

Office of Outdoor Recreation Update

April 2024 Update
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PROJECT	NOTES	BUDGET/OTHER INFO
SHARP Trails	Construction bid awarded to SPIESS Construction CO. Construction will begin in Summer 2024 (ideally mid-July).	SNC Grant Budget: \$953,414.00
SHARP Trailhead	<p>Have received competitive bids for trailhead construction. Selection and project logistics will be determined soon. Construction will begin in Summer 2024 (ideally mid-July).</p> <p>Logs will need to be removed to ensure contractor has the room needed to perform the work.</p>	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.
Stewardship	<p>2024 stewardship days established: June 1st, July 27th, & September 21st, 2024.</p> <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/our-work/protecting-parks/spotlights/</p> <p>https://lnt.org/event/leave-no-trace-spotlight-mammoth-lakes/</p>
Summer Recreation Map	Development and dissemination of new summer recreation map in collaboration with our	Will be ready for Summer 2024. Total Cost TBD.

	<p>contractor. Working with USFS partners to ensure that information is consistent across various products.</p>	
Grants	<p>Waiting on \$15,000.00 CalFire grant to fund 3 new interpretive signs along the recently logged Mammoth Creek Parcel.</p> <p>We did not receive the RTP grant to re-pave MUPs segments, despite being a finalist. We are currently exploring other grants to meet this need.</p>	CalFire Request: \$28,000.00
Interpretation	<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>In collaboration with MLT & MLR the OOR is working with Clean Up The Lake to develop 2 new interpretive signs for the Lake George Area. Signs will focus on the CUTL project and aquatic invasives.</p>	Seeking CalFire Grant to Fund Mammoth Creek parcel signs and utilization of SNC Implementation Grant for Sherwins Trailhead.
Off Highway Vehicle Grants USFS & BLM Public Comment	<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 has been able to groom the Shady Rest and Sherwin Winter Trails consistently for the entire winter. Snow coverage is getting close to our lower limit and we will likely wrap up our winter operations within the next week or two depending on new snow accumulation. We have identified a good solution to our equipment needs for next season.</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>The Inyo has expressed interest in the potential for partners to become more engaged in their winter grooming program. The OOR is working with the Inyo to determine the scale and scope and will eventually coordinate with the state OHV/OSV program when appropriate.</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>Recently offered trail crew positions and facilitated 10 host rehires for summer 2024.</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. All signs graphics have been finalized and orders placed. Awaiting delivery of metal signs for MUPS, soft surface signs have been received.</p>	