



STAFF REPORT

Title: History, Current Needs, and Future Goals of the Mammoth Trails Committee

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

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RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss the evolving needs of the Mammoth Lakes Trail System and Office of Outdoor Recreation, and the role of the Mammoth Trails Committee. There is no action required of the committee.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011 the Trail System Master Plan (TSMP) was adopted by the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML). At that time there was no Trails Manager or TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation (OOR). A deliberate path and governing body to develop a program of work and move the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) projects forward into implementation was needed.

In 2014 Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) was formed and became the designated recommending body for expenditures of Measure R and Measure U. The MLTS is funded by Measure R. MLR became the entity to house a sub-committee as the needed “governance body providing oversight and policy recommendations”¹ for the MLTS.

In 2015 through key agreements between MLR and TOML the Mammoth Trails Committee (MTC) was initiated to “oversee, coordinate and manage implementation of MLTS projects using the annual allocation of Measure R funds to the MLTS as recommended by MLR and as approved by the Town Council.”¹ In late 2015 a full time TOML Trails Coordinator was hired and in 2022 the TOML created the Office Outdoor Recreation, absorbing the Trails Coordinator position. The OOR currently staffs 3 full-time employees. The OOR is a new department in response to the growing outdoor recreation industry locally and regionally.

For the past 11 years the MTC has been an effective central point to provide MLTS work program oversight and recommendations, development of policy direction, and implementation of capital projects and trails programs. With the growth of outdoor recreation and the development of the town OOR, we are at a timely point to discuss the needs and provide input for the future success of the MTC.

Additional resources: https://mltpa.org/trail_systems/projects/operations/mlts-governance

¹ *Town Council Agenda Action Sheet Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) Key Agreements for Implementation of Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) Coordination, March 18, 2015*