

Office of Outdoor Recreation Update

May 2024 Update
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PROJECT	NOTES	BUDGET/OTHER INFO
SHARP Trails	600+ page draft Archaeological report being finalized by STANTEC this week (22 nd – 26 th).	SNC Grant Budget: \$953,414.00
SHARP Trailhead	<p>Trailhead contract was awarded to Speiss Construction. Trailhead work will begin in Summer 2024 (ideally mid-July).</p> <p>Interpretive signs in development. Working with local tribes on panels specific to Native American history.</p> <p>Public access plan being developed with the Forest Service.</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>Developing soil sampling plan of snow pit area in conjunction with the USFS. Looking for similarly “disturbed” site to do comparative analysis.</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</p>	<p>https://lnt.org/our-work/protecting-parks/spotlights/</p> <p>https://lnt.org/event/leave-no-trace-spotlight-mammoth-lakes/</p>

	momentum around local stewardship efforts.	
Summer Recreation Map	Final edits being completed in the next week. Map will then go to printing followed by dissemination.	Printing costs TBD.
Grants	<p>Waiting on \$15,000.00 CalFire grant to fund 3 new interpretive signs along the recently logged Mammoth Creek Parcel.</p> <p>Applying for ATTIP (Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program) Implementation Grant where we will regurgitate the RTP grant we just missed out on related to MUP re-pavement.</p> <p>Looking at viability of another ATTIP Planning Grant for Mammoth Creek Parcel trail development.</p>	<p>CalFire Request: \$28,000.00</p> <p>ATTIP Request: \$1,000,000 w/\$800,000 match</p>
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</p>	<p>Seeking CalFire Grant to Fund Mammoth Creek parcel signs and utilization of SNC Implementation Grant for Sherwins Trailhead.</p>

	Up The Lake to develop 2 new interpretive signs for the Lake George Area. Signs will focus on the CUTL project and aquatic invasives.	
Off Highway Vehicle Grants USFS & BLM Public Comment	The USFS and BLM are seeking public comment on their OHV grants for the upcoming field season. The OOR is seeking public comment.	https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/inyo/alerts-notices/?aid=86087
Winter Grooming	<p>A successful season of winter grooming has come to an end. We were able to groom with high frequency and navigated equipment issues with the help of partners at MMSA. The final groom was on April 10th.</p> <p>Pursuing a path to purchase of new snow machine to drag grooming implements</p> <p>The Inyo has expressed interest in the potential for partners to become more engaged in their winter grooming program. OOR staff met with Inyo staff on 4/24/2024 and is working out potential viable options to take over grooming program.</p>	Live updates on grooming status can be found at www.mammothtrails.org
Hiring	<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>	Trail Host position to be flown soon. Trail Crew Announcement can be found here: https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/767/Employment-Opportunities
Sign Replacement	Replacement of 58 broken Mammoth Lakes Trail System Signs, many of which were destroyed in the winter of 2022/2023. All signs have been ordered with planned summer 2024 install.	

	<p>Addition of 3 new wayfinding signs on main street section of the town loop.</p>	
<p>Appropriation Request</p>	<p>In collaboration with the Whitebark Institute, the Office of Outdoor Recreation submitted a \$50 million dollar congressional appropriations request to support funding implementation of Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project priority acres.</p>	
<p>SPLAT Treatments – Mammoth Creek Parcel</p>	<p>This summer, SPLAT treatments will occur in the Mammoth Creek Parcel, which was recently thinned as part of the Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP). This treatment was prescribed and referenced in the NEPA document for the ESCCRP project.</p> <p>SPLAT Verb is an environmentally friendly repellent that provides sustained and controlled release of the verbenone anti-aggregation pheromone. Verbenone is naturally produced by MPB and several other species of bark beetle towards the end of a mass attack. The presence of verbenone signals to new MPB approaching the infested tree that it is already too overcrowded to serve as a suitable host. By applying SPLAT Verb to a healthy and uninfested tree, host-seeking MPB will identify the tree as undesirable and leave it unharmed.</p>	
<p>Trail System Master Plan (TSMP)</p>	<p>The Office of Outdoor Recreation is currently performing an analysis of the TSMP to determine what has been implemented, what has not, and</p>	

	how to pursue a new TSMP to govern future operations.	
Sage Grouse Public Comment	The town submitted public comment regarding the proposed federal listing of Sage Grouse.	
Mammoth Trails Meeting	A Mammoth Trails Meeting was held at the brewery on 4/25/2024 where the Office of Outdoor Recreation & Mammoth Lakes Recreation engaged local stakeholders to discuss completed & upcoming project work, Summer stewardship, and all things recreation!	