

Sierra Nevada Research Projects Catalog

The Sierra Nevada Research Projects Catalog is a directory of scientific research and monitoring projects studying the Sierra Nevada. This online catalog is a living project, allowing researchers and others collecting scientific data in the Sierra Nevada to quickly and easily enter descriptions of their own projects, and the public to identify research or monitoring activities active anywhere in the Sierra.

The Catalog was created with the following objectives in mind:

- ✓ **Ease of entry** One may enter a description of a research project in less than 1/2 hour (using existing info available that describes a project)
- ✓ **Editing and updating** Records are easily edited and updated
- ✓ **Searching** Scientists, agencies, and the public can search the catalog to learn about active research using a variety of queries that target their interest
- ✓ **Ongoing maintenance** The catalog will be actively managed so as to provide an up-to-date resource
- ✓ **Open access to the data** Data from the catalog will be available for download for use in research and will become part of the National Biological Information Infrastructure

In the development of the database and data entry form, we have tried to balance utility with simplicity. We believe that once the database has significant content, the catalog will become a valuable tool for researchers, managers, teachers, policy-makers, and the public. Thus, we encourage project managers to enter descriptions of their research or monitoring projects that are underway in the Sierra. If you would like to enter a project, gather the information requested in the attached printed form, then go to the website and enter the information into the database. Stay in touch with the website and we will provide updates on how to make edits and search the database.

You can find the Sierra Nevada Research Projects Catalog and website at <http://cain.nbio.gov/sierra>. Your input is welcome-- a contact for comments is provided on the website, or email pstine@fs.fed.gov. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Sierra Nevada Research Projects Catalog is a project of the Sierra Nevada Research Center, the California Information Node of the National Biological Information Infrastructure, and the UC Davis Information Center for the Environment.

