



EDUCATION CENTER & EMO

SUMMER FIELD TRIP TO MONO LAKE

The Bishop Indian Education Center and EMO organized a summer field trip to Mono Lake, on July 8, to learn about the unique natural habitat and tufa formations there. Interpretive State Park Ranger and volunteer staff led the walk and activities around the lake. The kids learned about the brine shrimp that were a food source of the first people of Mono Lake, the saline conditions of the plant ecosystems, and the way the tufa forms from minerals in the water.



Marina Fire

SUMMER FOREST FIRES

Summer in the Sierras came into full swing in late June and early July, bringing temperatures in the high 90's and hitting 100 on the Bishop reservation, and also with a number of forest fires occurring in the region. One of these was the Marina Fire, which occurred on Hwy 395 in the vicinity of Mono Lake and Lee Vining, on June 24. The fire reached over 600 acres and caused closure of the highway and nearby evacuations; however, it was contained quickly under Unified Command. When visiting the lake, the kids also had the opportunity to see the Marina Fire burn scar along the highway.

The Erskine Fire in Lake Isabella in June reached over 47,000 acres, destroyed 258 homes, and was large enough to see from space via NASA satellite. Some noticeable air quality impacts from the fire occurred in the Bishop area, but did not elevate PM-2.5 concentrations to moderate or unhealthy levels or to the Tribal 24-Hr standard.