



Title: Program and Administrative Update

Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION:

No action required of the Board.

UPDATES:

Stewardship

1. Eastern Sierra Adopt a Trail

ESAAT continues to be a very successful program. In 2024, we implemented a deadline for volunteer sign up and are continuing that practice into 2025. The “deadline” has generated multiple adoptions, including three within the first hour the MLR newsletter was sent out on May 7. The 2025 deadline is May 9, after which point, a system wide field QC will be performed to update signage and perform any needed maintenance.

2. Tangle Free Waters

This season a focused effort will be put on the TFW program to increase awareness of the program. MLR applied for and received \$5,000 from Mono County Fish Fine Fund to purchase supplies, develop outreach materials and host stewardship events. The same “deadline” as mentioned in the ESAAT update was applied to TFW as well. Spearheaded by the OOR Programs Manager, the first ever “Clear the Line” spring clean of Twin Lakes will take place on June 13 from 3-7pm. Collecting fishing line from the area will take place from 3-6pm, then from 6-7pm we will sort the line and enjoy food and drinks!

3. Program Field Host

As the MLR Stewardship programs have grown, the need to have staff dedicated to performing the management and maintenance tasks has become apparent. While MLR works through the process with Inyo National Forest to attain agreements to perform volunteer maintenance activities on forest land, TOML OOR is supporting this need. Through the Host program, a staff member has been hired to work one day a week dedicated to these program tasks. The TOML will invoice MLR and be reimbursed for all staff costs through the programs.

4. Program Operations and Administration Document

Staff has been working diligently to update the guiding documents that were developed at the onset of the ESAAT and TFW programs. Much has changed with staffing structures, capacity and program facilities since the inception of these programs. The Camp Like a Pro “Trash & Toilets” program is now included in this document. This document will be presented to TOML and Mono County after being reviewed and accepted by the MLR Board.

Community

5. Measure U Programming Grants

MLR recommended and Town Council approved \$181,325 to nine (9) Measure U Programming Grants and \$25,000 to one (1) Special Project. Agreements have been sent out; once executed, funds will be distributed.

6. Grant for Invasive Golden Mussel Outreach

MLR is partnering with Mono County, TOML and CDFW to initiate an outreach campaign to stop the aquatic invasive species, the golden mussel, from reaching our local waterways. MLR was awarded a \$6,500 Mono County Fish Fine Fund grant to fund these efforts.

7. Cerro Coso Career Technical Education Summit

MLR attended the CTE Summit at Cerro Coso College. Of interest was a new program focused on recreation, Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Leadership. There is potential opportunity for integration to MLR and internship opportunities.

8. Mammoth Trails Community Meeting

MLR and TOML OOR hosted an open-house style community meeting with a focus on the SHARP 3 public scoping open comment period. INF staff and specialists working on the project were in attendance to answer any questions or make any clarifications about the project.

Grants & Capital Projects

9. SNC Planning and Implementation Grants

- a. Sherwin Area Trails Planning – Of the full proposal, trail alignments that were seen as sustainable through the NEPA process have been included in what is now called SHARP 3. Public scoping for SHARP 3 has closed and we are waiting a decision from INF on next steps for the project. This summer, field work for the remaining alignments, SHARP 4, is expected to take place with a review process like SHARP 3 taking place; hoping a proposed action will be ready for public review in early 2026.
- b. Sherwin Meadows Trailhead – This project is nearly closed out. Final amenities are being installed. The official opening and ribbon cutting will be on June 7 at the OOR Summer of Stewardship Trail Days event.

Fundraising

10. Arts on the 4th Festival

Festival planning is in full swing – it's go time!!