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Sherwins Area Trails

Mammoth Ranger District, Inyo National Forest, Mono County, California
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Mammoth Rock Trail Connector

Photo: Mammoth Lakes Trail System

Sherwins Area Trails:

Proposal Date: 7-July-21

Proponent Name: Town of Mammoth Lakes

Line Officer: Gordon Martin

County: Mono

Anticipated Implementation: Summers- 2022, 2023, 2024

General Location: Sherwins Meadow Area

Background, Purpose & Need:

Recreation use in the Sherwins area has traditionally been high and complex; the area is currently enjoyed year-round by individuals in pursuit of quiet and reflective natural experiences, backcountry skiers and snowboarders, world-class athletes in training, those seeking motorized play, and others. No formal trailheads or facilities exist at this time and as a result, the non-system trail facilities receive no maintenance. The Sherwins area remains popular with residents and guests alike. This proposed action intends to provide a level of service that residents and visitors can be proud of, enhancing several existing facilities and building new trail facilities to better accommodate the level of use. This proposed action includes new trail construction, reconstruction of user created trails, and decommissioning of user created trails.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Trail System Master Plan, Sherwins Area Recreation Plan, and subsequent Programmatic Environmental Impact Report support this proposed action with concepts for trail facility development. Projects included in this proposed action are derived from these existing documents and years of public outreach and participation. These remaining concepts from the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan have been refined over time by staff and volunteers with some of the preliminary resource work completed.

Implementation:

Implementation of system trail projects includes:

1. 7 Miles of new multi-use, non-motorized soft surface trail construction 18 in. tread.
2. 1 Mile of new multi-use, non-motorized permeable surface trail construction 60 in. tread.
3. 11 Miles of reconstructed user created multi-use, non-motorized soft surface trail construction 18 in. tread.
4. 11 Miles of decommission of user created trails.
5. Prescribed/approved regulatory and wayfinding signage providing information such as locations of system trails, allowable uses, and trail etiquette.

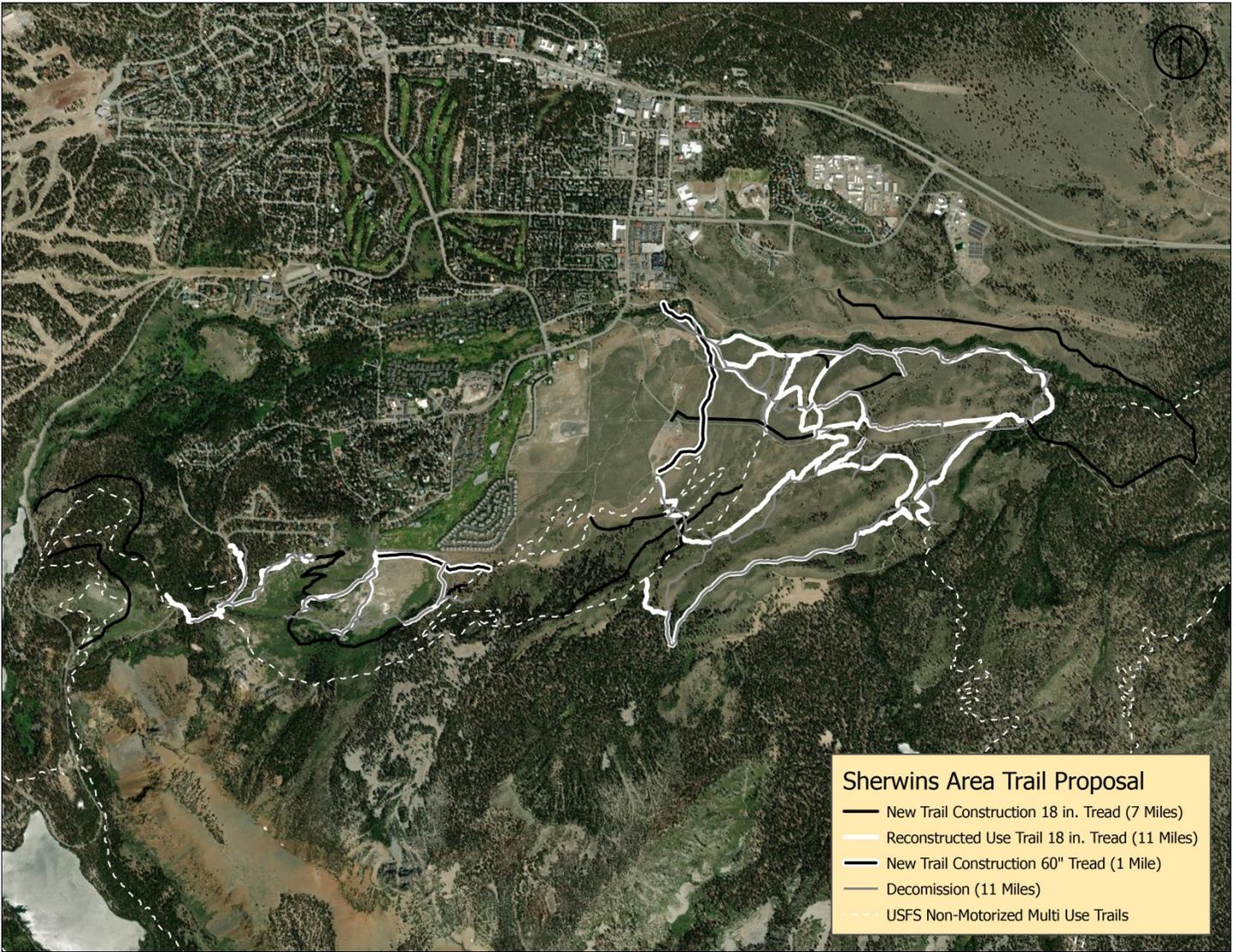
Converting non-system trails to system trails involves bringing these sections of trail up to Forest Service multi-use trail (hike, bike, and horse) design standards which includes Best Management Practices and providing regular maintenance. The Town of Mammoth Lakes and Inyo National Forest have formal agreements with a seasonal trail maintenance program in place.

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.

Attachment A:

Proposed Action Map



Attachment B:

Existing User Created Trails in the Sherwin Area

