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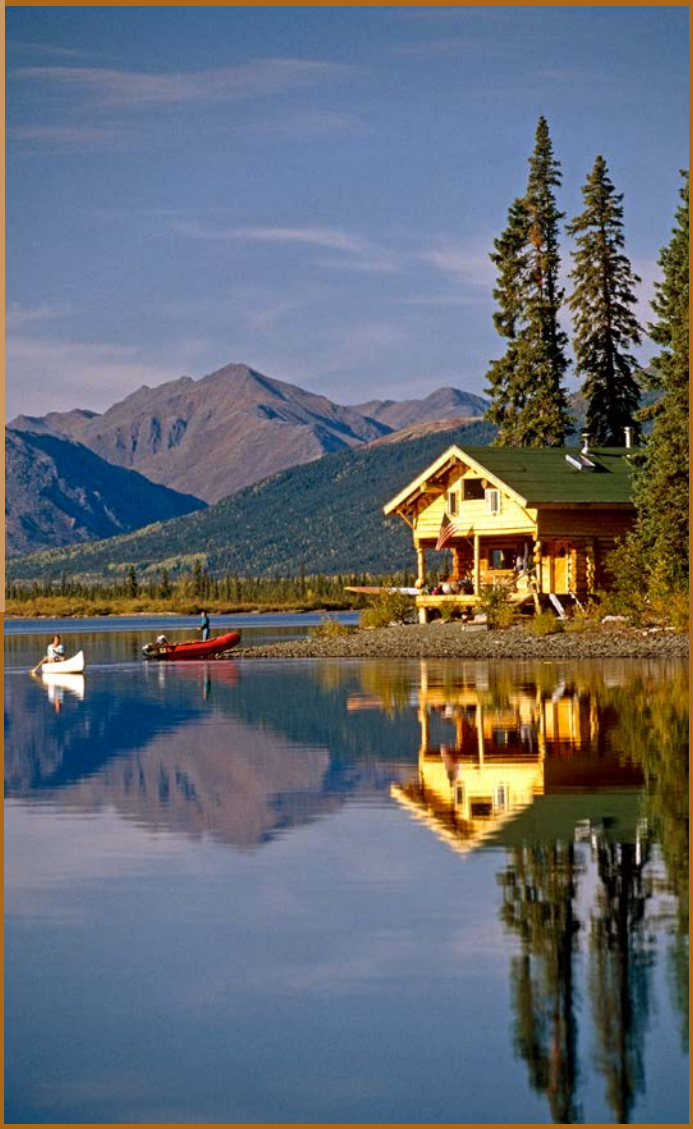


Reflections of Where We Live

Dictionary

A

adobe

Sun-dried bricks made of clay and straw.

agricultural

Communities, materials, and practices related to growing plants and raising animals for food.

architecture

The design or structure of a building.

B

barge

A flat-bottomed boat that carries goods.

bungalow

Small house, usually one story high.

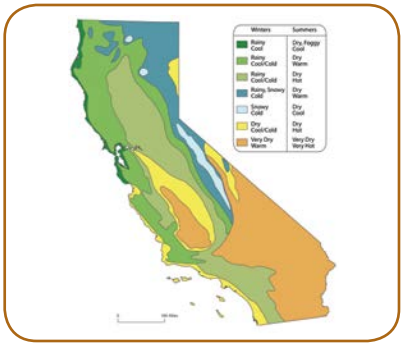
C

cable car

A wheeled vehicle pulled along by a cable that runs along a track or overhead.

climate

The weather in an area averaged over a long period of time.



coastal

Places and things located near the shore of an ocean, estuary, or bay.

D

dwelling

A place to live in.

F

ferryboat

A boat designed to carry people or goods across a body of water.

G

goods

Things that are sold or traded.

H

hut

A small, simple dwelling.

industry

Businesses that manufacture, or produce, and sell certain types of goods and services.

inland

Places away from coasts.

insulation

Material in buildings that keeps out heat in hot weather and holds it in during cold weather.

L

land use

The way land is used by humans, such as for farming, housing, and habitat protection.

landform

A natural feature of the land's surface, such as a hill.

N

natural resources

Materials, such as water, minerals, energy, and soil, that people use from nature and natural systems.

P

pass

A narrow passage between mountains.

pavement

A hard, smooth surface used especially for travel.

population

The number of individuals of a species living in a place at a given time.

population density

The size of a population living on a unit of land, such as a square mile.

recreation

Activities done for pleasure or relaxation.

R

rural

Areas and things away from cities, usually near farms.

S

service industry

Businesses and institutions, like car repair shops and schools, that help people with work and their needs.

services

Work or help that people need done and will pay for, like fixing a car.

suburban

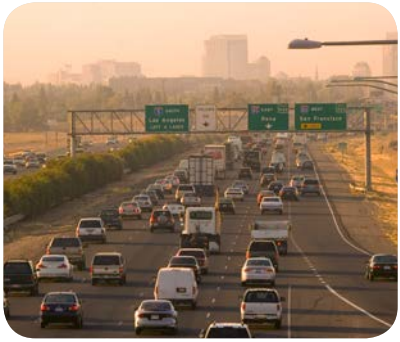
Areas near cities, usually with houses and stores.

terrestrial

Related to a living thing or environment found on land.

trail

A marked or established path.



transportation system

The roads, highways, trains, buses, and airplanes used to move people or things from one place to another.

tunnel

A passageway through ground or under water.

U

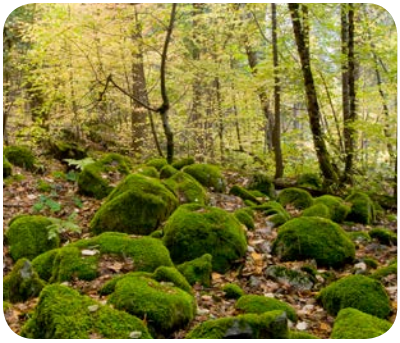
undeveloped

Land that has not been changed for human uses.

urban

Related to cities and things in cities.

V



vegetation

The plant life in an area or a region.

W

wagon train

A group of wagons going cross-country.

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