



**Meeting Agenda**  
**January 14, 2016 5:00 – 7:00**  
**Mammoth Lakes Library**

**1. Introductions**

**2. Introduction to Mammoth Trails**

- a. Mammoth Trails Charter – [Attach 01](#)
- b. Charter Signatories – Founders – [Attach 02](#)

**3. Agenda Items**

- a. Introduce Joel Rathje, MLTS Trails Coordinator
- b. USFS Efforts – Erin Noesser + Janelle Walker
  - i. Winter Recreation in Mammoth Lakes
    - 1. Information Gathering
    - 2. USFS: Subpart C: OSV
      - a. Current National Policy – [Link 01](#)
      - b. USFS Region 5 Efforts – [Link 02](#)
  - ii. TAP/TAR – Erin Noesser
    - 1. “Travel Analysis Report” – Update
      - a. TAP Process – [Link 03](#)
  - iii. Forest Plan Revision – Deb Schweizer
    - 1. Wilderness Evaluation Maps, Wild & Scenic River Evaluation and Species of Conservation Concern analysis released – comments being accepted
      - a. INF Management Plan Page – [Link 04](#)
      - b. Early Adopter Forests – [Link 05](#)
      - c. Wild and Scenic Rivers – [Link 06](#)
      - d. Species of Conservation Concern – [Link 07](#)
      - e. Wilderness – [Link 08](#)
    - 2. INF Staff Presentation to Washington Office
- c. BLM Efforts - Jeff Starosta
  - i. BLM planning efforts in Mammoth Lakes
- d. Mammoth Trails – Members’ Update
  - i. Sierra Club – “Blue Diamond Trails” – [Attach 03](#)
  - ii. Potential New Membership
    - 1. Sierra Eastside Mountain Bike Association (SEMBA)
    - 2. Eastern Sierra Responsible Riders
- e. MLTS Efforts
  - i. Mammoth Trails Committee – Introductions/Update
  - ii. Soft Surface Trail Maintenance – Summer 2016 – [Attach 04](#)

- iii. MLTS Winter Programs + Efforts
- iv. Winter Recreation Summit – Review/Discussion
- v. LABSS on-site alignment reviews
- vi. SHARP Phase 1 Trail Alignment Studies – [Link 9](#)
- vii. MLTS Website
  - 1. New Activities for MLTS Website – [Link 10](#)
  - 2. New Experiences for MLTS Website – [Link 11](#)
  
- f. Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative
  - i. Regional Sustainable Recreation Strategy – [Link 12](#)
  - ii. SHIFT Values and Principles – [Link 13](#)

#### **4. Next Mammoth Trails Meeting – Agenda Items**

#### **5. Adjourn**

# **Mammoth Trails Charter**

## **FINAL DRAFT**

### **March 31, 2008**

#### **Purpose**

Mammoth Trails is a collaborative effort to effectively and inclusively create and enhance recreation for our community.

#### **Mission**

Mammoth Trails inspires and creates exceptional recreation experiences.

#### **Scope**

Mammoth Trails embraces people and activities that range from moderate to extreme, local to international, and novice to elite.

Mammoth Trails engages groups, agencies and enterprises to fulfill its purpose and mission.

Mammoth Trails' resources are based in Mammoth Lakes and used throughout the region to support and encourage recreation.

#### **Participation Criteria**

Mammoth Trails participants are structured, sport and recreation-based organizations willing to share resources and engage collaboratively. Participants actively contribute effort and expertise and abide by, respect and commit to the Mammoth Trails Charter.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is represented at Mammoth Trails. The U.S. Forest Service and other agencies are invited as appropriate and at the discretion of Mammoth Trails.

#### **Operating Principles**

- Roles

Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access (MLTPA) Foundation and the Town of Mammoth Lakes are the organizing entities for Mammoth Trails. MLTPA convenes and facilitates meetings, provides staff support and resources for Mammoth Trails, but has no authority over the group. The Town of Mammoth Lakes acts in an advisory and resource capacity. Both MLTPA and the Town of Mammoth Lakes participate in discussions, but neither are parties to consensus decisions. Mammoth Trails participants represent the best interests of their individual organizations but ultimately sit at the table in the spirit of collaboration and cooperation.

MLTPA, as the convener and provider of staff support, also serves as the meeting Chair. If Mammoth Trails chooses to select a Chair using some other methodology in the future, for example on an annual rotational basis, the Charter will be amended at that time.

Mammoth Trails acts as an advisory body to MLTPA and all participating organizations. Task forces or subcommittees may be appointed to provide technical expertise on specific issues of interest to Mammoth Trails.

- **Making Decisions**

Decisions are made by consensus. Consensus means the group is comfortable with a direction and mutually agrees to move the issue forward.

- **Code of Conduct**

Mammoth Trails expects all participants to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

1. Teamwork: Participants work together in a collaborative manner and stand behind the group decision.
2. Accountability: Participants keep and deliver on commitments.
3. Respect: Participants respect each other and value individuality.
4. Collaboration: Participants share information, support, effort and other resources, and work together with an open mind.
5. Recreation: Have fun! Go outside!

### **Values**

Mammoth Trails is:

- Inspirational
- Representative of diverse needs and views
- A voice for the community to shape the future of recreation
- A leader in the community for recreation activities

Mammoth Trails demonstrates:

- Equality and inclusiveness
- Cooperation and collaboration
- Effectiveness and Efficiency
- Recreation expertise
- A high standard of recreation ethics
- Respect for the natural environment

### **Charter Updates**

Any significant changes to the purpose or operations of Mammoth Trails described herein require an update and amendment of the Charter by the signatory organizations.

The Mammoth Trails Charter is contingent upon the availability of resources and the status of the organizing entities. Therefore, should the status of MLTPA or the Town of Mammoth Lakes change, the Charter will be revisited and updated.

## Charter Signatories - Founders



**Mission:** Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra is a volunteer-based nonprofit dedicated to changing the lives of children and adults with disabilities and their families by:

- *offering year-round outdoor sports and activities*
- *creating inspiring challenges*
- *providing expert instruction and adaptive equipment*
- *rallying the community to comfortably accommodate people with disabilities*



**Mission:** The Friends of the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center will advise and educate the public on avalanche conditions in the backcountry of the Eastern Sierra.



**Mission:**

1. To promote cross-country skiing and biathlon in the Eastern Sierra.
2. To encourage the development of responsible and self-motivated skiers through a balance of cross-country ski training, competition, and academics.
3. To help provide the coaching and support required to assist each athlete to ski and race at his or her best, be that at the local, national, or international level.
4. To instill in our athletes a lifelong standard of excellence and

integrity in all aspects of their lives: athletic, academic, and social.  
5. To promote community participation in cross-country skiing as a healthful lifelong sport.



**Mission:** The Eastside Velo Club is committed to both recreational cycling and racing in and around the Mammoth Lakes, CA, area.



**Mission:** Friends of the Inyo is dedicated to the preservation, exploration, and stewardship of the Eastern Sierra's public lands.



**Mission:** The High Sierra Striders' mission is to promote and encourage health, wellness, and fitness through running in the Eastern Sierra. We have fun holding social functions and competitive races (1 mile to 31 miles) throughout the year; check our webpage for more information: [www.highsierrastriders.org](http://www.highsierrastriders.org).



### **TRI CLUB**

**Mission:** The High Sierra Triathlon Club was created to promote triathlons, multi-sport training, and good, clean, healthy activity in the Eastern Sierra. We offer a fun and supportive environment for group workouts as well as promote events in the High Sierra including the June Lake Triathlon and the Mammoth Rock Race.



**Mission:** Our goal since day one has been to build a community that creates opportunities for persons that share a common interest, indeed passion, for quiet winter sports to make the most of the place we choose to live in or visit. Preserving the year-round, non-motorized status of this community asset remains our highest priority.



**Mission:** To promote health and fitness in the local community through the activity of running and similar forms of recreation, as a non-profit organization.



**Range of Light Mission:** To explore, enjoy, and protect the planet. To practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out those objectives.



## #1 Knolls Route\* Intermediate

**Access:** 1.5 mi north on Scenic Loop Rd. from Hwy. 203

This route crosses Mammoth Knolls to Shady Rest Park. Highlights of the route are an old growth Red Fir forest and some peak views of surrounding mountains. It crosses groomed snowmobile route "B" a few times before descending to Shady Rest Park. There is a 0.2 mi spur to the south facing "town overlook".

**Approximate mileage:** 5.0 mi

## #2 Connector Route\* Intermediate/Advanced

**Access:** Across from the start of the Knolls Route on Scenic Loop Rd., or start across from north end of snow play parking

This route connects the Knolls with the Inyo Craters route. Steep terrain can be avoided by creating your own switch-backs.

**Approximate mileage:** 1.3 mi

## #3 Inyo Craters Route\* Beginner/Advanced

**Access:** Inyo Craters parking off Scenic Loop

This route starts on snowmobile route "B" and after a short distance intersects with the Blue Diamond route. The route goes through gentle terrain to two volcanic craters with lakes. The last part of the route is a steep ascent to the Inyo Craters.  
**Approximate mileage:** 1.3 mi

## #4 Earthquake Fault Route\* Intermediate/Advanced (If icy)

**Access:** Hwy. 203 (1.8 mi from stop light)

This route is a 1.6 mi gradual climb to spectacular views of the San Joaquin Ridge ending at snowmobile route "C". Follow "C" for 3.1 mi to Inyo Craters Route or continue to Scenic Loop Rd.

**Approximate mileage:** 4.7 miles

## #5 Obsidian Dome Route Beginner/Intermediate

**Access:** Exit west off Hwy. US 395, 8 mi north of Mammoth Lakes

These two scenic loops branch off of a road that is groomed intermittently by the USFS.

**Approximate mileage:** Route 5A: 0.65 mi  
Route 5B: 1.4 mi

**Note:** All mileages are one way

\*Limited Parking



# Mammoth Lakes Blue Diamond Nordic Routes

First Edition  
Winter 2016

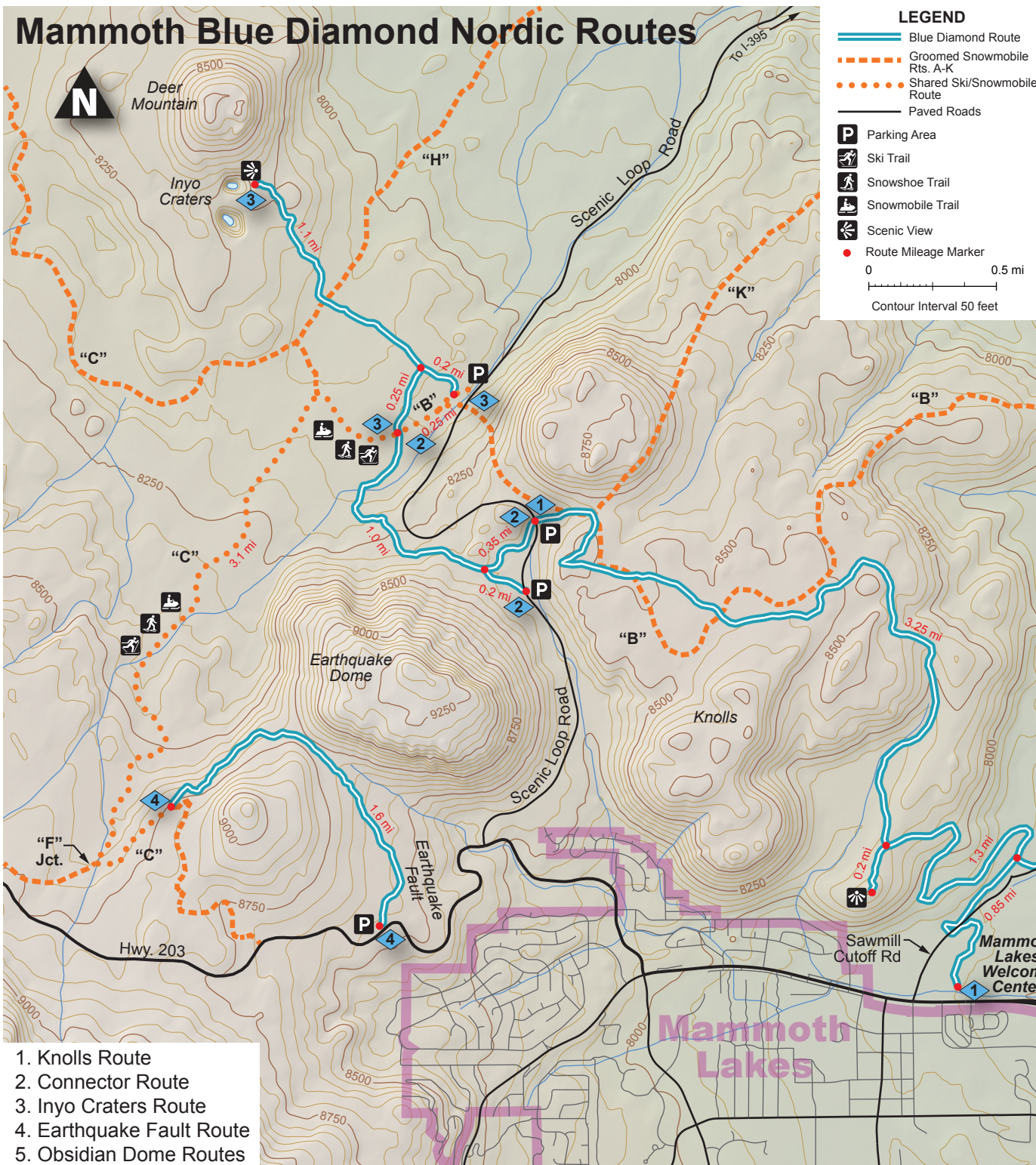
These marked, un-groomed ski and snowshoe routes were established by the US Forest Service in the early 1980s. They have been renewed by the Range of Light Group, Sierra Club, in partnership with the US Forest Service.

Enjoy and protect our winter forest as you explore using these maps.





# Mammoth Blue Diamond Nordic Routes



**LEGEND**

- Blue Diamond Route
- - - Groomed Snowmobile Rts. A-K
- . . . Shared Ski/Snowmobile Route
- Paved Roads
- P** Parking Area
- Ski Trail
- Snowshoe Trail
- Snowmobile Trail
- Scenic View
- Route Mileage Marker

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**Inset Map: Obsidian Dome Routes**

1. Knolls Route
2. Connector Route
3. Inyo Craters Route
4. Earthquake Fault Route
5. Obsidian Dome Routes



Owens River Headwaters Wilderness

Mountain View

Minaret Vista Loop

Earthquake Fault

Uptown

Downtown

MAMMOTH LAKES

Dragon's Back (Part)

Panorama Dome MTB/Loop

Seven Lakes Point Loop

Mammoth Mountain Mammoth Pass

Mill City Wheel

Ansel Adams Wilderness

Mammoth Pass (Part)

McCloud Lake Spur

Mammoth Pass/Crater Meadow (Part)

Horseshoe Lake

Panorama Dome

Mammoth Pack Station

Mammoth Rock

Crystal Lake

Mammoth Crest (Part)

T.J. Lake Loop

Heart Lake

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

John Muir Wilderness

Coldwater George

Duck Pass (Part)

John Muir Wilderness

CANDIDATES FOR EXISTING TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND NEW SHARP TRAILS



**SHARP** #

**Maintenance**

- Portals
- Parks
- Trailheads
- Access/Egress Points