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## **RCRC Announces Winner of Seventh Annual Rural County Photo Contest**

### *Tulare County Photo Takes Top Spot*

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is pleased to announce the winner of the 2023 Rural County Photo Contest, with this year's first place prize going to Arlene Winfrey for her spectacular photo of a flowing river among green hills and a snow-peaked mountain range in Tulare County. Photographers, amateur and professional alike, from all over California submitted photographs in this year's Rural County photo contest, capturing the splendor of California's rural counties.

Hailing from Tulare County, Ms. Winfrey discovered her love for photography years ago while working as a healthcare professional in Oklahoma. Having now retired, she enjoys traveling across the county, capturing the diverse facets of lifestyle, landscapes, and weather.

“Congratulations to Arlene Winfrey on winning RCRC's 7th Annual Rural County Photo Contest,” said Tulare County Supervisor and RCRC Board Delegate Dennis Townsend. “In this photo, Ms. Winfrey beautifully captures one of the many awe-inspiring vistas that help make Tulare County an incredible place to call home.”

The RCRC Board of Directors chose the winning photograph, including the second and third-place finalists, at their July 12th Board meeting with the county of origin revealed after the Board's decision. Scott Suppus received second place for his photo displaying a wooden barn on a stormy day in Mono County, and Greta Wilson received third place for her photo of a scenic road through a redwood forest in Humboldt County.

The RCRC Rural County Photo Contest was established to promote tourism and local economic development by showcasing the beautiful landscape, scenery, activities, history, and charm of RCRC's member counties. Ms. Winfrey's image will be prominently displayed during RCRC's 2023 Annual Meeting in Monterey County in September and may be featured in various RCRC

marketing materials or work products, along with other photo submissions, throughout the following year.

**ABOUT RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA (RCRC)**

*The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a forty-member county service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties. RCRC is dedicated to representing the collective unique interests of its membership, providing legislative and regulatory representation at the State and Federal levels, and providing responsible services for its members to enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties. To learn more about RCRC, visit [rcrcnet.org](http://rcrcnet.org) and follow @RuralCounties on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.*

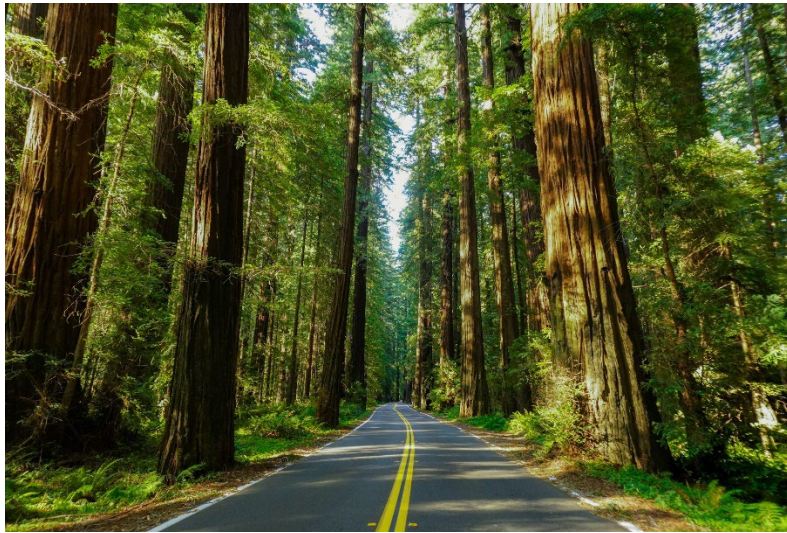
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*First Place Photo by Arlene Winfrey, Tulare County*



*Second Place Photo by Scott Suppus, Mono County*



*Third Place Photo by Greta Wilson, Humboldt County*