

Office of Outdoor Recreation Update

March 2025 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>The draft proposed action for SHARP is in the approval process in the Region 5 Regional Office and with the tribes. Once approved, it will go out to public scoping soon after. If all goes well, implementation for the trails that require no further environmental analysis will occur in Summer 2025.</p> <p>The area west of Snowcreek along with Panorama Dome will require further analysis (archeology and botany) and we are working with the USFS and our contractor on a plan to complete that work.</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>Interpretive signage has been approved and is in production. The Type 2 signs is in the final stages of graphic design and will be ordered once design work is complete. Bear boxes and trash receptacles have been installed and Poo Fairy station(s) will be installed ASAP. Bike rack and Bike tool station have arrived but will be installed in Spring 2025.</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 along with the 2 Clean up the Lake (CUTL) Interpretive signs have been completed 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> 	All MUP regulatory signage will be replaced in spring 2025 along with installation of ‘speed’ signs in strategic locations along the pathways.
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> 	Per direction from the Mammoth Trails Committee, the OOR will be seeking community input related to the <i>Mammoth Creek Parcel</i> . The OOR seeks to glean more information related to what the community may want, and not want, at this location in terms of recreation infrastructure. Per direction from the Mammoth Trails Committee, a community survey is being developed to gauge interest in the type, if any, of recreational development in that area.
Public Information	<p><i>Background Info & Relevance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>TSMP G2 Updated Trail Maps: Provide updated trail maps for each season that cover the primary recreational opportunities available in the Mammoth Lakes area.</i> 	With the recent updates to the municipal code regarding food/scented item storage, the OOR will be developing a Wildlife Outreach Plan with the goal of expanding our outreach in the wildlife space. This effort will be a combination of written educational materials along with a greater presence in Mammoth Area Campgrounds with the hope of further educating the public.
Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) & OSV Maintenance	<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> 	With recent snows, both the multi-use and non-motorized trails have been groomed relatively regularly. These efforts will continue as long as there are appropriate snow levels. For the most recent grooming updates and tracking visit www.mammothwintergrooming.com

Mammoth Lakes Wildfire Team	<i>Background Info & Relevance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community Wildfire Protection Plan</i> • <i>California's Joint Strategy For Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience</i> 	<p>TOML and its partners are expanding our efforts in the Wildfire Resilience space through the development of the Mammoth Lakes Wildfire Team. This cadre seeks to perform meaningful on-the-ground fire mitigation measures, increase educational and informational outreach, and the utilization of technology to further harden our community from wildfire.</p>
Staffing	<i>Background Info & Relevance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Non-Funded Challenge Cost Share with the Inyo National Forest (Trail Crew & Host Program)</i> 	<p>The OOR is currently flying summer positions for both Trail Crew and Trail Hosts which are advertised on the Town employment opportunities website.</p> <p>Due to staffing shortages on the Mammoth Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest, TOML will be hiring a Temporary Maintenance Worker I to support Inyo Recreation operations. While this position will directly support the Inyo, it will be directly supervised by the Outdoor Recreation Manager.</p>
Other Federal Support Related Items	<i>Background Info & Relevance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>N/A</i> 	<p>A letter has been drafted and sent in support of the SHRED Act which would also many Ski Area Permit Fees to remain on the Forest in which they were collected.</p> <p>Due to recent federal layoffs and staffing shortages, TOML continues to engage with state and federal lawmakers related to impacts of these cuts. A letter highlighting these effects is being drafted and will be sent with the goal of stressing the various negative impacts on our recreation based economy.</p>