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**Sierra Grant Supports
Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs, WildPlaces**

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$1,500 has been awarded to the Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE), WildPlaces. The grant funds will be used to ensure transportation, supply equipment, logistics, and safety material to support the “Immersed in the Wild” and Rio Limpio programs. Approximately 150 students will enjoy hands-on and experiential opportunities to further their understanding of land, water, environmental knowledge and personal responsibility by attending one-day and multi-day trips to the Giant Sequoia National Monument and Sequoia National Forest.

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 17 different communities with 25 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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