

## TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES STAFF REPORT

Title: TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation Grooming Update

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I would like to share a brief update on the Town of Mammoth Lakes Winter grooming program.

- This year we entered into a contract with the California Off Highway Vehicle Program to operate the state owned Pisten Bully Snowcat in support of grooming the 90 mile OSV(over snow vehicle) network between Mammoth Lakes, June Lake and Bald Mountain. In the past, this grooming has been conducted via a contract between California OHV and the local office of the USFS. This year Fred Wong, District Ranger Inyo National Forest, asked the Town of Mammoth Lakes to please consider taking over the operation of this program. We have successfully adopted the contract for this work and are ready to groom and eagerly awaiting an adequate snowpack to begin grooming of this network.
- Additionally we continue to groom the Winter trails at Shady Rest and the Sherwins. These trails are open to all non-motorized users and are groomed using a snowmobile towing a grooming implement.
- We have submitted a proposal to the USFS to expand this non-motorized groomed network along existing USFS roads in the area.
- This summer we will be working to re-establish the blue diamond blaze network for ungroomed cross country ski and snowshoe routes. This network was established by the Sierra Club and management of the signage and map collateral has been transferred to the TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation.