

Office of Outdoor Recreation Update

March 2024 Update
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PROJECT	NOTES	BUDGET/OTHER INFO
SHARP Trails	Draft Archeological report to be submitted by STANTEC in mid-March. Communication continues between STANTEC and Inyo N.F. Heritage Staff.	SNC Grant Budget: \$953,414.00
SHARP Trailhead	Have received competitive bids for trailhead construction. Selection and project logistics will be determined soon. Construction will begin in Summer 2024 (ideally mid-July).	SNC Grant Budget: \$510,596.68
Forest Service Snow Storage Location	<p>Forest leadership relayed that the snow pit site is contaminated, and that further study and potential remediation is needed prior to the USFS considering allowing future snow storage at this site.</p> <p>OOR and other TOML departments are working collaboratively on alternative snow storage sites.</p>	Costs for monitoring plan & clean-up currently unknown.
Lakes Basin Gate	<p>In collaboration with MLT & MLR, developed a Lakes Basin Winter Parking Video to assist locals and visitors with navigating this crowded location.</p> <p>In conjunction with this video, deployed more signage to the area.</p>	https://www.visitmammoth.com/blogs/how-to-visit-the-mammoth-lakes-basin-in-winter/
Shady Rest Park	Deployed new signage and associated maps to better delineate trailer turnaround and proper parking locations.	See the post on the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Facebook or Instagram.
Stewardship	2024 stewardship days established: June 1 st , July 27 th , & September 21 st , 2024.	https://lnt.org/our-work/protecting-parks/spotlights/

	<p>Leave No Trace Spotlight: In partnership with MLR, Mammoth Lakes was chosen from a nationwide process to host a 3-day on-the-ground event to build momentum around local stewardship efforts.</p>	<p>https://lnt.org/event/leave-no-trace-spotlight-mammoth-lakes/</p>
<p>Summer Recreation Map</p>	<p>Development and dissemination of new summer recreation map in collaboration with our contractor.</p>	<p>Will be ready for Summer 2024. Total Cost TBD.</p>
<p>Grants</p>	<p>We are still waiting for word on our \$1.5 million dollar RTP Grant which will be utilized to re-pave/widen MUPs.</p> <p>Similarly waiting on \$15,000.00 CalFire grant to fund 3 new interpretive signs along the recently logged Mammoth Creek Parcel.</p>	<p>RTP Request: \$1.5 Million CalFire Request: \$28,000.00</p>
<p>Interpretation</p>	<p>In partnership with the Whitebark Institute, developing 3 new interpretive signs to be placed on the MUPs immediately adjacent to the recently thinned Mammoth Creek Parcel. Signs will focus on Forest Health, Identification, and Bark Beetles.</p> <p>In collaboration with MLR, developing 5 new interpretive signs for the Sherwins Trailhead. MLR & OOR staff recently attended the Intra-Tribe Summit in Bishop to seek input on content related to Native American history.</p>	<p>Seeking CalFire Grant to Fund Mammoth Creek parcel signs and utilization of SNC Implementation Grant for Sherwins Trailhead.</p>
<p>Off Highway Vehicle Grants USFS & BLM Public Comment</p>	<p>The USFS and BLM are seeking public comment on their OHV grants for the upcoming field season. The OOR will be engaging council and other bodies as the May 6th deadline approaches.</p>	<p>https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/inyo/alerts-notices/?aid=86087</p>

<p>Winter Grooming</p>	<p>OOR is performing regular grooming on the Sherwin and Shady Rest Trails while also providing support to the USFS as needed. In late-January, the OOR groomed the Obsidian Trails north of TOML at our Forest partners requests.</p> <p>Expanded grooming proposal will be analyzed as part of the OSV subpart C process and will be listed as an alternative in the upcoming EIS.</p>	<p>Live updates on grooming status can be found at www.mammothtrails.org</p>
<p>Hiring</p>	<p>OOR is currently seeking qualified Trail Crew & Trail Hosts. Help us spread the word!</p>	<p>Trail Host position to be flown soon. Trail Crew Announcement can be found here: https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/767/Employment-Opportunities</p>
<p>Sign Replacement</p>	<p>Replacement of 58 broken Mammoth Lakes Trail System Signs, many of which were destroyed in the winter of 2022/2023. Sign Graphics are being finalized and ordering will occur March 2024.</p>	<p>Cost estimate will be provided in following updates along with costs covered under FEMA Emergency Dollars.</p>