BUILDING HEATHIER COMMUNITIES CHANGES LIVES

The Story

In the Fall of 2025, Smoke Free High Country surveyed four outdoor areas in Portola to better understand tobacco use in public spaces. The results will help guide efforts to create healthier, smoke free outdoor areas and housing for the community.

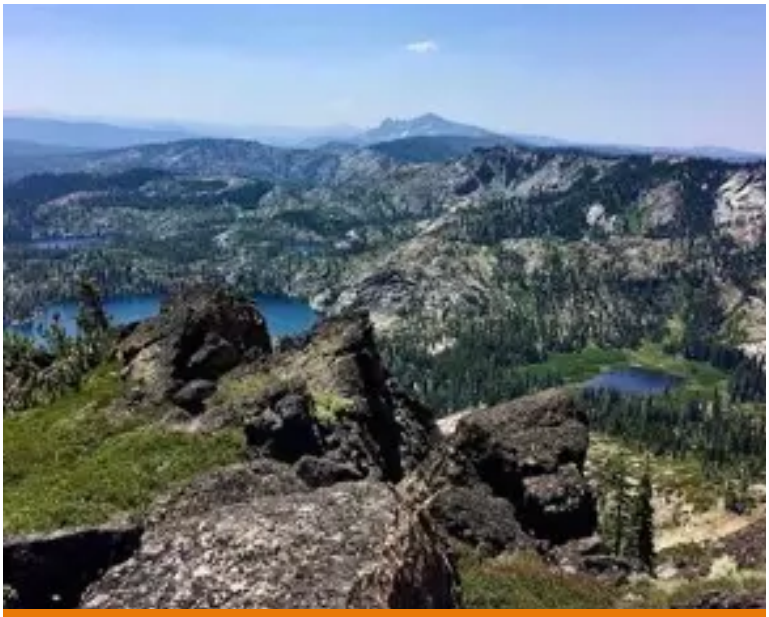
Portola Observations Data

Can You Believe What We Found?

- **Joy Way Park (Baldwin)**
  - 144 cigarette butts
  - No tobacco signage
- **Portola City Park**
  - 98 cigarette butts
  - 1 vape
  - No tobacco signage
- **Commercial Street**
  - 457 cigarette butts
  - No tobacco signage
- **Sierra Pines Apartments**
  - 0 tobacco waste
  - 1 tobacco sign and no smoking-tobacco use policy in place

SMOKE FREE POLICIES WORK!

-Created by Smoke Free High Country-



Tobacco waste makes up one third of all waste collected in California.
Cigarette butts are not biodegradable.
Microplastics stay in the soil and water.
Tobacco waste has nicotine and other chemicals that are toxic.



DID YOU KNOW?

You cannot smoke or discard within 25 feet of a playground or tot lot. This includes tobacco and nicotine products.





Smoking is prohibited within 250' of any youth sports events in the same park, such as the Portola Pool.





Violating this law can result in a fine, (typically up to $250 per violation).

