

## Summer Activity Zones Sherwins Area Proposal by Team #2 (Submitted 6/22/09)

In order to accommodate as many outdoor recreation activities as possible while considering their various degrees of mutual compatibility as well as their environmental impact in the respective areas, we suggest establishing three opportunity zones:

- 1) The first zone would be for **mixed use**, **inclusive of motorized use**. This would accommodate practically all activities listed in the handout as amended at the 6/16/09 meeting. We find that this zone can most appropriately be placed in the area east of a north-south line that is east of the proposed Turner Propane tank farm and south of Sherwin Creek Road.
- 2) The second zone would be for all non-motorized use, inclusive of mechanical use such as biking (i.e., all listed activities other than motorized ones). This zone would consist of two parts: The first part would be the area north of Sherwin Creek Road, which is currently used for equestrian purposes in particular. The second part would be the area south of and including Mammoth Rock Trail, as well as the area west of Old Mammoth Road
- 3) The third zone would be **limited to non-mechanized use** and consist of the most environmentally sensitive area: the meadow itself. This zone will be available for equestrian use, hiking, pet walking (off leash), running, and study and preservation of fauna and flora. This zone will consist of the area north of Mammoth Rock Trail and west of a north-south line that is east of the proposed Turner Propane tank farm, ending at Old Mammoth Road.

We envision a main staging area at the proposed Turner Propane tank farm as well as trailhead parking for non-mechanized use at the end of Tamarack Street and at the proposed Snowcreek VIII hotel.

Once a consensus is reached regarding the zones, more detailed decision-making must be addressed as to specific trails, consolidation and restoration of existing ones, and establishment of new ones—for instance, south of Mammoth Rock Trail and a switchback connector from the meadow to Mammoth Rock. It must also take into consideration improved access to trails less accessible today, several of which have historical interest.





