



Draft Report 2017

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

Map ID #W01

July 21, 2017





**Map ID #W01 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 #W01

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

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Legend

-  SHARP Proposed Trails
-  Proposed Snowplay Area

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, which will be shared between both parking areas (non-motorized at the southern end, motorized turnaround and/or parallel roadside parking at the northern end; see also Winter Map ID #03), will include bathrooms, a beacon basin/interpretive area, and signage. This staging area will be open year-round (see Summer Map ID #01) to all uses and will be served by public transit (see Winter Map ID #12).</p>
ORIGINAL SHARP RATIONALE	<p>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 must be plowed in the winter and therefore 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. This area has traditionally been, and continues to be, a popular staging area for recreationists, as evidenced by existing winter conditions (crowded vehicle parking along Sherwin Creek Road). A beacon basin/interpretive area would be an excellent addition to this staging area due to the expected high volume of users.</p> <p>Creating a separate parking area with over-snow vehicle (OSV)-specific design allows for separation of motorized and non-motorized staging, which mitigates noise and air pollution, reduces potential safety hazards and/or conflicts between snowmobiles and children, dogs, or others, and provides an easy loading/unloading area for those with trailers. Locating the non-motorized parking area farther south allows for better access to the proposed snowplay area (see Winter Map ID #2) for families with children too small to walk a long distance as well as for proximity to non-motorized recreation opportunities to the west.</p>
RELATED PROJECTS	<p>SHARP project ID #W03 - See the SHARP Winter Proposal for details. SHARP project ID #W01 - See the SHARP Winter Proposal for details. SHARP project ID #S01 - See the SHARP Summer Proposal for details. SHARP project ID #S28 - See the SHARP Summer Proposal 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	May 19, 2010
Group overview field trip and technical analysis in-house	Field trip: N/A. Technical review of site plan first draft: July 21, 2010
Drafting/staking	None
Technical review field trip	None
Draft revision	August 25, 2010; January 2017 - March 2017
Final review meeting	November 16, 2010



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Presentation to USFS		November 18, 2010
AGENCY SIDEBOARDS	Mammoth Motocross & Turner Propane Tank Farm use permits, USFS Travel Management implementation. May 19, 2010: OHV use will not be permitted at this time; the management level for Sherwin Creek Road will remain the same.	
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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