MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION

Mammoth Trails Committee Agenda

Thursday, December 12, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members of the Committee

Committee Member Bill Sauser, Committee Member Rob Patterson,
Committee Member Elise Howell, Committee Member Spencer Ostergaard,
Committee Member Caroline Britton, Vice Chair Michael Draper, Chair John Connolly

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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3. CONSENT AGENDA
   - 3.1 Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2024
4. REPORTS
   - 4.1 Mammoth Lakes Recreation Administrative Update
   - 4.2 Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Summer 2024 Trail Counter Data Report
   - 4.3 Trails Program Manager Report
   - 4.4 Outdoor Recreation Manager Report
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS
6. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
7. ADJOURNMENT

   The Committee will adjourn to a regular meeting to be held on February 13, 2025.

Mammoth Trails Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 10, 2024, 3:00 p.m.
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present:	Committee Member Bill Sauser, Committee Member Rob Patterson, Committee Member Elise Howell, Committee Member Caroline Britton, Chair John Connolly
Members Absent:	Committee Member Spencer Ostergaard, Vice Chair Michael Draper

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Connolly called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments given at this time.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Committee Member Rob Patterson
Seconded by Committee Member Bill Sauser

Approve the Consent Agenda.

For (4): Committee Member Bill Sauser, Committee Member Rob Patterson, Committee Member Elise Howell, and Chair John Connolly

Absent (3): Committee Member Spencer Ostergaard, Committee Member Caroline Britton, and Vice Chair Michael Draper

Carried (4 to 0)

3.1 Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2024.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Trails Program Manager Report

Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Trails Program Manager Andrew Mulford and Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif outlined the information in the Trails Manager Report.

Committee Member Caroline Britton joined the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

There was discussion between TOML staff and members of the Committee.

4.2 Outdoor Recreation Manager Report

TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif and Trails Program Manager Andrew Mulford outlined the information in the Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager's Report.

There was discussion between TOML staff and members of the Committee.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee Member Rob Patterson spoke about the work being performed at the Sherwin Trailhead and reported that the chipping piles would be removed on Monday. Mr. Patterson said that the Forest Service continued to face part-time staffing challenges and that he would meet with Inyo National Forest Mammoth Lakes District Ranger Fred Wong on Monday to discuss staffing along with other issues such as Town permits.

Committee Member Bill Sauser said that he would like to agendize a conversation in general about the Forest Service and their responsibilities. Mr. Sauser said that he had recently done the back of the Glass for fall colors and said it was spectacular.

Chair John Connolly reported that a California Conservation Corps (CCC) crew showed up at the Lower Rock Creek Trail and did a full brushing on it, which may last up to 5 years. Chair Connolly said that he biked up the Mountain View Trail on Tuesday and reported that the trail was in perfect condition.

Committee Member Elise Howell said that she had been enjoying trails and fall colors.

Committee Member Caroline Britton announced that it was Chair Connolly's birthday. Ms. Britton said that she had enjoyed the numerous local sporting events that had taken place over the past few weeks.

There was discussion between TOML staff and members of the Committee.

6. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Member Elise Howell requested a report on summer usage from the trail counters at a future meeting.

There was discussion between TOML staff and members of the Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Angela Plaisted, Assistant Clerk

MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION

Subject: Mammoth Lakes Recreation – Administrative Update

Meeting Date: November 12, 2024

Prepared by: Kim Anaclerio, Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION:
There is no action required of the Committee.

BACKGROUND:
Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR), serves an administrative role is assisting the Town of Mammoth Lakes Office of Outdoor Recreation and Trail System in leveraging Special Tax Measure funding to develop, enhance and implement outdoor recreation opportunities in Mammoth Lakes.
MLR is currently:

- Managing two Sierra Nevada Conservancy grants for the implementation of the Sherwin Meadows Trailhead and Environmental Analysis Planning for the development of proposed trail alignments in the Sherwins area.
- Coordinating the Eastern Sierra Adopt a Trail program to enhance the Mammoth Lakes Trail System.
- Soliciting support for general Mammoth Lakes Trail System and Winter Recreation needs.

ANALYSIS:
Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grants
In early 2022, Mammoth Lakes Recreation, in partnership with the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), submitted a concept proposal to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Grant Program for the Sherwin Area Trails and Trailheads. The proposal was invited to apply into the full grant program. After site visits with SNC staff, and further review of the concept proposal, it was determined the best course of action was to split the proposal into two distinct grant projects. One being a Planning Proposal for the completion of the environmental analysis needed for proposed trail alignments and an expanded trailhead in the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP), and the second an Implementation Proposal for the "shovel-ready" Sherwin Meadows Trailhead, also part of SHARP. Thus began the process of completing two full grant applications for the projects, both of which were successful. In December 2022, MLR was awarded $953,400 for the Implementation of the Sherwin Meadows Trailhead and $510, 600 for the Planning and Environmental Analysis of proposed SHARP Trail Alignments.

Both projects are within anticipated budgets. The Implementation proposal was written assuming the use of Measure R funds that have been committed to this project to fill any shortfalls in grant funding. When awarding the construction contract for Implementation of the Sherwin Meadows Trailhead on March 6, 2024, Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved the allocation of $82, 600 to supplement the $953,400 grant, fully funding the project. As of September 30, 2024, $130,450, or 14%, of the grant award has been spent. Most expenses will be realized when the construction is complete. As of September 30, 2024, $311,500, or 60%, of the Planning grant has been expended. The bulk being spent on "Field Analysis and Surveys". Among other expenses, the Planning proposal assumed there would be a collection request from the Inyo National Forest for their specialist staff time in reviewing the contracted environmental analysis and developing a proposed action for trail development. On November 6th, 2024, Mammoth Lakes Town Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into a Collection Agreement with INF to fulfill this INF request. Through this mechanism, TOML will be reimbursed from the grant for funds expended to INF for review of the SHARP Planning proposal.

Forward progress continues to be made on both projects. It is anticipated that an extension for deliverables will need to be made for both grants. MLR has been communicating with SNC staff regarding this, and methods are in place to honor extensions.

Eastern Sierra Adopt a Trail

Launching in 2019, The Eastern Sierra Adopt a Trail continues to be a highly successful program for both the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) and Mono County (MoCo). The program has grown to include over 60 trails, paths, lakes, and trailheads with 34 fiscal sponsors and 48 volunteer stewards helping to keep these facilities well-kept, safe, and enjoyable. Front-facing, the program runs county-wide allowing an adoptee to choose any facility based on personal preference or connection to a specific location. On the back end, TOML and MoCo facilities are divided and tracked separately. For TOML specifically, 40 locations are available for adoption. Volunteer stewards help to maintain 34 of these. Volunteer adoptions run for the calendar year; sign-ups open in January and close in the beginning of May. Facilities may also be adopted by a financial sponsor for $1500; running one year from the date of sponsorship. Currently there are 27 locations sponsored on the Mammoth Lakes Trail System. To date, over $130,000 has been recorded to this program for the Mammoth Lakes Trail System, offsetting maintenance costs for TOML. As of October 31, 2024, the available balance for TOML facilities is $97,000.

Mammoth Lakes Trail System and Winter Recreation

Although not nearly as significant as the SNC grants and ESAAT funding, MLR has been successful in soliciting some funds from the public specifically for these two programs. These funds are only restricted in that they must be used for the Trail System or Winter Recreation in some shape or form. Should a small enhancement to the Winter Recreation program be needed, $200 is available. Over the years, supporters of the Mammoth Lakes Trail system have made donations specifically for it, accumulating a current balance of $16,000.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES STAFF REPORT

Title: Trail Counter/Trail Usage Report – Summer 2024

Meeting Date: December 12, 2024

Prepared By: Tanner Bissonette
Mammoth Lakes Trails & Public Access Foundation

Overview: Since 2017, roughly 30 infrared TRAFx trail counters are installed each summer at various trailheads and along Multi Use Pathways throughout the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Summer 2024 was my first full summer season in charge of deploying, maintaining, and collecting the data that these trail counters collect. I have prepared 5 years' worth of data for review in the attached presentation.

Methodology: Near the start of the summer season as snow is melting, MLTPA staff prepares the counters, checks their batteries, name status, and functionality then goes to the different pre-selected locations and installs the counters for the summer season. They are then routinely checked and the data is uploaded to the TRAFx trail counter data management website.

Counters: There are two types of counters that are deployed and regularly maintained: infrared and vehicle counters.

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End Of Season Summary: The 2024 Summer season was a relatively normal season after a very average snow year. Nothing impacted the start of the trail counter program, so all sites were active at the start of June. There were thankfully no major fire events near us, so there was no smoke impact or forest closures on the trail system this season. Data showed continued high use at many of the popular sites and similar year over year usage at most of the sites. The data shows that recreation has been fairly consistent the last couple of years post COVID. Some locations have seen some moderate growth in usage, while others have stayed largely constant.



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2024 End of Season Trail Counter Report

12/13/2024

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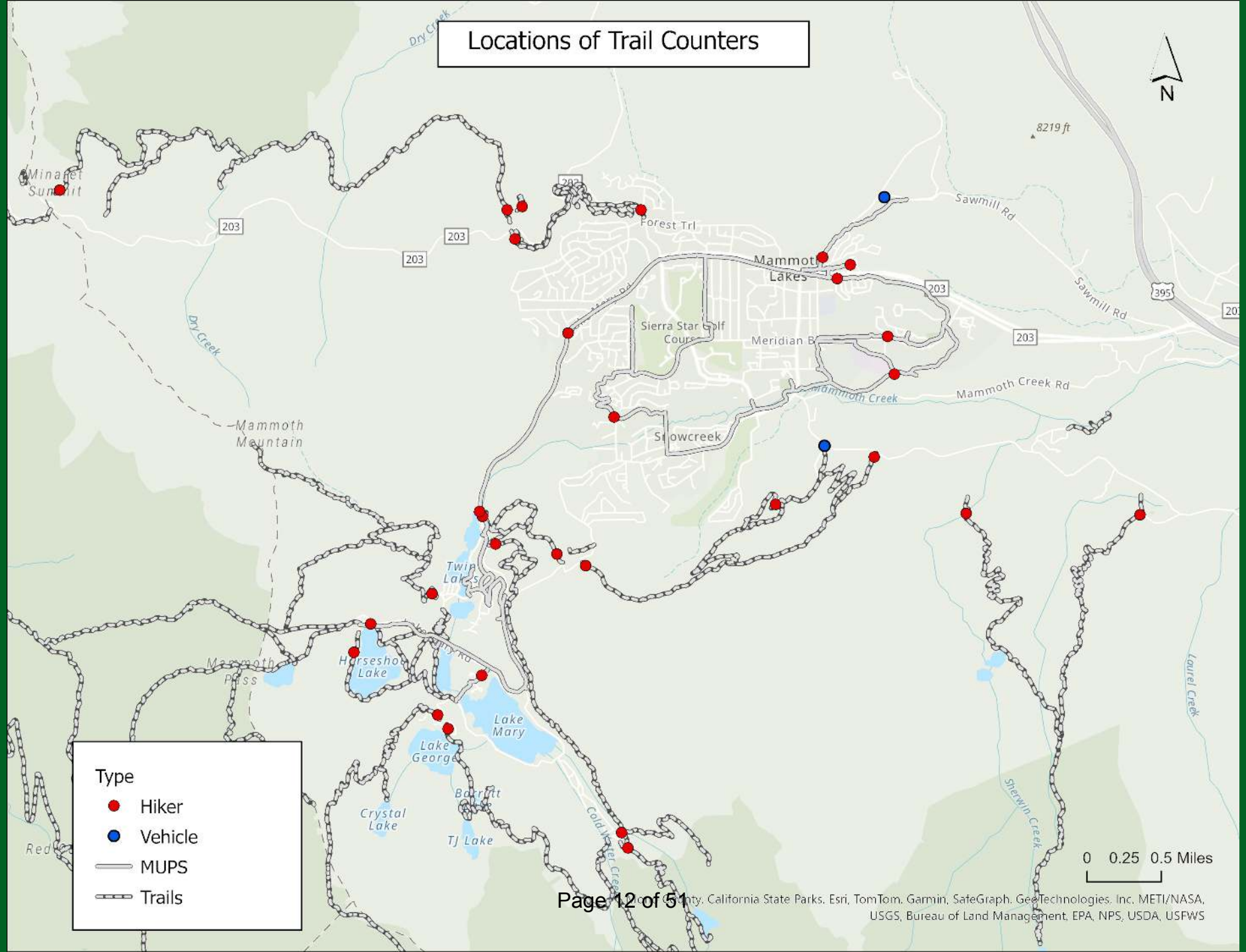
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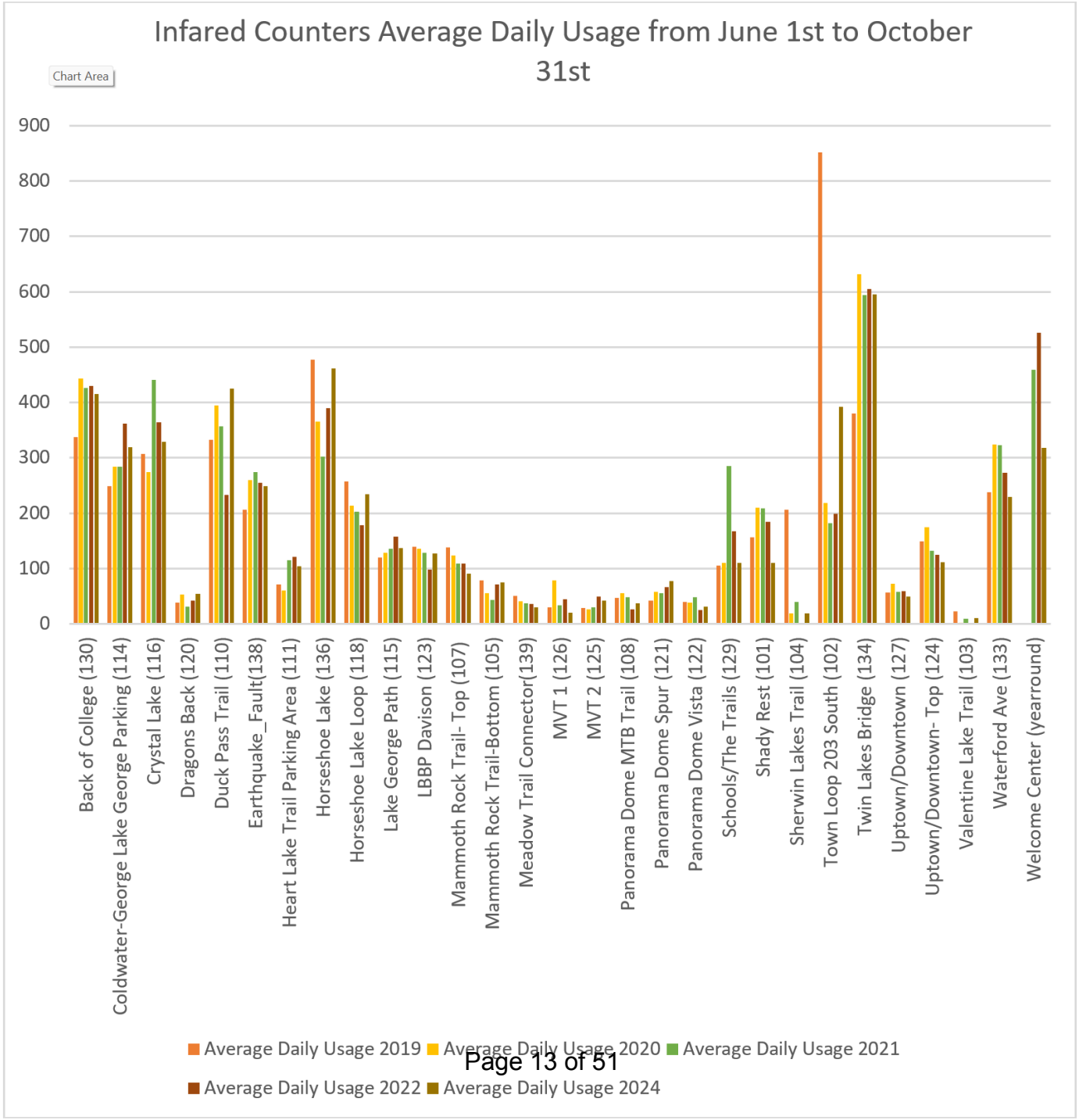
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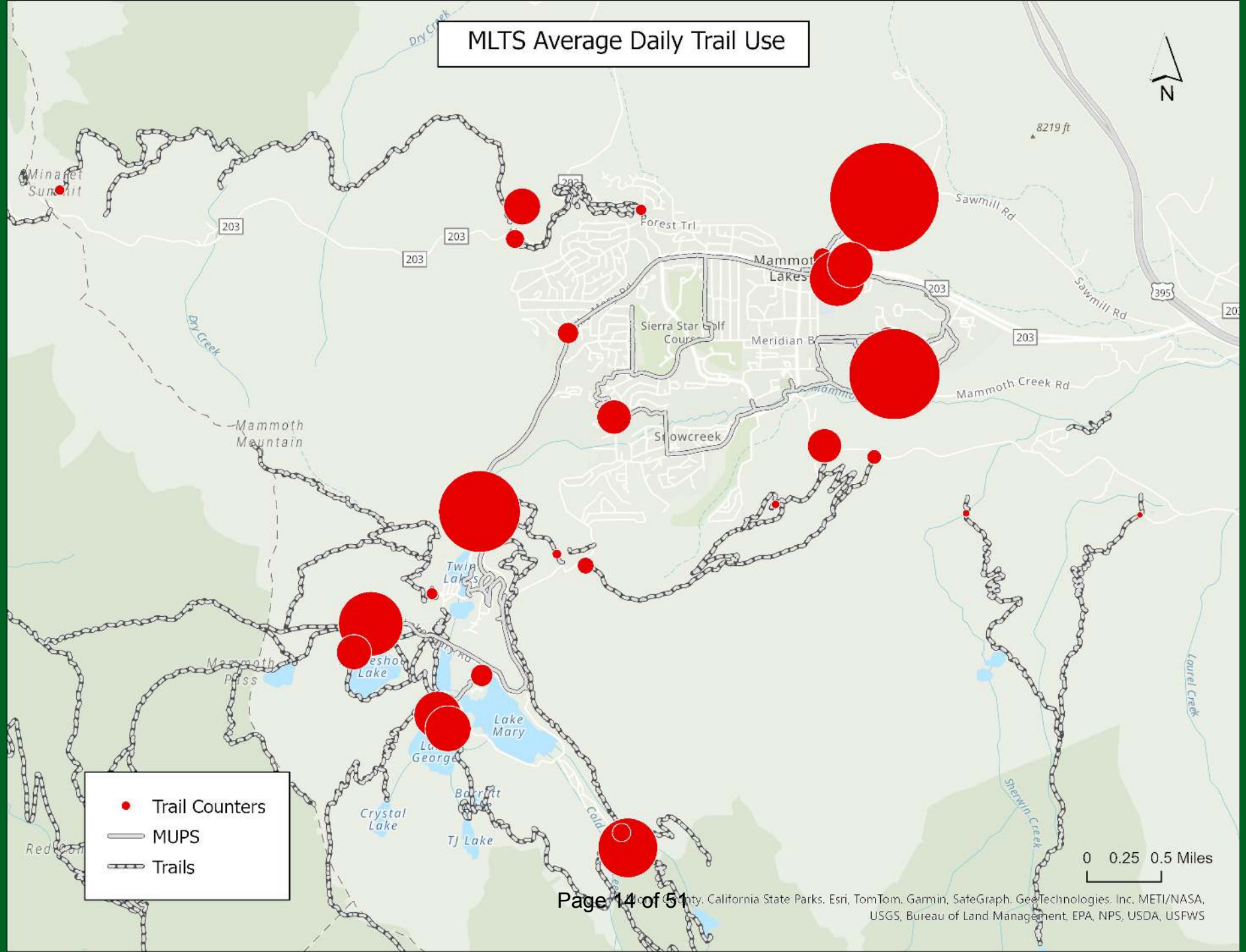
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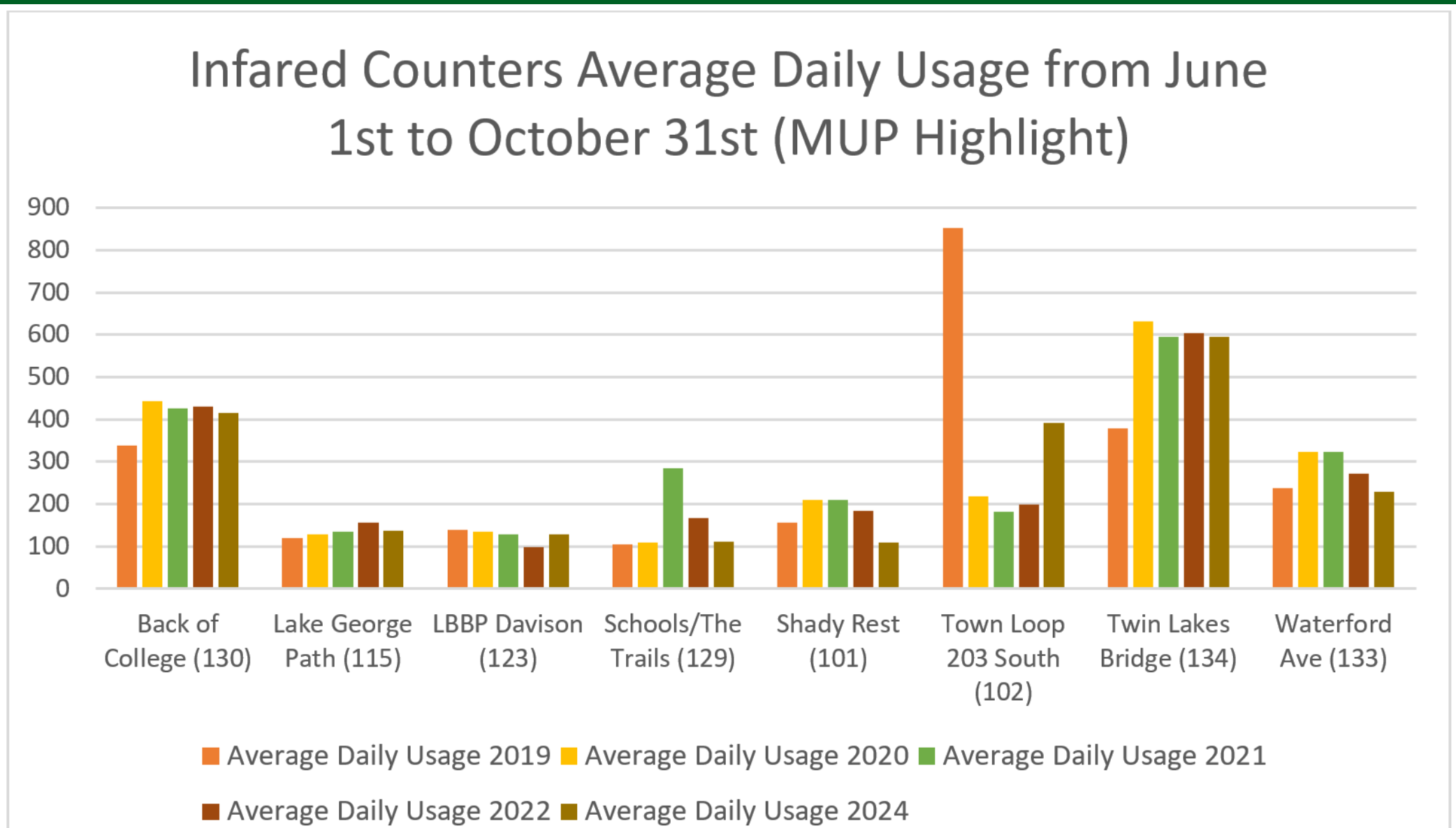
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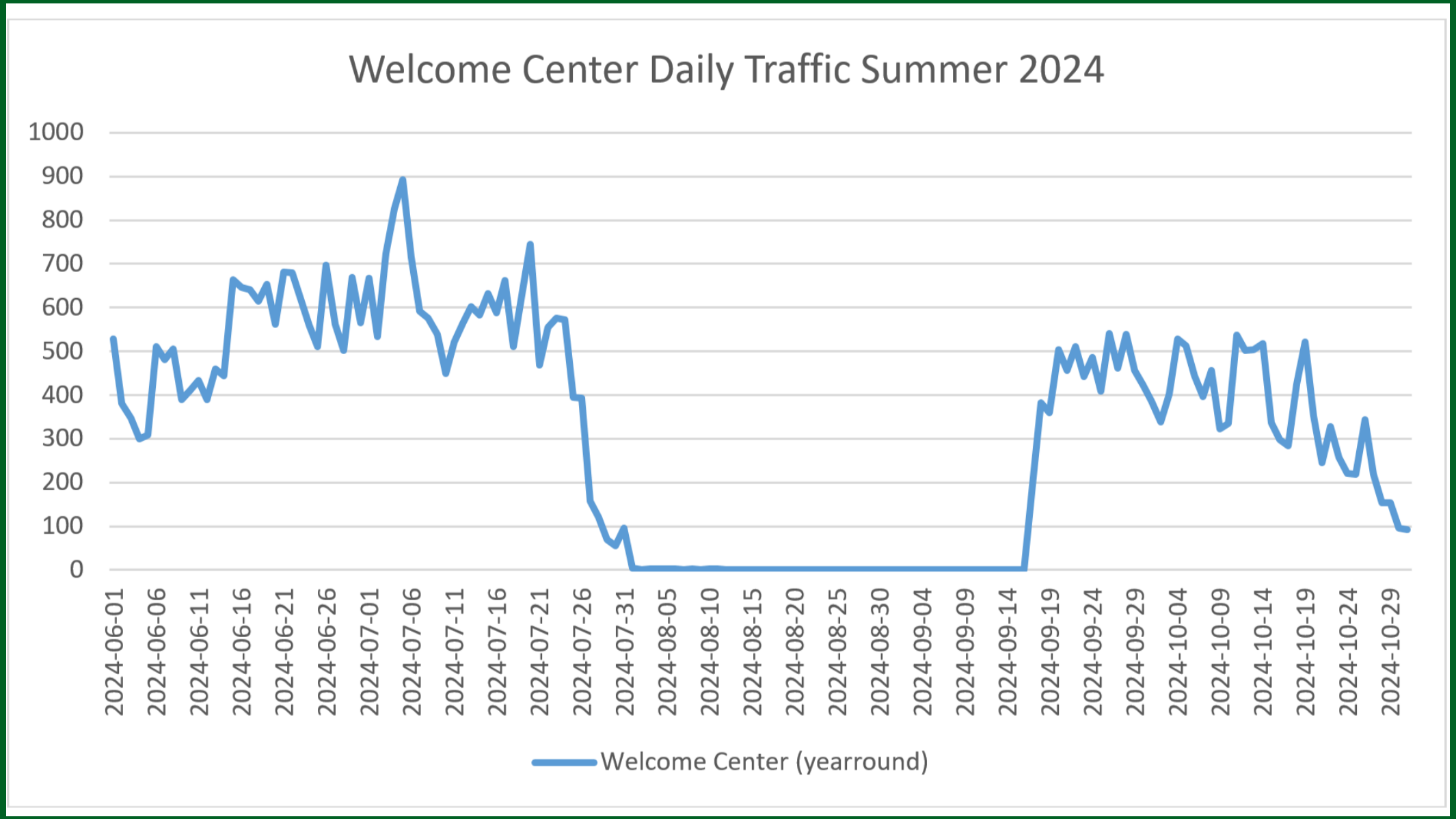
- 2023 was not included as that summer's data was irregular due to very late snow melt and a transition of who was running this program.

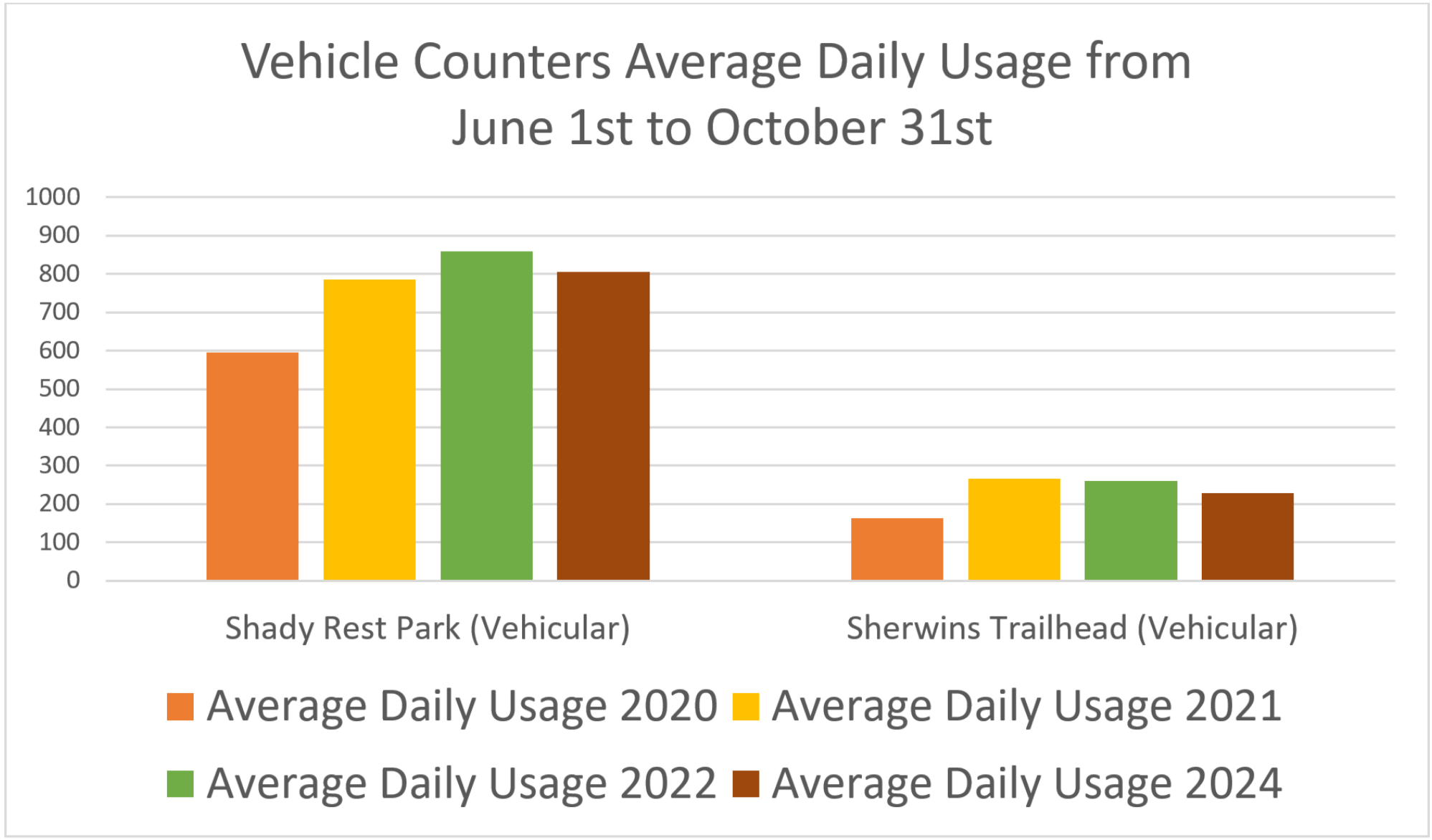

Locations of Trail Counters
N
Type
Hiker
Vehicle
MUPS
Trails
0 0.25 0.5 Miles
Mammoth Lakes
Sawmill Rd
Mammoth Creek Rd
Forest Trl
Dry Creek
Mammoth Mountain
Crystal Lake
Lake Mary
Lake George
TJ Lake
Horseshoe Lake
Laurel Creek
Sherwin Creek
8219 ft
203
395
USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USDA, USFWS

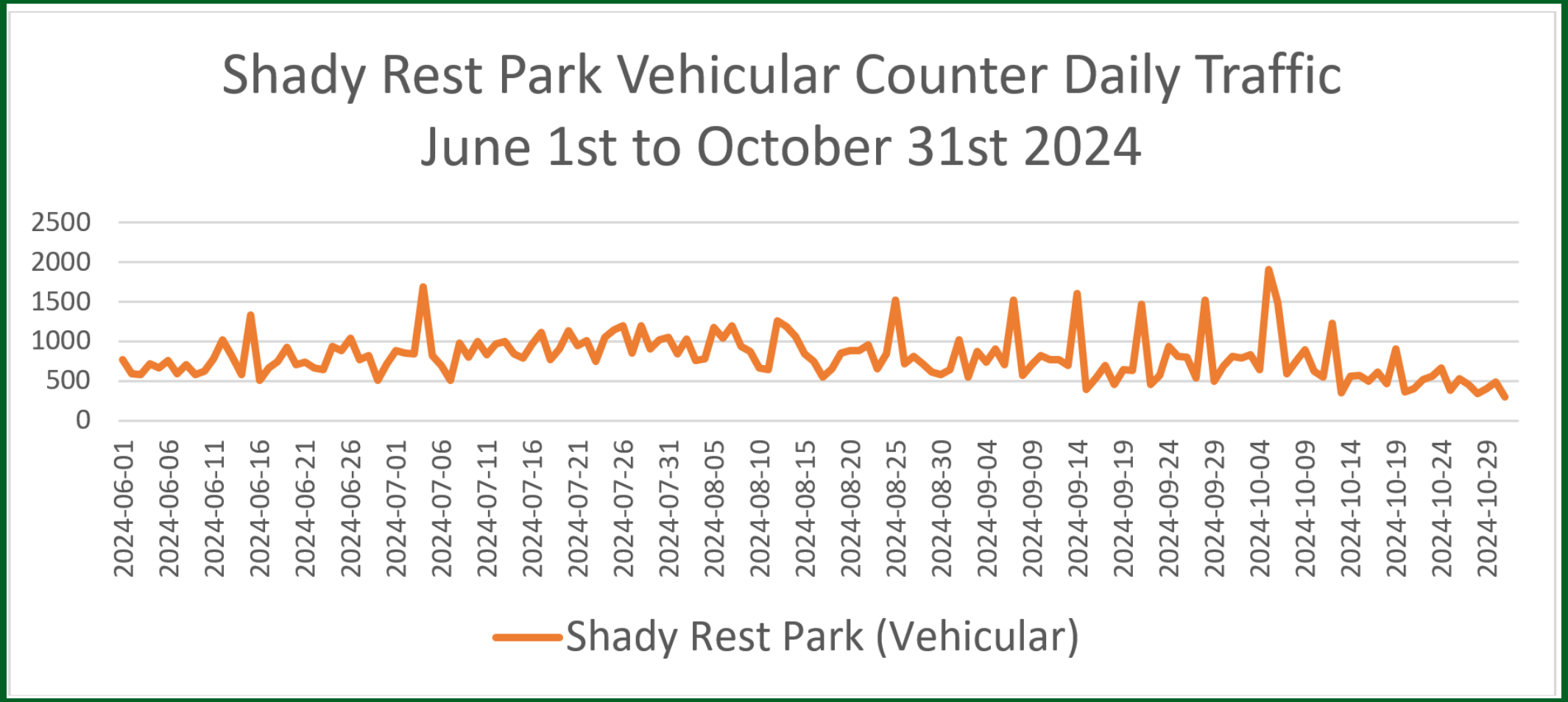

Infared Counters Average Daily Usage from June 1st to October 31st
Chart Area
900
800
700
600
500
400
300
200
100
0
Back of College (130)
Coldwater-George Lake George Parking (114)
Crystal Lake (116)
Dragons Back (120)
Duck Pass Trail (110)
Earthquake_Fault(138)
Heart Lake Trail Parking Area (111)
Horseshoe Lake (136)
Horseshoe Lake Loop (118)
Lake George Path (115)
LBBP Davison (123)
Mammoth Rock Trail- Top (107)
Mammoth Rock Trail-Bottom (105)
Meadow Trail Connector(139)
MVT 1 (126)
MVT 2 (125)
Panorama Dome MTB Trail (108)
Panorama Dome Spur (121)
Panorama Dome Vista (122)
Schools/The Trails (129)
Shady Rest (101)
Sherwin Lakes Trail (104)
Town Loop 203 South (102)
Twin Lakes Bridge (134)
Uptown/Downtown (127)
Uptown/Downtown- Top (124)
Valentine Lake Trail (103)
Waterford Ave (133)
Welcome Center (yearround)
Average Daily Usage 2019
Average Daily Usage 2020
Average Daily Usage 2021
Average Daily Usage 2022
Average Daily Usage 2024

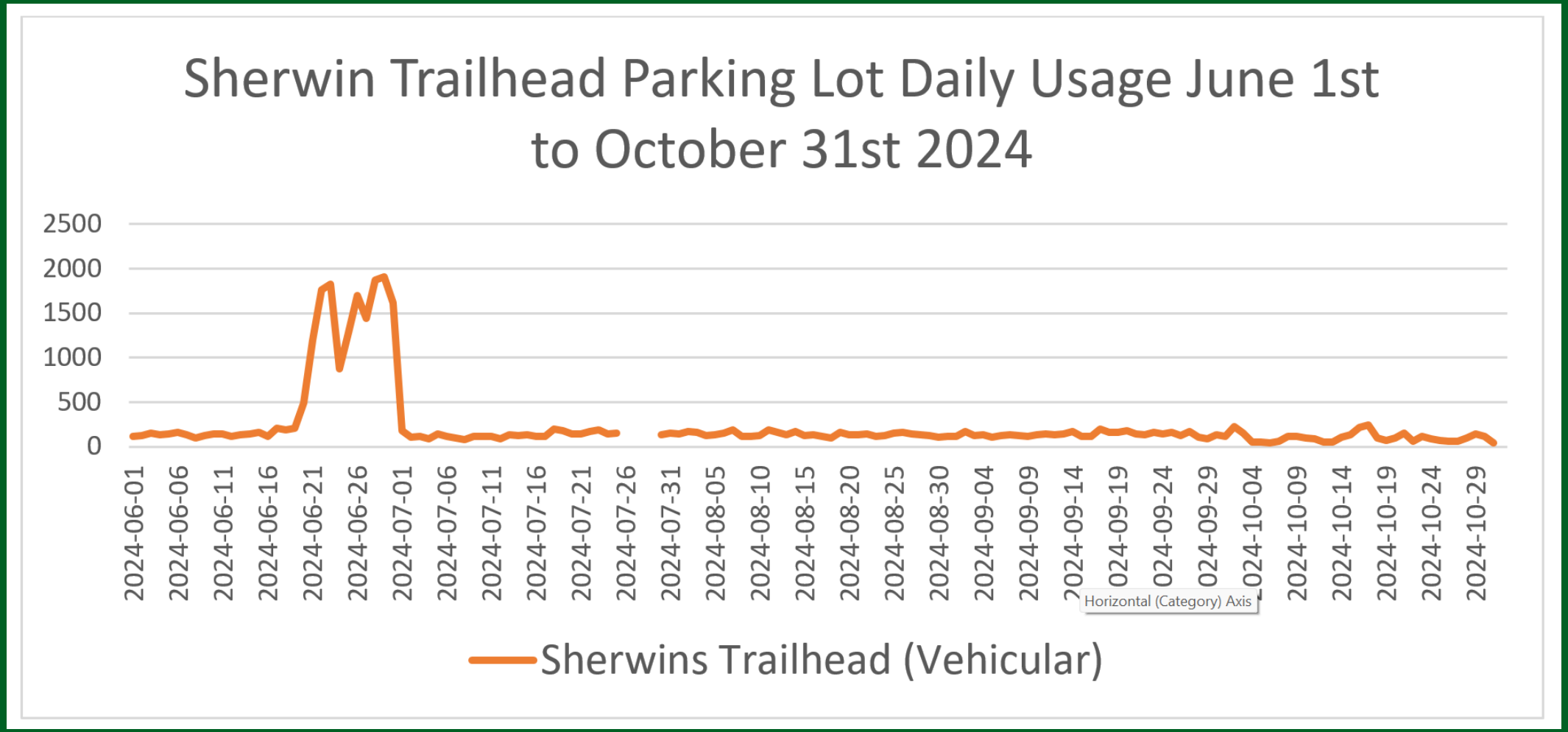

MLTS Average Daily Trail Use
N
Trail Counters
MUPS
Trails
0 0.25 0.5 Miles
Mammoth Mountain
Lake Mary
Crystal Lake
TJ Lake
Mammoth Creek Rd
Sawmill Rd
Forest Trl
Dry Creek
Laurel Creek
Sherwin Creek
8219 ft
203
395
Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USDA, USFWS


Infared Counters Average Daily Usage from June 1st to October 31st (MUP Highlight)
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Average Daily Usage 2019
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Welcome Center Daily Traffic Summer 2024
1000
900
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2024-06-01
2024-06-06
2024-06-11
2024-06-16
2024-06-21
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2024-07-11
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2024-10-29
Welcome Center (yearround)


Vehicle Counters Average Daily Usage from June 1st to October 31st
1000
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100
0
Shady Rest Park (Vehicular)
Sherwins Trailhead (Vehicular)
Average Daily Usage 2020
Average Daily Usage 2021
Average Daily Usage 2022
Average Daily Usage 2024


Shady Rest Park Vehicular Counter Daily Traffic
June 1st to October 31st 2024
2500
2000
1500
1000
500
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2024-06-01
2024-06-06
2024-06-11
2024-06-16
2024-06-21
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Shady Rest Park (Vehicular)


Sherwin Trailhead Parking Lot Daily Usage June 1st to October 31st 2024
2500
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2024-10-29
Horizontal (Category) Axis
Sherwins Trailhead (Vehicular)

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Any Questions?



TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES STAFF REPORT

Title: Trails Manager Report

Meeting Date: 12/12/2024

Prepared by: Andrew Mulford, Trails Program Manager

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Office of Outdoor Recreation is pleased to have the opportunity to share some brief updates on our priority projects with you.

- OSV (Over Snow Vehicle) Grooming – An agreement has been completed between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the California State OHV program to enable the Town of Mammoth Lakes Office of Outdoor Recreation to operate the state owned Pisten Bully Sno-Cat for OSV grooming. TOML has readied the system with signage and tree clearing work. Training has commenced and we are ready with staff to groom as snow conditions allow.
- Non-Motorized Winter Trail Grooming – The Town of Mammoth Lakes has purchased a snowmobile to use for grooming the non-motorized winter trails at Shady Rest Park and the Sherwins. Staff is in place and grooming will commence once appropriate snow levels are reached.
- SHARP – Archeological report has been completed and delivered to USFS Archaeological Staff. USFS has scheduled another interdisciplinary team meeting for 12/12/2024.
- SHARP Trailhead Update – Contractor has completed the site grading and paving as well as bathroom installation. Signage and other final elements are still in progress.
- Summer Trail Crew Preview – The TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation Summer Trail Crew is responsible for the maintenance of Soft Surface Trails within the TOML municipal Boundary. This network is made up of 40 miles of trails, many of these trails have received significant maintenance work over the last decade and are in excellent shape. Around 20 miles of these trails are legacy hiking trails that reach from the Lakes Basin and connect to Wilderness areas. These trails have been degrading over the years due to high levels of use, outdated design and in some cases heavy pack stock use. The Mammoth Lakes Trail Crew has conducted many hours of maintenance on these trails in the last 10 years however there are many maintenance needs that still need to be addressed on these trails. We plan to focus on these Wilderness access Hiking and Equestrian trails this summer season. We will develop a priority schedule based on several factors including severity of trail/resource damage, hazard to users and average daily traffic on that trail. In addition to these soft surface trail maintenance responsibilities, our Summer Trail Crew is responsible for sign maintenance along the Multi-Use-Path network as well as hazard tree removal and railing and bollard maintenance. The USFS will not be able to hire seasonal trail crew staff this coming 2025 summer season and our crew may be asked to assist with logout work on a larger network of trails emanating from the Mammoth Lakes area.
- Shady Rest Inyo Craters Trail Planning (SRIC) – This planning effort began in 2020 and received grant funding through the California OHV fund. Planning focused on motorized singletrack connections in the study area. These connections were designed to connect existing singletrack trails that are very short and far away from each other. Summer and winter OSV/OHV staging areas were also looked at in this study. In 2021 acting INF District Ranger on the Mammoth Ranger District, Leeann Murphy, removed the SRIC project from the INF program of work and at that point TOML ceased work on the grant and returned remaining grant funds to the State OHV fund. The State OHV fund is eager to support projects like these that represent a benefit to recreation infrastructure and improve the environmental situation in popular recreation areas.

TRAILS MANAGER REPORT

Winter 2024

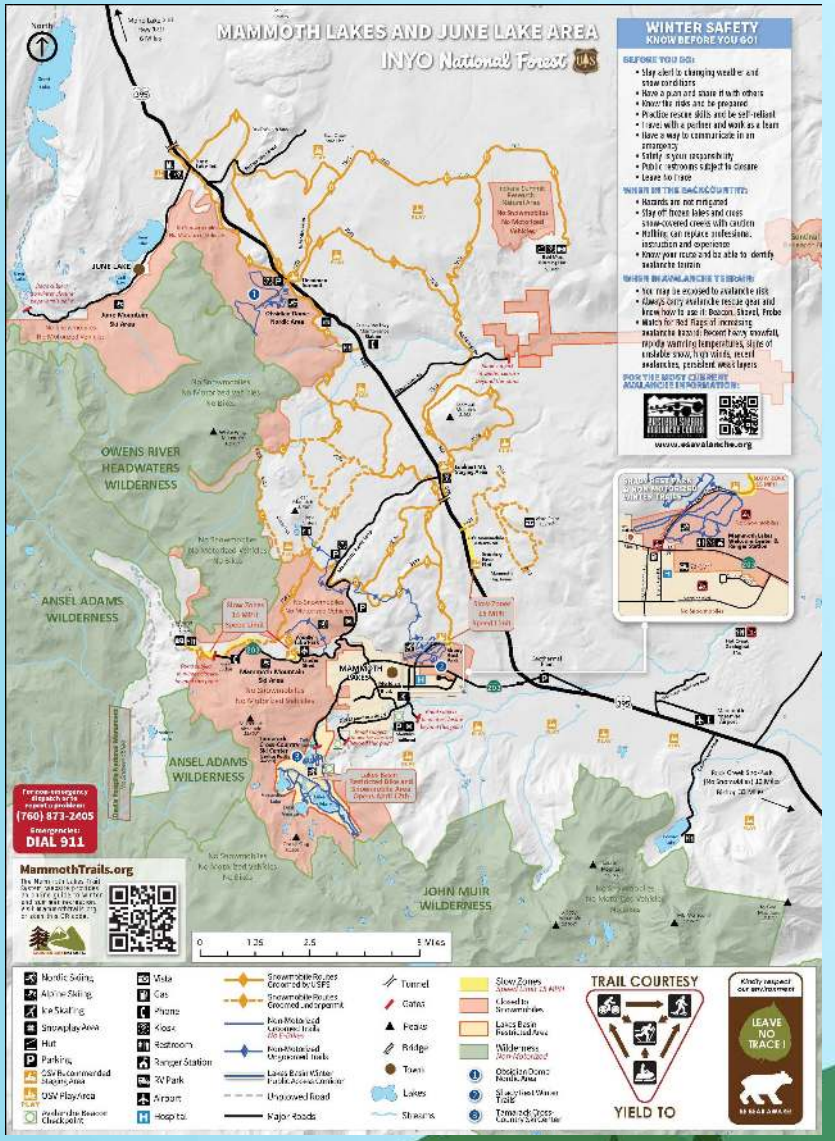
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OSV Grooming Program

- Approximately 20 junction signs installed with maps and “you are here” markings.
- Reassurance markers installed in areas that will be hard to navigate during storm weather.
- Staff:
  - Andrew M – Lead Groomer
  - Rick Laborde – Trainer and assistant Groomer
  - Devyn Durham - Groomer

- Equipment and Staff ready and waiting for snow



Non-Motorized Grooming Program

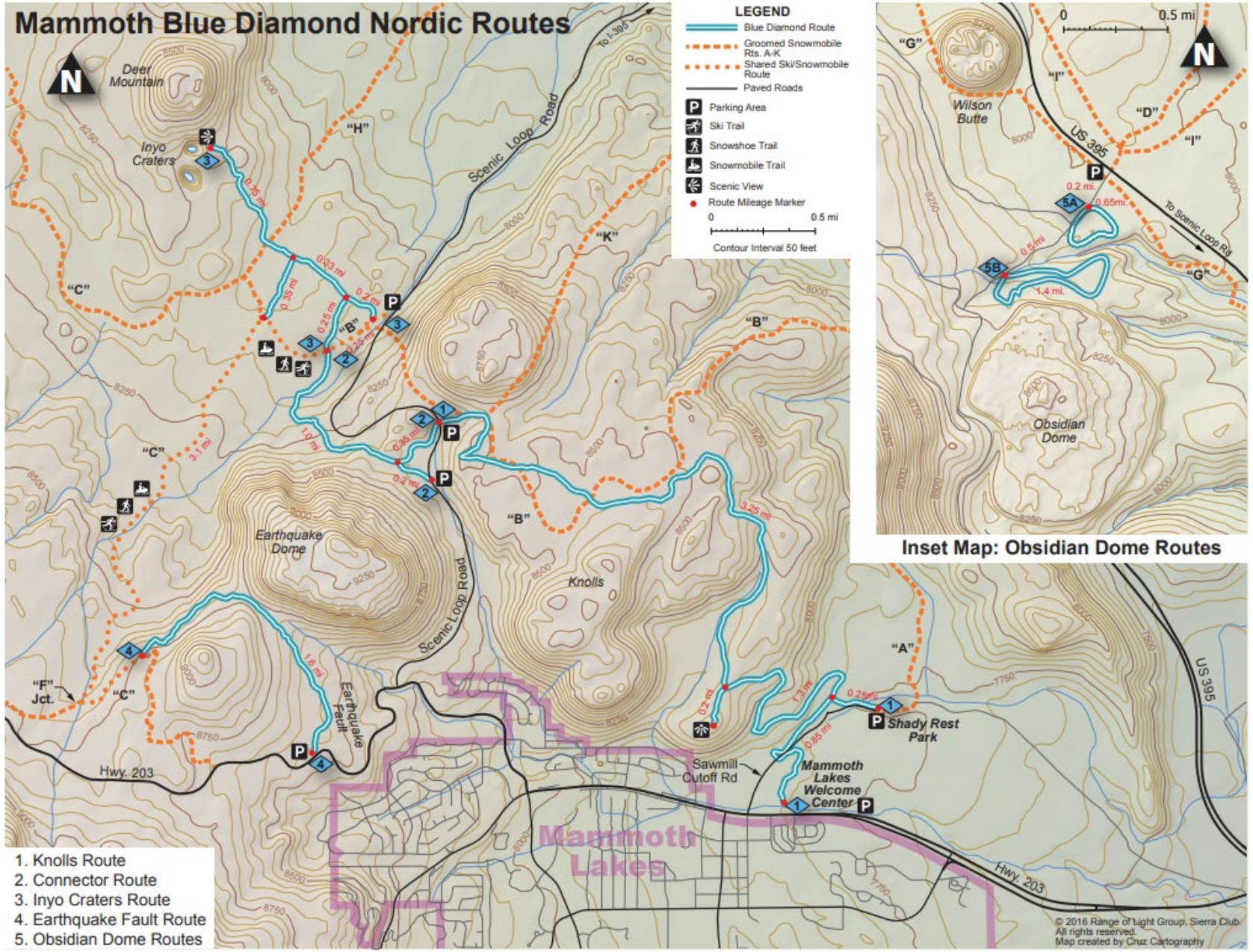
- Cleared boulders and ensured route was free of obstacles
- Staff:
  - Lawson Reif –Project Lead
  - Jennifer Burrows – Groomer
  - Summer – Groomer





Non-Motorized Grooming Program

- Mike and Mary Shore handed off the maintenance of these ungroomed – signed routes to Joel Rathje
- No work has been done to reestablish signage
- What is the priority level for this work?



SHARP Trailhead Update

- Paving complete
- Bathroom installed
- Signs – Install date TBD





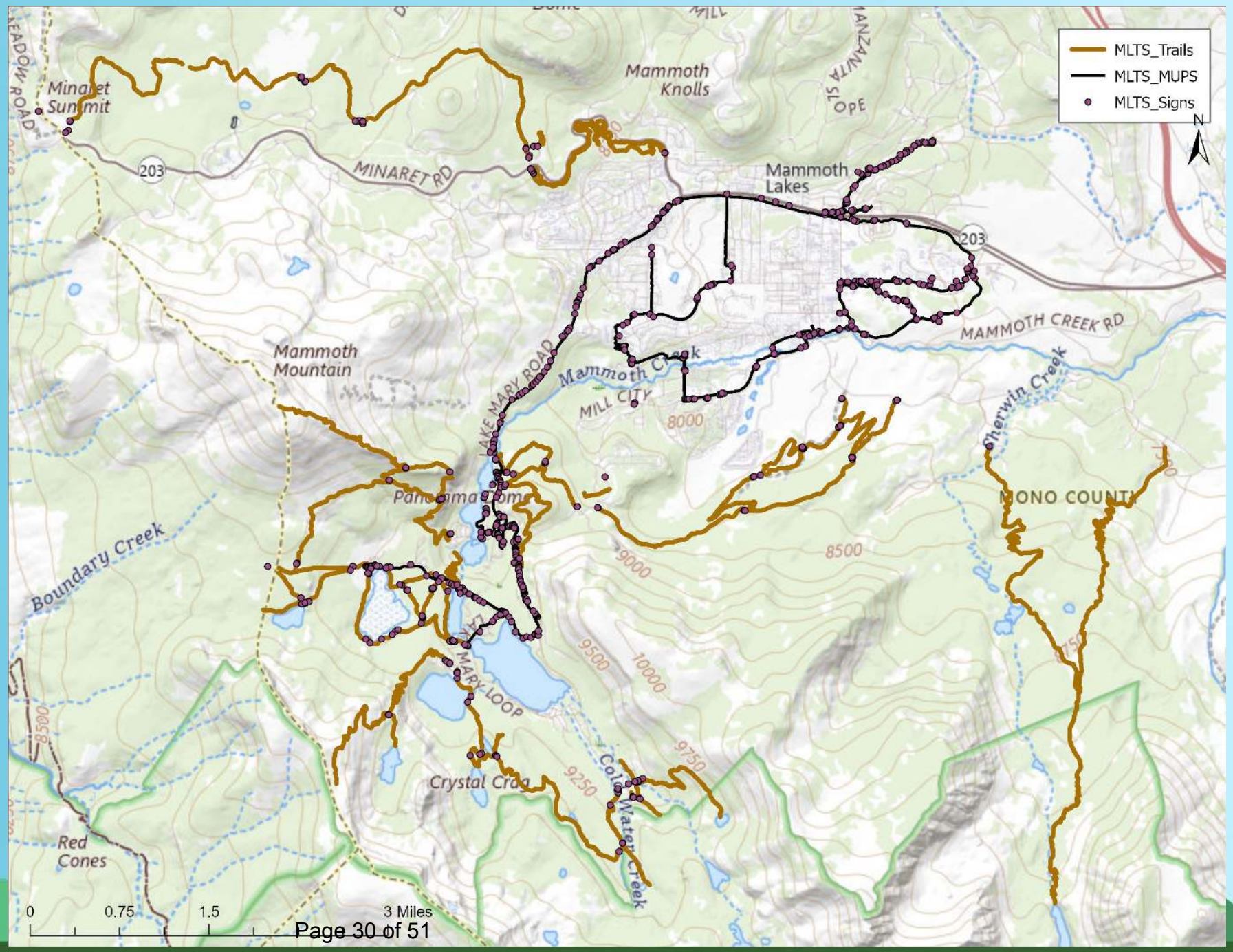
SHARP Update

- Next Interdisciplinary Team Meeting scheduled for 12/12/2024
- Heritage/Archaeological report complete and delivered to USFS
- Developing final proposed action



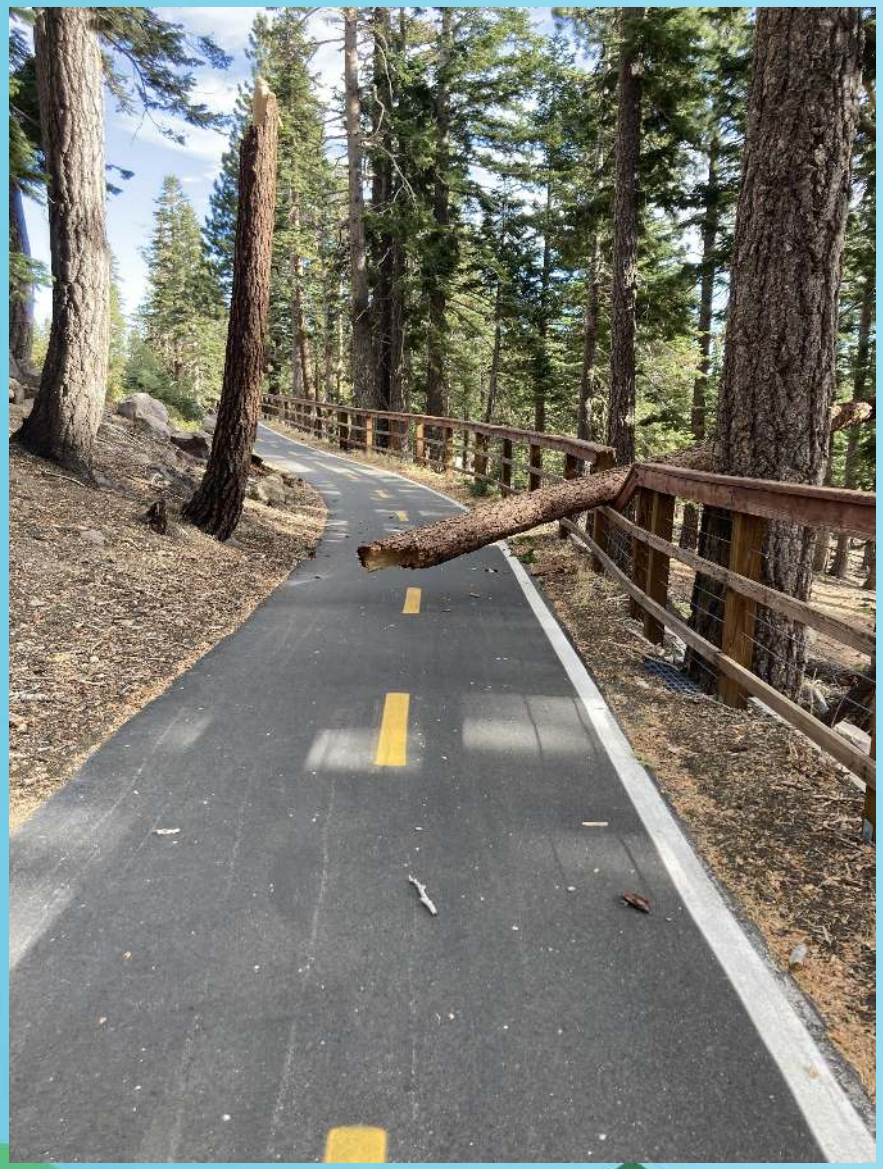
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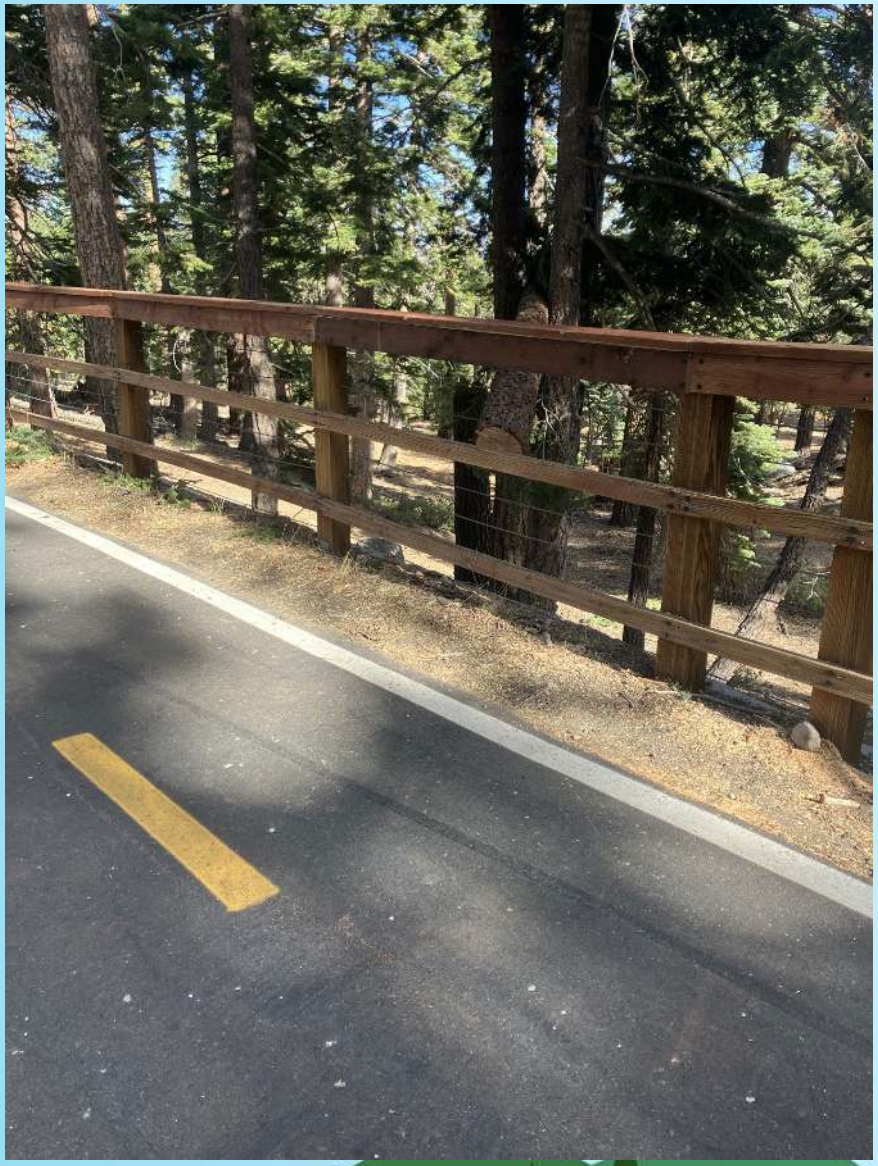
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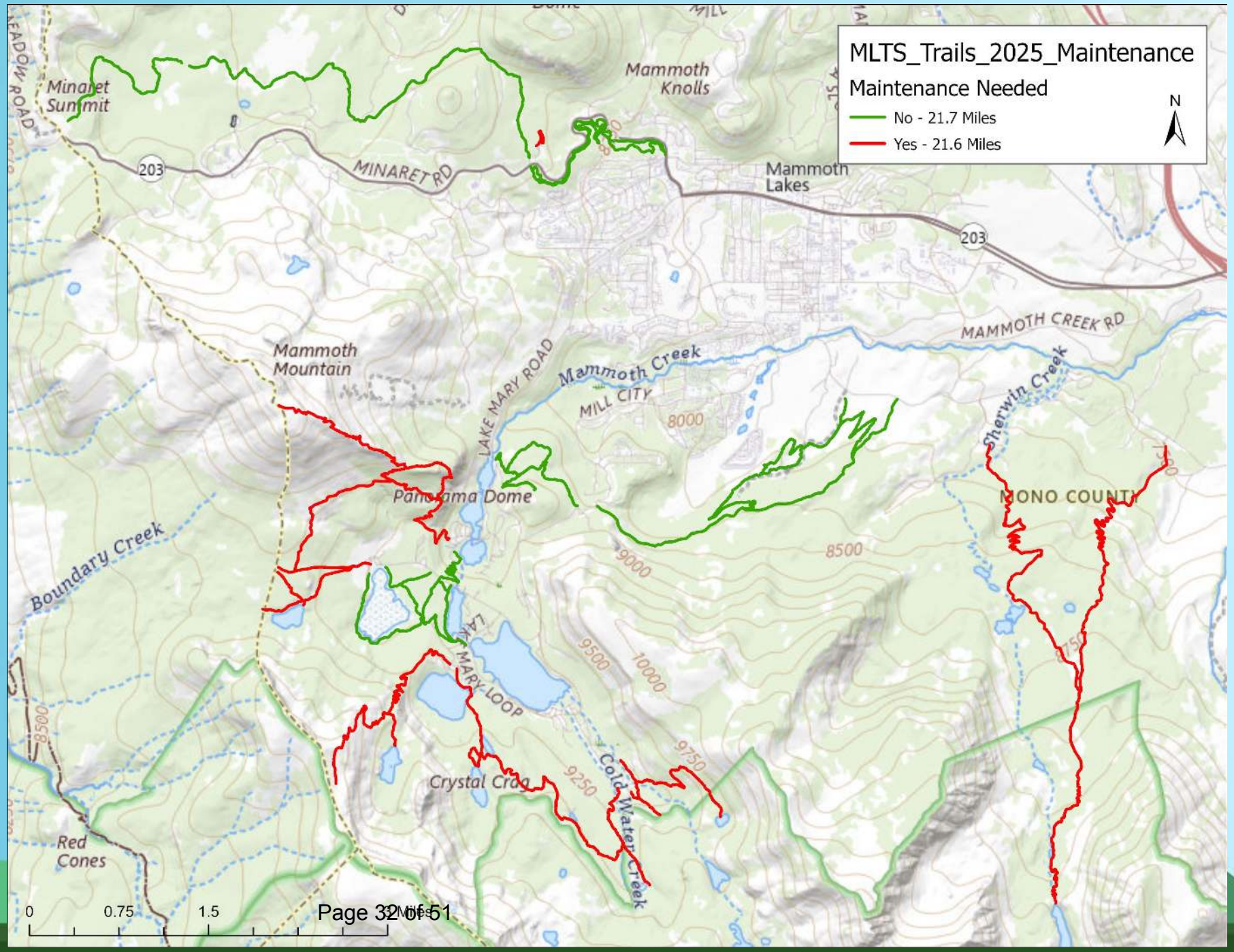
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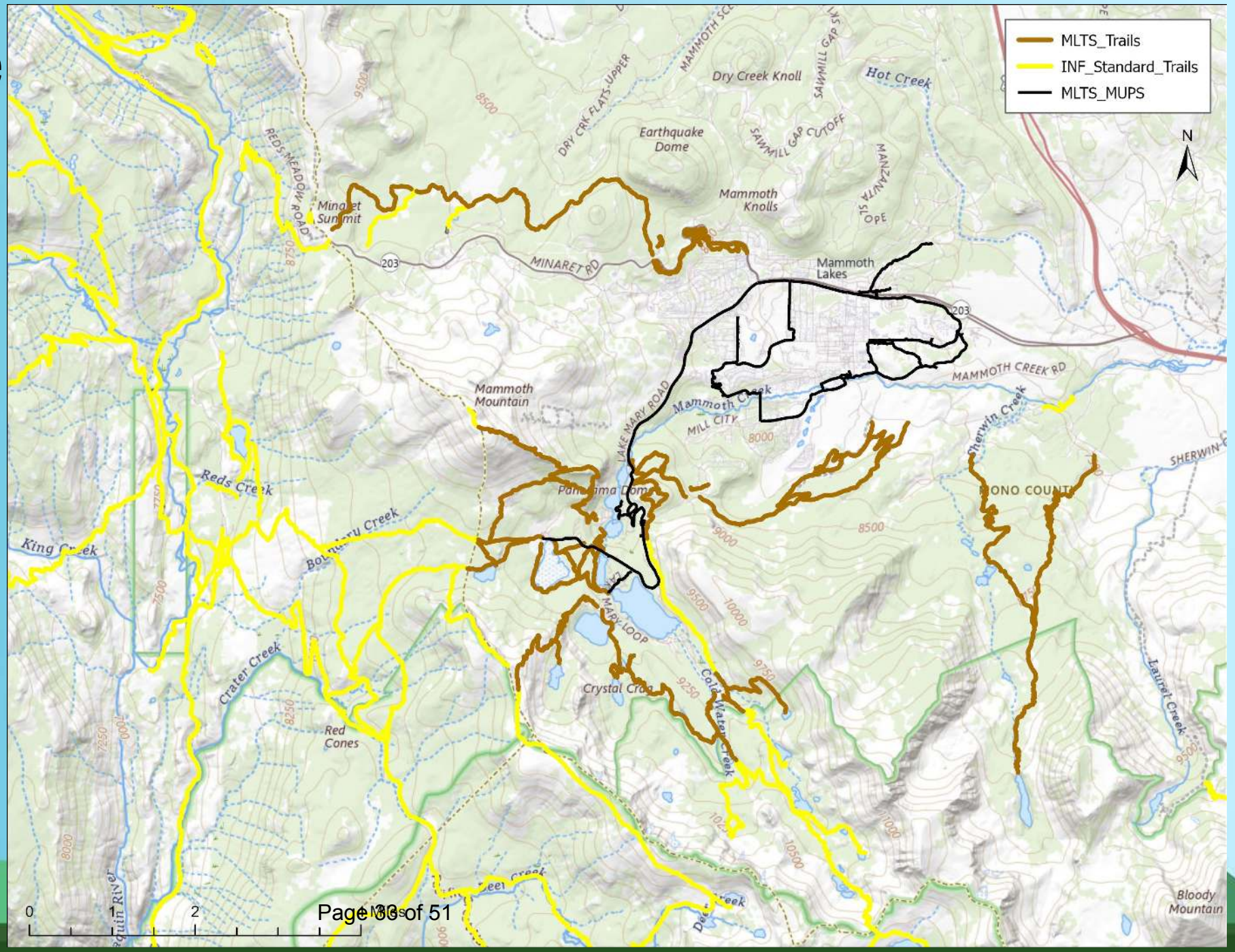
Soft Surface

- 43 Miles of trail in total that we are responsible for maintaining
- Half of these are in excellent condition and have received significant maintenance and hardening against erosion damage
- Half of these could use major rehabilitation work



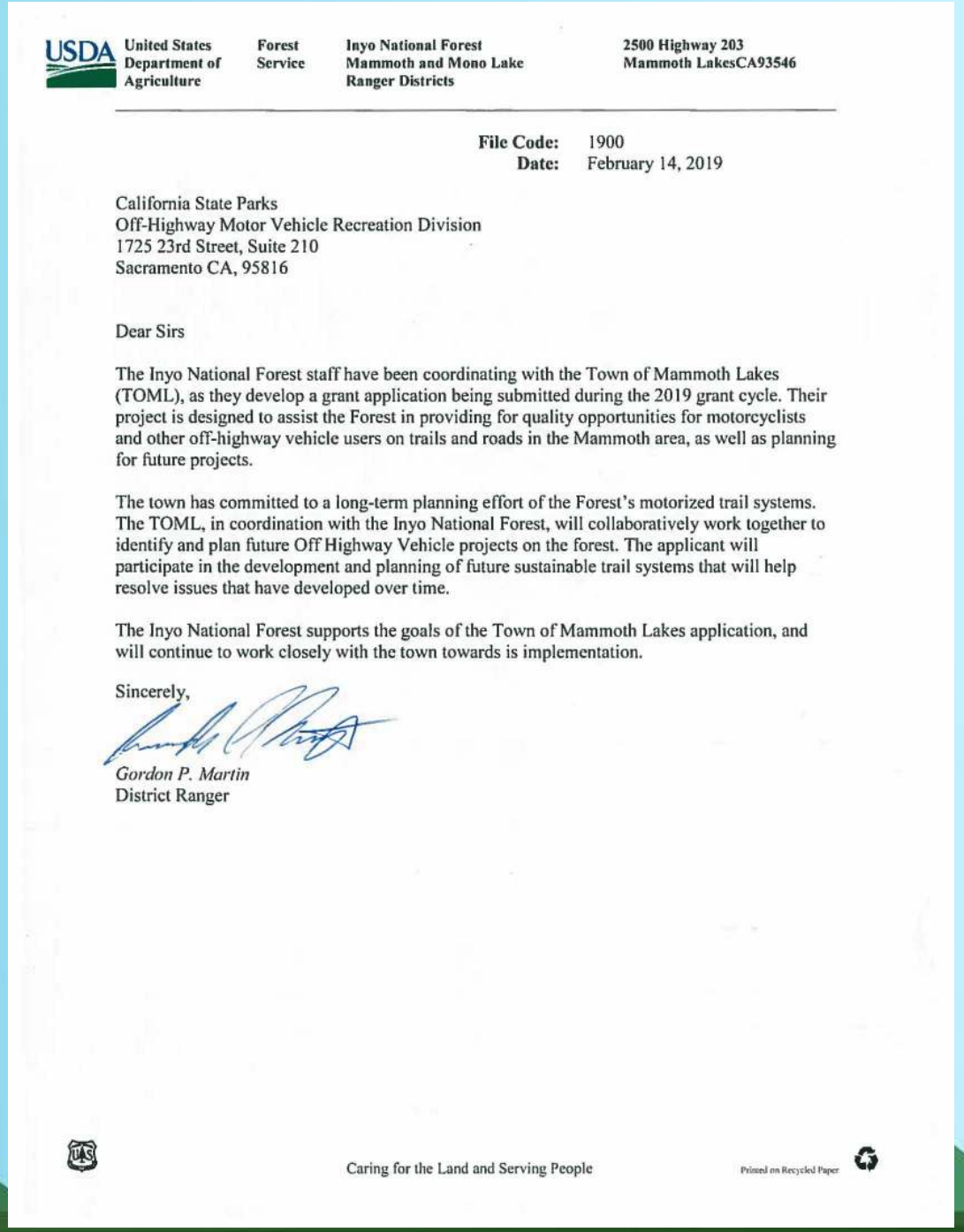
Expanded Scope

- USFS will not be able to hire seasonal staff for this season
- INF Trail staff has requested assistance specifically around logout of trails including Mammoth Pass, Starkweather, Sherwin Lake, Valentine Lake, Duck Pass.



SRIC

- In an effort to engage with OHV users and opportunities in the Shady Rest Inyo Craters sub-region, TOML applied for and was awarded a three-year planning grant from the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division Grant Program in 2020. The TOML, in partnership with Inyo National Forest – Mammoth Ranger District and Mono County, is using the California OHV planning grant funds for on-the-ground planning and environmental review (NEPA/CEQA) in order to optimize existing OHV trail facilities that serve a wide spectrum of user groups and to consider enhanced opportunities for trails and sustainable recreation in the Shady Rest Inyo Craters sub-region.



USDA United States Department of Agriculture | Forest Service | Inyo National Forest Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts | 2500 Highway 203 Mammoth LakesCA93546

File Code: 1900
Date: February 14, 2019

California State Parks
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
1725 23rd Street, Suite 210
Sacramento CA, 95816

Dear Sirs

The Inyo National Forest staff have been coordinating with the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), as they develop a grant application being submitted during the 2019 grant cycle. Their project is designed to assist the Forest in providing for quality opportunities for motorcyclists and other off-highway vehicle users on trails and roads in the Mammoth area, as well as planning for future projects.

The town has committed to a long-term planning effort of the Forest's motorized trail systems. The TOML, in coordination with the Inyo National Forest, will collaboratively work together to identify and plan future Off Highway Vehicle projects on the forest. The applicant will participate in the development and planning of future sustainable trail systems that will help resolve issues that have developed over time.

The Inyo National Forest supports the goals of the Town of Mammoth Lakes application, and will continue to work closely with the town towards is implementation.

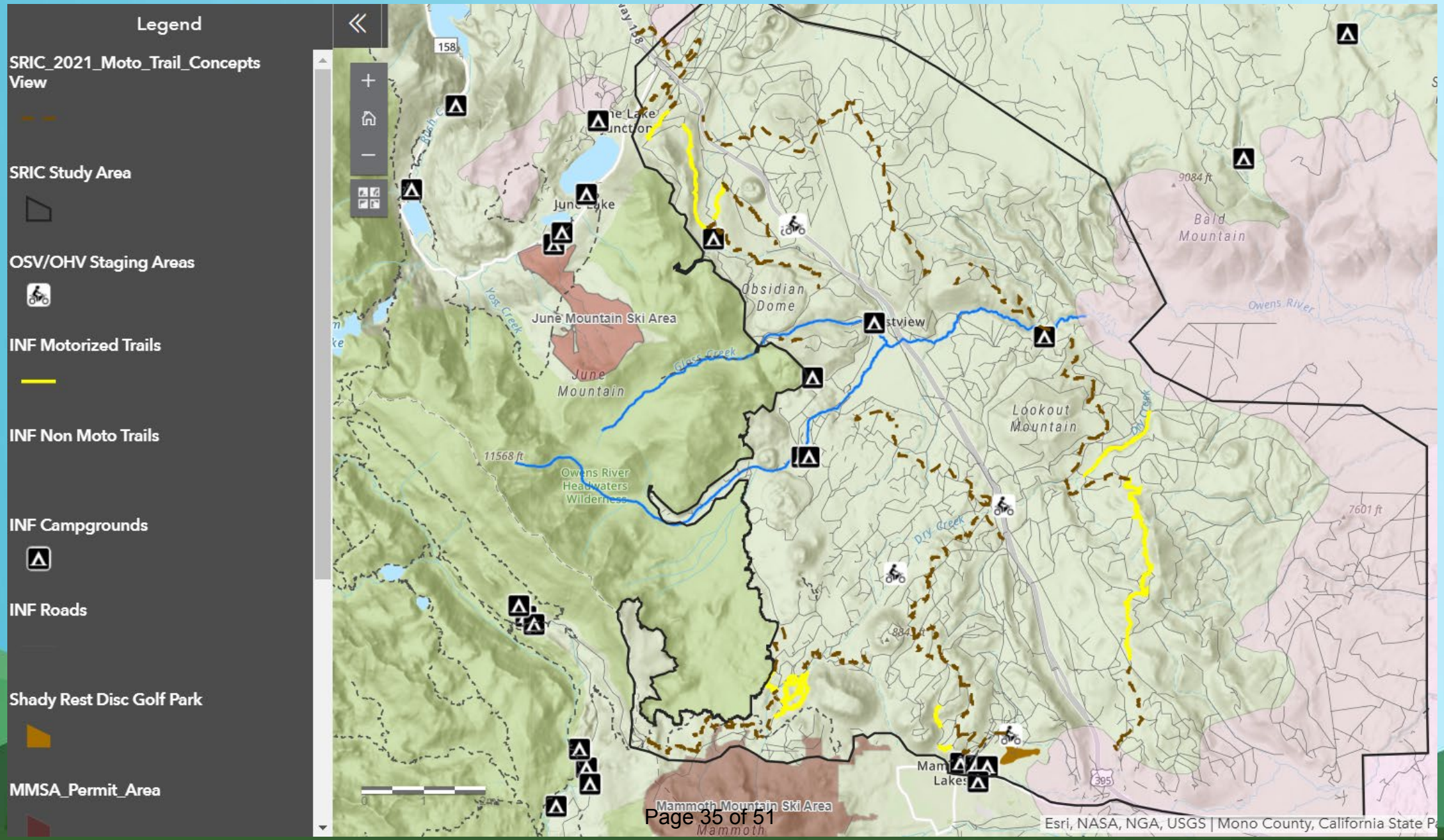
Sincerely,

Gordon P. Martin
District Ranger

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Legend
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SRIC Study Area
OSV/OHV Staging Areas
INF Motorized Trails
INF Non Moto Trails
INF Campgrounds
INF Roads
Shady Rest Disc Golf Park
MMSA_Permit_Area
158
June Lake
June Mountain Ski Area
June Mountain
Obsidian Dome
Bald Mountain
Lookout Mountain
Owens River Headwaters Wilderness
11568 ft
9084 ft
7601 ft
Mammoth Mountain Ski Area
Mammoth
Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS | Mono County, California State P

SRIC

- This is an excerpt from a letter from acting District Ranger Leeann Murphy to the TOML explaining the current rationale for identifying projects for the FY22 INF Program of Work
- Note the suggestion to work on a mountain bike park on USFS land

Projects not included on the Inyo National Forest FY22 Program of Work

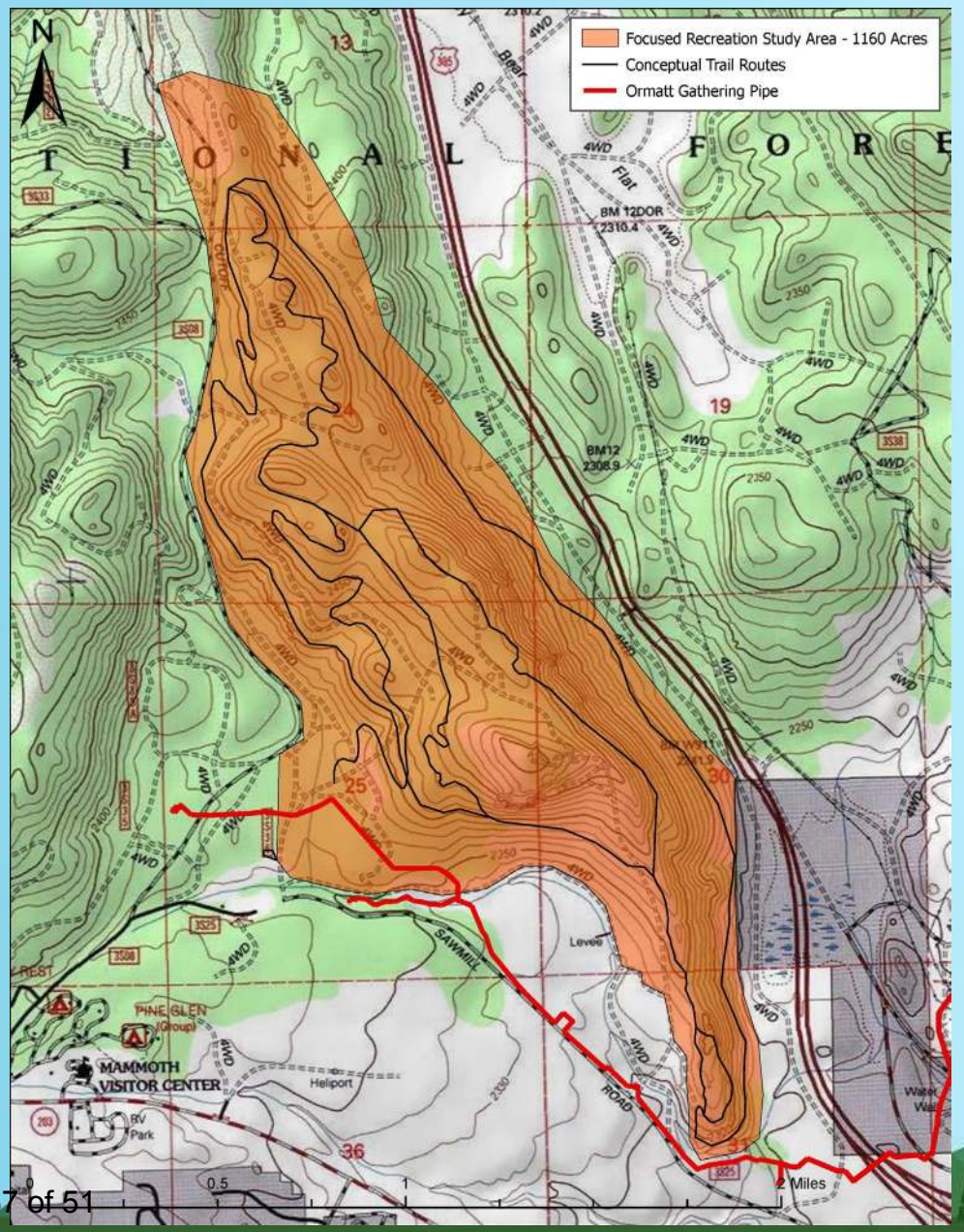
Shady Rest/Inyo Crater (SIRC) Project
This TOML project is part of a planning grant from the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division Grant Program. The project will enhance the existing Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail network and devise new OHV trail facilities, to mitigate resource concerns while providing a more enjoyable and safer experience for OHV users. This is a partnership between the TOML and OHV user groups. The project includes the Shady Rest and Inyo Crater areas north to June Lake, along the west side of Highway 395. The TOML did receive a support letter from former District Ranger Gordon Martin when this project was proposed to the State of California.

I understand the TOML has put a lot of effort in working with partners and the public into this project and will develop a proposal for moving forward at the end of this planning grant. If an additional planning grant is requested to move into the formal NEPA process and have a final decision, the Forest will not have the capacity to provide guidance, oversight, or review for this project. With the larger priority planning projects noted above, the Forest does not have the capacity to take on another Travel Management decision. Although the TOML has identified issues with the OHV use in this area, the Forest has many other areas that have been identified for future restoration or planning grants. This includes the Laurel Lakes road on the Mammoth Ranger District, and several others across the Forest. This will be where the Forest will focus on OHV efforts for the next several years.

The Forest appreciates the efforts the TOML puts into these types of projects and especially in working with all users and the public in developing these planning products. I would like to encourage the TOML to work with Fred Wong when he arrives to better understand the areas the Forest needs to focus on for providing sustainable recreation. For example, with the amount of mountain bike use in this area, would there be interest in working together on a plan for a mountain bike park or use area? These are the types of issues the District is seeing that need to be addressed and we look forward to continuing work on this issue in partnership with the TOML.

SRIC

- TOML OOR has developed a reduced scope draft recreation study area
- Potential funding opportunities through Ormatt
- USFS has been slow to engage on their willingness to support renewed recreation planning in this area



TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES STAFF REPORT

Title: Outdoor Recreation Manager Update

Meeting Date: December 12th, 2024

Prepared by: Lawson Reif, Outdoor Recreation Manager

The Outdoor Recreation Manager of the Office of Outdoor Recreation (OOR) will present a report highlighting the following:

- Budget review
- Mammoth Creek Parcel Re-Engagement
- MLTS Signage Changes & Approvals Conversation
- Nordic Pulse Groomer Tracking
- New Interpretive Signage – Show & Tell

FY24/25 BUDGET UPDATE

- Quarterly MLTPA contractor bill ($25,000) and roughly $15,151.00 in salaries (Summer Seasonal Trail Crew) accounts for nearly all spending thus far in FY24/25.
- Documents attached show breakdown of all budget categories thus far in FY2024/2025.

MAMMOTH CREEK PARCEL RE-ENGAGEMENT

- Per direction from the last MTC meeting, the OOR desires to poll the community to begin conversations on the Mammoth Creek Pacel.
- What does the community want to see at this location?
- Formalize existing trails? Pump Tracks? Quiet Recreation?

MLTS SIGNAGE CHANGES AND APPROVALS CONVERSATION

- If the OOR desires to see changes in the MLTS signage, what process (if any) would MTC like to see?
- Would formal MTC approvals be necessary?
- Discussion of examples of signage changes.

NORDIC PULSE GROOMER TRACKING

- Discussion of the Nordic Pulse Groomer Tracking program.
- Nordic Pulse provides real-time groomer tracking via an app or small widget on our website.
- Allows visitors to know the exact status of grooming operations.
- The OOR has engaged Tamarack XC-Ski Area to gauge their interest in implementing Nordic Pulse.

SUMMER 2025

- The Forest Service will have no seasonal employees in Summer 2025
- TOML had initial conversation with the Inyo, Sierra Forever, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, and Mono County on the forest's needs and how we can assist.

- More information forth-coming on any requests or updates to support our Forest Partners to benefit our locals and visitors

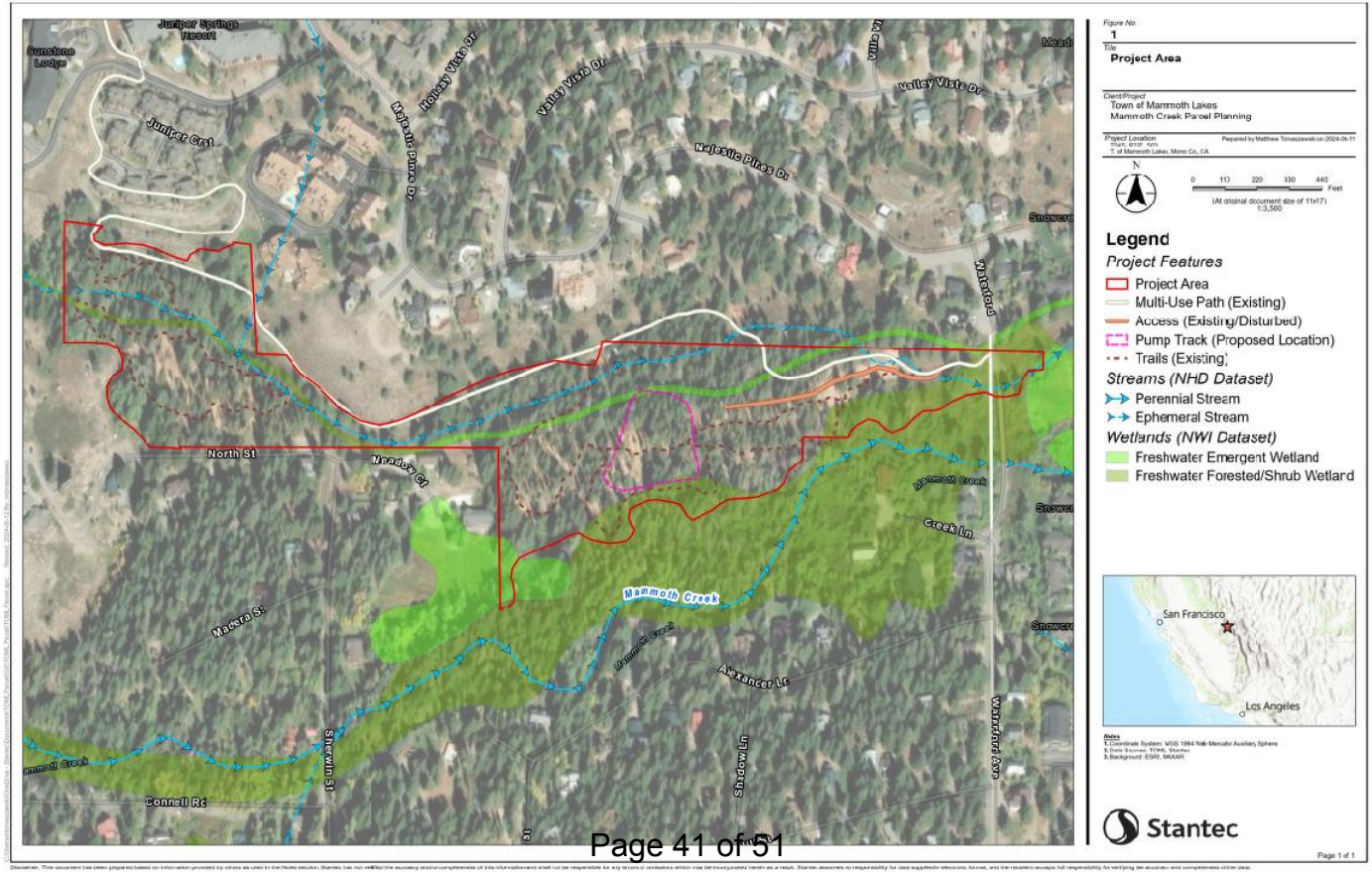
NEW INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE – SHOW & TELL

- The OOR will bring our 5 new interpretive signs to the December 12th MTC meeting so the committee can view them in person.
- Signs will be installed in Spring 2025.

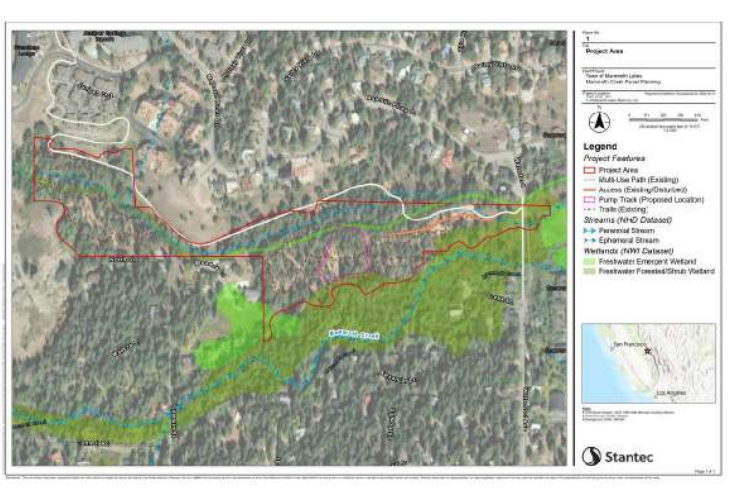
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OUTDOOR RECREATION MANAGER UPDATE

December 12th, 2024

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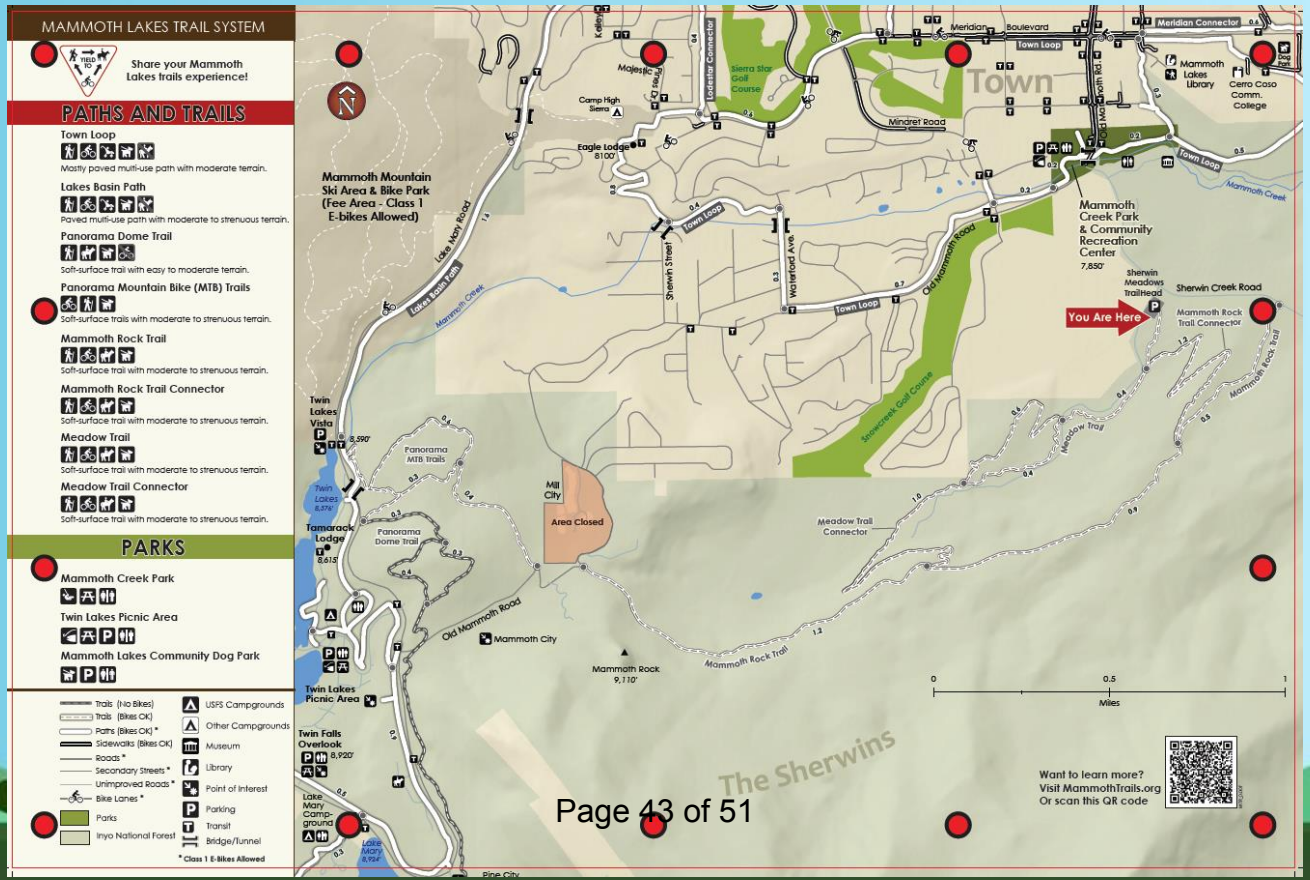


MAMMOTH CREEK PARCEL
WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY WANT?



- DEVELOP SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY
- CREATE QR WITH ONLINE SURVEY

MLTS SIGNAGE
CONVERSATION ON APPROVALS



MLTS SIGNAGE CONVERSATION ON APPROVALS

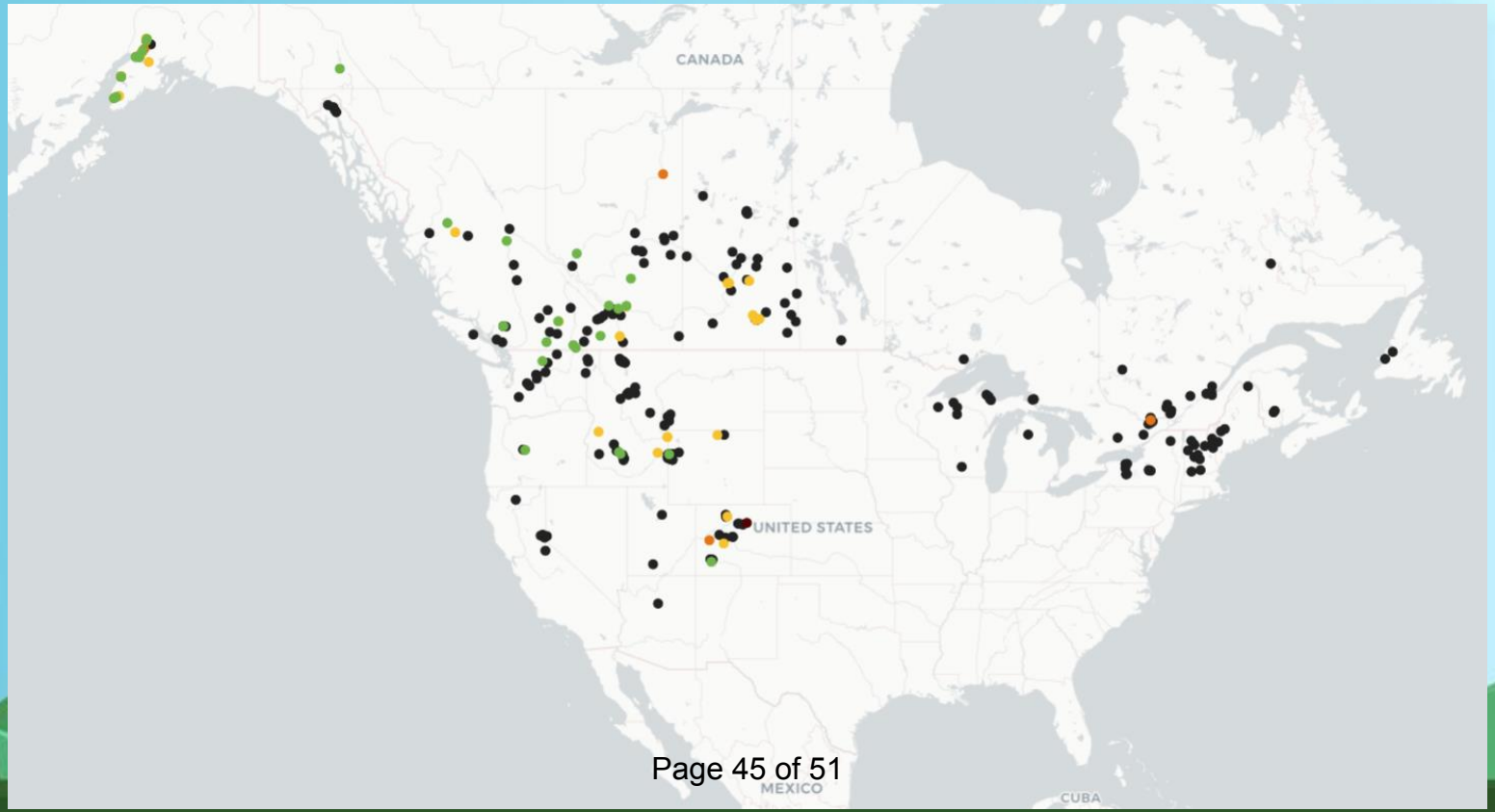






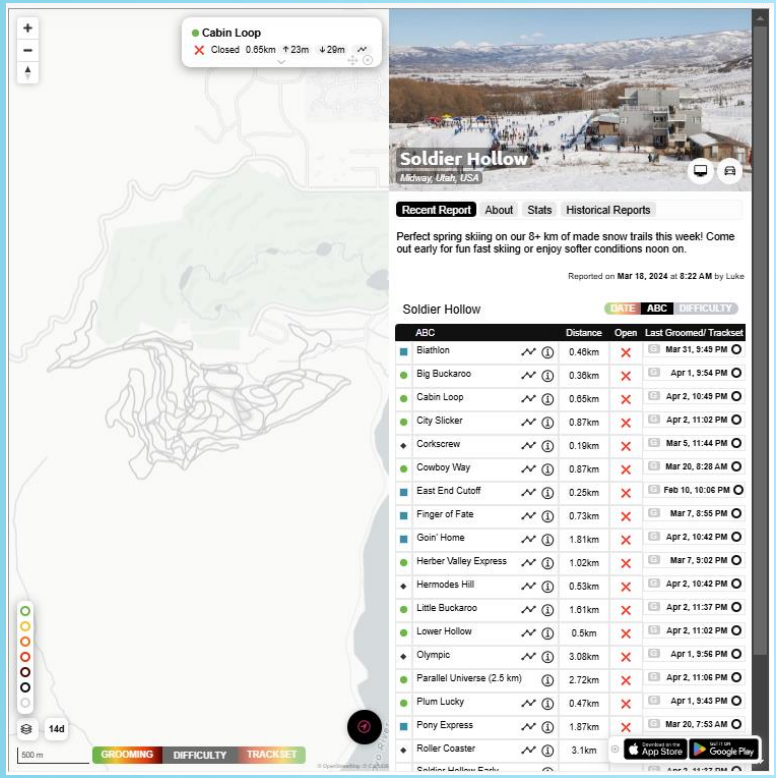
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- WOULD MTC LIKE TO SEE A FORMAL APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ANY SIGNAGE CHANGES?

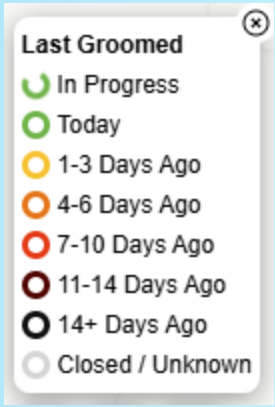
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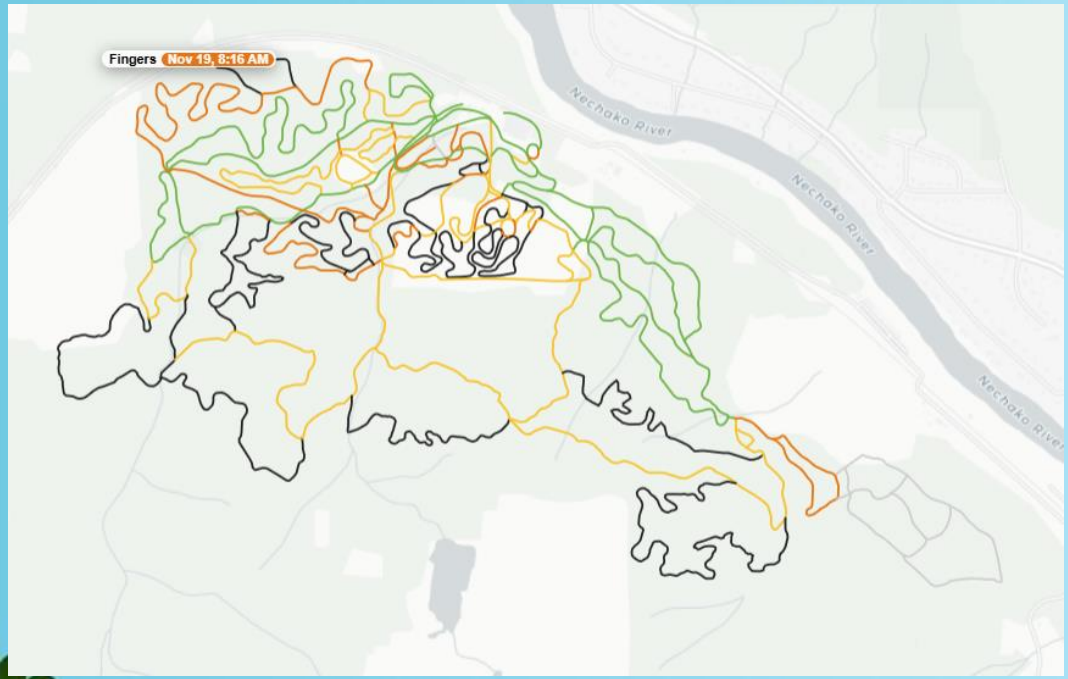
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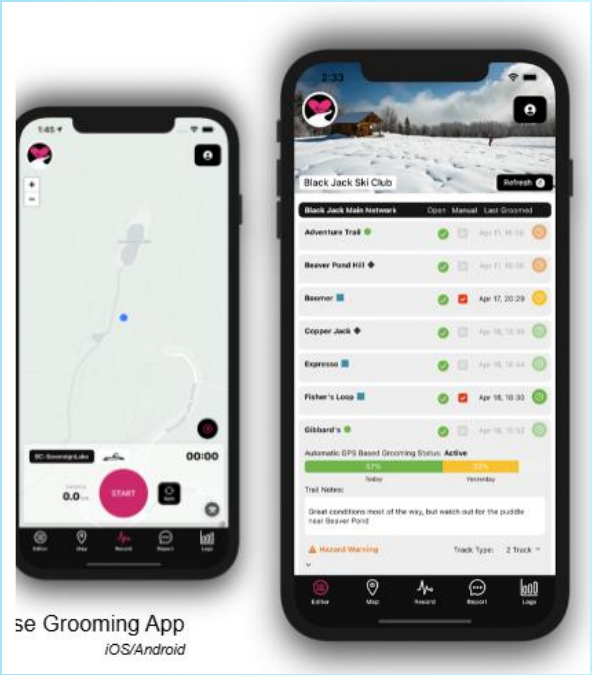






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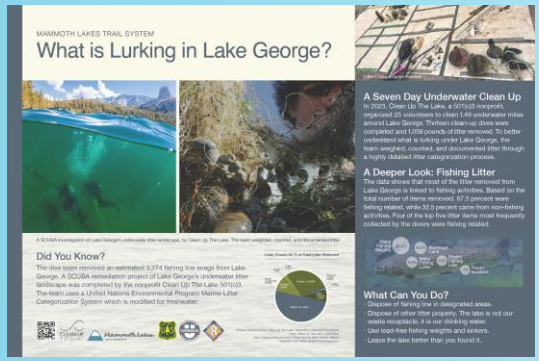


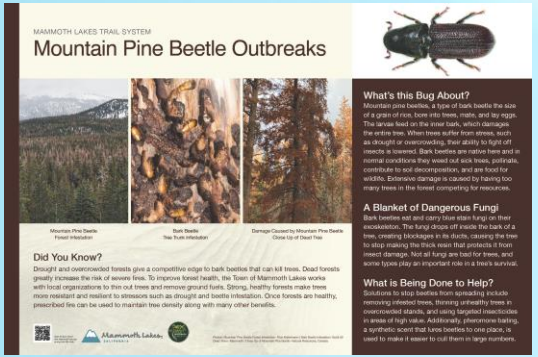
SUMMER 2025
NO USFS SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

- INITIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024
- THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, SIERRA FOREVER, MONO COUNTY AND MAMMOTH LAKES TOURISM WERE ALL IN ATTENDANCE
- PROGRAM AREAS DISCUSSED: MAMMOTH LAKES WELCOME CENTER, MINARET VISTA, WILDERNESS & TRAILS, AND RECREATION
- THE INYO WILL FOLLOW UP WITH EXACT STAFFING NEEDS AND PARTNERS WILL DETERMINE HOW WE CAN ASSIST
- FURTHER UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE NEXT MTC MEETING

NEW INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE SHOW & TELL











QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS?

MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM BUDGET
FY2024/2025

	Adopted Budget FY2425	Actual Spent	Available Budget	Percent Spent
Program (Measure R):	$300,000	$ 154,068.84	$ 145,931.16	**49%**
Grant/Other Funding:	$ 1,619,414.00			
Total Budget	**$1,919,414**	**$ 154,068.84**	**$ 145,931.16**	**49%**

PROGRAM (Measure R) FUNDING

FOCUS AREA	PROJECT	Adopted Budget FY2425	Actual Spent	Available Adopted Budget	Percent Available
PLANNING					
	Trails Planning	$10,000.00	$ -	$10,000.00	
	TOTAL PLANNING:	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 10,000.00**	**100%**
GRAPHICS & DESIGN					
	Signage, Trail Maps & Guides	$27,500.00	$ 12,652.84	$14,847.16	
	Communications, Marketing & Promotions	$15,000.00	$ 6,800.00	$8,200.00	
	TOTAL GRAPHICS & DESIGN :	**$ 42,500.00**	**$ 19,452.84**	**$ 23,047.16**	**54%**
IMPLEMENTATION					
	GIS: Geospatial Database Management	$5,000.00	$1,250	$3,750.00	
	Data Collection & Analysis	$15,000.00	$7,500	$7,500.00	
	TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION :	**$ 20,000.00**	**$ 8,750.00**	**$ 11,250.00**	**56%**
OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION					
	Website Operations & Photo Library	$10,500.00	$7,040.00	$3,460.00	
	Communications, Administration, & Outreach Support	$12,000.00	$7,000	$5,000.00	
	TOTAL OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION:	**$22,500.00**	**$ 14,040.00**	**$ 8,460.00**	**38%**
MAINTENANCE					
	Trail & Trailhead Maintenance	$170,500.00	$107,074.00	$63,426.00	
	Winter Grooming	$22,500.00	$ 1,100.00	$21,400.00	
	TOTAL MAINTENANCE:	**$ 193,000.00**	**$ 108,174.00**	**$ 84,826.00**	**44%**
STEWARDSHIP					
	Stewardship Events	$10,000.00	$2,000.00	$8,000.00	
	Stakeholder Meetings	$2,000.00	$ 1,652.00	$348.00	
	TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	**$ 12,000.00**	**$ 3,652.00**	**$ 8,348.00**	**70%**
	TOTAL PROGRAM:	**$ 300,000.00**	**$ 154,068.84**	**$ 145,931.16**	**49%**

GRANT/OTHER FUNDING

FOCUS AREA Funding Source	PROJECT	Available Funding a/o 7/1/24	Available Funding a/o 11/1/24	Available Funding a/o 3/1/25	Available Funding a/o 6/30/25
SNC GRANT					
Implementation	SHARP Trailhead	$953,414.00	$953,414.00		
Planning	SHARP Environmental	$226,000.00	$ 199,000.00		
	TOTAL SNC GRANT:	**$1,179,414.00**	**$ 1,152,414.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**
IMPLEMENTATION					
Measure R Reserve	SHARP Environmental Review/Construction	$120,000.00	$ 120,000.00		
Measure R Reserve	Future Trail Construction	$250,000.00	$ 250,000.00		
	TOTAL MAINTENANCE:	**$370,000.00**	**$ 370,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**
MAINTENANCE					
MLR/Sponsorships	Eastern Sierra Adopt-A-Trail	$79,000.00	$97,000.00		
	TOTAL GRANT/OTHER FUNDING:	**$1,628,414.00**	**$ 1,619,414.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**