

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES STAFF REPORT

Title: Trails Program Report

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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 – We have rounded out our grooming staff with the hiring of a very skilled sno-cat operator with years of experience grooming at MMSA. Mono County IT assisted us with the installation of a two-way radio for grooming operations communication. The California OSV Program Coordinator will be visiting our facilities on 02/19.
- Winter Recreation Map Update – We updated the language in the Winter Recreation Map to read “Groomed by the Town of Mammoth Lakes” instead of “Groomed by USFS”. We also added the QR code so people can easily access the live grooming update page at mammothwintergrooming.com. Several other trailhead locations and names were updated for accuracy.
- OSV Slow Zone – In response to a request by committee members at our last MTC meeting, we have developed a OSV slow zone at the Sherwin Meadows Trailhead and have received approval from USFS staff to add it to our maps and signs.
- SHARP – The team is developing the finalized proposed action document. Trail alignments have been established in support of public scoping which is set to begin 04/2025. Several alignments have been identified as needing further archaeological and botanical consultation and will be moving forward on a longer timeline. We will be hosting a special Mammoth Trails meeting on 04/17/2025 at the Mammoth Community Center to share information and engage the public during the scoping period for this recreation project.
- Sutter 300 – We are still planning to make a formal request for funding for this purchase using a combination of Measure R, AAT and TOML General fund dollars. We are going to wait for a signed decision memo authorizing trail construction before we make this request.
- USFS has requested assistance with maintenance and logout of the Mammoth Pass Trail, Mammoth Pass Cutoff and Duck Pass Trails in the Lakes Basin area. These additional trails total 13.5 miles and our crew would focus on logout and other necessary maintenance to keep these trails open and accessible.
- TOML Recreation Technician position – Based on a request from the USFS we will be hiring one Recreation Technician
- Summer of Stewardship – We have scheduled a full summer of stewardship events and are excited to share some dates and details with the group.