



EASTERN SIERRA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

COLDWATER CAMPGROUND

MONO COUNTY, CA

Coldwater Campground is one of the most popular campgrounds in the Inyo National Forest and is typically full throughout its open season. Designed more than 50 years ago, it now accommodates levels and types of use beyond those anticipated in its original design.

PRIMARY ISSUES:

- Outdated design and aging infrastructure creates accessibility barriers and limits modern users.
- Unclear campsite boundaries encourage camping beyond designated areas, expanding the footprint of disturbance.
- Campsites too close to water cause damage to fragile ecosystems, block wildlife, and can lead to safety and pollution issues.
- Popular trailheads accessed through the campground by non-campers create through-traffic that passes close to campsites, creating safety concerns.

PHASE:

- Completed through schematic design.

NEXT STEPS:

- Environmental, Tribal, and public reviews
- Secure funding

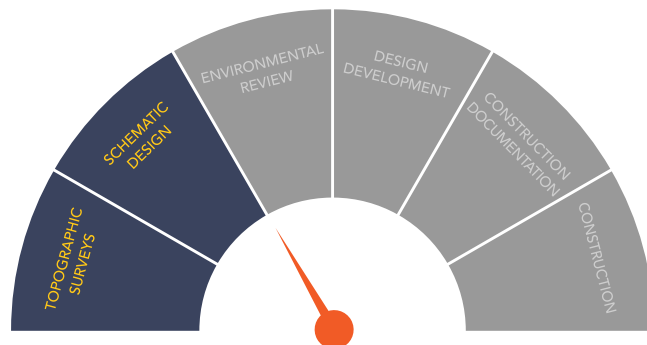
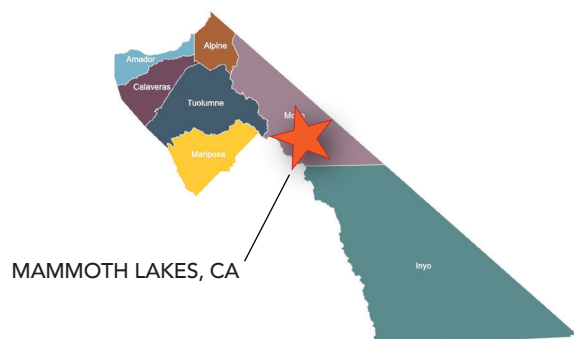
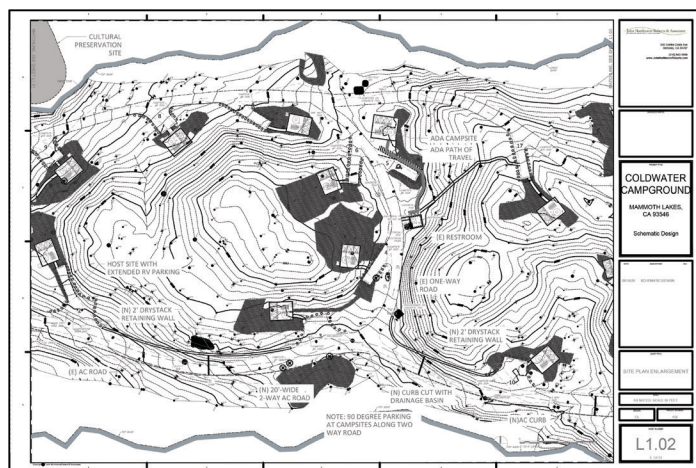
NUMBER OF CAMPSITES: 77

OPEN: June-September (conditions permitting)

NEARBY: Alpine fishing & hiking

GATEWAY COMMUNITY: Mammoth Lakes, CA

LAND MANAGER: Inyo National Forest



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