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<b>1</b>	<p><b>(6) Non-motorized staging area at borrow pit:</b> In order to accommodate snowplay (Map ID #2), non-motorized parking should be at the southern end of the borrow pit.</p> <p><b>(7) Facilities:</b> Facilities to be installed at the borrow pit trailhead include bathrooms, an interpretive area, and a beacon basin.</p>	<p><b>(1) Non-motorized staging area at the borrow pit:</b> Develop a major trailhead at the borrow pit. Facilities will include parking, bathrooms, signage, and a beacon basin/education space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<p><b>1. Develop a major shared-use staging area at the borrow pit:</b> non-motorized parking at the southern end; motorized turnaround and parallel roadside parking/launching at the northern end; facilities shared in between (bathrooms, beacon basin/interpretive area, signage).</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Should the motorized and non-motorized areas be more separated, or does combined staging suffice?</p>	Partial (2)
<b>2</b>	<p><b>(5) Snowplay area:</b> Situate the snowplay area at the moraine that is nearest the borrow pit trailhead. This area is ideal because of slope, terrain, and aspect (north-facing). Parking should be very close to this area to accommodate use by families with small children.</p>	<p><b>(4) Snowplay area:</b> Situate the snowplay area on the moraine close to the borrow pit; the aspect is north/northwest, which helps retain snow, and the area is large enough to accommodate potential increased future use. This site is also close enough to and visible from the trailhead parking lot, which will encourage use by families. This location may be less than ideal, but seems to offer the best opportunity so far. Parking lot and facilities at the staging area (Map ID #1) could be situated at the base of the moraine to decrease distance from play area to parking.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<p><b>2. Snowplay area adjacent to the borrow pit staging area:</b> Situate a snowplay area at the moraine that is nearest the borrow pit trailhead. This area is ideal because of slope, terrain, and aspect (north-facing). Parking should be very close to this area to accommodate use by families with small children. This is in addition to the proposed snowplay area adjacent to Snowcreek VIII (see Winter Map ID #15).</p>	Full

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<b>3</b>	<p><b>(2) Motorized (OSV) staging area:</b> Separation to accommodate OSV trailering and use may occur farther along Sherwin Creek Road or at the trailhead planned at the borrow pit—such an arrangement could allow the other half of the trailhead parking area to be designated for OSV users and include a turnaround or other OSV-specific parking features.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motorized OSV route out Sherwin Creek Road to the east (winter trail type 4, shared multi-use)</li> </ul>	<p><b>(2) Motorized staging area beyond the borrow pit:</b> Develop a separate, OSV-specific staging area farther down Sherwin Creek Road, past the non-motorized staging area, to reduce or eliminate use conflict and to provide OSV-specific facilities (a graded turnaround at the end of the lot might be desirable, for example). Facilities will be limited to signage; users will access the additional facilities at the main, non-motorized staging area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G1 is less specific as to location of OSV staging area</li> <li>G1 does not identify facilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>3. Additional off-loading area:</b> Extend a spur on Sherwin Creek Road from the borrow pit staging area that ends in a turnaround that can accommodate a pickup truck with a trailer, but is not limited to/reserved for OSV users. Facilities will be limited to signage; users will access the additional facilities at the main staging area.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Keep tank farm and facilities in mind for natural separation of use.</p>	Partial (1)

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<b>4</b>	<p><b>(1) Separation of use:</b> OSV and non-motorized use should be separated. Separation should be attractive to both groups (ease of use). The moraine that comes around the east side of the borrow pit is a good natural boundary (see map); however, there is significant concern that using this as a delineator will not adequately address the OSV community’s desires and needs. Any one use cannot negatively impact another user group’s enjoyment of the area. It was noted that this area is a unique backcountry ski amenity, while better opportunities for OSV may exist elsewhere, outside the study area.</p>	<p><b>(3) Motorized/non-motorized boundary:</b> Delineate motorized and non-motorized use with a boundary that runs north to south, aligned with the main staging area at the borrow pit. The motorized area should include access to the motocross track area and to Solitude Canyon. Inclusion of the Tele Bowl area needs further discussion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G1 boundary follows moraine, whereas G2 boundary is more north-south</li> <li>• G2 identifies specific amenities/areas considered important for OSV use</li> </ul>	<p><b>4. Motorized/non-motorized boundary (separation of use):</b> Delineate a motorized/non-motorized boundary that runs roughly north-south along the borrow pit staging area; include Solitude Canyon within the motorized area, but prohibit OSV use in the Tele Bowls.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b> Has historic OSV use been accommodated?</p> <p>Has traditional “backyard” access for Snowcreek V homeowners/OSV users been accommodated?</p> <p>Is it appropriate to prohibit OSV use in the western section of the study area (the Hidden Lake meadow)?</p> <p>Could an access/egress corridor to the Lakes Basin be open only after April 15, when the Lakes Basin opens to OSV use?</p> <p>Should the Tele Bowls be included in the motorized area? Should the restriction apply only to high-marking?</p> <p>Consider changing “non-motorized” to “restricted motorized” to more accurately reflect proposal intent.</p>	<p>Partial (1)</p>

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<b>5</b>	<p><b>(4) Access points:</b> The group identified the following access points, to be incorporated into the system described above: Tamarack Street; Ranch Road public easement; Snowcreek VIII. Connectivity to future Snowcreek VIII cross-country ski trails is an ongoing consideration.</p>	<p><b>(6) Non-motorized staging area at end of Tamarack Street:</b> Develop a secondary trailhead that facilitates current/neighborhood use. Facilities will be limited to parking (six to eight vehicles) and signage, and there will be no grooming. Terry Plum’s development application will impact facilities.</p> <p><b>(7) Access/egress at Ranch Road public easement:</b> Present appropriate signage to guide backcountry skiers and snowboarders to the public easement for Sherwins egress. This area is possibly seasonal (winter only).</p> <p><b>(11) Access/egress point from Snowcreek VIII:</b> Formalize access/egress point proposed near the flagship hotel as identified in the Snowcreek VIII Master Plan by placing signage, as there are 20 public parking spots planned for the site as well as a public transit stop.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G2 is more specific as to facilities at each staging area</li> <li>• G1 includes connectivity to Snowcreek VIII Nordic trails</li> </ul>	<p><b>5a (access point at Snowcreek VIII):</b> Formalize the access/egress point to Snowcreek VIII as identified in the Snowcreek VIII Master Plan There is a public transit stop planned for this location, but no extensive parking will be offered by the developer. This may accommodate access to the proposed snowplay area (see Winter Map ID #15).</p> <p><b>5b (access point at Ranch Road public easement):</b> Formalize the access/egress point at the Ranch Road public easement. No parking is currently available except for that allowed by St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. This access point includes egress across the Snowcreek golf course for skiers and snowboarders exiting the Sherwins. This also will connect to Snowcreek VIII transit stops.</p> <p><b>5c (access point at Tamarack Street):</b> Develop a secondary trailhead that facilitates current/neighborhood use at the end of Tamarack Street (exact location to be approved by the Town of Mammoth Lakes). Facilities will be limited to parking (six spots, as determined by the landowner) and signage, and there will be no grooming.</p>	<p>5a: Partial (1)</p> <p>5b: Full</p> <p>5c: Full</p>

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5 (cont'd)				<p><b>Note:</b> Signage regarding avalanche danger should be considered at this spot; specifics of development will impact alignment of access.</p>	
6	<p><b>(8) Trailhead at Old Mammoth Road winter closure:</b> The group agreed that the existing closure location is appropriate to house a non-motorized staging area. The parking must be expanded to 10 to 15 spots to accommodate increasing use. The group agreed that a bathroom would be desirable at this location, but that it should be equally accessible to summer and winter users; the specific location therefore requires further consideration.</p>	<p><b>(8) Non-motorized staging area at Old Mammoth Road closure:</b> Develop a staging area that will be secondary to the major trailhead at the borrow pit. The area is smaller, but will take pressure off of existing parking at the Lakes Basin. Facilities will include signage, parking, and bathrooms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G1 specifies # of parking spots and desire for year-round use</li> </ul>	<p><b>6. Non-motorized staging area at Old Mammoth Road winter closure:</b> Develop a non-motorized staging area at the Old Mammoth Road winter closure that will be secondary to the major staging area at the borrow pit. After April 15, parking/staging/OSV access will be allowed. Facilities will include signage, parking, and bathrooms.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Should motorized access be prohibited at all times?</p>	Full
7	<p><b>(9) Connection from Old Mammoth Road trailhead to meadow:</b> Due to slope angle, it is not feasible to groom such a connector, but it may be treated as a blue diamond trail (ungroomed with signage only). This is a non-motorized trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter trail type 3 or type 2.</li> </ul>	<p><b>(17) Ungroomed connector from meadow to Old Mammoth Road winter closure trailhead:</b> Articulate an ungroomed connector between these two points with signage; will be aligned with summer-use trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter trail type 1, no winter maintenance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail type different (trail type not accurate for G1?)</li> <li>• G2 indicates desire for compatibility with summer trail system</li> </ul>	<p><b>7. Connection from Old Mammoth Road trailhead to Hidden Lake meadow:</b> Articulate an ungroomed connector between these two points with signage indicating level of difficulty; no maintenance.</p>	Partial (2)

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<b>8</b>	<p><b>(10) Grooming on Old Mammoth Road to Lakes Basin:</b> A connector should be groomed from the staging area on Old Mammoth Road to the road's intersection with Lake Mary Road, following the existing road alignment and open only to non-motorized users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter trail type 3 or type 2</li> </ul>	<p><b>(15) Grooming on Old Mammoth Road:</b> Groom over existing road alignment from the Old Mammoth Road winter closure trailhead to the intersection of Old Mammoth Road and Lake Mary Road. Possibility to work with Tamarack Lodge for grooming since it connects with the Tamarack groomed system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter trail type 3, groomed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G1 trail type ambiguity</li> </ul>	<p><b>8. Grooming on Old Mammoth Road to Lakes Basin:</b> Groom over existing road alignment from the Old Mammoth Road winter closure staging area to the intersection of Old Mammoth Road and Lake Mary Road to facilitate connectivity to the Lakes Basin.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b> Is the road too steep?</p> <p>What level of maintenance will this require?</p> <p>What impact on maintenance and trail conditions will the public utilities have on this connector (Edison, MCWD, etc.)?</p>	Full

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<b>9</b>	<p><b>(3) Stacked-loop non-motorized trail system:</b> The group agreed on a system with multiple connections to identified access points (Map ID #5). The main trail follows this path, roughly: from the borrow pit trailhead along existing summertime roads; a small connector brings you to the ditch; follow the perimeter of the meadow to the private property line (Snowcreek) and follow this boundary back to the trailhead (winter trail type 3, groomed with winter trail type 2 adjacent/parallel). There are several opportunities to bridge over and create a series of smaller loops (winter trail type 3, groomed, with winter trail type 2 adjacent/parallel). The system will be groomed to encourage use (more accessibility/ease of use) and will be open to dogs, cross-country skiers, hikers, and snowshoers. There was some discussion about Nordic-only loops.</p>	<p><b>(13) Ungroomed half-loop trail:</b> Articulate an ungroomed half-loop trail from the borrow pit trailhead along the base of the Sherwins to the Tamarack Street trailhead, where it will connect with the groomed half-loop described below to form a closed loop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter trail type 2 (preferred Nordic, but snowshoeing and hiking allowed), no winter maintenance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G1 loop extends farther west and includes direct path to Hidden Lake</li> <li>• G2 loop goes more east and south from borrow pit</li> <li>• G2 indicates desire to coordinate with summer trail system for northern half of loop, whereas G1 recommends summer alignment only near borrow pit</li> </ul>	<p><b>9a (stacked loop trail system):</b> Articulate a stacked-loop trail system from the borrow pit staging area along the base of the Sherwins to the Tamarack Street staging area and back to the borrow pit staging area. The system will connect to the access points identified in Winter Map ID #5 and will offer a series of smaller loops. Sections closer to town (northern side) will be groomed, whereas sections farther out (southern side) will be left ungroomed. As the system will be non-motorized multi-use, a set of parallel trails such as those seen at Tamarack Cross-Country Ski Center will need to be developed (one set Nordic track parallel with a simple groomed trail). The exact alignment of the perimeter trail and the nested loops needs further consideration.</p>	<p>9a: Full 9b: Partial</p>

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<p><b>9</b> (cont'd)</p>	<p>This would be designated “off-leash” but animals must be under radio or voice control. Facilities will be placed along the trail at access-point intersections to assist with compliance (trashcans, poop-bag dispensers, signage with public information about pet cleanup and obedience). There was discussion of avalanche hazards around Hidden Lake, but the group agreed that a groomed trail may still be feasible in this area.</p>	<p><b>(14) Groomed half-loop trail:</b> Develop a groomed half-loop trail (corduroy, but no Nordic track) that connects the access points from Tamarack Street to the borrow pit, with spurs to Snowcreek VIII, the Ranch Road public easement, and other access/egress points as described above. Will connect to the ungroomed half-loop described above to form a closed loop. Align over summer-use trail to reduce impact. Possibility to subcontract with Snowcreek for grooming services since they will already be grooming in the area.</p> <p><b>Winter trail type 2</b> (preferred Nordic use with no Nordic track, but snowshoeing and hiking allowed), groomed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G1 grooms entire loop and connectors; G2 only grooms northern half of loop</li> <li>• G1 has parallel trails with different trail types</li> <li>• G1 designates area “off leash” and suggests related facilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>9b (dog policy):</b> Off leash, but dogs must be under voice control. Correct signage and trail-etiquette education is essential. Facilities should be installed along the trail at regular intervals to ensure cleanup compliance.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b> How does this align with/impact summer loop-trail configuration?</p> <p>Should there be a designated area for dog “business”?</p> <p>Should there be one designated no-dog loop?</p> <p>Should leashes be required in some areas?</p>	



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10	<p><b>(11) Nordic-only area:</b> A Nordic skiing–only area can be designated beginning north of Sherwin Creek Road and extending to the TOML Main Path near Cerro Coso Community College. If snow conditions and resources allow, a Nordic track may be set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter trail type 3, groomed</li> </ul>	<p><b>(18) Groomed connector from borrow pit to Mammoth Creek Park at bridge:</b> Develop a groomed (corduroy, but no Nordic track) connector between these two points that goes through the off-leash dog area described below and around the USFS stables. This will facilitate use of Mammoth Creek Park as an alternative non-motorized staging area and provide a compacted surface for dog-walkers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter trail type 2 (preferred snowshoe/hiking, but Nordic allowed), groomed.</li> </ul> <p><b>(5) Off-leash dog area:</b> Designate a zone that is north of Sherwin Creek Road and east of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) stables. Staging areas/trailheads and other developed or use-designated areas are leash-on. This area is close enough to the parking lot to facilitate quick and easy use by dog owners. Other off-leash areas may be considered later.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>This Map ID refers to an area where the groups propose different and conflicting uses</b></li> <li>• G1 designates entire area as Nordic-only, whereas G2 has a groomed trail that would allow other users</li> <li>• Trail type designations differ</li> <li>• G2 designates part of area as “off leash,” whereas G1 restricts use to Nordic skiers</li> </ul>	<p><b>10a (groomed connector from borrow pit to Mammoth Creek Park East at bridge):</b> Develop a groomed (corduroy, but no Nordic track) connector between the borrow pit staging area and Mammoth Creek Park East at the bridge. This will facilitate use of Mammoth Creek Park East as an alternative non-motorized staging area.</p> <p><b>10b (off-leash dog area):</b> Designate a zone that is north of Sherwin Creek Road and east of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) stables where dogs may be off-leash and are <b>not</b> required to respond to voice command.</p>	<p>10a: Full</p> <p>10b: Full</p>

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<b>11</b>	<b>(12) Kite-skiing/kite-boarding:</b> This use can be accommodated northwest of the borrow pit staging area, on the golf course, if Snowcreek allows it.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G2 did not designate a specific area for this activity.</li> </ul>	<b>OMITTED:</b> Facilities cannot be proposed on private property, though this is the historic use area for kite-boarding/kite-skiing. This type of use does not have to be restricted to a particular section of the study area.	Full
<b>12</b>	<b>(13) Public transit to trailheads:</b> A trolley/bus stop should be added at the Old Mammoth Road trailhead; the road must be widened to accommodate this. Other trolley/bus stops should be added at the borrow pit staging area and at the Snowcreek VIII hotel. The group agreed that this recommendation requires additional discussion.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G2 did not discuss</li> </ul>	<b>12. Public transit to staging areas:</b> A public transit stop should be added at the Old Mammoth Road staging area, the borrow pit staging area, and the Snowcreek VIII hotel.  <b>Note:</b> Turnaround for transit may be possible with the Old Mammoth Road winter closure staging area parking improvement.	Full
<b>13</b>	<b>(14) Signage:</b> A signage and wayfinding system should exist throughout the study area, including educational and interpretive opportunities.	G2 included signage throughout staging areas and on trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<b>13. Signage:</b> A comprehensive signage and wayfinding system should exist throughout the study area, including educational and interpretive opportunities.	Full

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<b>14</b>		<p><b>(16) Groomed Sherwins egress trail:</b> Articulate proper Sherwins egress from the east side of Hidden Lake to the Ranch Road public easement via a groomed path. Purpose is to provide direction to backcountry skiers coming off of the Sherwins and to ensure use of egress rather than walking through neighborhoods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter trail type 2 (preferred Nordic), groomed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G1 did not discuss</li> </ul>	<p><b>OMITTED:</b> Proper Sherwins egress from the east side of Hidden Lake to the Ranch Road public easement is understood to be covered by Winter Map ID #9.</p>	Full

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15		<p><b>(12) Snowplay area near Snowcreek VIII:</b> Consider situating a snowplay area here as an alternative to the borrow pit location, as it is also on a moraine, is more north-facing/has better snow than the other location, and is near the flagship hotel and proposed access/egress point, which may facilitate use by guests and other visitors. Another possibility is to determine if Snowcreek is amenable to a designated snowplay area on the golf course; it has potential to bring additional customers to their development, and snowplay on grass would require less snow than snowplay over sagebrush.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G1 did not discuss</li> </ul>	<p><b>15. Snowplay area adjacent to Snowcreek VIII:</b> Situate a snowplay area either adjacent to Snowcreek VIII or on the Snowcreek golf course, if possible. This site is on a moraine, is more north-facing and therefore offers better snow than the borrow pit staging area, and is near the flagship hotel and proposed access/egress point, which may facilitate use by guests and other visitors. This snowplay area recommendation is in addition to the area proposed at the borrow pit staging area (See Winter Map ID #2).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> A snowplay area is identified in the approved Snowcreek VIII Master Plan.</p>	Full
		<p><b>(9) Non-motorized staging area at Lake Mary Road winter closure:</b> Develop a secondary staging area east of Lake Mary Road, above the bridge, that will relieve existing pressure on Lake Mary Road parking for Sherwins and Tamarack Ski Center access. Facilities will be limited to signage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G1 did not discuss</li> </ul>	<p><b>16. Staging area at Lake Mary Road winter closure:</b> Develop a staging area east of Lake Mary Road, above the bridge, that will relieve existing pressure on Lake Mary Road parking for Sherwins, Panorama Dome, and Tamarack Cross-Country Ski Center access. Facilities to include parking and signage. The area will be open to OSV users after April 15.</p>	Full

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<b>17</b>		<p><b>(10) Improved trail to the Sherwins from Lake Mary Road:</b> Develop a simple system trail to make a visible, guided connection. Currently there is only a use trail (not officially recognized, not maintained), which is causing erosion to the slope as well as damage to sensitive soils on plateau. Signage will be needed at the trail access point. Matches summer proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter trail type 1, with no winter maintenance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G1 did not discuss</li> </ul>	<p><b>17. Improved trail to the Sherwins from Lake Mary Road:</b> Develop a simple system trail to make a visible, guided connection between Lake Mary Road and the Sherwins by installing a simple set of signage.</p>	Partial (1)