

Office of Outdoor Recreation Update

November 2024 Update
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PROJECT	BACKGROUND INFORMATION & RELEVANCE	UPDATE
SHARP Trails	<p>SNC Grant Budget: \$510,596.68</p> <p><i>Background Info & Relevance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recommendations in the Sherwin Area Recreation Plan (SHARP)</i> • <i>Per the Trail System Master Plan – Chapter 6 – Section 6.6 – The successful design, construction, and management of natural soft surface trails is critical to the pursuit of making Mammoth Lakes a year round destination resort community.</i> 	<p>Environmental analysis continues on this project. The OOR will provide continued updates as we work with our federal partners on this project. Final draft of archeology report has been submitted to the Inyo N.F.</p> <p>Current timelines (subject to change) put a signed decision by mid-summer 2025.</p>
SHARP Trailhead	<p>SNC Grant Budget: \$953,414.00</p> <p><i>Background Info & Relevance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recommendations in the Sherwin Area Recreation Plan (SHARP)</i> • <i>Per the Trail System Master Plan – Recommendation N5 – Summer Recreation Nodes lists Sherwin Creek Road, USFS gravel borrow pit as a summer & winter recreation nodes where it is advised to develop restroom facilities, parking, bus service, and signage.</i> 	<p>The parking lot is currently closed as construction continues. As of today (10/29/24), the vault hole has been dug and the toilet will be installed on 10/30/2024. The concrete work will then be the next phase of the project and it is planned to be completed prior to winter.</p>
Stewardship	<p>https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1214/Volunteer</p> <p><i>Background Info & Relevance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trail System Master Plan – Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Programs – E2, E4, E6 – The trail system master plan makes constant references to sustainability and stewardship and are highlighted in the Master Plan Guiding Principles.</i> 	<p>The OOR recently completed another successful summer of Stewardship. We are very proud of what we, and the community, were able to accomplish together. Trashy Thursday events totaled 293 volunteer hours and over 1000 pounds of trash while Trail Days events totaled 106 volunteers and 189.5 pounds of trash along with trail maintenance and construction projects.</p>

Interpretation	<p><i>Background Info & Relevance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trail System Master Plan General Recommendations – G4 – Identify opportunities for interpretive signage and work with local experts to develop content.</i> 	<p>The 3 new interpretive signs (in partnership with Whitebark) for the Mammoth Creek Parcel are in production with manufacturer. Install will occur next spring.</p> <p>In collaboration with MLR, developing 5 new interpretive signs for the Sherwins Trailhead, we are in process of completing the final edits and then production will occur.</p> <p>Clean Up The Lake (CUTL) interpretive signs are complete, have been delivered, and will be installed next Spring.</p>
Sign Replacement	<p><i>Background Info & Relevance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trail System Master Plan General Recommendations – G3 – General consistency for signage along multi-use paths and soft surface trails.</i> • <i>Trail System Master Plan General Recommendations – G16 – Recognize and support the development or an integrated regional Mammoth Lakes Trail System that incorporates the components identified in this Trail System Master Plan.</i> 	<p>Sign work on the OSV system continues. Due to the large lift on the OSV system, installation of new MUP regulatory signage, interpretive signs, and “speed reading” signs will occur next spring.</p> <p>The Sherwin Meadows Trailhead Type 2 sign is nearly ready for production, as we are working through final edits with our graphic designer.</p>
Trails Planning & Trail Development	<p><i>Background Info & Relevance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trail System Master Plan General Recommendations – G16 – Recognize and support the development or an integrated regional Mammoth Lakes Trail System that incorporates the components identified in this Trail System Master Plan.</i> 	<p>Seeking cost estimates to complete CEQA for a trail project in the recently thinned Mammoth Creek Parcel.</p> <p>Efforts continue on planning for a bike park near the new dog park/day care/theater.</p> <p>Black Bear Run has been completed!</p>
Public Information	<p><i>Background Info & Relevance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The development of the Office of Outdoor Recreation (OOR) envisioned the office as the public information arm of the Town of Mammoth Lakes related directly to recreation, recreation impacts, public lands impacts, and similar issues.</i> 	<p>ORMAT pipeline work has been completed and the USFS continues mastication work along Sherwin & Mammoth Creek Roads. Fuelwood collection season was extended by the Inyo until November 30th, 2024.</p>

<p>Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) & OSV Maintenance</p>	<p><i>Background Info & Relevance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Non-Funded Challenge Cost Share with the Inyo National Forest.</i>• <i>OSV agreement with the State.</i>	<p>Trail Crews are continuing with some end of the season work, including removal of bollards along the MUP to allow for efficient winter plowing.</p> <p>The trails program manager continues to work with the Inyo N.F. and Mono County on clearing and ensuring proper signage on the OSV system. New Kiosks will be installed in various locations as well, prior to the big winter snows.</p>
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