

September 2, 2011

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Subject: Trail System Master Plan Draft EIR

Dear Ms. Clark:

On behalf of the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA), thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Trail System Master Plan.

The proposed mitigation measures generally seem reasonable and appropriate for the programmatic nature of the document. The mitigation measures adequately address the potential effects that may be associated with the implementation of the Trail System Master Plan. With that said, we would expect that as specific projects come forward for implementation, more specific mitigation measures can be identified that are germane to the individual projects.

While we have no specific comments on the proposed mitigation measures, it may make sense to clarify the suggestive nature of the facility names provided for the priority projects in Chapter 2.0, Project Description. More specifically, priority projects numbered 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, are simply suggestions that resulted from the SHARP Trails Technical Committee and the understanding is that these names will be further refined through future collaborative efforts of the Mammoth Lakes Trail System.

Thanks again for the opportunity to provide comments and we are looking forward to the adoption and implementation of the Trail System Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Drew Blankenbaker

Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation