

## **TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES STAFF REPORT**

Title: Office of Outdoor Recreation Update

Meeting Date: 09/24/2024

Prepared by: Andrew Mulford, Trails Program Manager

---

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Office of Outdoor Recreation is pleased to have the opportunity to share some brief updates on our priority projects with you.

- OSV (Over Snow Vehicle) Grooming – The TOML OOR has taken the reigns of the OSV grooming program from the Inyo National Forest. We will be operating the entirety of the grooming and signage maintenance associated with this amazing 90 mile groomed facility. Andrew Mulford will be the lead groomer and program manager for this effort with organizational support from Lawson Reif and training and grooming support from Rick Labord and one other seasonal employee. AM will be attending the Pisten Bully Pro grooming academy in Reno this November 7-8. This academy will cover grooming techniques as well as groomer maintenance and service. AM has conducted a logout and review of the network with USFS and Mono County Recreation staff. Much work is needed to bring the signage up to snuff.
- SHARP – Archeological report nearly complete. USFS will schedule another interdisciplinary team meeting once the report has been reviewed by Inyo National Forest archaeological staff.
- Mammoth Creek Parcel – Recreation plan in progress, will be informed by CEQA environmental work. We have had preliminary discussions with environmental contractor to plan for this analysis using existing survey work that has been completed for the Timber Harvest Plan that was conducted on that parcel last year.
- Black Bear Run – Complete! Installed trail assurance markers to alleviate traffic concerns near USFS lease cabins. Installed difficulty rating signage to inform users of difficult nature.
- Summer of Stewardship – We had 3 very successful Trail Days throughout the summer as well as regular Wednesday Worknights and Trashy Thursdays events. We are very grateful for our great crew of regular volunteers.
- Timber work along MUP in Lakes Basin – TOML Trail Crew along with MLFD Wildland crew dropped over a hundred standing dead Lodgepole Pines that were presenting a hazard to the nearby bike path. We also bucked all of the larger wood into firewood rounds and moved it up to Horseshoe Lake for public firewood collection. Additionally we used the MLFD chipper to chip and broadcast any remaining fuels in the area.
- Sutter 300 Trail Dozer – This is a 30” wide trail dozer for SHARP implementation as well as trail maintenance applications. We have identified this as a valuable asset to add to our toolkit once the SHARP trails have been approved for implementation. The current plan is to use Adopt a Trail funding that MLR has been collecting with some additional TOML general fund dollars as needed.