Mammoth Lakes Trail System
February 10, 2022
Winter Trail Grooming
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Trail Conditions

- 12/22: Trail was groomed on January 13th.
- 12/22: Trail was groomed on January 19th.
- 12/20: Trail was groomed on January 19th.
- 12/18: Trail was groomed on January 19th.
- 12/18: Trail was groomed on January 18th.
- 12/17: Trail was groomed on December 20th.
- 12/12: Shady Rest Winter Trails were groomed on December 17th.
- 12/12: Shidding Meadow Winter Trails were groomed on December 20th.
- 12/8/12: The west loop of the Golden Dome Nordic Trails was groomed on December 18th for skiing. Nordic tracks were set down on all loops at 7:00pm on December 20th.

Weather Links
- National Weather Service
- Trail Reports
- Weather Forecasts
- Trail Conditions
- Trail Updates

Thanks to the recent storms, we are pleased to announce that the Winter Trails in Shady Rest are groomed and open for the season. Our lead groomers Andrew and Scott got started this past Thursday night and will be grooming daily or as conditions allow.
New Winter Maps/Guides

Snowmobiles & Over Snow Vehicles (OSV)

Kilometers of snow-covered roads and play areas are open to snowmobiles and over snow vehicles (OSVs) in the Mammoth, June Lake, and Mono Lake areas. A variety of tours, from family-friendly outings, advanced areas, and the ground-level trail network provide opportunities for all skill levels, trails that are specifically designated for snowmobiling are marked with orange diamonds and groomed by the national forest service. The whole area is divided into smaller areas that are open or closed for snowmobiling. For more information about the trails, please contact the Mammoth Lakes Ranger District.

Recommended Staging Areas

**Snowmobile Park**
- Located on the north side of US 91, 3.5 miles west of the Mammoth in the June Lake area.
- Provides access to the trailhead at the south end of June Lake.
- The trailhead is a gated area (10 mph speed limit).

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- Located at the intersection of US 91 and the Mammoth Springs area. East side:
  - Provides access to the A Trail and the A Trail East Trail.
- West side:
  - Provides access to the B Trail and the B Trail East Trail.
- JUNE LAKE JUNCTION
  - Located at the intersection of US 91 and US 91.
  - Provides access to the A Trail and the A Trail East Trail.

Additional Resources
- [www.mammothlobal.org/activity/snowmobiling](http://www.mammothlobal.org/activity/snowmobiling)
- [www.mammothlobal.org/snowmobiling](http://www.mammothlobal.org/snowmobiling)
- [www.nps.gov/npml](http://www.nps.gov/npml)

Non-Motorized Activities

Recycling in the Eastern Sierra is an experience of unparalleled scenery, beauty, fitness and fun! Be a leader in your community to inspire others to recycle and reduce waste. For more information, please contact the Mammoth Lakes Ranger District.

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**Visitor Information**

MAMMOTH LAKES WELCOME CENTER & Ranger Station (760) 924-5500 Located at US 91, 1 mile south of the Mammoth Lakes.

**Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitors Center (760) 924-5508** Located off US 91, 1 mile south of Lee Vining, no services in winter.

**White Mountain Ranger Station (760) 924-5500** Located off US 91, 3 miles east of the Mammoth Lakes.

**TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**
- [www.mammothlobal.org](http://www.mammothlobal.org)
- (760) 924-5500

**MAMMOTH LAKES TOURISM**
- [www.mammothlobal.org](http://www.mammothlobal.org)
- (760) 924-5500

Trail Conditions (Mammoth Lakes Trail System)
- [www.mammothlobal.org/trail-system](http://www.mammothlobal.org/trail-system)

Additional Resources
- [www.mammothlobal.org/hotels/resorts](http://www.mammothlobal.org/hotels/resorts)
- [www.mammothlobal.com](http://www.mammothlobal.com)

Be friends! Be safe! Have fun! Share the trail!
Mammoth Lakes Trail System
Host Program Mid Winter 2022
Thank You to our Partners!

• Mammoth Lakes Tourism
• Mammoth Mountain
• Mammoth Lakes Recreation
• USFS
• Mono County
* Due to Winter Storms, some shifts were cancelled over the 2 week holiday season
Winter Trailhead Locations
1/7/2022 – 1/23/2022

Trailhead Location Interactions
Main Topic of Conversation

- Off-Leash Recreation: 39%
- On-Leash Recreation: 61%

Observed Dog Leash Use

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Observed Dog Leash Use

Shady Rest
- Off Leash: 59%
- On Leash: 41%

Lake Mary Road Closure
- Off Leash: 6%
- On Leash: 94%
Community Support

New Trash Bin at Sherwins Trailhead from Mammoth Disposal
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT IS REMINDING ALL VISITORS AND RESIDENTS TO FOLLOW TOWN PARKING LAWS AND SIGNAGE

January 27, 2022 — The Mammoth Lakes Police Department is reminding all visitors and residents to follow Town parking laws and signage. Mammoth Lakes is experiencing record visitation, which is impacting available parking, especially near busy ski lifts areas such as Canyon Lodge and the Village at Mammoth. Parking Enforcement Officers are patrolling and issuing citations daily. You can avoid receiving a parking citation by:
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<td>Wow, first shift at Shady. Mammoth has a Dog Problem.</td>
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<td>Lake Mary Road Closure</td>
<td>Parking on side of rd. Continues to be issue due to lack of signage/enforcement</td>
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<td>Sherwins Trailhead</td>
<td>2 separate avy courses, 2 coyotes, mega dog poop land mines everywhere</td>
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<td>Lake Mary Road Closure</td>
<td>The Tamarack hosts told me that they have not seen anyone be ticketed this season so they have stopped suggesting to people that they park off the pavement. Drivers &amp; hosts told me that MLK weekend, people were parked all up and down the road although the snow banks now go right up to the road...I was surprised someone parked in the turnaround when there are 5 (?) No Parking Signs, but if no one is ticketing and word has gotten around about that...</td>
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<td>Sherwins Trailhead</td>
<td><strong>There is an enormous amount of dog waste at this location. I feel leashes were only used due to my presence.</strong></td>
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<td>Not enough legal parking. The 2 open areas for trailer turn arounds don't leave enough room for people to park, so the just ignore the signs.</td>
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<td>People don’t believe their dogs need to be on a leash because there’s not a sign that says so. I said a paid person standing out there saying so is more serious than a sign, but I got an eye roll.</td>
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<td>Getting more and more lip from locals about parking and dogs on leashes than with tourists!</td>
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Shady Rest Extra Poo Fairy Efforts

Stats a/o 2/1/22
- 6 Days
- 10.75 hours
- 68 gallons
- ~340 pounds dog waste removed
Winter Trail Counters/Data
MLTS Winter Trails and Trailhead User Data (arcgis.com)
Summer Signage On Order
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Treated 4X4 post

10 in. X 1/2 in. galvanized carriage bolt
Use washers and nuts as anchor

Crush and Fill post hole and compact

Front Profile

Side Profile
Shady Rest/Inyo Craters USFS Update
Date: December 13, 2021

Lynda Salcido
Mayor
Town of Mammoth Lakes
PO Box 8105
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Dear Mayor Salcido,

In August 2022 the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) shared with me a list of priorities to consider bringing forward into the Inyo National Forest program of work. On September 22, 2022 I met with Dan Holler, Stuart Brown, Joel Rathje, and Haslip Hayes to discuss the TOML projects in more detail. This helped me understand the projects further and make the recommendation to the Forest Leadership Team on which projects to consider in the Inyo National Forest’s program of work.

The Inyo National Forest will be organizing the majority of the program of work around four areas, or four “R”:s; Regulatory Requirements, Resource Management, Recreation and Facilities, and Relationships/Work Environment (see attached Inyo National Forest Program of Work Direction Letter). Among the projects included in these focus areas are large and complex priority planning efforts, including: Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP), Travel Management Subpart C (over snow vehicle travel designation); developing a wild horse management plan for the Montgomery Wild Horse Territory; and we anticipate a large development proposal from the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. The Forest has one interdisciplinary team that will be working on all of these efforts in some capacity over the next year, and the formal planning for these projects is projected to start in fiscal year 2023.

Given the capacity of Forest and Mammoth Ranger District staff and the workload of the priority projects listed above, only a few of the TOML priority projects will be included in the Inyo National Forest’s program of work in fiscal year 2022 (FY22). This letter provides information on the TOML priority projects and describes why, or why not, the project is included in the Forest work.

Projects included in the Inyo National Forest FY22 Program of Work

Snow Pit Special Use Permit
This project includes re-authorizing the temporary permit for use of 15 acres of National Forest System lands for the purposes of a snow removal site. The TOML would like to move this into a 5-year or longer-term permitting process. Since further details need to be worked through for a more long-term permit, I will be issuing a one-year temporary permit to cover activities in 2022 (January 2022-December 2022).
Projects not included on the Inyo National Forest FY22 Program of Work

Shady Rest/Inyo Crater (SIRC) Project
This TOML project is part of a planning grant from the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division Grant Program. The project will enhance the existing Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail network and devise new OHV trail facilities, to mitigate resource concerns while providing a more enjoyable and safer experience for OHV users. This is a partnership between the TOML and OHV user groups. The project includes the Shady Rest and Inyo Crater areas north to June Lake, along the west side of Highway 395. The TOML did receive a support letter from former District Ranger Gordon Martin when this project was proposed to the State of California.

I understand the TOML has put a lot of effort in working with partners and the public into this project and will develop a proposal for moving forward at the end of this planning grant. If an additional planning grant is requested to move into the formal NEPA process and have a final decision, the Forest will not have the capacity to provide guidance, oversight, or review for this project. With the larger priority planning projects noted above, the Forest does not have the capacity to take on another Travel Management decision. Although the TOML has identified issues with the OHV use in this area, the Forest has many other areas that have been identified for future restoration or planning grants. This includes the Laurel Lakes road on the Mammoth Ranger District, and several others across the Forest. This will be where the Forest will focus on OHV efforts for the next several years.

The Forest appreciates the efforts the TOML puts into these types of projects and especially in working with all users and the public in developing these planning products. I would like to encourage the TOML to work with Fred Wong when he arrives to better understand the areas the Forest needs to focus on for providing sustainable recreation. For example, with the amount of mountain bike use in this area, would there be interest in working together on a plan for a mountain bike park or use area? These are the types of issues the District is seeing that need to be addressed and we look forward to continuing work on this issue in partnership with the TOML.

Mammoth Dog Park
This proposal included modifying the special use permit for the Mammoth Creek Park East to authorize this area for use as a dog park. Although there may be a need to offer a safe location for dog owners to allow their dogs to play off-leash, this use is already allowed on National Forest System lands. This proposal also doesn’t meet the Forest Service screening of non-commercial special use authorizations (FSM 2703.2), as the proposal can be accommodated off National Forest System lands (private land within the TOML boundaries should be assessed for this use) and because this project should not be authorized solely because it affords the applicant a lower cost or less restrictive location.

In discussion on September 22, 2022, the proposal that the Forest would consider is for a land-exchange for a part of the Mammoth Creek Park East parcel under the current special use permit.