

Planning Proposal - GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Build-Out: The point at which all land available within the UGB for commercial and/or residential development has been purchased, planned, and approved by the TOML Planning Commission to begin construction. Build-out without a plan for a comprehensive system of trails and public access may include as an unintended consequence the permanent loss of points of public access to private property and discretion.

Conceptual Plan: A non-actionable, moderately detailed plan for a comprehensive system of trails and public access. The plan may be adopted, but may not be implemented until master planned.

Consultant: A design firm, or any of its individual members, who may be contracted or subcontracted to design a comprehensive system of trails and public access for Mammoth Lakes and the immediate Eastern Sierra region. A "Consultant" may also have provided MLTPA with direction, estimated costs, and task information for the Planning Proposal.

GIS: Geographic Information Systems. A GIS is a computer system capable of capturing, storing, analyzing, and displaying geographically referenced information; that is, data identified according to location. Practitioners also define a GIS as including the procedures, operating personnel, and spatial data that go into the system. (From the USGS GIS Information page)

Inside the UGB: Any lands, regardless of jurisdiction, that fall within the Urban Growth Boundary as described herein.

Master Plan: A specific, detailed, actionable, adoptable plan that describes a proposed system of trails and public access.

MLTPA: Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access. Local nonprofit founded by John Wentworth and Kim Stravers in 2006 to promote a comprehensive system of trails and public access in Mammoth Lakes and the immediate Eastern Sierra region.

MMSA: Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. This acronym as it appears in this Proposal represents both the resort as a physical amenity, leased from Inyo National Forest, and the resort as a privately owned business.

Outside the UGB: Any lands, regardless of jurisdiction, that fall outside the Urban Growth Boundary as described herein.

Planning Area: The area described by the 1987 TOML General Plan as the TOML's "area of influence," which contains all lands within the UGB, within the Town Boundary, and a portion of Inyo National Forest in both Mono and Madera counties. (Approx. 125 sq. mi.)

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Point of Public Access: A specifically located point of access to/egress from public lands and/or outdoor recreation areas/amenities, sometimes interfacing with legal boundaries (UGB, Town Boundary, Planning Area, etc.).

TOML: The staff, council, and commissions of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, including, but not limited to: the Town Council; Planning, Tourism and Recreation, and Public Arts commissions; Environmental and Advanced Planning Division; Community Development Department; Public Works Department; Administration; Finance Department; Tourism and Recreation Department; and the Visitors Bureau.

Town Boundary: The drawn geographic boundary that demarcates the municipal area that the TOML has various service, land-use, and other regulatory powers over from surrounding public lands. In general, the Town does not have the same jurisdiction over lands within the Town Boundary that are owned by a "higher governmental authority;" this includes the USFS, County, and state-authorized bodies such as school districts. (24.7 sq. mi., plus 0.3 sq. mi. that comprises the Mammoth Lakes airport)

Trail: A pathway that exists to serve mobility and/or recreation needs. May be natural surface (dirt singletrack, crushed granite, etc.) or paved surface (such as the surface of the existing Mammoth Lakes Trail System). May be open to non-motorized activity, motorized activity, or a combination of both.

Trails and Public Access System: A detailed, planned network of trails and points of public access within a defined area, wherein connectivity is optimized within and among relevant jurisdictions.

UGB: Urban Growth Boundary. The drawn geographic boundary that demarcates the TOML's physical presence from surrounding public lands. The UGB is a subset of the Town Boundary wherein the Town has established policy that most forms of development must be within that boundary. (4.5 sq. mi.)

USFS: A division of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that, among other duties, oversees and manages pubic lands, including lease areas. For the purposes of this Proposal, the USFS most commonly refers to the Inyo National Forest branch/Mammoth Lakes Ranger Station, unless otherwise specified.