



MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM TRAILS MANAGER REPORT

Summer 2024

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Here is a short list of what we have been up to this season:

1. **SHARP Trail Planning**
2. **Lakes Basin Timber Work**
3. **Black Bear Run Construction**
4. **Sign Installation**

SHARP Update



Interdisciplinary Team Field Visit – 6/20

- **Attendees:**

- **USFS Archaeology team**
- **USFS Tribal Relations**
- **USFS Recreation Officer**
- **USFS Wildlife Biologist**
- **USFS Hydrologist**
- **MLR – SNC Grantee**
- **TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation**



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- **Concerns:**

- **Archaeological Resources – Avoid where possible. Shovel testing and monitoring or other mitigation practices where avoidance is impossible**
- **Hydrological concerns near Hidden Lake.**
- **Pine Marten Suitable habitat. Concerns about habitat fragmentation due to trail density.**
- **White Bark Pine.**



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- **Next Steps**

- **Recent Archaeological resource survey work completed by Stantec on behalf of TOML created comprehensive survey coverage of project area and was well received by USFS staff**
- **USFS to deliver resource avoidance dataset to TOML on 07/11**
- **TOML to redesign routes to avoid known resources where possible**
- **Interagency work to develop final vetted Proposed Action**
- **11/16 tentative date for public meeting to discuss updated proposed action**



Interdisciplinary Team Field Visit – 6/20

Draft Timeline

Event	Calendar Days	Due Date
<i>Project start date</i>		06/01/24
Project Initiation (PIL, IDT ID, SUP Screening, etc)	21	06/22/24
Proposed Action Development (P+N, Internal scoping)	42	08/03/24
External Scoping / Public Involvement	42	09/14/24
Issue Identification	7	09/21/24
Effects Analysis Timeline Update ³	0	09/21/24
Required Regulatory Reports & Effects (specialists' input)	63	11/23/24
NEPA process check: is CE still appropriate?	0	11/23/24
Regulatory Concurrence (ESA, NHPA)	136	04/07/25
Decision Memo Prep	14	04/21/25
Sign Decision	0	04/21/25
Earliest Implementation =====>		04/21/25

Notes

FS constraints --> TOML vetted new alignments & draft proposed action --> FS review & publish PA

ESA Formal consultation for WBP (red fox) expected

Interdisciplinary Team Meeting 07/25

- **All progress is waiting on the completion of Stantec Archaeological Impact Report**
- **USFS/TOML/Stanec met 07/31 to discuss next steps for completion of Archaeological Impact Report**
- **Updated draft timeline hovering around mid summer 2025 for earliest possible implementation date**
- **USFS voiced concerns around overall trail density**



Interdisciplinary Team Meeting 07/25

Event	Work Days	Due Date
<i>Project start date</i> ¹		06/01/24
Project Initiation (PIL, IDT ID, SUP Screening, etc)	15	06/22/24
Proposed Action Development (P+N, Internal scoping)	75	10/05/24
Exeternal Scoping / Public Involvement	30	11/16/24
Issue Identification	5	11/23/24
Effects Analysis Timeline Update ³	0	11/23/24
Required Regulatory Reports & Effects (specialists input) ⁴	45	01/25/25
NEPA process check - is CE still appropriate?	0	01/25/25
Regulatory Concurrence (ESA, NHPA)	90	05/31/25
Decision Memo Prep	10	06/14/25
Sign Decision	0	06/14/25
Earliest Implementation =====>		06/14/25



Lakes Basin Timber Work



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Black Bear Run Construction Update



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Sign Install – In Progress!

