

## Office of Outdoor Recreation Update

June 2024 Update  
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PROJECT	NOTES	BUDGET/OTHER INFO
SHARP Trails	<p>Draft Archaeological report submitted to the Inyo and specialists working out their summer analysis schedule.</p> <p>Field trip with all Inyo Specialists to occur on 6/20/2024.</p> <p>Developing collection agreement for USFS staff using SNC planning dollars.</p>	SNC Grant Budget: \$953,414.00
SHARP Trailhead	<p>Construction will begin after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2024.</p> <p>Logs will need to be moved/removed to ensure contractor has the room needed to perform the work. We are coordinating with MMSA on the logs and have our spur from the TH pin flagged in prep for this work.</p>	SNC Grant Budget: \$510,596.68
Forest Service Snow Storage Location	A task order will be issued in the next few days to begin the soil testing process following Inyo National Forest terms and conditions. The testing will determine the levels of contamination and next steps.	Approximately \$7500.00
Stewardship	<p>2024 stewardship days established: June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, &amp; September 21<sup>st</sup>, 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</p>	<p><a href="https://lnt.org/our-work/protecting-parks/spotlights/">https://lnt.org/our-work/protecting-parks/spotlights/</a></p> <p><a href="https://lnt.org/event/leave-no-trace-spotlight-mammoth-lakes/">https://lnt.org/event/leave-no-trace-spotlight-mammoth-lakes/</a></p>

	<p>around local stewardship efforts.</p> <p>Our first Trails Days event will have occurred by the 6/5/24 council meeting and the Outdoor Recreation Manager will provide a verbal update.</p>	
Summer Recreation Map	<p>The summer recreation map is complete and is out to a vendor for printing.</p> <p>The USFS is in the process of getting a georeferenced copy of the map on Avenza.</p>	\$2,000 for 3,000 copies. Partners are splitting costs.
Grants	<p>Waiting on \$15,000.00 CalFire grant to fund 3 new interpretive signs along the recently logged Mammoth Creek Parcel. These signs have been designed and we are waiting to see the results of the grant prior to moving forward.</p> <p>The OOR is currently looking at a Local Parks Grant to fund potential work in Mammoth Creek Parcel.</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. We are also developing temporary signage to highlight the SPLAT treatments that will be occurring in the parcel to prevent the spread of Bark Beetles.</p>	

	<p>In collaboration with MLR, developing 5 new interpretive signs for the Sherwins Trailhead. MLR &amp; 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 &amp; 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>	
Reds Meadow Recreation Renovation Project	The USFS is seeking public comment on proposed campground improvements.	<a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/invo/?project=66145">https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/invo/?project=66145</a>
Winter Grooming	<p>The OOR is in the process of purchasing a new Skidoo Expedition (same sled we borrowed from our friends at MMSA) for our non-motorized winter grooming program.</p> <p>The OOR has met with the USFS and the State regarding taking over the majority of the existing OSV program. The OOR is in process of developing a proposal based on program workload to be present to town leadership, and eventually town council in the near future.</p>	
Hiring	The OOR has an excellent crew of 6 people on our Trail Crew who will be before trail work across the Mammoth Lakes Trail System along with supporting Lakes Basin, Earthquake Fault, and Minaret Vista Maintenance.	

	We also have a good crew of new and returning trail hosts, but could always use more!	
Sign Replacement	Replacement of 58 broken Mammoth Lakes Trail System Signs will commence soon, now that trail crew is onboard. Similarly, numerous soft surface signs will be replaced.	
Trails/Trail Work	<p>Moving forward with Inyo specialists on trail reroutes for Mammoth Rock Trail and Mountain View Trail. Inyo specialists are scheduling time to look at these proposed reroutes and we plan to complete work this summer.</p> <p>Work will commence on black bear run soon with the goal of completing the trail this summer.</p> <p>Continued engagement on the towns to trails project.</p> <p>The trails manager and trail crew will be attending the Inyo National Forest Wilderness Academy where they will receive safety and saw trainings along with other skills.</p>	
Trees near Frontier Lines in Lakes Basin	Continued work with Frontier Communications to get the dead hazard trees immediately adjacent to their phone lines on the ground ASAP. Conversations between the OOR and Frontier began in January 2024.	
Lakes Basin "Opening".	The Lakes Basin had a "soft opening" for the Holiday weekend where we had the gates closed, but a shuttle operating inside the basin. There was also a free shuttle	

	<p>from Canyon Lodge to the Twin Lakes Overlook, where visitors could then catch the inter-valley shuttle.</p> <p>Hosts, Outdoor Recreation Manger, and USFS staff helped manage the gate through the weekend. Trash, restroom, safety signage were also deployed. While busy, overall the holiday went well.</p>	
Measure U	<p>The OOR, and specifically the Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, continue to support MLR and the measure U grant process. Currently, about half of the applicants have received there Measure U funding.</p>	