



Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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### MAMMOTH TRAILS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 15, 2020 | 3:00pm Town of Mammoth Lakes Offices, Suite Z 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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#### **ROLL CALL**

Committee Members: Finlay Torrance, Dan Holler, John Mueller, Bill Sauser, Elise Howell, Caroline Casey and Chair David Page

PUBLIC COMMENTS (On Items not on the Agenda)

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- 1. Approval of the meeting minutes for August 13th, 2020 Meeting (Attachment 1)
- 2. Introductory Remarks Council member John Wentworth
- 3. Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative Project Submissions John Wentworth
- 4. 2011 Trail System Master Plan Joel Rathje
  - a. Orientation and Review Workshop ACTION ITEM

- 5. Trails Manager Report
  - a. Winter Programs
    - i. Winter COVID Operations (Attachment 2)
    - ii. Sherwins Access Egress Map
    - iii. Winter Staging Areas/Snowplay Areas
    - iv. TOML Community Host Program
    - v. Shady Rest Winter Grooming ACTION ITEM
      - 1. TOML Purchase of Nordoni
  - b. Trail Counter Summer Report (Attachment 3)
  - c. MLTS Regulatory Signage (Attachment 4)
  - d. MLTS Trail Host Program (Attachment 5)
  - e. Adopt A Trail Program (Attachment 6)
  - f. Lakes Basin and Sherwin Area Trail Enhancement Project
  - g. SRIC OHV Planning Grant Update
  - h. Mountain View Trail Reroute/Accessibility improvements
  - i. Mammoth Rock Trail Reroute Safety Improvements
  - j. Horseshoe Lake Loop Bridge #2
- 6. Budget
  - a. FYE 2019/20 Report (Attachment 7)
  - b. FY 2020/21 Quarter 1 (Attachment 8)
- 7. Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Report
  - a. ESSRC Transition to Mono County Public Works
  - b. Recreation Wayfinding Mono County
  - c. Adopt-a-Trail Mono County
  - d. Tangle Free Waters
  - e. Facelift: Act Local Cleanup Coordination
    - i. Participation Pledge (Link 1)
    - ii. Sponsorship Organization (Link 2)
  - f. Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division Over Snow Vehicle (OSV)

#### Grant (Attachment 9)

- i. Winter Recreation Map revisions (Link 3, Attachment 10)
- ii. OSV Winter Trail Host
- g. Shady Rest Winter Parking (Attachment 11)
- 8. MTC Chair Report
  - a. MLR/TOML Contract Update
  - a. Great American Outdoors Act 2022 Projects Solicitation
  - b. Winter Recreation Planning/Subpart C Collaborative
  - c. The Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP)

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

#### REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## **ADJOURNMENT**

To the next Regular meeting of the Mammoth Trails Committee on December 10 at 3:00PM, held in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Offices, Suite Z.

#### MAMMOTH TRAILS COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

#### **AUGUST 13, 2020**

### **ROLL CALL**

Chair David Page called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Chair David Page and Committee Members Finlay Torrance, Bill Sauser, Elise Howell and Caroline Casey were present via videoconference. Committee Member Dan Holler joined the meeting at 3:42 p.m., and Committee Member John Mueller was absent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair David Page discussed his desire for future meetings to be held in a webinar format that would allow members of the public to participate in the meeting online. Mr. Page said that he felt it would be easier for members of the public to have a hand-raising function during the meeting to submit public comments rather than sending an email.

There were no public comments given at this time.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2020- ACTION ITEM (Attachment 1)

Chair David Page announced the correction to the title of the item to reflect that the May 14, 2020 meeting was a special meeting, not a regular meeting.

ACTION: It was moved by Committee Member Elise Howell, seconded by Committee Member Finlay Torrance, with Committee Members Dan Holler and John Mueller absent, and carried by a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 14, 2020.

2. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2020- ACTION ITEM (Attachment 2)

ACTION: It was moved by Committee Member Finlay Torrance, seconded by Committee Member Caroline Casey, with Committee Members Dan Holler and John Mueller absent, and carried by a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2020.

### 3. MLR Executive Director Updates

Executive Director Matt McClain gave an update on programs that MLR had been working on. Mr. McClain reported that MLR had supplied tools and supplies to the Sierra Trash Eliminators citizens group to assist with their cleanup efforts, and MLR had been working with Trails Manager Joel Rathje, the United States Forest Service (USFS), and Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) regarding Facelift Mammoth. He said that Facelift events usually draw people from other communities, however, he said that he would advertise the event to locals only and would implement proper social distancing guidelines. Mr. McClain gave an update on recent discussions with Town staff regarding MLR's Contract with the Town.

#### a. Adopt A Trail

Executive Director Matt McClain gave a presentation on the Adopt-A-Trail Program and presented the MLR Adopt-A-Trail webpage. Mr. McClain explained the process for members of the public to sign up to adopt a trail or volunteer to work on a specific trail and said that volunteers were required to complete a mandatory training program to participate in the program.

Committee Member Caroline Casey announced the dates for the Facelift Mammoth program would be September 22nd through September 25th and spoke about the partnership between Mammoth and Facelift 2020: Act Local.

Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Matt Paruolo thanked Mr. McClain and Committee Member Caroline Casey for announcing the Facelift opportunity and reminded everyone that the program was a partnership with the USFS, potentially the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and other national and local agencies and reported that there would be additional details to follow.

There was discussion between Mr. McClain, Mr. Paruolo and members of the Committee.

#### 4. Trails Manager Update

#### a. Trail Counter Mid-Summer Report (Attachment 3)

Trails Manager Joel Rathje outlined the information in the Trail Counter Reports and Maps.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

#### b. MLTS Regulatory Signage (Attachment 4)

Mr. Rathje outlined the information in the Regulatory Signage Array Proposal. He announced that the proposal had been approved, the signs were being ordered and said that he hoped they would be installed this season.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

#### c. MLTS Trail Hosts

# i. MLTS Trail Host Interactive Map (Link 1: http://arcg.is/1Hnbf4)

Mr. Rathje presented information regarding the Trail Host Program, including online data and specific best practices and guidelines followed to ensure proper social distancing requirements were being met. He reported on the success of the program and gave instructions as to how members of the community could sign up to volunteer.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

# ii. Additional funding from MLT approved

Mr. Rathje announced that MLT had committed \$14,000 to the Trails Host Program.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

#### d. Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Trail Enhancement Project

## i. Update

Mr. Rathje gave an update on the Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Trail Enhancement Project.

Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Matt Paruolo provided additional information regarding the project and gave an update on the scoping process and directed the Committee to where they could review the public comments. Mr. Paruolo introduced Inyo National Forest Mammoth and Mono Lakes Ranger Districts' Acting Deputy District Ranger Lindsey Steinwachs and said that she would be working in the Deputy District Ranger role through November.

Ms. Steinwachs spoke briefly about her background and told the Committee that this project was at the top of the recreation program of work for the Inyo National Forest for their fiscal year and discussed the process for the project going forward.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje, Mr. Paruolo, Ms. Steinwachs, Mr. McClain and members of the Committee.

#### ii. Historical Outreach Information (Attachment 5)

Mr. Rathje outlined the information in the Public Outreach Meeting Index Report.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

# iii. MLR Hosted Webpage

Executive Director Matt McClain outlined the information on the MLR website which detailed the Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Trail Enhancement Project, as well as other projects, resources and updates.

There was discussion between Mr. McClain and members of the Committee.

# e. <u>Sherwins Working Group / Sherwins Area Recreation Plan</u>

### i. Remaining Trail Projects

Mr. Rathje outlined the information on the Trails and Greenways Grant map. He gave an update on multiple potential projects in the Sherwins Recreation Area and discussed the importance of creating trails that would deter people from creating their own trails and potentially disrupting the natural surroundings. Mr. Rathje spoke about the limited number of public access multi-use trails in the Mammoth Lakes area.

Committee Member Bill Sauser suggested that trail work and improvements be done at the historic Mammoth City site and said he felt that location would be a draw for visitors.

Committee Member Finlay discussed frustration over the lack of community support for trails projects and said that he felt that lack of interest resulted in the scarcity of completed projects for the Committee.

Committee Member Caroline Casey suggested that in order to raise community awareness, future project information and scoping documents should be posted in a public place where members of the community could view them.

Committee Member Elise Howell discussed the lack of community support for potential projects and said she wondered if the community knew the Committee existed.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje, Mr. Paruolo and members of the Committee.

#### f. Mountain View Reroute

Mr. Rathje gave a brief update on the Mammoth View Reroute and said that the project would be completed the following week. He noted that they had partnered with the Sierra Eastside Mountain Bikes Association to complete the trail work.

#### g. Mammoth Rock Trail Reroute

Mr. Rathje gave an update on the Mammoth Rock Trail Reroute.

#### h. Horseshoe Lake Loop Trail - Bridge Construction Complete

Mr. Rathje gave an update on the Horseshoe Lake Loop Trail Bridge Construction

### i. Shady Rest Inyo Craters Update

Mr. Rathje gave an update on Shady Rest Invo Craters.

#### j. COVID Signage (Link 2: http://arcg.is/0Hz1vz)

Mr. Rathje spoke about the new COVID signage in Town and on the trails.

## k. <u>Trail Crew and Maintenance Efforts Update</u>

Mr. Rathje gave an update on current Trail Crew and maintenance efforts.

There was discussion between Chair Page, Mr. Rathje. Mr. Paruolo and Ms. Steinwachs.

#### 5. MLTS Winter Operations

#### a. Public Access in the Lakes Basin and Sherwins

Trails Manager Joel Rathje spoke about the new challenges that would need to be dealt with this year and said that he wanted to start working with Tamarack earlier this year than in past years.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

#### b. Shady Rest Winter Grooming Program

Mr. Rathje discussed widening the Shady Rest Trails this season.

#### c. Communications and Public Outreach

Mr. Rathje emphasized the importance of public outreach and the need to make sure that the public was aware of what to expect this winter.

#### d. Collaboration with MMSA/Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center

This item was discussed with Item 5 a.

#### e. Collaboration and support for Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center

Mr. Rathje discussed collaboration efforts with the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center (ESAC).

Executive Director Matt McClain reported that MLR had awarded more Measure U funds to ESAC this year than in past years. He reported that MLR had set aside \$1000 for Mammoth Lakes Trails System (MLTS) staff to utilize for upgrades on the beacon checkers if necessary and reported that the funds could be used for any backcountry safety purpose.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and Mr. McClain.

# 6. <u>USFS Subpart C Scoping Update</u>

Chair David Page gave an update on the USFS Subpart C Scoping process. He reported that the United States Forest Service (USFS) had committed to participating in the formation of a collaborative to talk about winter recreation.

Mr. Paruolo said that he would contact the NEPA Planner to gather additional information.

There was discussion between Mr. Page and Mr. Paruolo.

## 7. <u>Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Update</u>

Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation (ESSR) Coordinator Matt Paruolo gave an update on his recent activities. Mr. Paruolo reported that the Lakes Basin Project was reasonable and was on track. He said that he was pleased with the work that had been done by Trails Manager Joel Rathje and Mammoth Lake Trails and Public Access (MLTPA) with the Trails Host Program. He reported that the California Department of Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Motor Vehicles Division (OHMVR Division) had not announced its Intent for Award yet, but said the application MLR had submitted for the Winter Recreation Map Handout revisions and the Trail Host Activities at Shady Rest Park and along the OHV network throughout the County looked favorable .

# 8. FY 2021 Mammoth Trails Committee Regularly Scheduled Meeting Dates (Attachment 6)

Chair David Page discussed the meeting schedule for the fiscal year 2020/21 Trails Committee Meetings and asked members of the Committee to mark their calendars.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

This item was taken out of order.

Committee Member Elise Howell reported that there had been people who did not have horses that had prereserved campsites in the Agnew Meadow area at Equestrian only campsites. Ms. Howell said that she would discuss the situation with Inyo Recreation.

Committee Member Caroline Casey reported that she had adopted part of the Town Loop through the Adopt A Trail program and complimented the process and suggested that the website highlight the efforts of those that had adopted trails. Ms. Casey announced that she had submitted her letter of resignation to Visit Mammoth effective August 21st and said that she would still be in the area and would maintain her position on the Committee.

Committee Member Finlay Torrance announced that the Mammoth Mountain Bike Park was having a record year despite COVID19. Mr. Torrance said that Mammoth Mountain had been approached by Big Mountain Enduro Company with regard to collaborating on a future event and reported that an event with them would bring a lot of riders to Mammoth.

Committee Member Bill Sauser said that he had driven around the Lakes Basin, the Scenic Loop and into the Forest to check out the reports of excessive campers and litter issues he had heard about. Mr. Sauser said that he did not see any more campers or trash than usual. He did note, however, that people were not using the dispersed camping sites, they were instead parked right up on the road. He discussed a letter he had received from a family that stated they would not come back to Mammoth because they had been ticketed crossing Highway 203 from the RV Park in a side by side. Mr. Sauser suggested that a plan be developed to create a legal crossing area on 203.

Committee Member Dan Holler agreed with the need for a safe crossing area for motorized vehicles on 203. Mr. Holler said that he was in favor of the potential Enduro Race event at the Mountain that Mr. Torrance had discussed.

#### **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Plaisted Assistant Clerk

# COVID-19 Trail Operations Best Practices

Attachment

All Mammoth Lakes Trail System Ground Operations Shall use these Guidelines

# **BASIC PRECAUTIONS**

- Anyone showing symptoms of illness or who suspects they may have been exposed should not come to work.
- Practice social distancing by keeping 6 FEET OR MORE away from others.
- Practice vigilant hygiene.
- Work vehicles are limited to one staff person whenever possible. If more than one person is going to the work site, use of personal vehicles is preferred over carpooling.
- Help each other follow best practices.

# **TOOLS / SUPPLIES**

- PPE follow TOML guidelines pertaining to mask wearing in the work area, wear protective eyewear and gloves when physical distancing is not feasible.
- Dispose of non-reusable PPE properly and sanitize any reusable PPE.
- When feasible, each worker should have their own set of tools labeled with initials.
- At the end of the day all equipment and vehicles must be systematically cleaned and sanitized. Provide time to complete cleaning at an established station.
- If tools are shared, they must be disinfected prior to use.
- If more supplies are needed limit trips to the store to one person.
- Dispose of trash daily and in proper locations.

# **PUBLIC INTERACTIONS**

- Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet or more.
- Keep interactions short.
- Trail Host Set an example to public by wearing a mask and other appropriate PPE.
- Trail Crew Place 'Trail Crew Working' sign at trailheads or best appropriate location.
- Trail Crew Limit contact with the public to protect the public and all employees.
- Trail Crew Avoid busy trails.

# FIRE CREW / LARGE CREW PRESENCE

- Create a hand washing station for all to use prior to work and at the end of the day.
- Make sure there is enough PPE for all workers (gloves, masks).
- Sanitize all equipment.

# **CREW CAMPING**

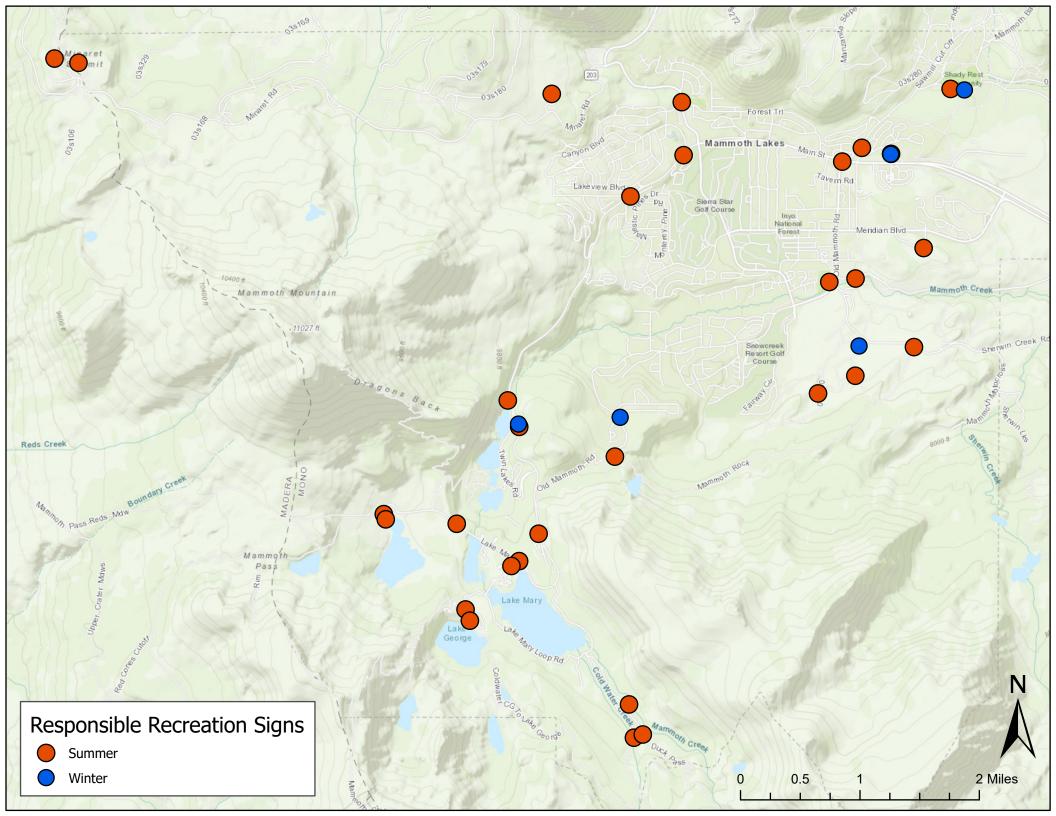
- Staff should come prepared with their own food, drink and camping supplies.
- Sleeping, restroom and cooking areas should be at least 20 feet apart.
- Stop work and return to town/home if any member shows signs of illness.

Questions/ Comments: Contact Joel Rathje, TOML Trails Manager, jrathje@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov



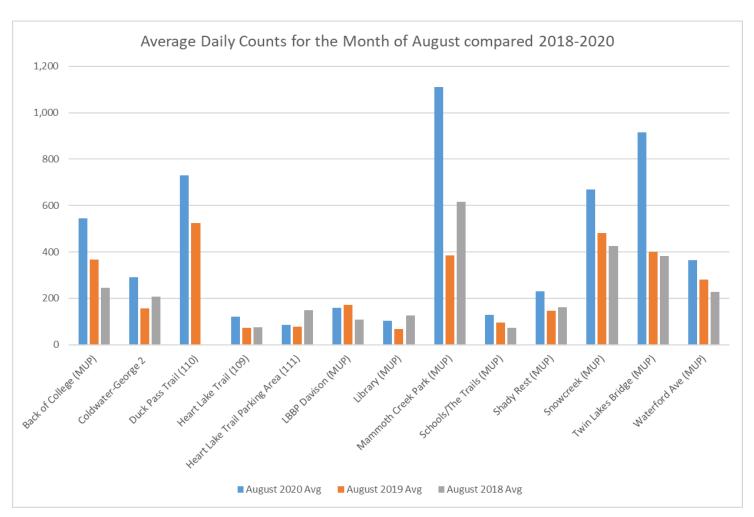




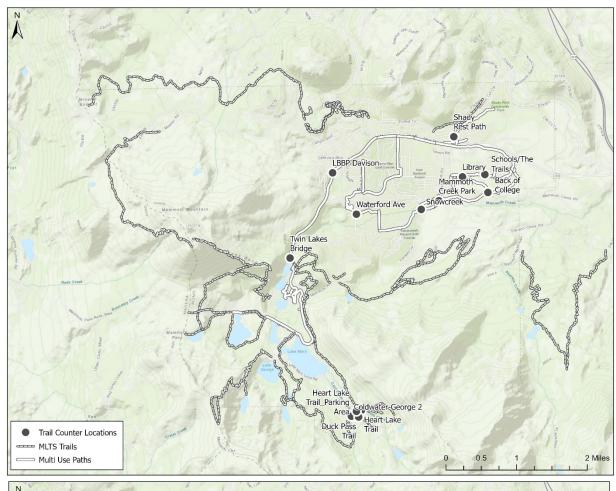


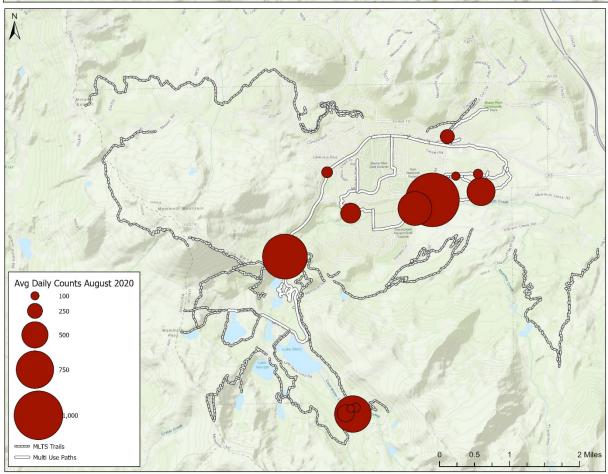
# Mammoth Lakes Trail System Traffic Study August Data Compared 2018-2020

September 2020
Prepared by
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The chart above shows average daily counts for the month of August with 2020 averages in blue, 2019 in orange and 2018 in grey. Once again the data shows dramatically increased traffic at many sites for the 2020 season. Unfortunately I was unable to download all of the counter data before the Inyo National Forest announced a forestwide closure due to wildfire conditions. The 13 sites that I was able to get data for are mostly located on the Multi-Use Path network and at Coldwater Trailhead. Below is a map showing the locations at which this trail count data was collected. The second map below displays the average daily traffic at each site for the month of August 2020 using circles that are proportionally sized.





Here is the data to support the above chart and maps.

	August 2020 Avg	August 2019 Avg	August 2018 Avg
Back of College (MUP)	543	368	246
Coldwater-George 2	291	155	207
Duck Pass Trail	729	525	0
Heart Lake Trail	121	72	75
Heart Lake Trail Parking Area	85	78	149
LBBP Davison (MUP)	160	172	107
Library (MUP)	102	68	125
Mammoth Creek Park (MUP)	1,111	384	615
Schools/The Trails (MUP)	128	94	72
Shady Rest (MUP)	231	147	162
Snowcreek (MUP)	669	480	425
Twin Lakes Bridge (MUP)	916	399	382
Waterford Ave (MUP)	363	280	226



Regulatory Sign install 2020











#### **Trail Host Summer Pilot Program Report**

Dates: July 3, 2020 – September 7, 2020 Location: Mammoth Lakes Trail System

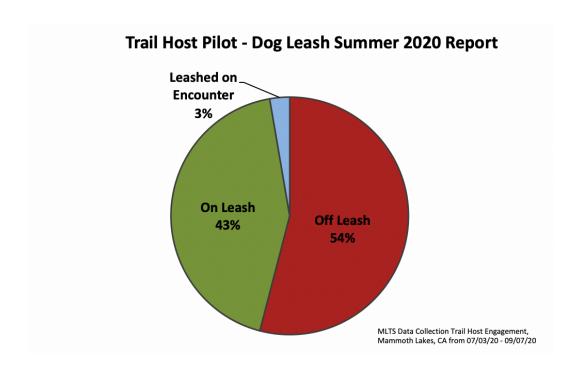
**Overview:** The Summer Trail Host Pilot Program began in early July when many COVID restrictions were removed. An influx of visitors came to Mammoth Lakes for outdoor recreation and social distancing. Trail Hosts hiked and biked throughout all MLTS trails and pathways interacting with users and collecting data. Overall users were happy to see the engagement and encouraged the continued presence. Host interacted with many first-time visitors and first-time outdoor recreationists. The need for Trail Hosts was prevalent and the program grew with the addition of five hired Trail Hosts and the opportunity for community volunteers. Host and volunteer time focused on weekend hours and the Lakes Basin area when visitor numbers were the highest.

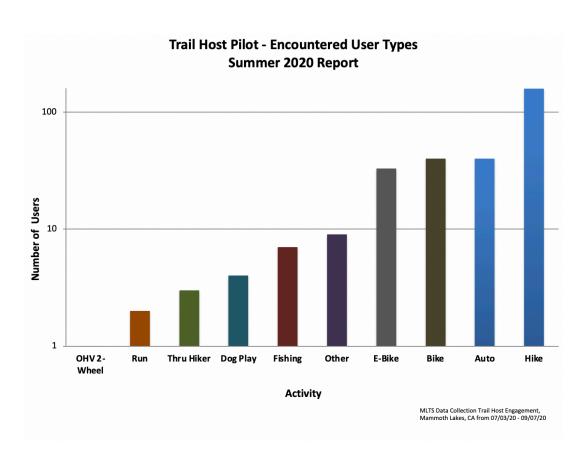
**Funding:** Trail Host Fiscal Year 20/21 is funded through Measure R, approved by the MTC at \$10,000.00. With the large number of visitors coming to the area Mammoth Lakes Tourism invested \$14,000.00 to the Program. An additional \$8,000.00 from People for Bikes and Mammoth Mountain is also available. An estimate of spending from July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup> totaled: \$17,788.88. Below is a breakdown of spending. Again, this is an estimate of costs not from the official Town of Mammoth Lakes Caselle Budget Report.

	Hours		Cost
Project Management	46.25		\$1,668.04
Staff Meetings	15.75		\$575.45
Program/document Updates	4.25		\$210.93
Graphics	1.5		\$74.45
Field Hosting	437.25		\$14,174.63
GIS Map Software	-		\$300.00
Materials (vest, patches,	-		\$500.00
printing, first aid supplies etc.)			
		Total:	\$17,788.88

**Staff/Volunteers:** MLTS Trail Hosts are contracted with Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access. Staff worked in the field hosting for over 430 hours. Volunteers came from the Mammoth Lakes community and were recruited through email, social media and word of mouth. There were 10 volunteers totaling 81 hours of work.

**Data Collection:** Data Collection is a key component to the host program. Unfortunately, there were a few limitations in collecting *all* interactions and observations. Limitations included; not having time between engagements to complete report, not all hosts having access to the platform for all shifts, no volunteer interaction data was captured. As much information as possible was collected on interactions with the public, waste issues, parking problems, observations and other issues in the field. An <u>interactive map</u> shows data collected and photos. (please note this map includes data collected during the winter 2019/2020 season). Below are graphs on dog leash use, encountered user types and a sample of notes collected by hosts.





#### **Sample Host Notes:**

"Asked them to leash dogs. Friendly. Locals."

"Inquired about the CO2 levels."

"asked about less busy areas"

"asked "where should we hike?"

"2 cars trying to park on Lakes Basin path! I suggested they park across the road alongside Panorama Dome. Picture car taken on path!"

"Informed 3 autos they were not allowed, they moved cars without a problem."

"Inquired on how to go about camping."

"Inquiries about all the MTB trails."

"Inquired about conditions of Horseshoe Loop and of it was suitable for a 6 yr old."

"Bikers at crossing we're almost ran off the road by an angry driver. We then biked over later to the auto to suggest slowing down. He was not happy, said he had the right away."

"Several groups have bikes, biked because they couldn't find parking earlier. No bike racks to put bikes at trail entry."

"Informed E-bikers they were not allowed on Horseshoe Lake loop."

"Inquired if fishing was free for a 14yr old and if they could fish on Horseshoe."

"Inquired about how to get to Lk Mamie, confused on direction."

"Inquired if they could take paddle boards on Lake George."

"Locals happy to see trail hosts. Thank-you!"

"Thru-Hikers inquired about the levels of stream water compared to last year. Answered."

"Bag of dog feces near sign that says, "Please clean up after your dog."

"Very busy trailhead. lots of cars. No packing available."

"Parking overcrowded, multiple areas with cars between trees and over curb rails in undesignated areas.."

"Several logs have been moved along the parking area to dither accommodate over parking.."

"Man stopped outside of restrooms -they were locked, he released himself next to restroom."

"Trolly driver (9:19am drop) -5 people on trolly without masks."

"Visitors complaining they had to walk far distance to get to trails."

"Trolly is having a difficult time squeezing along back side of Lk Mary."

"Restroom line and parking in woods."

# MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM

Adopt A Trail Pilot Program

The MLTS Adopt A Trail Pilot Program launched on July 20, 2020. As of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the MLTS has sixteen volunteer adoptees and three sponsorship adoptees. Volunteers commit to at least 20 hours of work at their location over a year. Sponsors donate \$1500.00 to help maintain and improve their adopted location.

Volunteer Self-Reported Data 7/20/2020 – 9/13/2020



Total Volunteer Hours: **52 Hours**Total Trash Collected: **110 Pounds**Total Dog Waste Collected: **25 Pounds** 

Total Fishing Line Collected: 200+ Feet "Too much to measure"

Total Maintenance Issues Reported: 4

# MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM



What were some of the most interesting items collected?

"men's felt boot liner, wife-beater tank top, towel, long underwear"

"Half a coconut, socks, old child size t-shirt"

"flattened socks on the road, small pieces of metal that someone else had already collected in a pile with other trash and left on a tree stump"

"A very, very big hair brush. A broken bike cable lock."

"Today's theme was bottle caps. Mostly small water bottle caps. Half a loaf of round bread in a pile of rocks. Balled up fishing line at a pick-nick site."

#### Other thoughts and/or observations?

"many thanks from everyone who happens to see what we're doing and another individual tourist who had already collected all the trash in the area she was using!"

"Lots of switchbacks being cut. I moved quite a few branches, and will continue to do so."

"enjoyable volunteer work - very zen. All passerby's very gracious and appreciative."

"Hey people, bear boxes are not trash bins, nobody wants trash, old dirty diapers and dog poo by their food!"

"Today's trash pick up started at the Twin Lakes parking lot and heading uphill. Lots of bottles near the bridge between the lakes and the waterfall. Most of the trash was found near the road. Surprised at how many cigarette butts were found."

#### Attachment 7 FY1920 MLTS Budget Last Updated 10/06/2020 Fiscal Year End Report!

TO	TAL ALLOCATION TO DATE	EX	PENDITURES		BALANCE
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Focused Planning Efforts	Shady Rest Inyo Craters (SRIC) - Planning Lakes Basin (LABSS)	\$	4,000.00	\$	5,016.08	\$	(1,016.08)
	Sherwins Area (SHARP)	\$	1.500.00	\$	1.504.47		(4.47)
	Walk, Bike Ride (WBR): MLTS Facilities	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,304.47	\$	2,000.00
	TOTAL PLANNING:		7,500.00	Ś	6,520.55	\$	979.45
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DESIGN							
Guidelines & Standards	Standards Manuals	Ś	4,000.00	\$	2,952.40	\$	1,047.60
	TOTAL DESIGN :	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,952.40	\$	1,047.60
			ALLOCATED		EXPENDITURES		BALANCE
IMPLEMENTATION							
Implementation/ Construction	MLTS Signage and wayfinding	\$	9,000.00	\$	9,232.61	Ś	(232.61)
, ,	Regulatory Signage	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,112.14	\$	1,387.86
	TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION :	\$	11,500.00	\$	10,344.75	\$	1,155.25
			ALLOCATED		EXPENDITURES		BALANCE
OPERATIONS							
Governance	Trails Coordinator	\$	110,000.00	\$	110,000.00	\$	-
	Project Management Support	\$	35,000.00	\$	32,820.63	\$	2,179.37
	Action Plan & Budget	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,962.18	\$	37.82
Interagency Coordination	Communications	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Website	Website - Operations & Maintenance	\$	7,000.00	\$	6,042.07	\$	957.93
	Website - Operations & Maintenance - TOML	\$	13,000.00	\$	9,418.41	\$	3,581.59
	Website - TOML Tech Support	\$	500.00	\$	386.87	\$	113.13
	Website - Content Development	\$	6,000.00	\$	5,647.46	\$	352.54
Information Systems	GIS and Data	\$	24,000.00	\$	23,900.26	\$	99.74
	GIS and Data - TOML	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,201.94		(201.94)
Interpretive	Interpretive Program	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	Photo and Image Library	\$	3,000.00	\$	733.92	\$	2,266.08
	TOTAL OPERATIONS:	\$	203,500.00	\$	193,113.74	\$	10,386.26
			ALLOCATED		EXPENDITURES		BALANCE
MAINTENANCE	<u>-</u>						
Trail Days	Trails Days	\$	12,500.00	\$	9,906.12	\$	2,593.88
Soft Surface Trail Maintenance	Soft Surface Trail Maintenance - TOML	\$	38,000.00	\$	57,065.15		(19,065.15)
Nordic Trail Maintenance	Winter Grooming - TOML	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,379.36	\$	120.64
Trailhead Maintenance	Trailhead Maintenance - TOML	\$	5,000.00	\$	8,659.38		(3,659.38)
Equipment Purchase / Maintenance		\$	5,000.00	\$	3,468.52	\$	1,531.48
	TOTAL MAINTENANCE:	\$	63,000.00 ALLOCATED	\$	81,478.53 EXPENDITURES	\$	(18,478.53)
CTF			ALLOCATED		EXPENDITURES		BALANCE
Mammoth Trails	Mammoth Trails	\$	500.00	\$		\$	500.00
Adopt A Trail	Adopt A Trail	\$	4,000.00	\$	3,248.57	\$	751.43
Trail Corps	Trail Patrol - Program Development	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,933.76	\$	(933.76)
Trail Corps	TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:		6,500.00	\$	<b>6,182.33</b>	\$	317.67
	TOTAL STEWARDSHIP.	<u>~</u>	ALLOCATED	7	EXPENDITURES	<u>~</u>	BALANCE
MLTS MAPS	MLTS MAPS	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,940.09	\$	1,059.91
	TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:		4,000.00	\$	2,940.09	\$	1,059.91
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FOCUS AREA	PROJECT	TOTAL ALLOCATION			PENDITURES TO DATE	CURRENT BALANCE
DESIGN						
Project Design	SHARP - Trail Design	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,723.25	\$ 276.75
	LABSS - Trail Design	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$ 5,000.00
	SRIC - Trail Design	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$ 5,000.00
	TOTAL TOML DESIGN:	\$	15,000.00	\$	4,723.25	\$ 10,276.75
			ALLOCATED		EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
IMPLEMENTATION	_					
Environmental - Project	SHARP Environmental Review	\$	30,000.00	\$	3,244.53	\$ 26,755.47
	LABSS Environmental Review	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
	SRIC Environmental Review	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Implementation/ Construction	SHARP - Trail Construction	\$	100,000.00	\$	11,317.24	\$ 88,682.76
	Signage & Wayfinding - Engineering & Hardware	\$	10,000.00	\$	-	\$ 10,000.00
	TOTAL TOML/USFS IMPLEMENTATION:	\$	140,000.00	\$	14,561.77	\$ 125,438.23
			ALLOCATED		EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
	TOTAL CAPITAL:	\$	155,000.00	\$	19,285.02	\$ 135,714.98
			ALLOCATED		EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
	PROGRAM + CAPITAL	\$	455,000.00 ALLOCATED	\$	322,817.41 EXPENDITURES	\$ 132,182.59 BALANCE

MLTS Budget for FY 2021

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			START Q1	E	XPENDITURES		BALANCE	RE	EALLOCATION	BAI	ANCE START Q2
			7/1/2019								
	Program:	\$	330,000.00	\$	81,048.24	\$	238,951.76	\$	-	\$	238,951.76
	Capital:	\$	140,000.00	\$	5,310.70	\$	134,689.30	\$	-	\$	134,689.30
	Grant:	Ś	100,000.00	Ś	10.639.43	Ś	89,360.57	Ś	-	Ś	89,360.57
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PROGRAM FUNDING											
FOCUS AREA	PROJECT		START Q1	E	XPENDITURES		BALANCE	RE	ALLOCATION	BAI	ANCE START Q2
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PLANNING					·						
Focused Planning Efforts	Shady Rest Inyo Craters (SRIC) Planning	\$	5,000.00	\$	843.71	\$	4,156.29	\$	-	\$	4,156.29
	Lakes Basin (LABSS) Planning	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	Sherwins Area (SHARP) Planning	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
	Walk, Bike Ride (WBR) Planning	\$	5,000.00	\$		\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
	TOTAL PLANNING:	\$	15,000.00	\$	843.71	\$	14,156.29	\$		\$	14,156.29
			BALANCE								
DESIGN											
Guidelines & Standards	Standards Manual	\$	1,000.00	\$		\$	1,000.00		-	\$	1,000.00
	TOTAL DESIGN :	\$	1,000.00	\$	<u> </u>	\$	1,000.00	\$		\$	1,000.00
			BALANCE								
IMPLEMENTATION	le	4				_		_			
Implementation/Construction	Signage & Wayfinding	\$	5,000.00	\$		Ş	4,278.83	Ş	-	\$	4,278.83
	Regulatory Signage TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION :	\$ <b>\$</b>	10,000.00 <b>15,000.00</b>	\$		Ś	4,278.83	\$		\$	4,278.83
	TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION :	<u> </u>	BALANCE	2	/21.1/	<u> </u>	4,278.83	<del>&gt;</del>		<u> </u>	4,278.83
OPERATIONS			BADANCE								
Governance	Trails Manager - TOML	\$	100,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	_	\$	75,000.00
Covernance	Project Management Support	\$	35,000.00	\$		\$	28,628.92	\$	_	\$	28,628.92
	Action Plan & Budget	\$	4,000.00	\$		\$	3,821.37	\$	_	\$	3,821.37
Interagency Coordination	Communications	\$	1,000.00	\$		\$	1,000.00	Ś	_	\$	1.000.00
Website	Website Operations & Maintenance	\$	3,000.00	Ś		Ś	3,000.00	Ś	_	Ś	3,000.00
	Website Operations, Maintenance & Support - TOML	\$	5,000.00	\$		\$	4,494.15	\$	_	Ś	4,494,15
	Website Content Development	\$	2,000.00	\$		Ś	2,000.00	Ś	_	\$	2,000.00
Information Systems	GIS and Data	\$	30,000.00	\$		Ś	26,094.76	Ś	_	Ś	26,094.76
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	Photo and Image Library	\$	2,000.00	\$		\$	2,000.00	\$	-	\$	2,000.00
	TOTAL OPERATIONS:		183,000.00	\$		\$	147,039.20	\$	-	\$	147,039.20
MAINTENANCE			BALANCE								
Soft Surface Trail Maintenance	Trail Days	\$	5,000.00			Ś	5.000.00			\$	5,000.00
	Soft Surface Trail Maintenance - TOML	\$	60,500.00	\$	30.439.43	\$	30,060.57	\$		\$	30,060.57
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Nordic Trail Maintenance		Ś	15,000 00	Ś		Ś	15,000 00	S	-	S	15.000 nn
Nordic Trail Maintenance Trailhead Maintenance	Winter Grooming - TOML	\$	15,000.00 5,000.00	\$		\$ \$	15,000.00 4.859.99	\$	-	\$ \$	15,000.00 4.859.99
Nordic Trail Maintenance Trailhead Maintenance Equipment Purchase / Maintenance	Winter Grooming - TOML Trailhead Maintenance - TOML	\$ \$ \$	15,000.00 5,000.00 10,000.00	\$	140.01		15,000.00 4,859.99 8,747.25	\$ \$ \$	-	\$ \$	15,000.00 4,859.99 8,747.25

**CAPITAL FUNDING** 

MARKETING/PROMOTION

STEWARDSHIP

Mammoth Trails Stakeholder Meeting

Maps & Trail Guides Development

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:

\$

Adopt A Trail Trail Host

FOCUS AREA	PROJECT	9	START Q1	EXI	PENDITURES	BALANCE	RE	ALLOCATION	BAL	ANCE START Q2
			1-Jul	Jul	01 - Sept 30	1-Oct		15-Oct		1-Oct
IMPLEMENTATION	•									
Environmental - Project	SHARP Environmental Review	\$	30,000.00	\$	4,728.63	\$ 25,271.37	\$	-	\$	25,271.37
	LABSS Environmental Review	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
Implementation/ Construction	SHARP Trail Construction - TOML	\$	100,000.00	\$	-	\$ 100,000.00	\$	-	\$	100,000.00
	Signage & Wayfinding - TOML	\$	10,000.00	\$	582.07	\$ 9,417.93	\$	-	\$	9,417.93
	TOTAL TOML/USFS IMPLEMENTATION:	\$	140,000.00	\$	5,310.70	\$ 134,689.30	\$		\$	134,689.30
			ALLOCATED							
	TOTAL CAPITAL:	\$	140,000.00	\$	5,310.70	\$ 134,689.30	\$	-	\$	134,689.30
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PROGRAM + CAPITAL \$ 470,000.00

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP: \$

GRANT FUNDING

FOCUS AREA	PROJECT		START Q1	EXPE	NDITURES	BALANCE	RE	ALLOCATION	BAL	ANCE START Q2
		_	1-Jul	Jul 01	Sept 30	1-Oct		15-Oct		1-Oct
PLANNING										
	SRIC OHV Grant	\$	80,000.00	\$	-	\$ 80,000.00	\$	-	\$	80,000.00
	SRIC OHV Grant - TOML Manager	\$	10,000.00	\$	-	\$ 10,000.00	\$	-	\$	10,000.00
	SRIC OHV Grant - TOML Supplies	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,639.43	\$ (639.43)	\$	-	\$	(639.43)
			ALLOCATED							
	TOTAL	GRANT: \$	100,000.00	\$	10,639.43	\$ 89,360.57	\$	-	\$	89,360.57

PROGRAM + CAPITAL + GRANT \$ 570,000.00

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Project Description for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2019/2020
Agency: Mammoth Lakes Recreation
Application: Education & Safety

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# Background - Provide a brief description of the Applicant or Land Manager's organization/program (e.g., location and types of recreation available) - 4970.13(f)(1)

Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) is a non-profit organization that partners with Inyo National Forest, the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), and Mono County to enhance recreation, arts, culture, and mobility in the Eastern Sierra. Capacity building, resource management, and inter-agency coordination reside at the core of MLR's commitment to provide sustainable recreation opportunities for present and future generations. The Mammoth Trails Committee (MTC), is a sub-committee to MLR comprised of representatives from multiple user-groups, and is tasked with providing recommendations to the MLR Board of Directors that in turn, provides recommendations to the Mammoth Lakes Town Council. The MTC and MLR Board are chartered with overseeing all aspects of programmatic and budgetary productdevelopment delivered by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (a formal partnership between TOML and Inyo National Forest) for the benefit of the trail-system user. Programming includes but is not limited to: seasonal trail construction, maintenance and stewardship; grooming of non-motorized winter recreation trails; installation of wayfinding, regulatory, and etiquette signage; management of the MammothTrails.org website and social media products; GIS inventory, planning and design; on-the-ground visitor services (Trail Host Program); volunteer and sponsorship opportunities (Adopt A Trail Program); hosting educational and public outreach forums; sponsored community events coaelscing around outdoor recreation; fundraising for outdoor recreation infrastructure/programming and; coordination between federal land managers, local governments, and local non-profits. Mammoth Lakes Recreation strives to transform the Town of Mammoth Lakes and outlying Mono County into the best alpine recreation community in the country.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (elevation ~ 8,000') is a small but lively region of only four square miles, filled with a special brand of people (population ~ 8,000) who have chosen to leave behind their urban lifestyles and experience the unique attributes of the Eastern Sierra. The county's only incorporated town, Mammoth Lakes receives an estimated 1.3 million winter visitors annually, and the importance of tourism dollars to sustaining the local economy, providing opportunities for recration, and to helping maintain Forest Service System-Lands cannot be overstated.

The Mammoth Lakes region offers numerous opportunities for winter recreation including: Mammoth and June Mountain Resort ski-areas; backcountry ski-access; groomed Nordic ski-trails; other opportunities for quiet winter recreation *and*; an extensive (~ 70 miles) groomed OSV network managed and maintained by Inyo National Forest with funding provided by CA Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. Managing these diverse resources and user-groups presents unique challenges and opportunities, and the *Education* deliverables contained herein are *paramount* to providing locals and visitors with a quality and safe recreation experience.

#### Project Description - 4970.13(f)

#### List of Project Deliverables - 4970.13(f)(2)

Provide a list of Project Deliverables the Applicant proposes to undertake

#	Title	Project Deliverable Description
1.	Classroom or field training (Education focused)	The Town of Mammoth Lakes Trails Manager and participating partners will host one (1) Mammoth Trails (Winter Recreation) formal class meeting to present information on OSV motorized opportunities, and to discuss relevant Winter Recreation safety, etiquette, and responsible resource management and recreation with members of the Mammoth Lakes Community. This deliverable will provide staff a public classroom training opportunity to present the information contained in other Safety and Education deliverables outlined below. (Regulatory, Allowable Uses, Resources, Parking/Staging Best Practices) Formal Class - hosted at Mammoth Lakes Library
2.	Educational Outreach	The Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) Trail Host Pilot Program was

	(Education focused)	initiated Winter 2019/20 to help provide on-the-ground visitor services, enhance user-experience, inform and educate trail-system users, monitor types of use, provide minor first-aid, and to facilitate OSV accessibility at high-use staging areas along the motorized OSV network. Funding from the OHMVR Division will be used in part, to support the sustainability of this important educational component. Trail Hosts operate under formal partnership agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Inyo National Forest, and Mammoth Lakes Recreation. Their winter activities are focused at popular OSV staging-area locations including town managed Shady Rest Park, June Lake Junction, and Deadman's Summit OSV trail junctions. This deliverable will provide staffing, equipment, materials, and supplies to enhance Trail Host winter activities including distribution of Winter Recreation Handouts and useful resources to OSV users.
3.	Maps and brochures (Education focused)	This project will develop the geo-spatial data, regulatory, etiquette, and safety information contained in the Inyo National Forest Winter Recreation Handout. The Winter Recreation Handout is published by Inyo National Forest with funding provided by a separate OSV Standard Agreement. The handout is the primary educational tool to enhance user-experience and encourage safe, and responsible recreation along the OSV network. The revised map-product will be integrated into the Winter Recreation Handout as well as being installed at staging area kiosks along the OSV motorized network. The published handout will be available at inter-agency visitor centers, retailers, and "iron-ranger" map-containers located at each staging area - as well as interfacing with mammothtrails.org and other agency and partner organization websites, apps, and electronic resources (see below).
4.	Trail and interpretive signage (Education focused)	This deliverable will provide the map and information contained in the Winter Recreation Handout (above) at each unique OSV staging area sign-kiosk along the OSV network. Wayfinding signage (route delineation) is required at trail junctions and along the OSV route and will be purchased and installed under a separate OSV Standard Agreement with Inyo National Forest, 'miscellaneous' funds. "Back of House" design of maps and interpretive materials is required for the Forest to republish these materials and install along the OSV network - providing current and accurate information.  *BASED ON DIVISION COMMENTS* This deliverable is to develop and design the new sign materials listed in Item 3 as scalable maps to be installed at OSV trailheads. The map/information is the same as Item 3 but is specifically designed and developed for integration as Trail/Interpretive signage specific to Trail and Interpretive Signage -
5.	Website development	Education focused. N/A
	(Education focused)	
6.	Voluntary Sound Testing (Education focused)	N/A
7.	OHV First Responder Activities as related to OHV Recreation (Safety focused)	N/A
8.	OHV Search and Rescue	N/A

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	Activities as related to OHV  Recreation (Safety focused)	
9.	First aid stations (Safety focused)	N/A
10.	Other (unique to Safety or Education, depending on what type of Project)	N/A
11.	Other (unique to Safety or Education, depending on what type of Project)	N/A
12.	Other (unique to Safety or Education, depending on what type of Project)	N/A
13.	Other (unique to Safety or Education, depending on what type of Project)	N/A
14.	Other (unique to Safety or Education, depending on what type of Project)	N/A
15.	Other (unique to Safety or Education, depending on what type of Project)	N/A

#### Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation - 4970.13(f)(3)

The Proposed Project will supplement the existing Inyo National Forest OSV program to provide users with a high-quality map, brochure, wayfinding, web/app, and on-the-ground Education products that enhance their OSV experience. The materials contained in the Winter Recreation Handout will provide the single best source of information for motorized winter recreationists on allowable uses, OSV routes and staging areas, winter safety, trail etiquette, and other OSV resources. The Winter Recreation Handout and web-based product require revision to the maps, GIS product, trail descriptions, and other safety, education, and regulatory information contained therein (traditionally performed in partnership with the Town of Mammoth Lakes GIS and Graphic Design services). These maps will be republished by Inyo National Forest under a separate OSV Standard Agreement and provided to the public at inter-agency visitor centers, retailers, and OSV trailhead kiosks free of cost.

The nascent Trail Host Program also requires assistance in expanding its resources and services to the greater OSV network for the benefit of the OSV trail-system user. These Trail Hosts provide on-the-ground visitor services at high-use motorized staging areas, providing information, maps, regulatory and etiquette information, parking control, as well as providing trail-condition updates, collecting usership data, and helping to deconflict user-groups. Due to a shortfall in on-the-ground staffing for Winter motorized activities and an increase in visitation, the Trail Host program fulfills a niche need not otherwise described on Inyo National Forest. The project will provide unique solutions to the unique challenges and opportunities presented to OSV users in the Mammoth Lakes Region. The deliverables of this proposal are essential to providing locals and visitors with a quality and safe recreation experience that recognizes OSV travel as a key-contributor to the local economy, and valued asset to the Eastern Sierra recreation experience.

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#### Identification of Needs - 4970.13(f)(4)

Averaging some 1.3 Million winter visitors a year, the four-square miles of Mammoth Lakes is the epicenter of winter motorized recreation in the region. With a decrease in USFS appropriated funding and multiple user-groups accessing the same resources - the need for both static and dynamic educational and safety tools and programs is more pronounced than ever.

The existing 'Winter Recreation Handout' is the single most important tool for winter recreationists to learn about OSV opportunities in the region. The handout includes detailed maps and information on OSV opportunities including: route descriptions; winter safety and first aid; avalanche forecasting; visitor information; trail etiquette; and allowable uses. The hardcopy Winter Recreation Handouts are now out-of-print and require revision (grant deliverables) and republication (Inyo National Forest). Hard-copies are typically distributed at interagency visitor centers and local retailers. The maps provided in the brochures will also be formatted large-scale (4ftX4ft) to be displayed at OSV winter trailhead kiosks as well as being accessed electronically from the MammothTrails.org website managed by the Town of Mammoth Lakes under special use permit with Inyo National Forest. MammothTrails.org also publishes up to date trail condition reports that are provided by Inyo National Forest OSV grooming-technicians and Trail Host staff. The information contained in the Eastern Sierra "Winter Recration Handout" is available electronically at MammothTrails.org and also requires amendment to the information contained therein.

The winter Trail Host Program is new to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System this 2019/20 Winter Season. Its purpose is to provide on-the-ground visitor services to the OSV and Nordic groomed network with the intent of deconflicting user groups, providing maps, etiquette and reuglatory information, administering minor first aid, and collecting usership data from members of the public. The primary purpose of the the Trail Host Program is to provide superior visitor services and to fill a niche need at high-use OSV staging areas where there are identified safety concerns and a shortfall in Forest Staffing/Patrols. The data collected by Trail Hosts will also be used to help inform the USFS decision process as it undergoes its Subpart C (Motorized Winter Travel Management Plan) over the next several years. This data will help to provide an accurate representation of winter-use and those challenges and opportunities posited by trail-system users. It is intended that Trail Hosts activities are expanded over the course of several seasons (and with different funding mechanisms) to provide visitor services to recreation users across a broad spectrum of user-groups including but not limited to: OHV (Summer), OSV (Winter), Nordic ski/ snowshoe/ Fat Bike, MTB bike, equestrian, etc.. This proposal will leverage volunteers to help support the desired outcomes of the Trail Host program and to grow this participation over the course of several seasons. Equipment purchases and rentals will support the mobilization of Trail Hosts so that they might engage with OHV/OSV trailsystem users where they recreate. The Program has the support of Inyo National Forest to provide on-the-ground visitor services, deconflict user-groups, and to "patrol" developed recreation areas to ensure legal, safe, and sustainable resource management.

#### Location of Training/Services - 4970.13(f)(5)

Winter Recreation Handout (brochures) will be destributed at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, Mono Basin Interagency Center, White Mountain Ranger Station, and participating Mammoth Lakes businesses. Brochures will also be provided at Trailhead Kiosks and OSV Staging Areas including; Shady Rest Park, Deadmans Summit, June Lake Junction, Mammoth Scenic Loop, Mammoth Mountain, Crestview Rest Area, and Inyo Craters. This grant will professionally develop the materials contained in the Winter Recreation Handout for publication and distribution by Inyo National Forest, ensuring that information is accurate and up to date. The information is also available online at MammothTrails.org and requires website content provider revisions.

Winter Recreation Maps will be provided in the brochure as well as distributed in large-format at each of the above Trailhead Kiosk Signs and the Bald Mountain Warming Hut. GIS and graphic design development as part of this proposal will be used to create a quality map product for multiple uses and updates/revision over time. (Also on

10/7/2020

MammothTrails.org)

Trail Host Winter Activities are concentrated at high-use Winter Recreation areas including Shady Rest Park, Deadman's Summit, June Lake Junction, and the extended OSV network. A deliverable of this proposal is to provide Trail Hosts with the resources necessary to provide educational and visitor services along the OSV Groomed Network by increasing their mobility (Motorized Winter E-Bike acquisition, snowmobile rental). Trail Hosts stage and "table" at busy trailheads to assist with parking protocol, provide information, and ensure that users have a safe, fun, and respectful experience on Winter Motorized Trails. Education and Safety deliverables reduce the amount of trespass into adjacent lands and designated "Wilderness" and non-motorized areas within the Forest.

Mammoth Trails (Winter Recreation) Meeting will be held at the Mammoth Lakes Community Library prior to the commencement of each OSV season. A consortium of winter recreation users are invited to attend. The meeting will provide Town and Forest staff an opportunity to educate the public on OSV safety, wayfinding, and the deliverables of the Trail Host program. A discrete deliverable of this proposal will be to engage with a wide spectrum of trailsystem users in a safe, controlled environment and to deconflict potential conflicts among user-groups.

MammothTrails.org is a website managed by the Town of Mammoth Lakes under special-use permit with Inyo National Forest. Its "Trail Conditions Report" provides up to date winter-grooming trail-reports provided by Inyo National Forest. This website is linked from the Town, County, MLR, and USFS websites and provides an electronic copy of the 'Winter Recreation Handout'. Other information provided in the Winter Recreation Handout requires revision to be posted electronically to the web and provide current, accurate information.

#### OHV Safety, Environmental Responsibility, and Respect Private Property - 4970.13(f)(6) (Education Projects ONLY)

Development of the 'Winter Recreation Handout' will include OSV Safety Information including hypothermia, weather, avalanche, water crossing, and survival-kit "best practices". It also provides the following OSV-specific information:

- \* All snowmobile trails are two-way traffic.
- \* Always ride on the right-hand side of the trail. Pass on the left.
- \* Use caution and slow down for oncoming traffic. Speed limit in congested areas (designated by map) is 15 MPH
- \* Please avoid all roads or areas posted with closrures or restrictions, or shown as closed on this map.
- \* Check local weather conditons.

A detailed GIS inventory of OSV and non-motorized Winter Recreation Trails provides accurate descriptions of each route including mileage, and difficulty-rating designated as 'beginner', 'intermediate', or 'advanced'. Trail Etiquette is also provided for both Motorized and Non-Motorized Users of the OSV network, and space is provided for Responsible Recreation "best practices" including:

- \* Avoid[ing] Wildlife
- \* Skiers and snowshoers (other encountered user-groups)
- \* Snowmobiler-specific sustainability
- \* Obtain[ing] Consent from property owners

The Map will clearly delineate areas in which motorized travel is restricted including designated Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas, Private Property, Special-Use Permit Boundaries, National Park Service Units, and Nordic Ski-Areas. Information is provided for users wishing to report unsafe, or illegal activities - and the map legend also provides interpretive information useful to OSV users such as location of Warming Huts, Scenic Vistas, Information Kiosks, Public Phones, Restrooms, Snowmobile Trailheads, and Congested Areas in which OSV speed limits are enforced. Additional regulatory information provided by Inyo National Forest Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and Town of Mammoth Lakes

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Municipal Code will also be provided to ensure safe and legal OSV access.

# **District and County Information**

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1 Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Attachment Title	Attachment
	25314_0_971_INF_Winter_Recr eation_Handout.pdf
	25314_1_318_MLTS_Winter_R ecreation_Supplemental.pdf

# 2 Optional Project-specific Maps

Attachment Title	Attachment
	25316_0_802_INF_Winter_Recr eation_Handout.pdf
TAGGING ALEG MAP, TOWN OF MAINING LAKES AND MONO COUNTY	25316_1_592_OSV Area Map.pdf

APPLICANT NAME :	Mammoth Lakes Recreation				
PROJECT TITLE :	Education & Safety			PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only):	G19-04-39-S01
PROJECT TYPE :	Law Enforcement  Development	Restoration Ground Operations	Education Planning	n & Safety	Acquisition
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	County to enhance recreation reside at the core of MLR's concept of MLR and committee (MTC), is a sub-content of MLR Board of Directors the MLR Board of Directors the MLR Board of Directors the overseeing all aspects of programs of the MLR Board of Directors the overseeing all aspects of programs. System (a formal partnership to: seasonal trail construction etiquette signage; managements services (Trail Host Program) forums; sponsored communitic coordination between federal Mammoth Lakes and outlying. The Town of Mammoth Lakes and outlying The Town of Mammoth Lakes receive providing opportunities for reconstruction of Mammoth Lakes received providing opportunities for reconstruction of Mammoth Lakes region of ski-access; groomed Nordic signaintained by Inyo National Figure 1.	MLR) is a non-profit organization that part, arts, culture, and mobility in the Eastern promitment to provide sustainable recreated in the compression of the Mark Comprised of representation to the provides recommendations to grammatic and budgetary product-development of the MammothTrails.org website and the MammothTrails.org website and the World of the World of the MammothTrails.org website and the World of the W	n Sierra. Capacity build tion opportunities for platives from multiple us the Mammoth Lakes opment delivered by the style for the benefit of the ag of non-motorized wind social media product is (Adopt A Trail Programation; fundraising for colocal non-profits. Mammation community in the aregion of only four square attention and the impervice System-Lands corrected including: Mater recreation and; and tighway Motor Vehicle in the station and the impervice system-Lands corrected including: Mater recreation and; and tighway Motor Vehicle in the station opportunities and the impervice system-Lands corrected in and; and the impervice system and the impervious system and the impervice system and the impervious system an	ding, resource managemersent and future general ser-groups, and is tasked fown Council. The MTC is Town of Mammoth Lake trail-system user. Programer recreation trails; instants; GIS inventory, planning am); hosting educational outdoor recreation infrast moth Lakes Recreation shoutdoor.  The miles, filled with a spributes of the Eastern Sieportance of tourism dollar annot be overstated.  The management of the extern service of the extern sieportance of tourism dollar annot be overstated.	nent, and inter-agency coordination ations. The Mammoth Trails I with providing recommendations to and MLR Board are chartered with less and the Mammoth Lakes Trail amming includes but is not limited allation of wayfinding, regulatory, and and design; on-the-ground visitor and public outreach tructure/programming and; strives to transform the Town of the country only incorporated are to sustaining the local economy, that in Resort ski-areas; backcountry domed OSV network managed and naging these diverse resources and

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
DIREC	ET EXPENSES						
Progra	am Expenses						
	Staff						
	Staff-Trail Host Staff     Notes: *EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS*	100.0000	30.000	HRS	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
	Mammoth Lakes "Trail Hosts" provide on-the-ground safety and education services by staging at high-use OSV staging-areas and trail heads. Trail Hosts provide on-the-ground visitor services by sharing trail-system information, brochures, etiquette, and regulatory (education) information as well as supervising Volunteer Activities (next line item). Trail Hosts represent some of the only on-the-ground OHV services in the Winter Season, as most U.S. Forest Service activities are concentrated during the Summer season. Trail Hosts "table" at staging areas and facilitate parking "best practices" during busy weekends and holidays when there is little to no land manager staff present for peak-season OSV operations.						
	Staff-Volunteer Trail Hosts     Notes: Volunteers will assist Trail Hosts in providing Visitor Services along the OHV network, restocking Educational Kiosk-Signs, and providing general safety and education services to OSV users during peak-use weekends and	50.0000	27.590	HRS	1,380.00	0.00	1,380.00

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
	holidays. The Trail Host program intends to expand its						
	utilization of volunteers Winter 20/21 but requires staff						
	support outlined in this budget for supervision, structure						
	and continuity.						
	3. Staff-MLR Recreation Coordinator	80.0000	50.000	HRS	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
	Notes: *EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS*						
	MLR Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator						
	will supervise Trail Host Training/Activities, and some on-						
	the-ground activities of this grant, including Trail Host						
	scheduling/activities/tabling, and map design/development.						
	Other Recreation Coordinator administrative duties						
	including grant tracking and indirect cost meetings have						
	been reallocated to Indirect Costs in response to Division						
	Comments.						
Total f	or Staff				8,380.00	3,000.00	5,380.00
2	Contracts						
	Contracts-Contractor - GIS Manager	100.0000	60.000	HRS	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
	Notes : Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access						
	Foundation (MLTPA) GIS Manager (sub-contractor to						
	MLR), will oversee all GIS data systems to be developed						
	into educational materials and maps ('Winter Recreation						
	Handout'). MLTPA GIS Manager also oversees the GIS						
	data platform used by Trail Hosts and volunteers to record						
	usership data, trail conditions, and OSV recreationists						
	comments. This data is synthesized by the Town of						

Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
Mammoth Lakes, and Inyo National Forest to make						
informed land management decisions that prioritize						
deployment of resources and provide superior visitor-						
experience. This data is used to monitor the overall Trail-						
Host Program of Work and provide public feedback and						
quantifiable data metrics on how the program benefits the						
OSV program. The existing Winter Recreation Handouts						
require professional "back of house" engineering and						
design in order for Inyo National Forest to republish current						
and accurate information in support of its existing OSV						
opportunities.						
*EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS*						
2. Contracts-Contractor - Graphic Design Manager	100.0000	60.000	HRS	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.0
Notes : Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access						
Foundation (MLTPA) Graphic Design Manager, contracted						
by MLR will synthesize GIS data into user-friendly revisions						
to the final 'Winter Recreation Handout' and web-based						
OSV Education product(s) and will update regulatory and						
etiquette information provided by the Eastern Sierra						
Sustainable Recreation Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service,						
the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and other interested						
persons/parties.						
*EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS*						
3. Contracts-TOML - Trails Manager	50.0000	67.000	HRS	3,350.00	0.00	3,350.0

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
	Notes : The Town of Mammoth Lakes Trail Manager will						
	oversee contributions to the project including GIS and						
	Graphic Design of 'Winter Recreation Handout'. The Town						
	Trails Manager also supervises Town staff and all						
	implementation of the Trail Host program, as well as						
	providing regular updates to Mammoth Lakes Town Council						
	and the Mammoth Trails Committee.						
	The Town of Mammoth Lakes Trail Manager will be						
	contracted by MLR to accomplish these deliverables as an						
	employee of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (local						
	government).						
	*EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS*						
Total	for Contracts				15,350.00	12,000.00	3,350.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Equipment Use Expenses-OSV Rental - Snowmobile	10.0000	150.000	EA	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
	Notes: *EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS*						
	This equipment use expense will provide mobility for winter-						
	season Trail Hosts to provide on-the-ground visitor						
	services. The purpose of the Trail Host program is to						
	provide safety and education information about the						
	Mammoth Lakes Trail System/OSV Trail System to						
	OHV/OSV users. These trail hosts do not act as "cops", or						

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
	"enforcement patrols", but rather provide for a safer and						
	superior recreation experience through education and						
	interpretation. This line item will provide Trail Hosts with						
	(10) snowmobile rentals over the course of the Winter						
	Season (weather permitting). Mobilized Trail Hosts will						
	provide education tools to trail-system users, resupply the						
	Bald Mountain Warming Hut and trailheads with						
	maps/brochures (education materials) and help to stage						
	vehicles and trailers.						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
Total	Program Expenses				25,230.00	16,500.00	8,730.00
тота	L DIRECT EXPENSES				25,230.00	16,500.00	8,730.00
INDIR	ECT EXPENSES						
	ct Costs						
1	Indirect Costs						
	1. Indirect Costs-MLR - Admin	1.0000	1475.000	MISC	1,475.00	1,475.00	0.00
	Notes: *EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS*						
	The Mammoth Lakes Recreation Executive Director and						
	Project Manager will provide "back of house" administration						
	of the grant - convening necessary public						
	meetings/agendas, providing budgetary oversight,						
	accounting, and administering contracts. (Indirect						
	operational costs attributed to MLR organizational and						

Line Item	Qty	Rate	иом	Total	Grant Req.	Match
operational costs). Computed at 10% Direct Cost*.						
Indirect Costs-MLR - Sustainable Recreation Coordinator	20.0000	50.000	HRS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Notes: *EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS*						
MLR Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator						
will coordinate programatic administration of the grant with						
MLR staff as well as coordinating all aspects of grant with						
both the US Forest Service and Town of Mammoth Lakes						
Trail Manager (and sub-contractors to the Town) for						
authorization and approval on USFS managed lands. As						
part of this line-item/deliverable, the Eastern Sierra						
Sustainable Recreation Coordinator will also provide						
regular updates to the Mammoth Trails Committee,						
Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board of Directors, Mono						
County Board of Supervisors, Town of Mammoth Lakes						
Town Council, Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation						
Partnership, and other stakeholders (Eastern Sierra 4X4						
Club, June Lake Trails Committee, Sierra Club, Mono						
County). These indirect and programmatic grant						
administration duties on the part of the Recreation						
Coordinator are amended here as an Indirect Cost line item						
@ 20 hours (Meetings/Admin).						
otal for Indirect Costs	-			2,475.00	1,475.00	1,000.0
otal Indirect Costs				2,475.00	1,475.00	1,000.0
OTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES				2,475.00	1,475.00	1,000.0
OTAL EXPENDITURES				27,705.00	17,975.00	9,730.00

	Category	Total	Grant Req.	Match	Narrative	
DIREC	DIRECT EXPENSES					
Progra	am Expenses					
1	Staff	8,380.00	3,000.00	5,380.00		
2	Contracts	15,350.00	12,000.00	3,350.00		
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00		
4	Equipment Use Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00		
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00		
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total Program Expenses		25,230.00	16,500.00	8,730.00		
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		25,230.00	16,500.00	8,730.00		
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1	Indirect Costs	2,475.00	1,475.00	1,000.00		
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TOTA	L INDIRECT EXPENSES	2,475.00	1,475.00	1,000.00		
тота	L EXPENDITURES	27,705.00	17,975.00	9,730.00		

IT	EM 1 and ITEM 2				
	ITEM 1				
a.	ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project?	С	Yes	•	N o
	ITEM 2				
b.	Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b))	C	Yes	•	N 0
IT	EM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378				
c.	ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378?	C	Yes	•	N 0
d.	The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA.	•	Yes	С	N 0
e.	Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical change in the environment reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and are thus not a "Project DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10.			∃QA.	-
th	EM 4 - Impact of this Project on wetlands, navigable waters, and sensitive habitats and spe reatened and endangered species): EM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project	cie	s (inclu	ıdin	g
IT	EM 6 - Soil Impacts				
IT	EM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources				
IT	EM 8 - Hazardous Materials				
	Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)?	С	Yes	C	N 0
	If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the taken to minimize or avoid the hazards:	e m	easure	s to	be
IT	EM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources				
	Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources?	С	Yes	C	N 0
	Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to histor resources:	ical	or culti	ural	
IT	EM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts				
С	EQA/NEPA Attachment				

**Attachment Title** 

**Attachment** 

1.	F	Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)
		The Applicant is applying for the following type of Project: (Check the one most appropriate)
		Education – Applicants shall only respond to items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.
		Safety – Applicants shall only respond to items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, and 15.
	1.	As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is:
		(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.)
		76% or more (10 points)
		66% - 75% (7 points)
		51% - 65% (5 points)
		36% - 50% (4 points)
		© 26% - 35% (2 points)
		25% (Match minimum) (No points)
2.		Project Performance - Q 2.
	2.	At any time in the last two complete calendar years prior to the current Grant cycle, has the Applicant been out of Good Standing with the Division?
		(Check the one most appropriate)
		No (10 points)
		Yes (No points)
		First time Applicants or Applicants without active projects in the last two complete calendar years. (5 points
3.	F	Previous Year's Performance - Q 3. (FOR DIVISION USE ONLY)
	3.	In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit.
		(FOR DIVISION USE ONLY) (Check the one most appropriate)
		In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with their assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit (3 points)
		First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant Projects within the last two years (2 points)
		In the previous year the Applicant has not been responsive (No points)
4.	ι	Utilization of Partnerships - Q 4.
	4.	The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. Identify the number of organizations that will actively participate in the Project. Partners cannot include any unit of the OHMVR Division, subcontractors, or any participants being paid by this OHV Grant or Cooperative Agreement.
		(Check the one most appropriate)
		• 4 or more (4 points)
		2 to 3 (2 points)
		1 (1 point)
		None (No points)

# Evaluation Criteria for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2019/2020 Agency: Mammoth Lakes Recreation

Application: Education & Safety

List each partner organization(s) separately and provide a detailed explanation for how each partner will participate in the Project:

\*EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS\* Partners (not paid by this OHV Grant) include: USFS (land manager) is a partner to Mammoth Lakes Recreation (applicant) and Town of Mammoth Lakes (contractor) and will install trail-sign improvements/ maps developed by this grant (Deliverables 3.4). USFS Visitor Center Staff also provide the visiting public with the educational handouts and answer additional OSV related inquiries.

The Sierra Club and June Lake Trails Committee will provide input on Nordic recreation activities contained in the Winter Recreation Handout including information on Wilderness Areas and June Lake Area OSV trails.

Mono County partners with MLR to fund the position of Sustainable Recreation Coordinator with the purpose of providing a safe and superior visitor experience. Information contained in the winter recreation handout will be shared on the Mono County website and social media channels.

Eastern Sierra Responsible Riders (local OHV/OSV group) will provide input on handouts.

#### 5. Types of OHV Recreation - Q 5.

6.

5.	The Project addresses the following types of OHV Rec	reation:	1			
	(Check all that apply) - Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 6 points					
	ATV	□ <sub>4X4</sub>				
	Motorcycle	Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV)/Side-b	y-Side			
	✓ Snowmobile	☐ Dune buggy, rail				
	Provide a detailed explanation of how each vehicle typ	Provide a detailed explanation of how each vehicle type will be addressed in this Project:				
	The primary focus of this project is to provide OSV (snowmobile) educational materials and programming in partnership with Inyo National Forest Winter Recreation activities. Classified as motorized-travel by Inyo National Forest (land manager), this project will also address electronic (motorized) winter fat bikes (a new authorized use as of 2018), thought this item is not categorized as either Motorcycle of Snowmobile (no point applied for this selection by applicant).					
Pu	ıblic Input Prior to the Preliminary Application - Q 6.					
6.	The Project was developed with public input prior to th Public input employed the following:	e preliminary Application filing deadline.	2			
	(Check all that apply)					
	The Applicant initiated and conducted publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Projec (1 point)					
	The Applicant held a meeting(s) with mulitiple distinct stakeholders separate from their general public meeting. (1 point)					
	Provide a detailed explanation for each statement that location(s), participants, how public was notified of mediants.	, , ,	•			

identify how distinct stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project. Do not include internal agency meetings or

meetings that occurred more than 12 months prior to filing the preliminary Application:

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\*EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS\* MLR Sustainable Recreation Coordinator (applicant) presented the OHMVR grant deliverables at the Mammoth Trails Committee meeting (MTC hosted by MLR) on February 14, 2020 3:00PM (Agenda Item 8a). MTC is comprised of several stakeholder groups in the Mammoth Lakes community including members of Winter Wildlands Alliance and OSV enthusiasts (stakeholders to this project). These meetings subscribe to Brown-Act by-laws and are posted in advance, at the facility in which they are hosted, as well as on the MLR and TOML official websites. Friends of the Inyo (local environmental group) was in attendance. At a Recreation Access Leaders meeting hosted by Inyo National Forest and Eastern Sierra 4X4 Club on February 6, the deliverables of this proposal were again discussed with several OHV groups and federal land managers in participation. Invitations are sent by Eastern Sierra 4X4 club and include several local non-profits and environmental groups (Distinct stakeholder meeting).

### 7. Incorporates Elements - Q 7. (Education Project ONLY)

7.	Prior to Preliminary Application filing, the Project has incorporated the following clearly identifiable and/or measurable elements:	12
	(Check all that apply)	
	✓ Process of researching issues and audience (2 points)	
	Objectives and outcomes (2 points)	
	▼ Testing process to ensure outcomes are effective (2 points)	
	Plan to implement the Project (2 points)	
	Evaluation of the Project process (2 points)	
	Evaluation and feedback received from Project participant (2 points)	

Provide a detailed explanation for each statement that was checked:

\*EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS\* MLR, TOML, and INF used several processes to research issues and audience including hosting weekly meetings, monthly public MTC meetings, and quarterly Recreation Access Leaders meetings to discuss the elements (above) incorporated into the edu. grant. Objectives/outcomes have been discussed both in public meeting and with discrete stakeholders to the project. The Trail Host program initiated its Pilot Program Winter 19/20 to test this process and ensure outcomes are effective. Trail Hosts provided educational materials, etiquette, and regulatory information and use GIS data to quantify the usefulness of this program to trail/OSV system users. (GIS data available upon request). Planning was developed by MLR, the Town, and USFS staff. Evaluation of the process and feedback received from participants is described by both quantitative and qualitative data collected by Trail Hosts, wildlife cameras, and public meetings with stakeholders and land managers.

### 8. Methods of Education - Q 8. (Education Project ONLY)

8.	The Project will utilize the following methods of education:		
	(Check all that apply) - Scoring: 2 points each up to a maximum of 14 points		
	Hands on learning	Social media	
	Formal class setting	Outreach booths/Exhibits	
	Printed media (brochures, panels, billboards, flyers etc.)	☐ Interpretive talks, rides, events	
	☐ Internet classes	Audio/video programs	
	Self-guided trails	Website (message, not classes)	
	Other (Specify)		
	Provide a detailed explanation for each statement that	was chacked:	

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\*EDITED TO REFLECT DIVISION COMMENTS\* Trail Hosts provide hands on learning, helping to responsibly stage vehicles at high-use areas and help OSV trail-system users. The Mammoth Trails (Winter Recreation Class) will provide a class-setting at the Mammoth Lakes Community Library to educate the public in a controlled environment prior to the commencement of OSV operations/peak-season. This application supports the professional planning of printed media including brochures, panels (kiosks), and flyers and provides detailed information to allow safe self-guided exploration of trails (See self-guided trails in attached winter rec. handout). MLR, TOML, & INF utilize Social Media channels, and the MammothTrails/TOML/MLR/USFS websites will include the education materials from this grant. Trail Hosts provide outreach booths at high-use staging areas

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		and formal OSV/Trail Host interpretive talks, rides, and events are intended to grow from this success of this Program (not applied to this scoring section by applicant).
9.	Nu	mber of Times Exposed to Message - Q 9. (Education Project ONLY)
	9.	Total number of times individuals are directly exposed to the message through the Project's educational methods identified in Question 8:
		(Check the one most appropriate)
		Greater than 10,000 (4 points)
		© 1,000 to 10,000 (3 points)
		C 100 to 1,000 (2 points)
		C 20 to 100 (1 point)
		© 0 to 20 (No points)
		Provide a detailed explanation for the quantity checked:
		The Eastern Sierra "Winter Recreation Handout" is a popular tool provided to Mammoth's 1.3 Million Winter Visitors who visit for a wide-array of recreation opportunities. Well over 1,000 individual exposures to the messaging contained in this project is provided through static (handouts, maps, kiosks, brochures), and dynamic (web-product, social media, and Trail Host) engagement with the Visitor Audience.
10.	Ave	erage Time Exposed to Message - Q 10. (Education Project ONLY)
	10.	Average time a participant will have direct exposure to the Project's message or training through educational methods identified in Question 8:
		(Check the one item of highest point value that applies)
		Greater than 2 hours (4 points)
		1 hour to 2 hours (3 points)
		6 5 minutes to less than 1 hour (2 points)
		1 minute to less than 5 minutes (A Project for maps will fall under this category) (1 point)
		C Less than 1 minute (No points)
		Provide a detailed explanation for the checked statement:
		This response is an estimated average of the discrete map/brochure/kiosk deliverables contained in this Project as well as the dynamic and non-traditional Project deliverables such as Mammoth Trails Winter Recreation Meeting (greater than 1 hour) and Trail Host engagement with the Visitor Audience (recurring, on-going).

# Project Provides ASI / MSF Training - Q 11. (Education Project ONLY)

The Project utilizes certified ATV Safety Institute Motorcycle Safety Foundation and/or 0 11. Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association trainers to provide training:

(Check the one most appropriate)

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	No (No points)		
	Yes (2 points)		
	Provide a detailed explanation for the 'Yes' response:		
12. Le	vel of Personnel Trained / Search and Rescue Staff -	Q 12. & 13. (Safety Project ONLY)	
12.	2. The majority of personnel utilized in the Project are trained to the following level:		
	(Check the one most appropriate)		
	Emergency Medical Technician level, or higher (5 po	pints)	
	First Responder level (2 points)		
	First Aid and CPR (1 point)		
	No training (No points)		
13.	The Project involves search and rescue staff that is:		
	(Check the one most appropriate)		
	All volunteer (5 points)		
	A majority of volunteers with some paid staff (4 point	s)	
	Paid staff working regular hours (non-overtime) (2 po	pints)	
	Paid staff working overtime shifts (No points)		
	pes of Training Personnel Possess - Q 14. (Safety Pi	•	
14.	The Project will have the majority of personnel trained in the following areas:		
	(Check all that apply) - Scoring: 2 points each, up to a		
	Radio communication	Tracking skills	
	Avalanche rescue	Navigation training	
	Swift water rescue	ATV certification	
	□ Dog handling	Motorcycle certification	
	Rope skills	4 x 4/Off-Road training	
	☐ Wilderness search and rescue	Other (Specify)	
15. Ex	perience Performing OHV Search and Rescue - Q 15.	(Safety Project ONLY)	
15.	The Applicant has documented experience performing OHV search and rescue operations and providing medical aid to OHV operators. In the prior calendar year the Applicant has performed and documented:		
	(Check the one most appropriate)		
	50 Medicals or search and rescue missions in suppo	rt of OHV Recreation (8 points)	
	30 Medicals or search and rescue missions in suppo	rt of OHV Recreation (5 points)	
	10 Medicals or search and rescue missions in suppo	rt of OHV Recreation (3 points)	
	0 Medicals or search and rescue missions in suppor		
	Provide a detailed explanation for the checked statement:		

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# **Inyo National Forest Announces Over Snow Fat-biking Opportunities**

The Inyo National Forest announces that new over snow fat biking opportunities are available for the 2018 winter season. The following areas are now open to over snow fat bike use:

- Groomed motorized OSV trails identified on the Eastern Sierra Winter Recreation Map as "Snowmobile Routes"
- Obsidian Dome and Shady Rest Park Trails Nordic Recreation Areas identified as "Nordic Routes" on the Eastern Sierra Winter Recreation Map

The Inyo National Forest over snow vehicle (OSV) trail grooming program has been ongoing within portions of the Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts since 1993. The forest grooms approximately 85 miles of OSV trails annually using funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation. These groomed trails are open to motorized vehicles specifically designed for over snow use, such as snowmobiles, and to non-motorized uses such as walking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The 1992 Forest Order prohibiting the use of non-motorized bikes on groomed trails is not reflective of new, appropriate recreation activities and did not contemplate changes in biking technology when originally drafted. Therefore the forest is opening up the opportunity for over snow fat bike use on these groomed trails.

The Inyo National Forest is working collaboratively with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR), Mammoth Lakes Trails System (MLTS), Sierra Eastside Mountain Bike Association (SEMBA), Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, and Mono County to provide consistent information for users on the over snow fat biking opportunities now available, on proper trail etiquette, and on signage and wayfinding.

Winter sports enthusiasts are encouraged to have a copy of the Eastern Sierra Winter Recreation Map (<a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5211392.pdf">https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5211392.pdf</a>) or available at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, so that they can responsibly plan their activities.

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The Mammoth Lakes Basin (including all snow-covered areas above the road closures on Lake Mary Road and Twin Lakes Road) is closed to over snow fat bike use during the period of operation of the Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center. Bikes are prohibited on groomed Nordic trails, on the Public Access Corridor, and everywhere else in the Mammoth Lakes Basin. Bikes will be permitted in the Mammoth Lakes Basin after April 17, 2018, subject to posted rules and regulations. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area will, however, partner with SEMBA, the Inyo National Forest, and other groups to carry out organized fat bike special events.

To ensure the enjoyment of the trail system for all users, the Inyo National Forest and collaborative partners encourage proper trail etiquette for over snow fat bike users. Fat bike users should yield to all other users, leave room for others to pass (don't ride side-by-side blocking the trail), don't ride in cross country ski tracks or in such a manner as to disturb cross country ski tracks or skating lanes, and don't ride in soft conditions (if you leave a rut deeper than 2 inches, it's too soft). More information on fat biking opportunities and trail etiquette can be found at: <a href="https://blog.mammothtrails.org/blog/the-inyo-national-forest-announces-new-over-snow-fat-biking-opportunities">https://blog.mammothtrails.org/blog/the-inyo-national-forest-announces-new-over-snow-fat-biking-opportunities</a>. As a reminder, mountain bikes are not permitted in wilderness areas.

The Inyo National Forest provides a wide spectrum of winter recreational activities. Visitors and residents can vastly improve these recreational opportunities, reduce conflict, and protect the forest resources by practicing common courtesy and respecting others' experiences.

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# **Inyo National Forest Winter Recreation Staging Area Improvement:**

Proposal Date: 02-OCT-2020

Proponent Name: Town of Mammoth Lakes

Line Officer: Gordon Martin

County: Mono

Anticipated Implementation: Fall, 2020

General Location: Site of Sawmill Rd. Winter Closure (Shady Rest Park)

# **Proposal:**

To improve winter recreation access, public safety, and ongoing erosion issues, the Town of Mammoth Lakes proposes to stabilize, and delineate the existing Winter Recreation staging area located at Shady Rest Park by creating additional parking and egress (turn-around space) for snowplows and large vehicles.

Shady Rest Park is located on Inyo National Forest System Lands and is managed under Special Use Permit by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. It is a popular location for multiple winter recreation activities including Nordic Skiing, OSV, and Winter Snow Play. Summer activities/infrastructure include several ballfields, volleyball courts, soccer fields, and the newly constructed Shady Rest Disc Golf Course, which stages out of the project area. Existing site conditions are insufficient to safely accommodate multiple-user groups and vehicle movements. It is intended that this project stabilize and delineate the informal parking area to create additional parking/staging area for recreationists, improve public safety throughout the winter season, and improve access and sustainability for summer use.

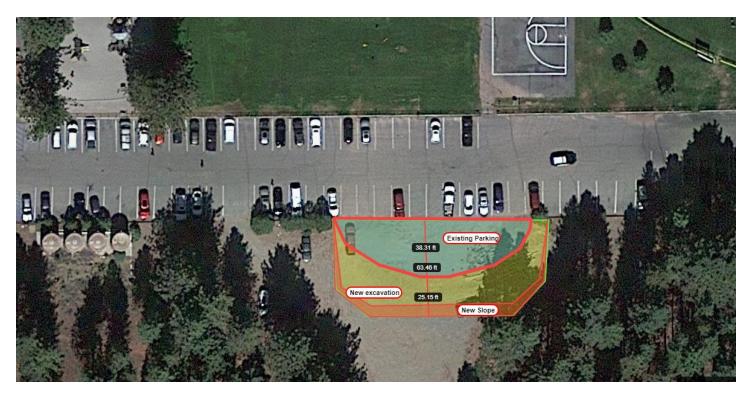
# **Implementation:**

The project area is confined to an historic and existing disturbed area that currently serves as de facto, nonformalized staging area for those recreation uses cited above. Implementation will include excavating the existing slope approximately 20' back to provide  $\approx 10$  parking spaces for trucks and trailers to back into and additional space for winter snowplows to safely operate. This will involve moving approximately 250 yd<sup>3</sup> of earth, which will be used on the east end of Shady Rest Park (Sawmill Road) to shoulder-back and stabilize existing asphalt. Additional soil excavated from the project site will be used to improve the grade of the existing parking area to improve drainage and avoid muddy areas in the spring (current site conditions). Work will be accomplished with 2 loaders, 2 dump trucks, a water truck, a backhoe and a grader operated by the Town of Mammoth Lakes road crew. A 2:1 slope will be placed around the new excavation to maintain and stabilize the hillside and minimize sloughing. Forest Service Road 03S25M and town managed cross-country groomed access trails adjacent to the project site will not be affected by this proposal. If time and weather allow this season, the Town of Mammoth Lakes will lay grindings in this area for greater durability but it may also be left as permeable soft-surface. Logs, and/or boulders will be placed as necessary to delineate the parking area for recreation-users and vehicle staging. Regulatory and parking signage will be installed to facilitate parking and provide access for snowplows and emergency vehicles. Pending authorization from the Mammoth District Ranger, the Town of Mammoth Lakes will act as lead agency in implementing the proposed action.

# **Environmental/Heritage:**

Pursuant to the NEPA process, this proposal has the potential to fall under categorical exclusion 36 CFR 220.6(e)(1) — "Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of NFS lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land". A Decision Memo from U.S. Forest Service line-officer is required to authorize the proposed action. This proposal will require Section 106 clearance pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act. A Notice of Exemption has been filed by the Town of Mammoth Lakes pursuant to the CEQA process – 15301(c), Repair and Minor Alteration of Existing Facilities.

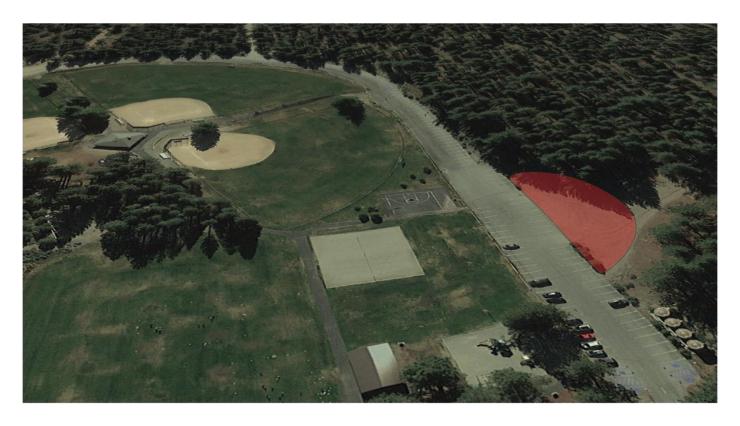
# **Maps and Site Plan:**



Site Plan



Shoulder Backing



Proposed Parking Imporvements to Prior Disturbed Area - Shady Rest Park - Winter Closure Area