

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES STAFF REPORT

Title: Recommendation to pursue possible purchase of Non-Motorized grooming machine

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The TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation recommends the purchase of a new machine for non-motorized winter grooming. Our Nordoni has provided great utility to the winter grooming program but after some damage this season it is our recommendation to move forward with the purchase of a more modern utility snowmobile to be able to drag our two Tidd Tech grooming implements. This season we rented a utility snowmobile from MMSA and it has worked very well.

Additionally with the likelihood of expanded grooming opportunities we think it is wise to explore other options for grooming equipment like a sno-cat. We have the opportunity to purchase a 2013 Model 2000BXL-26-5 Tucker Terra from the MCWD at a good price. This machine is 10' wide and would serve our purposes well, the only drawback with this machine is that it is underpowered to operate a tiller and tracksetting equipment. However we still think it may be a good idea to explore this purchase further. This machine could be useful for establishing a track in deep snow conditions when our snowmobile is unable to perform. Also the machine could serve the TOML as an emergency access/Search and Rescue vehicle.

Finally we have been in contact with MMSA and tested out one of their used Pisten Bully 400 sno-cats. MMSA would be able to sell us a heavily used one of these machines for a good price, however the 17' width of these machines makes them cumbersome to operate on our narrow winter pathways. We do not recommend pursuing this option.