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ROLL CALL
Committee Members: Finlay Torrance, Dan Holler, John Mueller, Bill Sauser, Elise Howell, Caroline Casey and Chair David Page

PUBLIC COMMENTS (On Items not on the Agenda)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2020- ACTION ITEM
   (Attachment 1)

2. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2020- ACTION ITEM
   (Attachment 2)

3. MLR Executive Director Updates
   a. Adopt A Trail

4. Trails Manager Update
   a. Trail Counter Mid-Summer Report (Attachment 3)
   b. MLTS Regulatory Signage (Attachment 4)
   c. MLTS Trail Hosts
      i. MLTS Trail Host Interactive Map (Link 1: http://arcg.is/1Hnbf4)
      ii. Additional funding from MLT approved
   d. Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Trail Enhancement Project
      i. Update
      ii. Historical Outreach Information (Attachment 5)
      iii. MLR Hosted Webpage
e. Sherwins Working Group / Sherwins Area Recreation Plan
   i. Remaining Trail Projects
f. Mountain View Reroute
g. Mammoth Rock Trail Reroute
h. Horseshoe Lake Loop Trail - Bridge Construction Complete
i. Shady Rest Inyo Craters Update
j. COVID Signage (Link 2: http://arcg.is/0Hz1vz)
k. Trail Crew and Maintenance Efforts Update

5. MLTS Winter Operations
   a. Public Access in the Lakes Basin and Sherwins
   b. Shady Rest Winter Grooming Program
   c. Communications and Public Outreach
   d. Collaboration with MMSA/Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center
   e. Collaboration and support for Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center

6. USFS Subpart C Scoping Update

7. Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Update

8. FY 2021 Mammoth Trails Committee Regularly Scheduled Meeting Dates (Attachment 6)

COMMITEE MEMBER REPORTS

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT
To the next Regular meeting of the Mammoth Trails Committee on October 8 at 3:00PM, held in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Offices, Suite Z.
ROLL CALL

Chair David Page called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Chair Page introduced new Committee Member Caroline Casey.

Ms. Casey thanked Mr. Page and said that she was happy to be part of the Committee.

Chair David Page and Committee Members Finlay Torrance, Dan Holler, John Mueller, Elise Howell and Caroline Casey were present via videoconference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - (On Items not on the Agenda)

There were no comments given at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2020- ACTION ITEM (Attachment 1)

ACTION: It was moved by Committee Member Bill Sauser, seconded by Committee Member Dan Holler, with Committee Member Caroline Casey abstaining, and carried by a 6-0 roll call vote to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020 regular meeting.

2. MLR Executive Director Update
   a. FY2021 Measure R Projections (Attachment 2)

Mammoth Lakes Recreation Executive Director Matt McClain outlined the information in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Measure R Preliminary Budget Estimates.

   b. Program Update
      i. Adopt A Trail

Mr. McClain gave a brief update on programming.

   ii. Horseshoe Lake Bridge

Mr. McClain gave an update on the Horseshoe Lake Bridge project.

There was discussion between Mr. McClain, Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.
3. **Trails Manager Update – Joel Rathje**

a. **COVID-19 and the MLTS**

Trails Manager Joel Rathje outlined the information in the Trails Manager Report and previewed the new COVID-19 Trails Operations Best Practices trail signs.

b. **MLTS Budget Status**

Mr. Rathje outlined the information in the MLTS Budget.

c. **USFS Recreation Sites Closures**

Mr. Rathje discussed the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) website and directed the Committee to the webpage that outlined all of the United States Forest Service (USFS) closures in the Eastern Sierra Region which had links to all of the closure orders. [www.essrp.org/covid19closuresessrp](http://www.essrp.org/covid19closuresessrp)

Committee Member Dan Holler reported that some of the USFS closures would be lifted on May 15th while any others would be extended until the end of June unless released sooner.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje, Mr. McClain and members of the Committee.

4. **Approve FY 2019/20 MLTS Budget Reallocations – ACTION ITEM (Attachment 3)**

Trails Manager Joel Rathje outlined the information in the Fiscal Year 2019/20 MLTS Budget Reallocations Report.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Board.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Committee Member Dan Holler, seconded by Committee Member Bill Sauser, and carried by a 7-0 roll call vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2019/20 MLTS Budget Reallocations.

5. **FY 2020/21 Draft Budget Recommendation and Project Initiation Sheets – ACTION ITEM (Attachment 4 and 4a)**

Trails Manager Joel Rathje outlined the information in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Draft Budget Recommendation Report and Project Initiation Sheets.

Mr. Rathje reported that a correction would be made to the Project Initiation Sheets to change the title "Project Lead" to "Contractor" and reported these would be Time and Materials contracts.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje, Executive Director Matt McClain, Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Matt Paruolo and members of the Committee.

Committee Member Dan Holler left the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Committee Member Bill Sauser, seconded by Committee Member John Mueller, and carried by 6-0 roll call vote to approve recommendation to the Town Council of the FY 2020/21 Draft Budget Recommendation and Project Initiation Sheets as amended.
6. **Trail Counter Updates (Attachment 5)**

Trails Manager Joel Rathje presented the trail counter graphs.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

7. **Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Update – Matt Paruolo**

   a. **ESSRC Update**

   Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator (ESSRC) Matt Paruolo gave an update on his recent and upcoming activities including COVID19 signage, portable restrooms, and PPE for USFS staff. Mr. Paruolo reported that he would give an update regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Mono County and the Inyo National Forest at the Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting on May 19th. He said that a Town and County regional sign order package would be submitted soon which would provide signs that would follow Forest Service sign standards. He reported that he had been assisting the Forest Service with their backlog of special use permits.

   b. **Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Enhancement Project**

   Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Matt Paruolo gave an update on the Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Enhancement Project.

   There was discussion between Mr. Paruolo, Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Committee Member Finlay Torrance said that he did not have a date as to when the Mammoth Mountain bike trails would open. Mr. Torrance reported that some tree removal work had been done on the Uptown and Downtown Bike Trails and said that would be the only trail work to be done at this time due to lack of trail crew and budget. He spoke about changes to bus and gondola service due to COVID related social distancing requirements. He discussed this year’s Pedal Pass.

Committee Member Bill Sauser gave an update on the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's (ESTA) busing plan for this summer.

Chair David Page spoke about efforts to request that congress allocate funds to public lands management, gateway communities and outdoor recreation economies.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items requested.
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting on June 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Plaisted
Assistant Clerk
ROLL CALL

Chair David Page called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Chair David Page and Committee Members Finlay Torrance, Dan Holler, Bill Sauser, Elise Howell and Caroline Casey were present via videoconference. Committee Member John Mueller was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments given at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. **MLTS Regulatory Sign Package - ACTION ITEM (Attachment 1)**

   Trails Manager Joel Rathje presented the proposed Mammoth Lakes Trails System (MLTS) Regulatory Sign Package.

   SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

   Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation (ESSR) Coordinator Matt Paruolo spoke about special use permits required for special events on Forest Service Lands and the signage required for such events. Mr. Paruolo spoke in favor of the MLTS Regulatory Sign Package.

   Inyo National Forest Mammoth District Ranger for Mammoth and Mono Lakes Ranger Districts Gordon Martin discussed the signs in the package. Mr. Martin gave an update on the Southern California Edison (SCE) tree trimming project. He announced that Lawson Reid had been promoted to 2nd Recreation Staff Officer.

   There was consensus from the Committee to direct Mr. Rathje to move forward with the (MLTS) Regulatory Sign Package.

2. **Trails Manager Update**

   Trails Manager Joel Rathje outlined the information in the Trails Manager Report.

   There was discussion between Mr. Rathje, Mr. Paruolo, Mr. McClain and members of the Committee

   a. **Mountain View Trail Reroute**

   Mr. Rathje gave an update on the Mountain View Trail Reroute.
b. **Mammoth Rock Trail Reroute**

Mr. Rathje gave an update on the Mammoth Rock Trail Reroute.

c. **Horseshoe Lake Bridge Construction**

Mr. Rathje gave an update on the Horseshoe Lake Bridge Construction project.

d. **Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Trail Enhancement Project**

Mr. Rathje outlined the Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Trail Enhancement Project and reported that there was a 30-day scoping period in process for the project.

**SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:**

Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation (ESSR) Coordinator Matt Paruolo spoke about the process for the 30-day scoping period and reported that public comments were welcome and could be submitted to him via email or to Inyo National Forest Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Coordinator Erin Noesser through a link on the Forest Service webpage.

Executive Director Matt McClain reported that the scoping letter would be available on MLR's website.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje, Mr. Paruolo, Mr. McClain and members of the Committee.

e. **Shady Rest / Inyo Craters Update**

Mr. Rathje gave an update on the Shady Rest and Inyo Craters Trails.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

f. **COVID Signage on the MLTS**

Mr. Rathje presented updated signage in English and Spanish for MLTS that would comply with COVID-19 guidelines.

g. **Trail Crew/Maintenance**

Mr. Rathje gave an update on the maintenance work that the Trails Crew had recently completed and discussed the ongoing work to be done that would improve trail user experience.

h. **Trail Counter Updates**

Mr. Rathje outlined the information in the Trail Counter Report.
3. Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Update

(ESSR) Coordinator Matt Paruolo gave an update on his recent activities. Mr. Paruolo reported that he would be working with the TOML Parks and Recreation Department, Trails Manager Joel Rathje, and potentially Cal Fire and the Forest Service to discuss hazard trees that may be in the Shady Rest DiscGolfPark area due to recent wind events. He spoke about additional Tangle Free Waters tubes that would be installed soon and thanked the volunteers that had participated in that program. Mr. Paruolo announced that MLR had recently been awarded an $80,000 grant by Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for the planning and implementation of the Buckeye Hot Springs Recreation Enhancement Project and discussed tree removal in the Valentine Lake and Sherwin Lakes Trails. Mr. Paruolo announced that the Mono County Trails System Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had been approved by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje, Mr. Paruolo and members of the Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee Member Finlay Torrance announced that Mammoth Mountain had approved a tentative budget that would potentially allow the Bike Park to open this summer and said that he would send information to Town Manager Dan Holler for review with an anticipated opening date of June 26th. Mr. Torrance reported that the trails looked pretty good due to low snow levels and that they would be pretty easy to prepare to open. He reported that there would be a limited number of lifts open.

Committee Member Caroline Casey spoke about special events and reported that all special events through the end of July had been cancelled. Ms Casey said that August and September events would be reevaluated at a later date. She said that the Mammoth 50k Pedalpalooza to be held on August 29th was pushing forward with 200 riders and said that she felt sporting events may be more likely to move forward than events in The Village which encourage closer congregation. She announced that the Mammoth Ultrarun had been moved from September 2020 to September 2021. Ms. Casey announced that Green Waste Days would be the 25th and 27th and Town Cleanup Day would be on Saturday, June 27th with COVID guidelines in place.

Committee Member Elise Howell spoke about a potential lack of long-term horse boarders in Sierra Meadows this summer. She reported that she had seen a motorized vehicle on the Rock Trail leading into the Meadow recently and let the rider know his vehicle was not allowed there. Ms. Howell said that she was excited about the new Courtesy Signs and hoped there could be a Trail Host at the top of the Rock Trail.

Committee Member Dan Holler said that he was spending most of his time with COVID related issues and was working on the Bike Park. Mr. Holler spoke about the upcoming Green Waste and Town Cleanup Days.

Chair David Page reported that he had enjoyed playing the first nine holes of the Shady Rest DiscGolfPark and said that he had participated in the Mammoth Lakes Virtual Fun Run. Chair Page announced that the Great American Outdoors Act had passed the Senate in both of its first two votes and discussed the benefit it would provide to our community.

There was discussion among Trails Manager Joel Rathje and members of the Committee.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
There were no requests for future agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m. to the next meeting to be held on August 13, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Plaisted  
Assistant Clerk
Figure 1

The summer of 2020 is off to a busy start. Above is a chart displaying average daily traffic at trail counter sites. In blue is the average daily traffic for this 2020 season, from 6/15-7/14. The average daily traffic for the same dates in 2018 are displayed in orange. You will notice elevated levels of traffic at most locations for this 2020 season. The 2019 season saw persistent snow in the lakes basin during these dates and therefore we do not have continuous data to compare against. Instead I have chosen to compare against the 2018 season, because we have continuous data for these dates during that season. Please note that the 2018 summer season was plagued with smoke from nearby wildfires and this may have had some effect on visitation and trail use during that season.
In Figure 2 you can see daily traffic at the Horseshoe Lake Multi-Use Path compared from this year to 2019 for the 4th of July week. This year the 4th of July fell on a Saturday with most visitation occurring between Thursday and Sunday of that week. In 2019, the 4th fell on a Thursday and visitation was heaviest on that following Friday and Saturday (the 5th and 6th). The above chart shows significantly increased trail traffic during this period from 2019 to 2020. The average daily traffic at this location between the dates of 06/26/2020 and 07/10/2020 is 844. The average daily traffic for the same dates in 2019 is 490. This represents a 72% increase in average daily traffic during this period from 2019 to 2020. Please note many trails in the lakes basin were still under snow, or just melting out during this period in 2019.

Below in Figure 3 you will see traffic compared between the dates of 06/10 and 07/10 for the counter location near snowcreek athletic club on the Multi-Use Path. Counts for the 2020 season during these dates are represented in blue, while 2019 counts are in orange. This location is low elevation and unaffected by persistent snow in the 2019 season. Also this central Multi-Use Path sees a variety of use from residents and visitors alike. The spike in traffic on june 23rd 2019 can likely be attributed to the mammoth half marathon that was run on this day, and was transitioned to a virtual event due to covid in 2020. Counts at this location are pretty even compared from 2020 to 2019. The Average daily traffic at this location between the dates of 06/10 and 07/10 during 2019 was 720, and 747 for 2020 during the same dates. This represents a 3.75 percent increase in daily traffic during these dates from 2019 to 2020.
Below in Figure 4 are counts at Mammoth Creek Park compared from 2019 to 2020 between the dates of 06/01 and 07/15. This counter location is on the Multi-Use Path near the playground and catches people using the park as well as the path. It may be worth noting that the playground at Mammoth Creek Park has been officially closed during this time period for 2020 due to covid. As you can see in the chart below 2020 traffic (in blue) is significantly greater than 2019 traffic (orange) at this location. Average daily traffic for the dates of 06/01 to 07/15 at this location is 709 for 2019 and 1466 for 2020. This represents a 107 percent increase in traffic at this location from 2019 to 2020 for these dates. This doubling in use is quite notable and represents an out of the ordinary amount of change in traffic.
Figure 4

Mammoth Creek Park MUP traffic Compared 2020 vs 2019

Figure 5

Mammoth Rock Trail traffic Compared 2020 vs 2019
Above in Figure 5 is a chart displaying counts on the Mammoth Rock Trail between the dates of 06/27 and 07/16. Counts for 2020 are displayed in blue while 2019 counts are in orange. The average daily traffic during this period for 2019 was 219, while the average daily traffic for 2020 for the same period was 197. This represents a 10 percent decrease in traffic from 2019 to 2020 for this location. This is only a relatively small sample period and we will be sure to include a more thorough comparison in the end of season report for this location.

This collection of sample data at several different trail and path locations across the Mammoth Lakes Trail System illustrates the dynamic nature of trail use in our area. Many factors are likely effecting the counts, from smoke and wind to Covid-19. Trail use is fluctuating in different levels at different locations across the trail system. Overall counts seem to be consistently high across our soft surface trails and paved pathways, even during a statewide stay at home order. Below, in Figure 6, is a map showing all counter locations with callouts for the locations of the other figures referenced in this report.

Figure 7 is a map showing the distribution of traffic across the trail system. The counts represented in this map are for the dates of 06/15/2020 to 07/14/2020. Each circle represents a trail counter location, and the size varies proportionally to the amount of traffic recorded at that location for the above dates. This map allows the viewer to quickly identify areas of high use.
Regulatory Signage Array Proposal

July 2, 2020

MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM
OHV ROUTES
on carsonite post

Dirt Road

OHV ROUTES
on carsonite post
(designated experience)

Knolls Loop

OHV SINGLETRACK
on carsonite post

Single Track

BE BEAR AWARE!

LEAVE NO TRACE!
BE BEAR AWARE!

LEAVE NO TRACE!

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET. KEEP DOGS ON LEASH.

TRAIL COURTESY

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MOTOR VEHICLES
Public Outreach Meeting Index

March 14, 2020 – Mammoth Trails Committee


7. Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Update – Matt Paruolo
   a. ESSRC Update
   b. Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Enhancement Project

December 11, 2019 – Mammoth Trails

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SUMMER REVIEW: We are working through environmental review for more trail projects from the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP), conceived by members of the Sherwins Working Group in 2009 and documented in the SHARP, and we are excited to share information about our 2019 season of work throughout the Mammoth Lakes Trail System.

Presentation: https://info.mltpa.org/e2t/c/W1QZY7Z402WZ-W8y5F157nnVYy0/*W46H6VV3-xrRW8R3_TmV__8v0/5/f18dQh6S8304pqx3W2z6Vj1m63dVW1hZ09p4CH5S4W1jKS0g5m41RhW4CBZw9dtrznW79Lm2f79-VGKW7tgVK9cY9xvW7FvW6D6b-LCFjW6c0g5Cfyc8PW4Sd7z65wY2W1pgJk7IFnFvW2HzpW51Cj-TMrPpMvrJh2DW904Mxk96CtC1W50ChMS692yf7W51vDCx4PwhOCW8mhVQY8q8djCW40-Fg7KLS3RW2QMQS8DFyNZW9bq3md2cd4ZVW96p0yR4Pxghj5W3DlwBb1mVS2mf65w3Y04

November 5, 2019 – Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board


7. Sustainable Recreation
   a. Trails Manager Update – Joel Rathje
      i. https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/cec593fc0f0e495594426c0d0b823a57


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   a. Trails Manager Update – Joel Rathje
      i. https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/cec593fc0f0e495594426c0d0b823a57 Town of Mammoth Lakes Trails Manager Joel Rathje presented the information in the Trails Manager Report.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Board.
July 11, 2019 – Mammoth Trails Committee


5. SHARP Update a. NEPA Decision Memo/Next Steps


5. SHARP Update
   a. NEPA Decision Memo/Next Steps Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje gave an update on the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) Single Track and Trailhead.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR: Sandy Hogan said there should be a contractor report in the Project Initiation Sheets stating exactly what work had been done, not just the costs. Ms. Hogan said she felt that there was a lot of data collection work that was being duplicated and questioned how much of the budget should go to duplicative work. She said she thought MLTPA’s SHARP environmental review cost of $30,000 was high and asked who was doing the work, and wanted to see MLR take a more active role in the project. She said she would like to know where the funds were going and would like to see it go to actual trails, and tangible items. She noticed that MLTPA was listed as the lead on that project and said that she thought the entire $30,000 for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) went to MLTPA. Ms. Hogan said she would like to see the Town of Mammoth Lakes or Mammoth Lakes Recreation as the lead on the projects. There was discussion between Ms. Hogan, Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

ACTION: It was moved by Committee Member Bill Sauser, and seconded by Committee Member John Mueller, with Committee Members Ted Dardzinski and Elise Howell absent, and carried by a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the Mammoth Lakes Trails System Project Initiation Sheets for FY 19/20, amended to remove the line "project lead" and let it be known the Town of Mammoth Lakes would be the project lead on each of the projects and would assign the work as necessary.

April 25, 2019 – Mammoth Trails Committee


2. SHARP Phase 2 Update a. Environmental Process Information


2. SHARP Phase 2 Update Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje gave an update on SHARP Phase a. Environmental Process and Cost Estimate Information: Mr. Rathje reported that there would be an estimated cost of $47,514 to start the environmental process needed to identify what, if any, archeological resources could be under the surface at that location. There was discussion among members of the Committee and Mr. Rathje.
b. Direction on Additional Required Environmental Analysis: Committee Member Dan Holler recommended that staff not spend the money for the archaeological process at this time and offered alternative solutions. There was discussion among members of the Committee and staff.

CONSENSUS: The Committee Members agreed that they should not spend money on the archaeological process at this time. Attachment 1 Mammoth Trails Committee Minutes April 25, 2019 Page 2 of 4

Mr. Rathje proposed that the Mammoth Lakes Trails System become the best trail maintenance team ever seen, with no litter within their municipal boundaries. He said they had worked with the District Ranger and would likely get a 1/4 mile trail built and potentially a new trailhead. Mr. Rathje said they may be able to connect the Mammoth Rock Trail Connector and the Meadow Trail Connector to create one contiguous single loop track.

Committee Member Dardzinski spoke about the maintenance being done by Mammoth Lakes Trails System staff and whether that work should be done by the Forest Service. There was discussion among members of the Committee and staff.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR: Sandy Hogan thanked Mr. Rathje for the update. Ms. Hogan talked about past frustrations with regard to archaeological sites, specifically the Lakes Basin, and asked if the current issue included the entire SHARP area. She also asked if the proposed multi-use trail was going to be part of this program. There was discussion between Mr. Rathje, members of the Committee, and Ms. Hogan.

February 18, 2019 – Mammoth Trails Committee


3. SHARP Phase 2 Update
   a. Revised project description post USFS staff review – Attachment 4


5. SHARP Phase 2 Update
   a. Revised project description post USFS staff review. Map showing updated alignments; proposing to have monitor present when unavoidable to stay out of sensitive polygons; the monitor who worked with TOML for MCGC was USFS approved and was good – Joel should get contact info. Can’t build on either side of OMR, so proposing a “sharrow” as an intermediate step to what MLTS really wants. Project has been stripped down in order to build in Spring 2019; because it is a modified proposed action, Joel will recommend that it does not go back out to public scoping, nothing has changed except the proposal has Attachment 1 gotten smaller with less impact. Meeting Thursday with USFS Staff in Bishop; Board requests MTC gets email after meeting Thursday to update, and any updates thereafter. Joel feels there are good odds of digging in Spring 2019 with this proposal. Solitude Canyon alignment important enough to system to be in either SHARP or LABBS - whichever proposal is accepted first by USFS.

February 13, 2019 - Planning and Economic Development Committee

Agenda:
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2. Walk, Bike, Ride Action Plan – Presentation of Mammoth Lakes Trail System
Associated Tracks
Cover Page Staff Report
Attachment 1 - MLTS Slides

Minutes:

2. Walk, Bike, Ride Action Plan – Presentation of Mammoth Lakes Trail System
Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje, Engineering Manager Haislip Hayes, and Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access GIS Manager Andrew Mulfort gave a presentation outlining the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of the Commission and staff.

October 30, 2018 – Mammoth Trails
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SUMMER REVIEW: We are working through environmental review for more trail projects from the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP). Conceived by members of the Sherwins Working Group in 2009 and documented in the SHARP and we are excited to share information about our 2018 season of work throughout the Mammoth Lakes Trail System.

November 8, 2018 – Mammoth Trails Committee
10. Trails Coordinator Updates a. SHARP (California River Parkways Grant Program/Proposition 68, Phase II)
4. Projections of expenditures were on point.
   a. Cost of an environmental analysis is very costly. Looking for an outside stream of money to help fund the SHARP project.

10. Joel gave “Trails Coordinator Updates” on SHARP Phase II, CA River Parkways Grant Program, USFS Winter Storage Solution

June 21, 2018 – Mammoth Trails Committee
c. SHARP Phase II and Phase III Capital Improvement Projects (Bridges, Trailheads)
   i. See Agenda Item #4 for anticipated needs

May 6, 2018 – Mammoth Trails

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5. Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) New Trails
   a. Highlights
      i. Phase II Categorical Exemption
         1. Scoping Period
         2. Project Status
      ii. Phase III Environmental Analysis
         1. Project Status
         iii. Collaboration with USFS Staff has been key to current successes
   b. Attachments
      i. Interactive Map
      ii. 8½ x 11 USFS CE maps

April 12, 2018 – Mammoth Trails Committee


b. Project #2 – SHARP Phase II CE Proposed Action
   i. SHARP Phase II - MLTPA Website

c. Project #3 – SHARP Phase III EA Proposed Action
   i. SHARP Phase III Interactive Map

February 8, 2018 – Mammoth Trails Committee


i. SHARP ID #6, #7
ii. Bridge for SHARP ID #8
iii. Walk, Bike, Ride project development in process

5. SHARP Environmental NEPA/CEQA Update
   a. May 2017 - MLTS submitted SHARP Project Proposal to USFS with 28 Trail Alignment Studies (TAS)
   b. August 2017 - By recommendation of USFS and Town Manager, MLTS cut out 19 TAS’s and submitted SHARP Project Proposal to USFS with 9 TAS’s
   c. January 30, 2018 - USFS SHARP Interdisciplinary Team meeting
      i. Scope of project (re-)expanded to include all 28 SHARP TAS’s
      ii. The 28 TAS’s to be sorted for Categorical Exclusion (CE) and Environmental Assessment (EA)
iii. CE and EA environmental review to be completed concurrently, on different timelines
iv. Anticipate CE construction to begin Summer 2018 with EA projects to follow
d. Expanded scope of project (28 versus 9) may require additional environmental review funding – TBD
   i. Potential for April reallocation


5. SHARP Environmental NEPA/CEQA Update
   a. Joel Rathje gave an update on the current state of the SHARP Environmental NEPA/CEQA projects.
      i. Recent tweaks of the current trails plans will allow for more access and safer use of the multi-use trails.
      ii. Expanded scope of project from 9 trails to 28 trials.

December 14, 2017 – Mammoth Trails Committee

   4. SHARP Environmental Assessment a. Update b. Additional Cultural Survey Work - Spring 2018

November 2, 2017 – Mammoth Trails

Presentation: file:///Users/mltpaoperations/Dropbox%20(MLTS)/MLTS%20Team%20Folder%20FY%202021/099_10_SHARP_EnvReview_2021/10_Docs%20for%20David%20Page/Public%20Meetings/Mammoth%20Trails/2017_11_02/014_07_MT_Presentation_171102.html

October 19, 2017 – Mammoth Trails Committee

   3. Field Trip – w/ Jim Paulus (Biologist) - SHARP Environmental Review

NOTE: At 3:15pm meeting attendees visited the SHARP #8 trail area (approved by Board Chair prior to meeting), led by Joel Rathje and returned to 2520 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes at 4:45pm.

October 03, 2017 – Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board

8. Advocacy
   a. Trails Update (Joel Rathje)
   b. Update on Walk, Bike, Ride
   c. Update on Mono County Recreation


8. Advocacy
   a. Trails Update - Joel Rathje gave the update on the summer trails projects, events and workshops, as well as ongoing projects and work on Environmental Reviews. (presentation file 092_05_MLR_Presentation_171003)
   b. Walk Bike Ride – Tom Johnson: John Wentworth went over the program during his update (agenda item #3).
   c. Update on Mono County Recreation – Tom Johnson: John Wentworth went over the Mono County Recreation development of a position during his update (agenda item #3).

August 10, 2017 – Mammoth Trails Committee


3. MLTS Summer 2017 Updates
   a. New Trail Construction – SHARP ID #13, #18

4. SHARP EA Consultant Update


4. Joel Rathje gave an update on the SHARP EA Consultant • Environmental Review submitted to the USFS

August 2, 2017 – TOML Town Council

Agenda: https://granicus_production_attachments.s3.amazonaws.com/mammothlakes/85f63905c7ae98e45dfd43342be8bc50.pdf

Public Comments


Public Comments
   Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje announced that there would be a Trails Day Event on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:00 p.m. at the Sherwins Trailhead at the propane tanks. There was discussion among members of Council and Mr. Rathje.
July 8-9, 2017 – Mammoth Trails

2 day Trail Workshop: https://mltpa.org/projects/stewardship/mammoth-trails/trailworkshop2017/

May 11, 2017 – Mammoth Trails Committee


April 13, 2017 – Mammoth Trails Committee

   5. SHARP Environmental Analysis for USFS Presentation
      a. Materials to be projected at meeting
         a. New Trail Construction – SHARP ID #13, #18
         e. LABSS Trail Alignment Studies

   5. SHARP Environmental Analysis for USFS Presentation
      a. Joel Rathje gave a presentation on SHARP Environmental Analysis for USFS. All documentation, maps, and environmental review as collected by MLTS will be available for public access after it is prepared and presented to the Inyo National Forest for review. The MLTPA website will serve as the document library for public access.

March 28, 2017 – Mammoth Trails

Decision Memo: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49877

December 8, 2016 – Mammoth Trails Committee

   10. SHARP NEPA – Project List for EA b. Trails Coordinator Presentation (Interactive Map: Click Here) c. Link for Review: Click Here

   10. SHARP NEPA: Joel Rathje gave a presentation of the update for the environmental analysis. Molly from the Forest Service also gave a small update on the process.

November 10, 2016 – Mammoth Trails Committee
10. SHARP NEPA – Project List for EA


5. Joel Rathje gave a review of SHARP NEPA and the SHARP #13 and #18 and #7 update with regards to archeological studies and progress. The Committee expressed their excitement.

July 14, 2016 – Mammoth Trails Committee


6. SHARP Environmental Update a. Attachment #3


5. SHARP Environmental Update:
   a. Draft letter from Dan Holler outlining the next steps and “Tasks” that need to be done.
   b. FYI—Borrow Pit is now being called “Sherwins Access” Trailhead. Summer and winter trailhead.
      Town and FS have spoken about the parking design, etc.
   c. Task One connects trails from Mammoth Rock Trail

May 18, 2016 – TOML Town Council


15. Authorize the Town Manager to sign consultant agreement(s) for up to $125,000 for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) work within the Sherwins Recreation Planning Area (SHARP) designated area. This item was taken out of order.


15. Authorize the Town Manager to sign consultant agreement(s) for up to $125,000 for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) work within the Sherwins Recreation Planning Area (SHARP) designated area.

Town Manager Daniel C. Holler outlined the information in the staff report. There was discussion among members of Council and staff. ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember John Wentworth, seconded by Councilmember Colin Fernie, and carried by a 4 - 0 roll call vote to with Mayor Pro Tem Shields Richardson absent, authorize the Town Manager to sign consultant agreement(s) for up to $125,000 for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) work within the Sherwins Recreation Planning Area (SHARP) designated area.
May 12, 2016 – Mammoth Trails Committee


9. SHARP NEPA – 099_02_SHARP_NEPA_P_1
   a. Project update – TOML

10. Future Agenda Items:
    a. SHARP – Trail Alignment Studies – 051_03_TTC1516
       i. Project Update – Trails Coordinator
    b. LABSS – Trail Alignment Studies – 097_01_TTC1516
       i. Project Update – Trails Coordinator


10. SHARP NEPA:
    a. May 18 Town Council motion will be for signing of agreements NEPA/CEQA work. Allows the Town Manager to move ahead, use a consultant, partner with FS to get the work done.
       i. RFQ specify work has been done on FS trails system.
    b. Questions were asked to the Town Manager:
       i. Big area that NEPA is being looked at, smaller map of priority trails and full human impact of area.
          1. “Phasing in” areas to move forward quickly (gain momentum), so work that can be done next year is not hindered on complications stemming from one area. Also ensuring the overall picture of NEPA work is being looked at
          2. Good response from the District Ranger
       ii. Forest Service spent $18k at this time
       iii. Bring forward as a public item is supported by TC John Wentworth
       iv. Post of Facebook or notify the public that was involved in the discussion last year, about this item being presented to TC
       v. All based on the SHARP document
       vi. Coming out of the 2015/16 budget

April 05, 2016 – Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board


ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Review and consider approving the fifth draft of MLR Strategic Plan
6. Review and consider approving the MTC Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION: The proposed FY 16/17 budget is represented as Exhibit A in this packet. There are several details that are important to point out in Exhibit A and Exhibit B. • We are proposing to create a Reserve for Trail Facilities Environmental Analysis and a Reserve for Trail Facilities Construction. Projects such as SHARP Environmental –
NEPA/CEQA and SHARP – Trail Construction will be funded out of these reserves, along with other trail facility capital improvement opportunities. The reserves are the product of several years of unspent funds and provide a unique opportunity to build trail facilities.


6. Review and consider approving the MTC Budget for ’16/17
   a. Joel Rathje gave the review, and pointed out specific items in the budget
   b. Question about the Lakes Basin. Rathje mentioned that specific projects from LABSS could eventually come from the reserve. Dan Holler also mentioned that some of the specifics brought up about the Lakes Basin will most likely come from Public Works; it’s not in the trails budget because it’s being handled by the town.
   c. This is the first year that we will get an accurate accounting of the trails budget
   d. Drea Perry and Tom Johnson praised the efforts that our occurring, the new opportunities that are being proposed.
   e. Motion to recommend that the TC approves the budget (M Perry, S Johnson, 6-0)

February 11, 2016 – Mammoth Trails Committee


   c. SHARP – Trail Alignment Studies – 051_03_TTC1516
      i. Project Update – Trails Coordinator

February 02, 2016 – Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board


4. Review Proposed MLR First Draft Business Plan
   These are the projects that the Mammoth Trails Committee is currently working on:
   • Mammoth Lakes Basin (LABSS) and Sherwin Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) are two specific areas where work is underway to implement projects. Through the Mammoth Trails Committee, additional projects in these areas will continue to be identified and proposed for future implementation. These two areas are important elements for establishing MLTS connectivity (between the UGB and the Town Boundary), experiences, and as visitation to these areas continues to grow there is a need to establish sustainable activities and experiences to preserve and protect the natural resource.

MAMMOTH LAKES TRAILS SYSTEM

The 2011 adopted Town of Mammoth Lakes Trail System Master Plan (TSMP), which included the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) and a programmatic CEQA compliance analysis, provided recommendations for the addition of new trails, paved pathways, signage and wayfinding and associated amenities along with suggestions for
other infrastructure improvements such as sidewalks, crosswalks, bus stops, bike lanes, bicycle parking, and summer and winter trail maintenance.


ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2. Draft Business Plan reviewed: Rich Boccia summarized the work done on the document and background. General guidance from Brent: likes the foundation, add more to trails, more flexibility in capital projects, Tom Johnson arrived at 4:16 p.m. Several documents are used at the frame from the Business Plan. Went over the language and concepts that transitioned from the MLR 5.0 document to the Business Plan. Discussion on organization of document. MLR Staff to review/edit the substance, and bring back to the board in March to approve the document. Does the fiscal aspects need to be in the document? Answer: in order to use the document to secure private funding in the future. Perhaps make it a supplemental part of the document or appendix (as that section changes every year). Goal: Clean up document, send back out on Sunday and track changes

January 14, 2016 – Mammoth Trails


e. MLTS Efforts
   v. LABSS on-site alignment reviews
   vi. SHARP Phase 1 Trail Alignment Studies – Link 9

Minutes:

   e. MLTS Efforts
      i. LABSS on-site alignment reviews - Workman
      ii. SHARP + LABSS: Draft Trail Alignment Studies - Workman
          1. SHARP Phase 1 Recommendations for USFS

November 12, 2015 – Mammoth Trails Committee


3. “SHARP - Trail Alignment Studies” 051_03_TTC1516 (Rathje)
   a. SHARP Summer ID 18 – Update
      i. Request for Final TTC Meeting ii. Attachment #1a
4. “LABSS - Trail Alignment Studies” - 097_01_LABSS_TTC1516 (Rathje)
   a. Request for TTC Meeting
      b. Comments for Town Council re: Contract Award for Sarbanes MUP
         i. Attachment #1b


3. SHARP Trail Alignment Studies
   • The trails coordinator provided a brief report to include the following items:
i. A draft request with a focus on trail #18 is being crafted to be shared with MTC

ii. There was a request to perhaps include this trail request with the other six that are being proposed to the USFS.

4. LABBS Alignment Studies
• The trails coordinator provided a brief report on the process in which he is working with the Town Manager to submit a request to the NFS outlining the proposed work to be completed.
• There is a need to reconvene the TCC to finalize the recommendation.
• There have been 5 bids for the Pokonobe to the Lake Mary dam MUP – the Town Council will review a recommendation for this work at their 12.16.15 Council meeting.
• There were expressed safety concerns about this MUP ending by the stop sign on the other side of the dam and the need to work with Tamarack as we build infrastructure
• This work is being completed in two phases due to funding but should be viewed as one project so that they are coordinated
• There was a request to provide more information to the committee regarding this process at the next scheduled Trails Meeting scheduled for 12.09.15.

November 3, 2015 – Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board


7. (30 minutes) Committee Updates – Status and Next Meeting Date a. Development / Fundraising : Focus on raising funds
   g. Strategy : All members of the Board are members of this committee
   i. 01.05.15 MLR Board Meeting – Develop a 5 Year Plan
   h. Nominating Committee : Annually recruit members for board positions


September 23, 2015 – Mammoth Trails Committee


• 3:15 PM - First Stop: Tamarack St. and Sunny Slope Lane Sherwin Meadows Hike / SHARP #7, #8, #18
• 4:30 PM – Begin Trail Tour at Hayden Cabin SHARP #6, #11
• 5:15 PM – Begin Trail Tour at Southern Terminus of Borrow Pit SHARP #1, #13

August 31, 2015 – Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board


7. (30 minutes) Committee Updates – Status and Next Meeting Date
   d. Mammoth Trails
      i. Project Initiation Updates – Joel Rathje
7. Committee Updates
   a. Mammoth Trails
      i. Discussion of a recent grant for the Lake George trail, and achieving better communication between MTC and the Town.
      ii. Joel Rathje gave an update on the trails, his first month as Trails Coordinator and how he has big plans for next summer.

August 25, 2015 – Mammoth Trails Committee


   c. Lakes Basin Trails Environmental Analysis
   d. SHARP Trails Project Design
   e. Lakes Basin Trails Project Design
   o. SHARP Trails Environmental Analysis
   p. SHARP Trails Construction Fund


4. Project Management Sheets:
   a. Stroud summarized each of the projects before opening up to discussion and questions by the Committee, and, when appropriate, comments contributed by the public. The following projects were discussed for approval on scope of work and proposed name:
      i. Tunnel Access Shady Rest RV Park (legacy code: 146A)
      ii. Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) NEPA Review (legacy code: 146)
         1. Question of whether this covers new recreation, like fat bikes.
      iii. Lakes Basin Trails Project Design (legacy code: 312)
         1. Phase 3 of the project, environmental review.
      iv. SHARP Trails Project Design (legacy code: 231)
      v. Lakes Basin Trails Project Design (legacy code: 232)
      vi. Sherwins Winter Egress (legacy code: 321)
      vii. Existing Pedestrian Easements (legacy code: 721/581)
      viii. SHARP Trails Environmental Analysis (legacy code: 147)
      ix. SHARP Trails Construction Fund (legacy code: 331)

August 11, 2015 – Mammoth Trails Committee


   2. Project Management
      a. MLTS Review and Consider Approving 10 Project Initiation Sheets
         i. 221 SHARP Trail Alignments
         ii. 311 SHARP Trails NEPA Analysis INF
2. Project Management
   a. Dan Holler gave an overview of each of the different projects. Holler reviewed
      the process that is happening with each one being reviewed, as well as background.
      Discussion and questions concerning the various projects occurred between the
      committee and public. The following projects were discussed for approval on scope of
      work and proposed name:
      i. SHARP Trail Alignments (legacy code: 222)
      ii. SHARP Trails Alignments (legacy code: 311)
      iii. Signage and Wayfinding – Soft Surface (legacy code: 212)
      iv. LABSS Trail Alignment Studies (legacy code: 222)

January 7, 2015 – TOML Town Council

Agenda:

POLICY MATTERS
6. Accept the proposed Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) workplan for moving
   forward with the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) NEPA process in partnership
   with the Inyo National Forest and Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR).

Minutes:
https://mammothlakes.granicus.com/DocumentViewer.php?file=mammothlakes_1e3bfd4d-
00ac-41a9-8d0b-3f4d0290292b.pdf&view=1

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6. Accept the proposed Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) workplan for moving
   forward with the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) NEPA process in partnership
   with the Inyo National Forest and Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR).
   Town Manager Daniel C. Holler outlined the information in the staff report. There was
   discussion among members of Council and staff.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR: Danna Stroud, President of Mammoth Lakes Recreation,
said that her Board approved the proposed next steps. She said that she was working
with staff on communication materials.

ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember John Wentworth, seconded by
Councilmember Shields Richardson, and carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote to accept the
proposed Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) workplan for moving forward with the
Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) NEPA process in partnership with the Inyo
National Forest and Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR).

JUNE 4, 2014 – Mammoth Trails Committee

Agenda:
a. SHARP next steps/proposed actions discussions and direction to USFS.
   i. Review and comment on USFS SHARP letter, if received
   ii. Review, comment, and recommend edits to Draft TOML letter to USFS
       regarding SHARP proposal to include priorities below
iii. The MLTSCC listed in order of importance/priority:  
FIRST- Item iv. #1 Borrow Pit Staging Area  
SECOND - Item i. MUP #6 (paved vs. unpaved)  
THIRD - Item iii. #11 both sides of the Mammoth Creek  
FOURTH - Item ii. MUP #7 (Backbone Trail, paved vs. unpaved)  
FIFTH - Item vi. #8 Mammoth Meadow Loop (winter grooming)  
SIXTH - Item v. #13 Mammoth Rock Trail to Staging Area

iv. Other Options:  #5a & #16 Bluffs Trails, soft surface (SHARP)

a. Agenda Item #4 6-4-14
b. USFS SHARP draft 6-4-14

NOVEMBER 4, 2013 – Mammoth Trails Committee

Agenda:  
8. Discuss and take action regarding projects from the approved Master Project & Budget Tracking List for FY 2013-14. Continue "2012-2013 Funding Reallocation to Different Projects in 2013-2014" discussion, provide comments, and recommendations:  
* #441 MLTS Grants $7,500.00  
* #221a SHARP NEPA/CEQA alternative trail layout $913.00  
* #490.1 Trail Wayfinding Mapping Updates $3,000.00

SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 – Mammoth Trails Committee

Agenda:  
6. Review the SHARP trail/facilities NEPA/CEQA planning prioritization and strategies and provide consensus input to the USFS.
7. USFS update on USFS/TOML SHARP - Challenge Cost Share Agreement scope.

JULY 8, 2013 – Mammoth Trails Committee

4. Review the SHARP trail/facilities NEPA/CEQA planning prioritization and strategies and provide consensus input to the USFS.

SHARP NEPA-CEQA  7-8-13
5. USFS update on USFS/TOML SHARP - Challenge Cost Share Agreement scope.
Mammoth Trails Committee: FY 2020/21 Meeting Dates

- *Second Thursday of EVEN months at 3:00pm, Suite Z - TOML Offices*

1. August 13, 2020
2. October 8, 2020
3. December 10, 2020
4. February 11, 2021
5. April 8, 2021
6. June 10, 2021