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Shady Rest/Inyo Craters

Mammoth Ranger District, Inyo National Forest, Mono County, California
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Inyo Craters

Photo: Mammoth Lakes Trail System

Shady Rest/Inyo Craters Trails Planning:

Proposal Date: 21-July-21

Proponent Name: Town of Mammoth Lakes

Line Officer: Gordon Martin

County: Mono

Anticipated Implementation: Summers- 2022, 2023, 2024

General Location: Between Mammoth Lakes and June Lake

Background, Purpose & Need:

In an effort to engage with OHV users and opportunities in the Shady Rest Inyo Craters sub-region, TOML applied for and was awarded a three-year planning grant from the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division Grant Program in 2020. The TOML, in partnership with Inyo National Forest – Mammoth Ranger District and Mono County, is using the California OHV planning grant funds for on-the-ground planning and environmental review (NEPA/CEQA) in order to optimize existing OHV trail facilities that serve a wide spectrum of user groups and to consider enhanced opportunities for trails and sustainable recreation in the Shady Rest Inyo Craters sub-region.

Proliferation of user-created trails, lack of clear wayfinding information, and other public feedback indicate the area will benefit from systematic improvements. By enhancing the existing OHV trail network and devising new OHV trail facilities, this effort aims to mitigate resource concerns while providing a more enjoyable and safer experience for OHV users including motorcycles, quads, e-bikes, side-by-sides and 4X4s. This effort may also provide better access for camping, fishing, hiking, trail running, horseback riding, climbing, and biking.

Implementation:

Step 1: Collect data from NF (System Trails, etc.) and other layers (parcel data, etc.) from Counties

Step 2: Analyze regional survey data and hands on mapping outreach results

Step 3: Generate clean geodatabase for trail concept planning

Step 4: Present data to Partners, Mammoth Trails Committee (MTC), etc. with recommendations

Step 5: Adjustments/ approval of recommendations

Step 6: Present concept to land manager “specialists” for scoping and initial route approval

Step 7: Ground proofing and GIS mapping route corridor (100’ wide corridor for environmental analysis) USFS

Specialists analyze proposal and provide feedback to Line Officer

Step 8: Revisit and share findings (changes/challenges) with planning team and land manager

Step 9: Generate Trail Feasibility Study based on planning team and land manager input

Step 10: Land manager, County and Town approval of Feasibility Study

Step 11: Shady Rest Inyo Craters Trails Plan Publication

Step 12: Land manager, County and Town approval and adoption of Trails Plan

Environmental/Heritage:

All necessary surveys and reports will be provided as part of the environmental review. Previous environmental survey work exists for the project area.

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