

Mammoth Lakes Town Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Town Priorities for Inyo National Forest Program of Work.

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Recommended Motion: Accept report on Town priorities for Inyo National Forest Program of Work.

Summary:

The Inyo National Forest establishes a forest wide program of work each year to assist the prioritization of Forest Service Staff assignments and to allocate other resources. One of the factors determining workloads is review of NEPA related work requirements. One of the ways to assist the Forest Service in their management of resources and establishing their Program of Work (POW) is to request local agencies to submit a prioritized list of projects that are anticipated to require Forest Service resources, especially in the area of NEPA. Based on current Town projects and work programs a list of priority projects and a list of ongoing work programs and longer-range planning efforts was submitted. Environmental work for the noted projects is not necessarily funded at this stage of the project work. This includes the following:

Town of Mammoth Lakes Requested Program of Work requiring NEPA related work.

- 1) Sherwins area trail work and request for final sign off on trailhead plans (See attached)
- 2) Mammoth Creek Park East Dog Park (See attached write up)
- 3) Extension of "Snow Pit" Use Permit to 5-year term and plan for land tenure plan (See attached current permit – expires 12-31-21)
- 4) Acquisition of USFS Land surrounding Mammoth Yosemite Airport – Townsite Act proposal. (Attached is map and proposal overview.) We have a formal proposal ready if time is ready to submit.
- 5) Shady Rest Inyo Crater (SRIC) trail planning. (See attached project overview). Work is being done under a state grant – Town is requesting a one-year grant extension from the State.

Our ongoing work programs and coordination of planning efforts includes:

- a) Trail Maintenance / Cleaning / Signage
- b) Restroom Cleaning and Trash support in the Lakes Basin, etc.
- c) Adopt a Trail program
- d) Lakes Basin Connector Trail Construction
- e) Trail / Community Host Program – Visitor/Local engagement program
- f) Updates to websites, maps, informational handouts, etc.
- g) Preparation of annual operating plans for existing agreements.
- h) September – Paving expanded parking/turn around area at Shady Rest Park (Decision memo issued).

Major Planning Projects:

- a. Discussion on potential joint housing project at Mammoth Ranger District Administrative Site.
- b. Fuels management planning – 50,000+/- 'donut project'. Other fuels reduction projects.
- c. Joint NEPA/CEQA process for consideration of improvements at Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Redevelopment.