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\$4,000 Sierra Grant Will Fund Educational Outreach

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a \$4,000 Sierra Grant awarded to Sequoia Parks Foundation to fund Rangers in the Classroom (RITC). This program is designed to build community awareness, understanding and support for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Park rangers will visit elementary school classrooms in the Central Valley to discuss the Parks and today’s environmental concerns. The grant will allow the RITC program to continue its growth and expand its curriculum.

“The Sequoia Parks Foundation provides a great educational experience through its Rangers in the Classroom Program. At Bank of the Sierra we are proud to make a contribution to a program dedicated to developing an appreciation and understanding of our national parks,” stated James C. Holly, President and CEO of Bank of the Sierra.

About The Sierra Grant Program

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch, or visit the bank web site at www.bankofthesierra.com.

About Bank of the Sierra

With over \$1.3 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley’s Heartland. The bank serves 15 different communities with 23 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at www.bankofthesierra.com or call (888) 454-BANK.

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