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Whiskeytown Partner “ART from the ashes” Announces its “*Seeds of Regrowth*” Art Exhibition and Community Program – October 12th – November 15th

Whiskeytown, Calif. – The National Park Service is pleased to announce that one of the park’s partners, ART from the ashes (AFTA), will be providing an art exhibition and community program entitled “*Seeds of Regrowth*” from October 12th - November 15th in Redding, California. Programming will take place in downtown Redding’s Cultural District at Old City Hall, Sherven Square, and California Street Labs. An Opening Reception and Art Walk is scheduled for Saturday October 12th, 2-6 pm in all locations, 6-9 pm evening programming continues at California Street Labs with a series of ensemble performances by North State Symphony musicians. The event is free and open to the public. Exhibition locations are all in Redding and include Old City Hall/Shasta Arts Council at 1313 Market Street, Sherven Square at 1348 Market Street, and California Street Labs at 1313 California Street.

Seeds of Regrowth will feature over 90 works of art created by California-based artists predominately from Shasta County, including collaborative works and installations by U-Prep and Enterprise High School students. A fire science exhibit created by United States Forest Service and California Fire Science Consortium for AFTA “*Seeds of Regrowth*” will be curated within the main exhibition. All individual works and group installations incorporate or are inspired by materials reclaimed from fire site locations in the aftermath of the Carr Fire. By integrating site-specific materials and imagery into the artistic process, these works symbolize resilience, renewal and embody the transformative power of art.

Throughout the run of this exhibition, AFTA will host special events and programs for the community that integrate art, community and regional ecology, including: artist demonstrations and talks, panel discussions, creative workshops, film series and live performance. Proceeds from the exhibition will support restoration efforts at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, a touchstone for the resident community and visitors to the region. The National Park Service and

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AFTA have recently entered into a Partnership Agreement to collaborate to support wildfire recovery efforts in Shasta County as a result of the Carr Fire.

“While the park, surrounding lands, staff and local communities suffered immense loss in the aftermath of the Carr Fire, we are making daily strides in the reopening of key destinations within Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. The National Park Service welcomes the opportunity to partner with ART from the ashes to further engage the community and come together to support the regeneration of trails and open space within the park. Their mission of using a creative platform to connect art, community and ecology aligns with our commitment to providing a memorable recreation experience,” said Josh Hoines, Superintendent Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.

ART from the ashes’ *Seeds of Regrowth* is generously supported by The McConnell Foundation’s Community Vitality Grant, Shasta Regional Community Foundation’s Community Disaster Relief Fund and community partners including Shasta County Arts Council, Shasta Living Streets and North State Symphony. ART from the ashes is a California-based 501 (c)(3) non-profit whose mission supports communities affected by wildfire through the cathartic power of art. AFTA’s work focuses on the intersection of art, community and ecology as part of the long-term recovery plan. AFTA’s arts programming aims to invite conversation and foster awareness about California’s ecology, climate challenges and how we can adapt and evolve to become fire resilient. AFTA’s creative platform includes public art installations, art exhibitions, workshops and demonstrations, artist salons, and panel discussions and is made possible by contributing artists, volunteers, sponsors, grants and donations. For more information on ART from the ashes, visit artfromtheashes.org for a complete listing of contributing artists, event schedule and exhibition hours. If you are interested in volunteering for AFTA Seeds of Regrowth, send an email to volunteer@artfromtheashes.org.



Photograph entitled “New Beginnings” by Erick Knapp.

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