## Mammoth Lakes Trail System





## **Summer 2022**















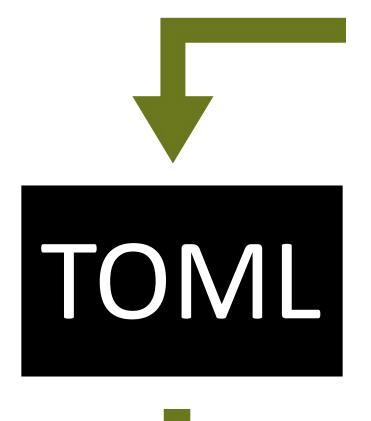




Town of Mammoth Lakes Trail
System Master Plan

Adopted: October 19, 2011

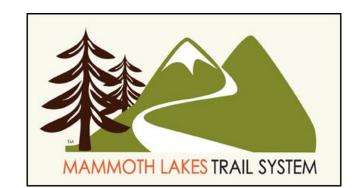




# TOWN COUNCIL











#### **Trails Coordination**

**Added Capacity** 

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Fundraising

**User Groups** 

Volunteers

Public Agencies

Contractors



#### **Implementation**











All SYSTEM



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### Sherwins Area Trails

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#### **Sherwins Area Trails**

Mammoth Ranger District, Inyo National Forest, Mono County, California July 2021



Mammoth Rock Trail Connector

Photo: Mammoth Lakes Trail System

#### **Proposed Action Map**



### Sherwins Area Trails

- July 2022 Submitted IMPLEMENTATION proposal for the Sherwins Trailhead requesting \$950,000 to construct the shovel-ready trailhead design.
- July 2022 Submitted PLANNING proposal for the Sherwins Area Trails and Trailhead Expansion requesting \$620,000 to perform environmental analysis for the proposed Sherwins Area Trails and an expanded trailhead area.
- December 2022 SNC Board will meet to evaluate proposals.







#### **PROPOSAL**

SNC Grant #	1417-RT
Project Title 60-character limit	Sherwins Trailhead
Project Category Select one	☐ Planning ☑ Implementation
Funding Amount Requested	\$ 953,414.00
Total Project Cost SNC request plus funding or in-kind from other sources	\$ 1,177,414.00
Applicant	Mammoth Lakes Recreation
Organization Applicant Authorized Representative Person who is authorized to sign the grant agreement Name Title Phone Email Mailing and/or Physical Address	Craig Albright Board President 760-660-4948 Calbright@mammothresorts.com PO Box 8562 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Applicant Day-to-Day Contact Person who manages the project  Name Title Phone Email Mailing and/or Physical Address	Kim Anaclerio Program Director 760-660-4948 kim@mammothlakesrecreation.org PO Box 8562 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Subregion(s)	East Sierra
County(ies)	Mono
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#### Concise Project Summary

Provide a brief Project Summary, including purpose, location, landownership, acreage or other measure of project size (if applicable), partners, and estimated cost.

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The proposed Sherwins Trailhead will connect to existing infrastructure within the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS), create a seamless, integrated recreation experience for locals and visitors of the Mammoth Lakes Area, and protect sensitive archaeological sites and habitat by defining and developing the trailhead area. Located within the Town of Mammoth Lakes' (TOML) municipal boundary on Inyo National Forest (INF) lands, and proposed accessibility via public transportation, the trailhead will serve people accessing the Sherwins sub-region, Mammoth Meadow, Mammoth Rock Trail, and the entirety of the Mammoth Lakes Basin. The proposed Sherwins Trailhead site has become a de-facto trailhead for a wide variety of recreation uses including hiking, mountain biking, equestrian use, dog walking, snowplay, snowmobiling, Nordic and backcountry skiing. The current site-conditions indicate the purpose and need for a sustainable public access point, as evidenced by several user-created trails, erosion and degradation of sensitive habitat and an abundance of archeological resources in the vicinity.

Partnering with INF and the TOML, the development of the new Sherwins Trailhead will include the following: paved parking including ADA accessible parking, ADA accessible double vault toilets, ADA accessible interpretive and educational kiosks, bicycle parking rack, bicycle maintenance station (bike pump, bike tools, bike stand), free public transit bus terminal (service provided by Eastern Sierra Transit Authority under contract with TOML), municipal and United States Forest Service (USFS) approved wayfinding signage, and public access to approximately 19 miles of proposed, multi-use, non-motorized trails connecting to the MLTS, John Muir Wilderness and Ansel Adams Wilderness.

The Trailhead footprint will be approximately 25,000 square feet. The Engineers Estimate of Probable Cost to construct the trailhead is \$830,500. SNC requested funding is \$953,414. The total project cost, including in-kind, is estimated at \$1,177,414.





#### **PROPOSAL**

SNC Grant #	1485-RT	
Project Title 60-character limit	Sherwins Area Trails and Trailhead Expansion	
Project Category Select one	<ul><li>☑ Planning</li><li>☐ Implementation</li></ul>	
Funding Amount Requested	\$ 510,596.68	
Total Project Cost SNC request plus funding or in-kind from other sources	\$ 618,596.68	
Applicant Organization	Mammoth Lakes Recreation	
Applicant Authorized Representative Person who is authorized to sign the grant agreement Name Title Phone Email Mailing and/or Physical Address	Craig Albright Board President 760-660-4948 Calbright@mammothresorts.com PO Box 8562 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546	
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The proposed planning for the Sherwins Trails and Trailhead expansion will connect to existing infrastructure within the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS), create a seamless, integrated outdoor recreation experience for locals and visitors of the Mammoth Lakes Area, and protect sensitive archaeological sites and habitat by defining and developing sustainably designed trails and expanding the current trailhead area. Located within the Town of Mammoth Lakes' (TOML) municipal boundary on Inyo National Forest (INF) lands, and proposed accessibility via public transportation, the trails and trailhead will serve people accessing the Sherwins subregion, Mammoth Meadow, Mammoth Rock Trail, and the Mammoth Lakes Basin. Existing uses of the project area include a wide variety of recreation including hiking, mountain biking, equestrian use, dog walking, Nordic and backcountry skiing, snowplay, and snowmobiling. The current site-conditions indicate the purpose and need for a sustainable public trail system, as evidenced by several user-created trails, erosion and degradation of sensitive habitat and an abundance of archeological resources in the vicinity.

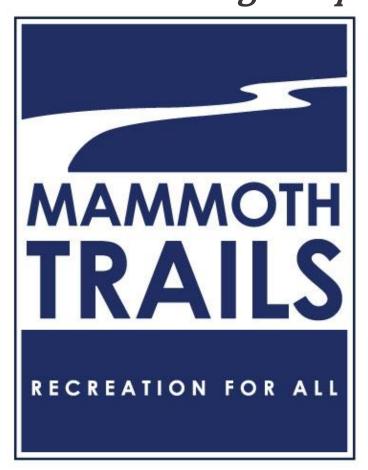
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The final scope of the project will be determined through the planning and design process. SNC requested funding is \$510,596.68. The total project cost, including in-kind, is estimated at \$618,596.68.

## Mammoth Trails Meeting

Mammoth Brewing Company

Mammoth Lakes
Trail System 10<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary
October 20th



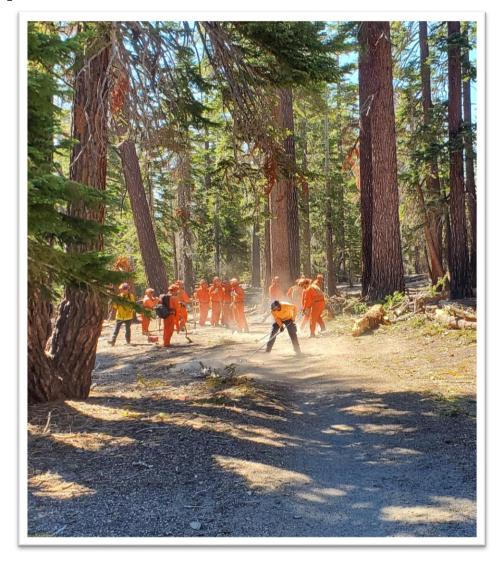
Sherwins Area Trails
Pre-Scoping









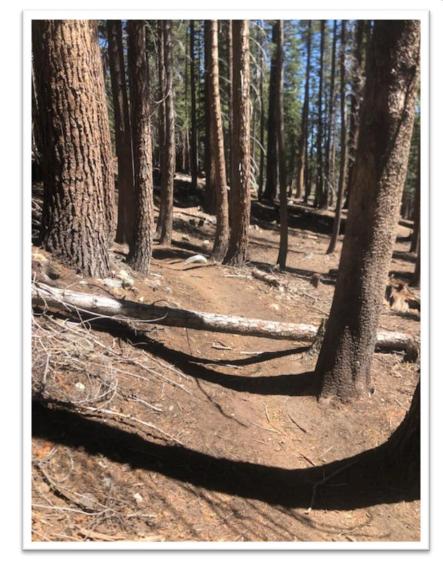


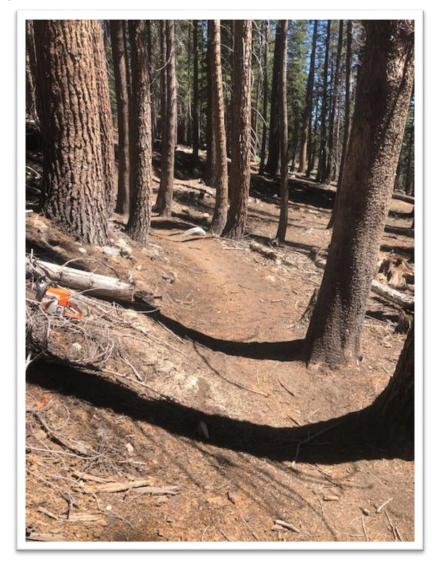






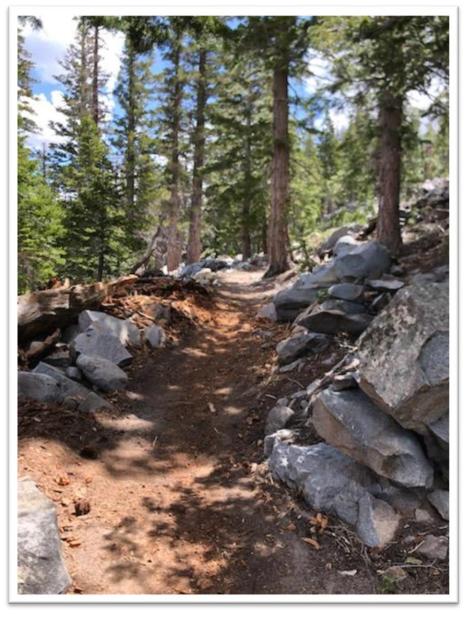






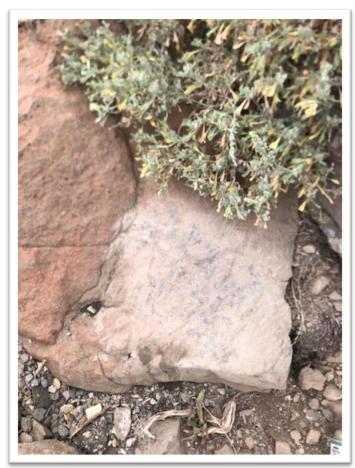




















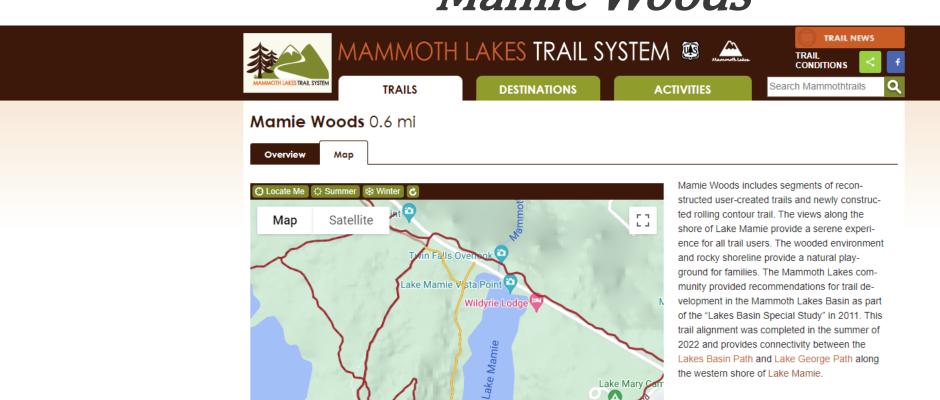
### Lakes Basin Connector Trails

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### Mamie Woods

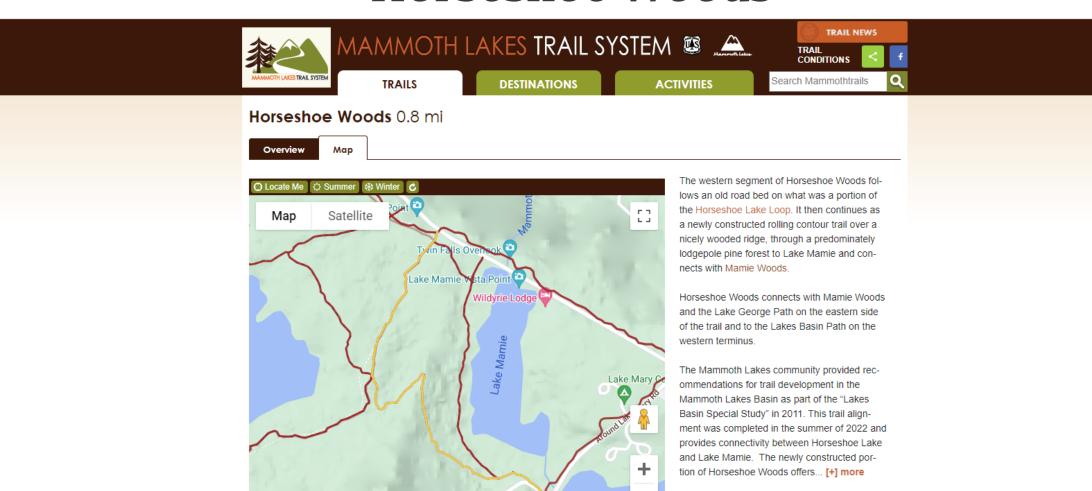


Mammoth

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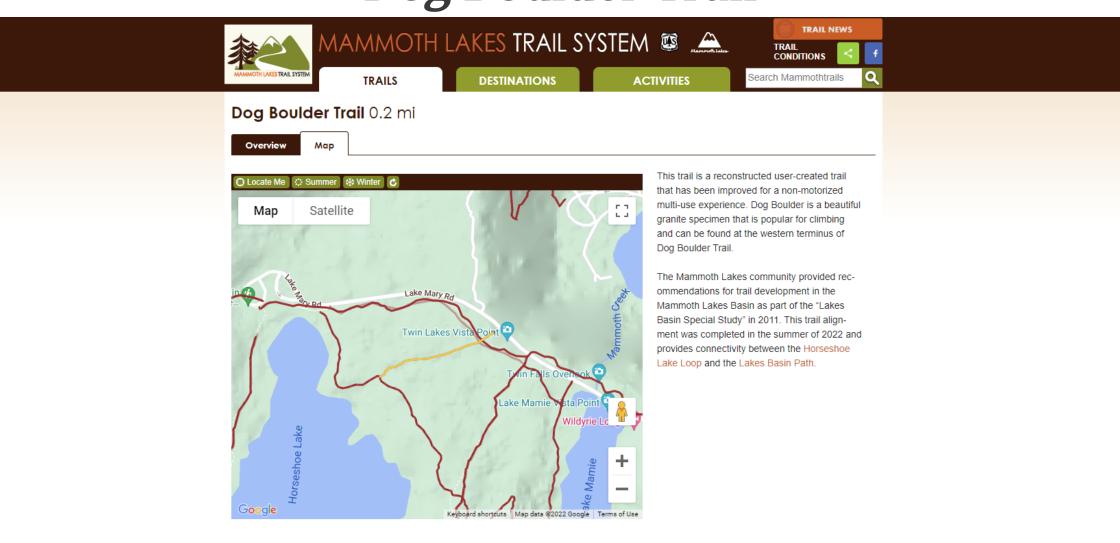
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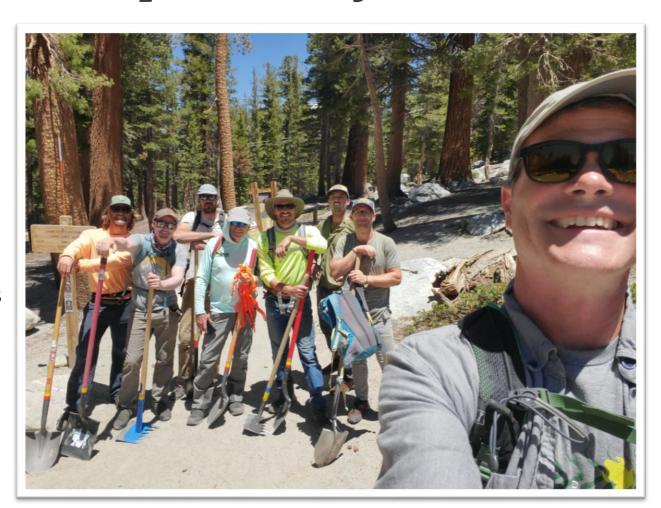
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## Dog Boulder Trail





- 175 Volunteers
- 311 Hours spent as Volunteer Trail Crew and Lakes Basin Cleanup
- 30 Hours spent as Volunteer Hosts Assisting Visitors on the Trails
- 15 Hours spent as Volunteer Water Hosts
   Cleaning Up Around Lake Mamie
- 103.5 Hours Spent as Trashy Thursday Volunteers
   Cleaning Up Around Mammoth Lakes
- 1.5 mile of New Trail Construction in the Lakes Basin
- Trail Maintenance on Mountain View Trail
- Many, Many Pounds of Trash Picked Up In and Around Mammoth Lakes





\$16,339.82 Labor Value

















































### Summer of Stewardship - Trail Days 2022







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## Lakes Basin Cleanup 2022















Over 9,000 Interactions with Trail Users!

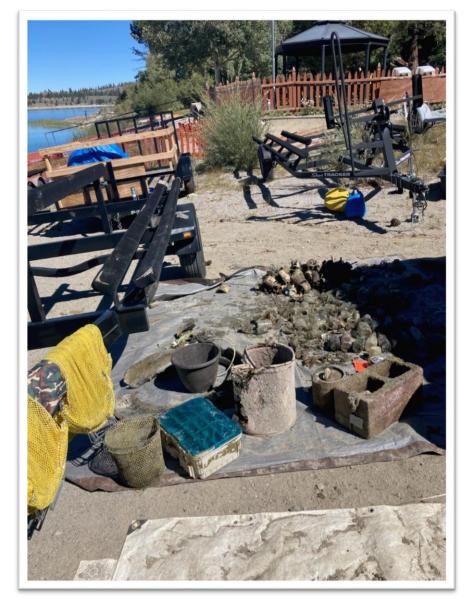
1,077 Pounds of Trash Cleaned Up!



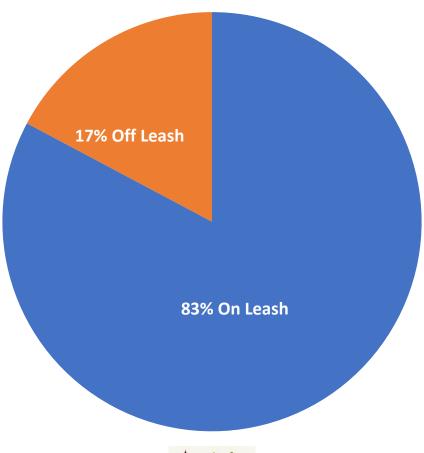
### **MLTS Water Host**







OBSERVED DOG LEASH USE JULY 1 - AUGUST 15 2022

















### **81 Participants**

- 1,041 Pounds of Trash Cleaned Up!
- 15 Pounds of Dog Waste Cleaned Up!
- \$3,680 of Total Volunteer Value!



June 2: Shady Rest Park

June 9: Mammoth Lakes Library

June 16: The Scenic Loop

June 23: Convict Lake

June 30: Sherwins Trailhead

July 7: Shady Rest Park

July 14: Volcom Brothers Skate Park

July 21: The Scenic Loop

July 28: Convict Lake

August 4: Shady Rest Park

August 11: Mammoth Lakes Library

August 18: Convict Lake

**August 25**: Volcom Brothers Skate Park

September 1: Shady Rest Park

**September 8**: The Scenic Loop

**September 15**: Mammoth Lakes Library

**September 22**: Convict Lake

**September 29**: Whitmore Track and Field



103.5 Volunteer Hours!

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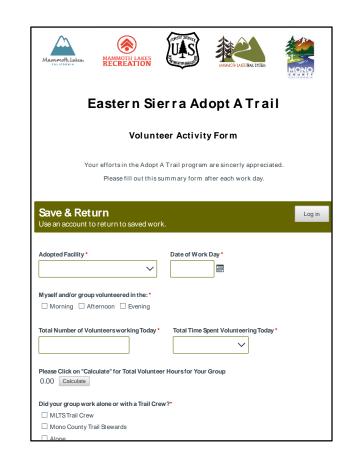


# Sustainable recreation











Mammoth Trails Committee









Hi Joel, just wanted to pass along to you and your team that you've done a lot of great work with the new trails around and between Horseshoe and Mamie. I've ridden everything backwards and forwards and can put together miles of fun trail just in that vicinity. Feels good to be able to recommend Horseshoe Lake for mountain biking, previously there wasn't enough riding to tell someone to go there. - John



I really enjoyed working with Shelly Witters, that girl has an uncanny sense of finding discarded fishing line! I mean, I would go over an area, pull all the line I could find, then she'd follow me up, and find 5 times more! Amazing. - Tony



Kim,

-Jane

I biked up to Lake Mary, George and Twin, was amazed at how nicely cleaned up it was. Congratulations on getting business and the public involved in keeping the recreation areas nice. It's the best I've seen our lakes in 30 years!!!



I did a lap around Horseshoe Lake and all I found was some micro trash, cool mushrooms, a little rain and someone's shrine? I didn't want to remove it even though he wants to travel.

Mammoth Lakes Trail System is doing a great job!



#### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakes Basin Clean Up – September 17, 2022













### Stats:

2 Clothing Hangers

1 Ear Plug

1 Running Shorts

5 Hair Ties

24 Misc. Paper

1 Bullet Casing

4 Socks

1 Glove

2 Kleenex

4 Larger Cardboard

2 Metal Wire

1 Lipstick

3 Clothing Pieces

2 5-gal. buckets of Fishing Line

6 Masks

184 Napkins

1 Dog Bag

14 Raw Dog Feces

1 Sandal

1 Deodorant

1 Fake Leaf

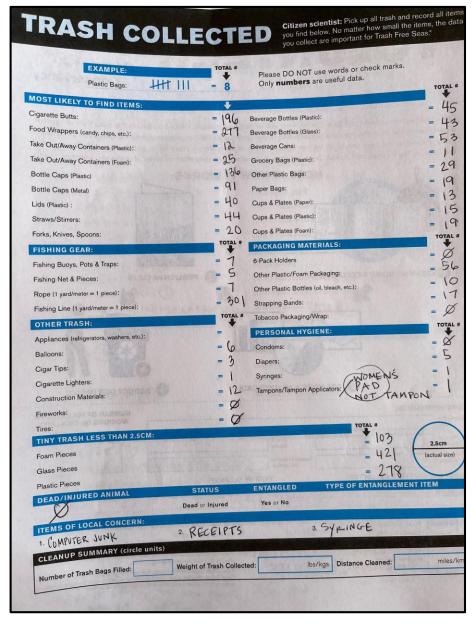
1 Pair of Shoes

1 Ski Pole Basket

2 R.Bar w/ concrete footings attached

1 Computer Junk

3 Receipts





### Eastern Sierra Adopt A Trail





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- September 2020 Present Eastern Sierra Adopt-A-Trail (ESAAT) started as a pilot program in 2020 with 18 TOML facilities. It has now grown to 40 TOML facilities and 14 Mono County facilities.
- \$56,550 has been raised to directly benefit trails and recreational facilities in Mammoth Lakes and Mono County, eliminating the use of any Measure R tax dollars for the ESAAT program and offsetting overall trail maintenance and equipment costs.
- Volunteer adoptions run from **January 1 December 31**. Since September 2020, volunteers have reported **649 hours** helping to maintain trails and facilities in Mammoth Lakes and Mono County, equaling **\$19,440 in added volunteer value**.



### Eastern Sierra Adopt A Trail

#### **Volunteer Totals**

	Volunteer Hours	Visitor Contacts	Pounds of Trash	Pounds of Pet Waste
2020	56	26	140	7
2021	463	318	990	122
2022*	130	107	355	42.5
Total	649	451	1,485	164.5

#### **Sponsorship Totals**

	TOML	Mono County	All
FY 20/21			\$16,00
FY 21/22	\$23,000	\$8,400	\$31,400
FY 22/23 (July 2022)	\$6,750	\$2,400	\$9,150
Total	\$29,750	\$10,800	\$56,550



# Tangle Free Waters







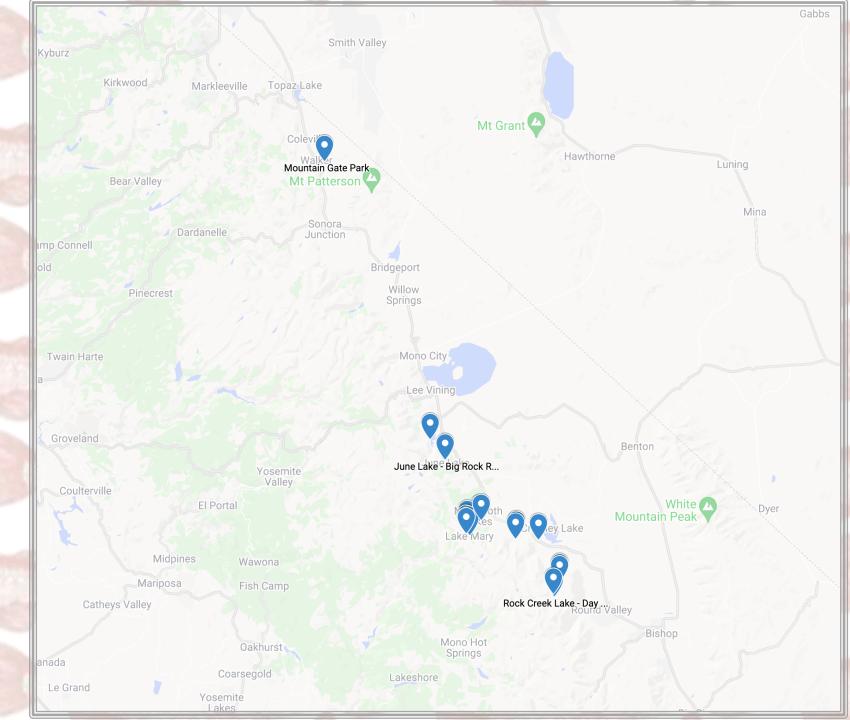




### **Tangle Free Waters**

is a program designed to reduce and remove monofilament fishing line from Eastern Sierra waterways and keep it out of landfills by means of recycling.

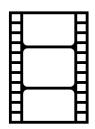
### **Station Locations**



# Community Building













Bike Bells





Clean Up The Lake – June Lake – September 2022





# "Dirtiest dive we've EVER done"









### Thank You to our Partners!

- Mammoth Lakes Tourism
- Mammoth Mountain
- Mammoth Lakes Recreation
- USFS
- Mono County















### Winter Trail Grooming

Last Season:
December 16, 2021
To
March 25, 2022





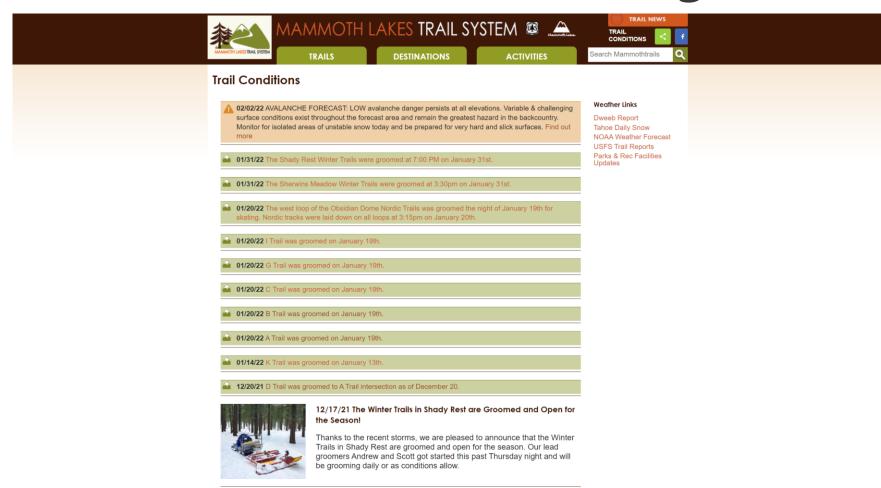


# Winter Trail Grooming





### Winter Trail Grooming





### New Winter Maps/Guides



#### SNOWMOBILES & OVER SNOW VEHICLES (OSV)



Miles of snow-covered roads and play areas are open to snowmobilers and over snow vehicles (OSV) in the Mammoth, June. and Mono Lake areas. A variety of terrain, from wide-open meadows, forested areas and the groomed OSV network provide opportunities for all skill levels. Trails that are specifically designated for snowmobiling are marked with orange diamonds and groomed by Invo National Forest and commercial quide service providers. In addition to the groomed OSV trail network, there are approximately 150,000 acres open to over snow vehicles equipped and prepared to travel off the maintained trail system.

#### **CLOSED & RESTRICTED AREAS** All closed areas are indicated on the maps

#### AREAS CLOSED OR RESTRICTED TO MOTORIZED **USERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area State Lands.
- Devils Postpile National Monument, Wilderness, and Research Natural Areas
- Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain Ski Areas.
- · All Blue diamond non-motorized trails including Obsidian Dome, Deadman Summit and Shady Rest Winter Trails
- . The Mammoth Lakes Basin is closed to motorized use and bikes until April 17th of each year. After April 17th, the Lakes Basin is open to all users.
- · Active timber sales and logging roads.

LEE VINING AREA

(760) 873-2405

DIAL 911

- Major Roads

--- Unplowed Road

2.5

1.25

Yosemite National Park

5 Miles

 Groomed winter trails are closed to all wheeled vehicles (except winter fat bikes).

#### RECOMMENDED STAGING AREAS

#### SHADY REST PARK

- Located in Mammoth Lakes off Sawmill Cutoff Road. . Starting point for A Trail, B Trail and K Trail,
- CINDER SHED
  - . Located on the north side of HWY 203, 1.5 miles west of the Mammoth Scenic Loop/HWY 203 junction.
  - . Provides access to the C trail and F trail.
  - . The F corridor is a congested slow zone (15 mph limit).

#### DEADMAN SUMMIT

- . Located at the intersection of HWY 395 and Bald Mountain Road.
- . Provides access to the L Trail, D Trail and G Trail,

#### LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

- . Located at the intersection of HWY 395 and the Mammoth Scenic Loop, east side.
- . Provides access to the A Trail, L Trail and G Trail.

- . Located at the intersection of HWY 395 and HWY 158.
- · Provides access to the I Trail and G Trail.

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

www.mammothtrails.org/activity/50/snowmobiling/ www.monocounty.org/things-to-do/by-snow/snowmobiling/ www.visitmammoth.com/snowmobiling/

Mono Lake

### NON-MOTORIZED ACTIVITIES

#### Recreating in the Eastern Sierra is an experience of unparalleled

scenery, serenity, fitness and fun for beginners to experts, thanks to the varied terrain and unrivaled backdrop of the Sierra Nevada landscape. There are over 30 miles of groomed non-motorized winter trails in and around Mammoth Lakes, providing opportunities to explore the Inyo National Forest on skis, snowshoes, and winter fat bikes. There is a wide variety of terrain for every ability

The Mammoth Lakes Blue Diamond Nordic Routes offer 7 miles of un-groomed opportunities marked with blue diamonds attached to trees along the way. These ski and snowshoe routes were established by the US Forest Service in the early 1980s and have been maintained by the Range of Light Group, Sierra Club, in partnership with the US Forest Service.

#### MAMMOTH LAKES BLUE DIAMOND NORDIC ROUTES MAP www.mltpa.org/images/downloads/

MammothLakesBlueDiamondNordicRoutesMap.pdf

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

www.mammothtrails.org/activity/40/cross-country-skiing/ www.mammothmountain.com/winter-

activities/cross-country-skiing

www.visitmammoth.com/adventures/

www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/inyo/recarea/?recid=81528

#### TRAIL ETIQUETTE & SAFETY PLEASE ENJOY THIS MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM RESPONSIBLY

The National Forests are the lands of many uses - and many users. People traveling by skis, snowshoes, winter fat bikes and snowmohiles will share the same routes and areas.

- Respect other trail users. Be courteous and yield right of way.
   All users yield to grooming machines.
- · All multi-use trails are two-way traffic.
- . Always stay on the right-hand side of the trail. Pass on the left.
- Beware of blind turns! Slow down for oncoming traffic. Speed limit in slow zone areas is 15 mph.
- Please avoid all roads or areas posted with closures or restrictions, or as shown as closed on map.
- Keep dogs leashed at all times. Pick up and dispose of all dog waste on and off trails. Littering is prohibited by law.
- Winter travel in the backcountry requires proper gear and appropriate clothing. Be self-sufficient!
- Use extreme caution when recreating at night.
   Be visible and use the brightest lights you can find.
- If winter fat biking leaves a rut deeper than 2 inches and/or you can't ride in a straight line... it's too soft to ride!
- . Crossing two-lane plowed roads at right angles is permitted.
- . Crossing four-lane plowed roads is prohibited unless otherwise posted.
- All snowmobiles must display a current state registration sticker to operate on National Forest Lands, www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/vehicle-registration/new-registration/ register-an-off-fighway-vehicle-ohv/

#### LEAVE NO TRACE!

#### VISITOR INFORMATION

#### MAMMOTH LAKES WELCOME CENTER & RANGER STATION

Located on HWY 203 at the entrance to the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

#### MONO BASIN SCENIC AREA VISITOR CENTER

Located off of HWY 395 in Lee Vining. No services in winter.

#### WHITE MOUNTAIN RANGER STATION

Located on HWY 395 in Bishop.

#### TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES PARKS & RECREATION

(760) 934-8989 ext 222,

www.mammothrecreation.com

#### MAMMOTH LAKES TOURISM

(760) 934-2712 or 1-888-GO-MAMMOTH www.visitmammoth.com

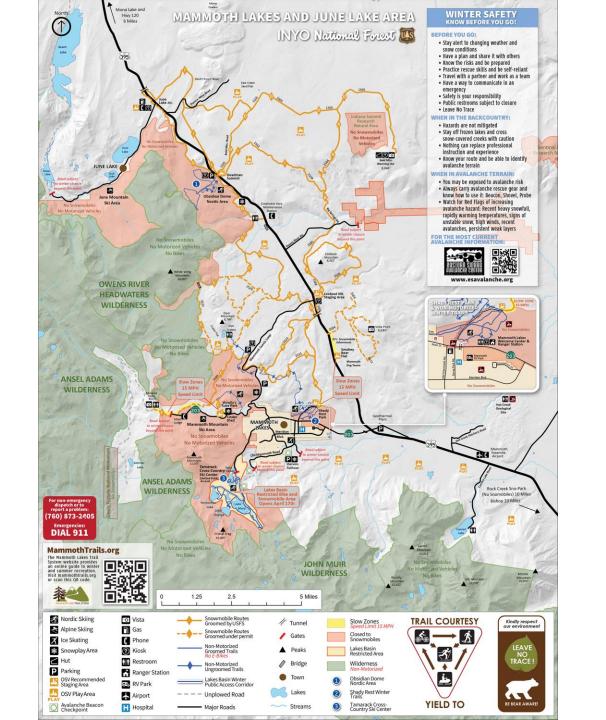
#### TRAIL CONDITIONS (MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM) www.mammothtrails.org/trail-conditions/

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

www.mammothtrails.org/local-recreation/ www.sierraforever.com



**BE FRIENDLY! BE SAFE!** HAVE FUN! SHARE THE TRAIL!







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