

Office of Outdoor Recreation Update

July 2024 Update
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PROJECT	NOTES	BUDGET/OTHER INFO
SHARP Trails	<p>Trails Program Manager Andrew Mulford will provide a verbal update of the meeting with the USFS Interdisciplinary Team on 6/20/2024 along with next steps in the process.</p> <p>Developing collection agreement for USFS staff using SNC planning dollars.</p>	SNC Grant Budget: \$510,596.68
SHARP Trailhead	<p>Construction will begin after the 4th of July holiday, but we do not currently have an exact start date due to delays with the vault toilet.</p> <p>MMSA has consolidated and stacked the logs at the Sherwins TH.</p>	SNC Grant Budget: \$953,414.00
Forest Service Snow Storage Location	<p>A testing plan has been submitted to the District Ranger and Inyo Staff. The OOR is waiting for a response of approval or changes to the proposed testing plan. Once approved, testing will commence.</p>	Approximately \$7,500.00
Stewardship	<p>2024 stewardship days established: July 27th, & September 21st, 2024.</p>	<p>https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1214/Volunteer</p>

	<p>Our first Wednesday worknight was a success, so much so, that we are now requiring volunteers to sign up online to ensure we have enough tools and supplies for participants.</p> <p>Don't forget to join us Thursday's at 5 p.m. for Trashy Thursday's!</p>	
Summer Recreation Map	<p>The summer recreation map is complete and has been printed & distributed. Maps are available on Avenza as well. Working with the USFS to see if they would like to host the map on their official website.</p>	<p>https://store.avenza.com/products/mammoth-lakes-summer-recreation-map-us-forest-service-r5-map</p>
Grants	<p>Waiting on CalFire grant to fund 3 new interpretive signs along the recently logged Mammoth Creek Parcel. These signs have been designed & are ready to go and we are waiting to see the results of the grant prior to moving forward.</p>	<p>CalFire Request: \$28,000.00</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 Whitebark, development of sandwich board signs interpreting the SPLAT treatment. 3 of these signs are currently deployed on the MUP between Sherwin & Waterford Street.</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>	
<p>Winter Grooming</p>	<p>The OOR has examined the OSV agreement with the State and will be meeting with the Town Manager to discuss & plan moving forward.</p> <p>Subsequent engagement with council will occur.</p> <p>A new non-motorized grooming snowmobile has been purchased</p>	

	in preparation for next seasons grooming ops.	
Hiring	The OOR is flying positions for the Host Program. Please pass the word along to anyone who might be interested.	https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/767/Employment-Opportunities
Sign Replacement	Three new 6a wayfinding signs were installed on main street to help folks navigate this area of the town loop. OOR will install both MUP and soft surface signage as we are able.	
Trails/Trail Work	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 the work this summer. Trail crews have been inundated with tree work, but crews have been deployed to Black Bear Run when we are not performing tree work. Using LTC funding, the OOR has contracted with STANTEC to perform a review of the environmental data from the Timber Project in Mammoth Creek Parcel.	

<p>Trees near Frontier Lines in Lakes Basin</p>	<p>In partnership with Mammoth Fire, OOR trail crews have been dropping trees along the MUPs between the Art Gallery and the Mammoth Pack Station. All trees that could affect the MUP alone have been dropped. Many more trees need to be dropped but require Frontier to lower their lines. Frontier has not done so, so work is unable to continue at this time.</p>	<p>OOR staff is cleaning up the area and will temporarily open the MUP for the 4th of July week/weekend.</p> <p>Special thanks to MLFD for all their help and hard work. MLFD is not responsible for any of the trees in question, yet has been an excellent partner with the town to accomplish our shared goal of safely removing these hazards. TOML is responsible for any hazard trees along the MUPs, but currently all the trees in question could drop on both the MUP and Frontier phone lines. It took the Inyo some time to inform TOML that we are responsible for dropping & bucking the trees, while Frontier is responsible for dropping their lines.</p>
<p>Community Center Parcel</p>	<p>Immediately adjacent to the community center, the OOR has established a small recreation site with 3 picnic tables, bear box, bike tool station, and trash facilities.</p> <p>Trail Crew cleaned the area resulting in multiple trailer-loads of duff being taken to the dump.</p>	
<p>Agreements & Contracts</p>	<p>The OOR has been working with Whitebark to update various MOU's and Letters of Agreement that govern the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project. These updates primarily involve funding sources.</p>	