffers
Elaine,
Hannah,
&
Bridget

Protecting the sacred,
honoring our heritage,
building a trail
to a
better
future
for our kids.

