

2020

**S H A R P**

Sherwins Area Recreation Plan

**LAKES BASIN**

**Special Study**



**LABSS**

**NEPA**

**CEQA**

**Lakes Basin & Sherwins Area  
Trail Enhancement Project**

# Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Trail Enhancement Project

## SHARP References of Public Outreach

Starting in 2009 public outreach of the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) began. The Sherwins Area Recreation Plan is the product of a diverse coalition of volunteer citizens known as the Sherwins Working Group (SWG). Facilitated by the Center for Collaborative Policy, convened by the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA), and with technical support from the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) and the Inyo National Forest, the SWG met over a seven-month period to prepare summer and winter recreation development and management recommendations for the Sherwins area (LINK TO SHARP).

Since 2009 there have been discussion relating to SHARP in over 70 public meetings (See graph). In 2011 the Town of Mammoth Lakes Trail System Master Plan was adopted by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The Trail System Master Plan updated the Town's 1991 Trails Plan and is the result of the Concept and Master Planning, or CAMP, process initiated by MLTPA in 2007. The adopted final draft of the TSMP includes input from close to a thousand public comments from more than 60 individual respondents to drafts of the final plan, circulated for public comment in the late summer of 2008. In the fall of 2008, and in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and MLTPA, the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) launched an important new project: the Sherwin Area Trails Special Study, or SATSS (<https://mltpa.org/images/downloads/SATSS%2020609%20Complete%20Report.pdf>) SATSS identifies options for trails within its defined study area, options for recreational uses and/or activities, and opportunities for public access between the study area and the Town's existing trail system.

Mammoth Lakes Trails System has created a meeting index dating back to 2015 including all public meetings in which SHARP/LABSS/LBSATEP was discussed. The meeting index links available agendas and minutes. This document contains information pertaining to the history and actions taken to develop trails outlined in the Trail System Master Plan and the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan. Public meetings from Mammoth Trails Committee, Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board, Mammoth Trails, Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council, Planning and Economic Development and Town of Mammoth Lakes Planning Commission have been reviewed and compiled. Many of the meetings included presentations from the Trails Manager and updates on trail alignment, project initiation sheets and costs.

Other opportunities for public outreach came through the Trails Manager blog found on [mammothtrails.org](http://mammothtrails.org) and through The Mammoth Lakes Trails System social media pages.

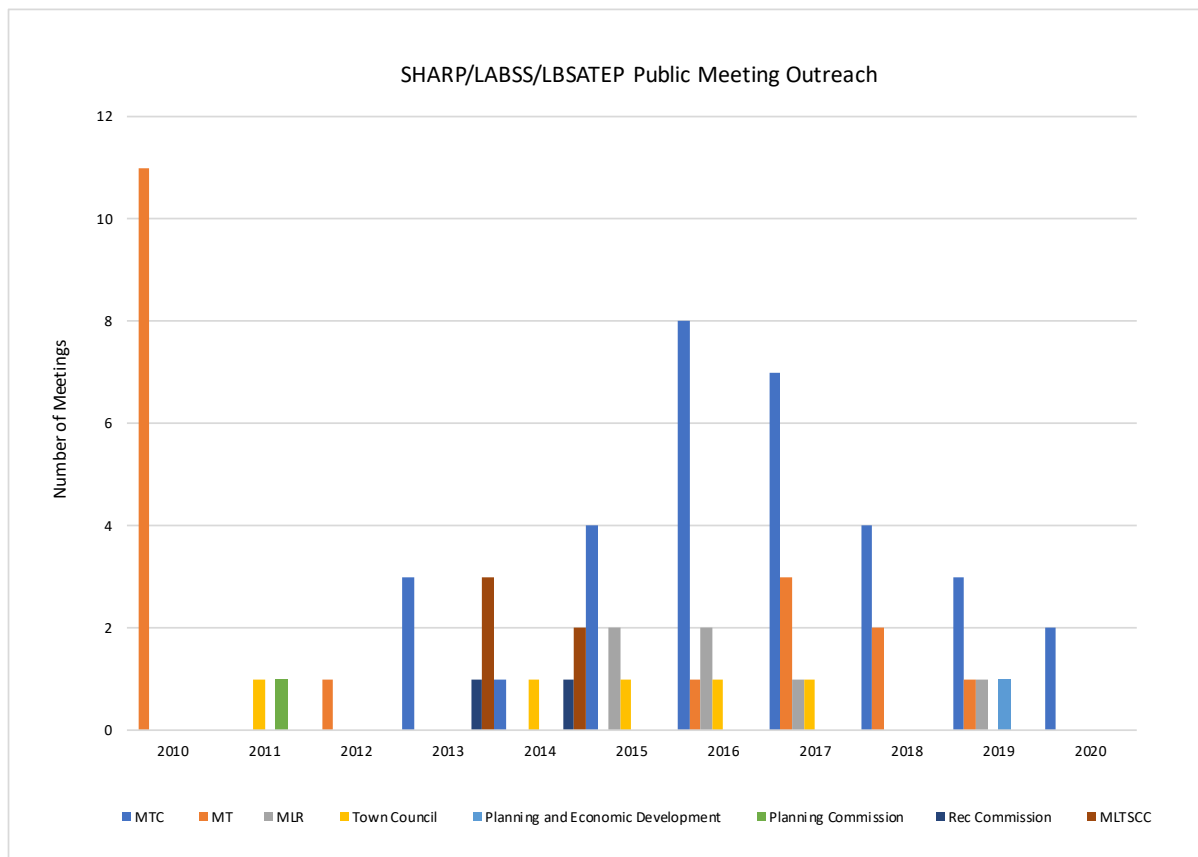


Figure 1

Figure 1 depicts a variety of public meetings occurring from 2010 - 2020 from organizations involved with the discussion and development of the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP), Lakes Basin Special Study (LABSS) and the Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Trail Enhancement Project (LBSATEP). This graph reveals the amount and variety of meetings over time by which these subjects were outreached and made available to the public.

**Public Outreach Index for MLTS Trail Development:  
“Lakes Basin and Sherwins Area Trail Enhancement Project”**

**March 14, 2020** – Mammoth Trails Committee

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- Item 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

[e-blast](#)

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](#)

**November 5, 2019** – Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board

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- Item 7. Sustainable Recreation
  - a. Trails Manager Update – Joel Rathje
    - i. [Presentation](#)

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- Item 7. Sustainable Recreation
  - a. Trails Manager Update – Joel Rathje
    - i. [Presentation](#) 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

[Agenda](#)

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

[Minutes](#)

- Item 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

#### Agenda

Item 2. SHARP Phase 2 Update a. Environmental Process Information

#### Minutes

Item 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

##### Agenda

Item 3. SHARP Phase 2 Update

a. Revised project description post USFS staff review – Attachment 4

##### Minutes

Item 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

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

##### Minutes

Item 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

##### e-blast

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

Agenda

- Item 10. Trails Coordinator Updates a. SHARP (California River Parkways Grant Program/Proposition 68, Phase II)
- Item 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.

Minutes

- Item 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

Agenda

- Item 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

Agenda

- Item 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. 8 ó x 11 USFS CE maps

**April 12, 2018** – Mammoth Trails Committee

Agenda

- Item 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

## Agenda

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

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- Item 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 trails.

**December 14, 2017** – Mammoth Trails Committee

## Agenda

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

**November 2, 2017** – Mammoth Trails

## Presentation

**October 19, 2017** – Mammoth Trails Committee

## Agenda

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

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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.



Item 3. Field Trip – w/ Jim Paulus (Biologist) - SHARP Environmental Review a. Meeting attendees visited the SHARP area for a first-hand look at the potential trail design. Returned to meeting space at 4:45pm

#### October 03, 2017 – Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board

##### Agenda

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

##### Minutes

- Item 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

##### Agenda

- Item 3. MLTS Summer 2017 Updates
  - a. New Trail Construction – SHARP ID #13, #18
- item 4. SHARP EA Consultant Update

##### Minutes

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

#### August 2, 2017 – TOML Town Council

##### Agenda

- Public Comments

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- 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](#)

**May 11, 2017** – Mammoth Trails Committee

### [Agenda](#)

Item a. New Trail Construction – SHARP ID #13, #18 i. Begin May 30

**April 13, 2017** – Mammoth Trails Committee

### [Agenda](#)

Item 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

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Item 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

### [Presentation](#)

### [Decision Memo](#)

**December 8, 2016** – Mammoth Trails Committee

### [Agenda](#)

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

### [Minutes](#)

Item 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

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Item 10. SHARP NEPA – Project List for EA

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Item 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

Agenda

Item 6. SHARP Environmental Update a. Attachment #3

Minutes

Item 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

Agenda

Item 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.

Minutes

Item 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.

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

Agenda

Item 9. SHARP NEPA – 099\_02\_SHARP\_NEPA\_P\_1

- a. Project update – TOML

Item 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

Minutes

Item 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

Agenda

Item 3. Review and consider approving the fifth draft of MLR Strategic Plan

Item 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.

Minutes

Item 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

Agenda

- Item c. SHARP – Trail Alignment Studies – 051\_03\_TTC1516
  - i. Project Update – Trails Coordinator

February 02, 2016 – Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board

Agenda

- Item 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.

Minutes

Item 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

Agenda

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

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### Item 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

## Agenda

- Item 3. "SHARP - Trail Alignment Studies" 051\_03\_TTC1516 (Rathje)
  - a. SHARP Summer ID 18 – Update
    - i. Request for Final TTC Meeting ii. Attachment #1a
- Item 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

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- Item 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.
- Item 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

## Agenda

- Item 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

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## September 23, 2015 – Mammoth Trails Committee

### Agenda

- 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

### Agenda

- Item 7. (30 minutes) Committee Updates – Status and Next Meeting Date
  - d. Mammoth Trails
    - i. Project Initiation Updates – Joel Rathje

### Minutes

- Item 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

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- 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

### Minutes

- Item 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

#### Agenda

##### Item 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

#### Minutes

##### Item 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

##### **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).

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

- Item 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

Item 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

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

## July 8, 2013 – Mammoth Trails Committee

### Agenda

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

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- Item 5. USFS update on USFS/TOML SHARP - Challenge Cost Share Agreement scope

## November 18, 2010 – SHARP Trails Technical Committee

### Summer 2010 Final Report

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