



**MOUNT SHASTA BIOREGIONAL ECOLOGY CENTER**  
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**ECOLOGY CENTER RECEIVES GRANT AND LOOKS FORWARD TO ADDING TO THE TEAM**  
Forest & Watershed Watch Project Being Revitalized

(Mt. Shasta, CA) - Since 1988, the Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center (MSBEC) has played a pivotal role in preserving Mount Shasta and its surroundings. Their bioregional perspective includes not only natural interconnected systems, but also cultural layers constituting the human relationship to the land. MSBEC advocates strong, enforceable protections for the mountain, for clean air and water, for healthy forests and wildlife habitat.

After funding shortfalls for several years for a vital project known as the *Forest & Watershed Watch*, they had to pivot away from the important project. This past summer MSBEC received a grant from the newly formed Bower Charitable Fund to reinstate this program. Everyone at MSBEC is feeling jubilated about bringing back this crucial project.

Jessica Matthews, Program Director, stated, "We plan to participate in environmental review processes and monitor for new proposals. Staff will review new agency analyses and plans and provide input where needed, as well as monitor the Forest Service Schedule of Proposed Actions and other notices of new projects, to evaluate impacts and provide comments early in environmental review processes."

With some of the funds raised on Giving Tuesday, MSBEC hopes to bring on someone with experience by spring to fulfill this role.

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*For over 30 years, the Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center has been dedicated to restoring the outstanding natural and cultural values of Mount Shasta and the surrounding bioregion as a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization.*