



Draft Report 2017

Alignment Proposals for the Inyo National Forest and the Town of Mammoth Lakes

Map ID #S01

July 21, 2017





**Map ID #S01 Key Agreements
As of July 21, 2017**

KEY AGREEMENTS: The group agreed to the following statements, which further explain the ideas presented in the accompanying final site plan.

Suggested Facility Name: Sherwins Trailhead

- The verbiage found in the original SHARP proposal is the guiding language to be followed when considering further detail for any portion of this staging area, particularly the desire to separate motorized and non-motorized use and staging via development of separate areas at the south (non-motorized) and north (motorized) ends.
- Public-transit connectivity to this area is a high priority, regardless of the level of development of the facility, as use will continue to remain high.
- The Sherwins Trailhead will undergo phased implementation. Further study is required to determine the volume of use and other issues, which will inform the development of more detailed construction plans for different amenities as funding permits.
- The highest priority for summer Phase 1 is to establish the southern parking area with its recommended facilities, interpretive opportunities, and connections to SHARP Map ID #s 6, 7, and 13, which are trails that come together at the very southern edge of this area. This parking area can be casual and unpaved until funding presents itself for improving the surface and adding striping.
- Development of certain features of the site plan may trigger or precede the development of others; for example, it is important to construct the southern staging area before implementing SHARP Map ID #7 so that a motorized road does not run through a non-motorized staging area.
- The highest priority for winter Phase 1 is to maintain the separation of uses (non-motorized vs. motorized) as described earlier in this document.

SHARP TTC: Map ID #01

CONCEPT: Major multi-use staging area at the borrow pit.

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Legend

 SHARP Proposed Trails

SHARP TTC

- The SHARP TTC is committed to staying true to the original wording and intent of the SHARP proposals, as crafted by the Sherwins Working Group, and will therefore not revisit or revise any part of any recommendation unless warranted by agency sideboards or other opportunities or constraints as identified by land management agencies such as the INF.
- This map is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for, or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. Users of this information should review or consult the primary data and information sources to ascertain the usability of the information.





**Project Cover Sheet:
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ORIGINAL SHARP CONCEPT	<p>Major multi-use staging area at the Borrow Pit.</p> <p>This will be the primary staging area for the Sherwins area and therefore the most developed. Facilities will include parking, bathrooms, an education/interpretive area, and signage. Additionally, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Maintenance Level on Sherwin Creek Road will need to be changed to allow off-highway vehicles (OHVs) to travel eastbound along the entire length of Sherwin Creek Road to Highway 395 (across both USFS and Department of Water and Power [DWP] land) to access appropriate OHV routes. This staging area will be open year-round (see Winter Map ID #01) to all users and will be served by public transit (see Summer Map ID #28).</p>
ORIGINAL SHARP RATIONALE	<p>This area has traditionally been, and continues to be, a popular staging area for recreationists. The tank-farm facility to be built by Turner Propane at the Borrow Pit offers several opportunities to create a major staging area in this location: Sherwin Creek Road will require conversion to a hardened surface from its intersection with Old Mammoth Road to the Borrow Pit, which will provide for improved vehicular travel; construction of the tank farm will allow the staging area to be situated in an already-disturbed location; and future water infrastructure for the tank farm may be usable for bathrooms at the staging area. An education/interpretive area would be an excellent addition to this staging area due to the expected high volume of users. OHV use is currently prohibited in open areas and on some routes within the Sherwins area, including much of Sherwin Creek Road. Changing the USFS Maintenance Level on Sherwin Creek Road will allow OHV users to ride directly from the Borrow Pit Staging Area and then along Sherwin Creek Road to routes open to them in the east without needing to stage farther down the road. NOTE: Maintenance Levels are defined by the USDA Forest Service Handbook as the level of service and maintenance for a specific road. When roads are maintained, Maintenance Levels must be consistent with roadmanagement objectives and maintenance criteria.</p>
RELATED PROJECTS	<p>SHARP project ID #W01 - See the SHARP Winter Proposal for details. SHARP project ID #W03 - See the SHARP Winter Proposal for details. SHARP project ID #W02 - See the SHARP Winter Proposal for details. SHARP project ID #S28 - See the SHARP Summer Proposals for details. Turner Propane Tank Farm Proposal Mammoth Motocross</p>
WORKFLOW CHECKLIST TASK	DATE COMPLETED
Group overview in-house meeting to present work plan and desired deliverables	5/19/2010; January 2017 - March 2017
Group overview field trip and technical analysis in-house	Field trip: N/A. Technical review of first draft: July 21, 2010.
Drafting/staking	None
Technical review field trip	None
Draft revision	8/25/2010; January 2017 - March 2017
Final review meeting	11/16/2010; April 5, 2017



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Presentation to USFS		November 18, 2010
AGENCY	Mammoth Motocross use permit	
SIDEBARDS	Turner Propane Tank Farm use permit	
DESIRED OUTSIDE PARTICIPANTS	Turner Propane, user groups, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Town of Mammoth Lakes, Inyo National Forest.	
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW	"SHARP Projects – NEPA" as submitted to USFS.	
OTHER NOTES	None	
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