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Horseshoe Lake Loop Trail Bridge Replacement Fundraiser

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A vital bridge along the Horseshoe Lake Loop Trail was damaged during the Spring Runoff of 2017. After an above-average winter, the snowmelt damaged the bridge. The bridge was dismantled and removed through a cooperative effort between the USFS, Cal Fire and the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) in October, 2018. To replace the bridge, the USFS has estimated the cost of materials to be \$10,000.00.

The bridge runs along the southwest shore of the lake and receives upward of 400 users daily during the peak summer season. Many visitors and locals alike enjoy the trail as it is the only multi-use, soft surface trail in the Lakes Basin that allows bicycles. The Horseshoe Lake Trailhead is the terminus of the Lakes Basin Trolley route and where the Lakes Basin Path begins the extremely popular several mile descent back into Mammoth Lakes.

Working in partnership to replace the bridge, USFS staff will engineer and fabricate the bridge kit as soon as money for the materials has been raised and install when the snow melts. Seasonal Town Trail Crew and Cal Fire will assist with transporting the bridge kit to the project site. The TOML has a MOU and Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the USFS to perform trail maintenance on facilities within its municipal boundary, but because the bridge is not Town owned or managed, restricted Measure R funds cannot be used. The USFS is ready to begin fabrication work immediately.

Mammoth Lakes Recreation is looking for partners to help fund the cost of materials for the bridge. Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation has committed \$5,000.00 to the project. Please help fund the remaining \$5,000.00 with a cash donation of any size. Together we can rebuild this bridge and continue to provide important world-class recreation opportunities for all trail users. All donors will be recognized.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Kim Anaclerio at kim@mammothlakesrecreation.org.



About Mammoth Lakes Recreation

Formed in 2014, Mammoth Lakes Recreation's mission is to deliver cutting edge sustainable recreation, mobility, and arts & culture opportunities and infrastructure for the benefit of the community and natural environment of Mammoth Lakes. We work to fulfill our mission by focusing our efforts in three areas: capital projects, advocacy, and entrepreneurship. For more information, go to www.mammothlakesrecreation.org.

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