

Mammoth Lakes Town Council Agenda Action Sheet

Council Meeting Date: January 7, 2015 **Date Prepared:** December 30, 2014

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Title: MLR Work Program for SHARP NEPA

Agenda: Policy

Recommended Motion: Accept the proposed Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) work plan for moving forward with the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) NEPA work in partnership with the Inyo National Forest (INF), the Town and Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR).

Background Information: On December 17, 2014 Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) provided an update to the Council on their work program and Town required deliverables. A report back to Council regarding the NEPA work for the SHARP trail system was requested. The Town and MLR, with input from the INF are proposing a three step process for this work program. First, to move the SHARP NEPA work forward a limited/targeted number of trails (5-7) need to be defined to provide the initial scope of work. This will be accomplished through a community meeting hosted by the Town set for January 15, 2015, to update the public and gain consensus on the trails to be included in the SHARP NEPA process. These identified trails will be provided to the INF for assistance in scoping the NEPA process. The NEPA process will also look at the cumulative impacts of the proposed SHARP overall work program with a focus on a limited/targeted number of trails that are more likely to be constructed in the next 5 to 7 years. Funding for the NEPA work is allocated within the current MLTS Measure R budget. Secondly, as trails are actually proposed to be constructed/implemented, it is recommended that projected maintenance cost estimates are included as part of the proposed construction budget so MLR can recommend allocation of future funds for MLTS maintenance needs. This is to comply with requests from INF for confirmation of MLTS maintenance funds. Third, the Town and MLR continue to support ongoing community/volunteer and funded maintenance work for projects under the current MLTS work. The use of these funds for MLTS maintenance will be coordinated with the Town and the INF as appropriate and based on a shared set of maintenance standards which are being developed through one of the approved agreements between the Town and INF.

The recommended work plan includes: 1) Defining the list of trails within the SHARP area to include in the NEPA scoping work through a public meeting; 2) work with the Inyo National Forest to initiate the NEPA process, which will include additional public involvement; 3) define maintenance support levels based on estimates for new trails as they come forward; 4) continue to provide funded and volunteer-based maintenance activities for MLTS; and continue work with INF to define the level/type of maintenance needed for soft surface trails.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: Measure R Fund- Trails

Reviewed by:



Town Manager Public Works