



## **Mammoth Trails Regular Meeting Summary**

**August 19, 2010**

**4–5:30 p.m.**

**Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room**

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by MLTPA CEO/Board President John Wentworth at 4:11 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Library in Mammoth Lakes, California. Also in attendance were Stuart Brown (TOML); Mammoth Trails Charter Members Malcolm Clark (Sierra Club), Forrest Cross (Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center), and Stacy Corless (Friends of the Inyo); Drew Blankenbaker and Kim Stravers (MLTPA); and guest Clayton Mendel (395 Fat Tire Council).
- B. Additions to Agenda:** None.
- C. Organizational Items**
- 1. Approval of July 15, 2010, Meeting Summary (Kim Stravers):** The meeting summary was approved by the Mammoth Trails Charter Members as submitted.
- D. Special Updates**
- 1. Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) Signage and Wayfinding**
    - a. Lakes Basin Path Ribbon-Cutting:** Mr. Wentworth noted that the event would occur on August 24 and that it will be the first time the public will have the opportunity to view the first 19 signs in the system.
    - b. Type 2 Prototype in Mammoth Creek Park:** Mr. Wentworth noted that the maps and graphics on this sign are drafts and will be updated; the same holds true for the signs currently installed on the Lakes Basin Path. The QR code on the prototype is operative and directs the user to mltpa.org.
    - c. Wayfinding and Signage Standards Manual:** This item was not discussed.
  - 2. Mammoth Trails Web Site:** Mr. Wentworth noted that this is where the QR codes on the signage will eventually direct. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being drafted to frame the partnership between the Inyo National Forest (INF), MLTPA, and others that will allow for the site's setup and maintenance. Recreation data previously collected from Mammoth Trails members will be used to provide an experience-based site to the end user.
  - 3. Lakes Basin Special Study (LABSS):** Mr. Wentworth shared that the public was notified today of the three LABSS public meetings: "State of the Lakes Basin," "Lakes Basin Recreation Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow," and "Lakes Basin Mobility & Transportation." The process will be somewhat similar to the Sherwins Working Group effort. A traffic study will be conducted

in the Basin this weekend, and Friends of the Inyo (FOI) will be conducting recreation surveys there as well. This project is funded by a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC).

**4. Strategic Planning for Recreation in Mammoth Lakes (RECSTRATS):**

Mr. Wentworth stated that this process is meant to get interagency relationships formalized with regard to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System, municipal recreation, high-altitude training, and related subjects. The Town Council will discuss budgeting at their September 1 meeting, and the Recreation Commission will review and recommend the final RecStrats document in September or October. Town Council will receive the final RecStrats product in November for adoption. MLTPA is funding this effort, which is being facilitated by Carl Ribaud, who also facilitated the formation of Mammoth Lakes Tourism. RecStrats will have an influence on Measures R and U.

**5. Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) Trails Technical Committee (TTC):** Mr. Wentworth shared that the TOML has a grant from the SNC to complete CEQA on the Draft Trail System Master Plan 2009 (TSMP), and that some SHARP TTC projects will be covered in this analysis. The TSMP will go back in front of Town Council in seven or eight months for adoption, which will make it the operative policy document.

- a. **Trails Group #1:** Mr. Wentworth shared that Map ID #S06, which connects the borrow pit staging area to the Hayden Cabin Museum and the paved Town Loop, is in good shape and is included in CEQA. Map ID #S07, which connects the borrow pit staging area to Tamarack Street, needs more details worked out for ADA access, but also may be part of CEQA. MLTPA will continue to work with Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and Terry Plum on this alignment.
- b. **Borrow Pit:** The next meeting for this group is scheduled for August 25. This project is included in CEQA.
- c. **Panorama Dome Working Group:** Mr. Wentworth shared that Mr. Mendel and others have been working on this and that there will be a large group meeting on August 26. A biathlon training/event center is being proposed in the Panorama Dome area, and it makes sense to lump this concept in with the SHARP TTC work and the SHARP recommendation for winter parking expansion on Lake Mary Road. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area has indicated that they have biathlon designer John Morton coming here in September to evaluate the site. There's also a fuels-reduction effort happening on the east side of the area; the INF has indicated that we may work with them to have some trees unmarked for cutting.

**6. Measure R**

- a. **Measure R Steering Committee Update:** Mr. Brown explained that the Measure R Steering Committee has provided recommendations to the Recreation Commission, who went through them on August 5. After the Lakes Basin Path ribbon-cutting on August 24, the Commission will convene to discuss

priorities and principles, which go to Town Council on September 1. The goal is to open the application period on September 10 and close it on October 8. Mr. Brown encouraged applicants to emphasize setting aside funds for project maintenance in their application budgets.

- b. **Fall 2010 Award Cycle (Stuart Brown):** This item was discussed with item D(6)a, above.
  - c. **Fall 2009 Award Housekeeping (Andrew Kastor):** As Mr. Kastor was unable to attend the meeting, Ms. Stravers shared comments from an e-mail he sent for update purposes (attached).
    - i. **Draft Equipment Checkout Procedure**
    - ii. **Contract with TOML**
    - iii. **Purchase Update**
      - **PA system**
      - **Generators**
      - **Pop-up tent repair**
7. **Mammoth Lakes Sports Council (Stuart Brown):** Mr. Brown shared that the next meeting is August 30 at 5 p.m. in the library. The July meeting had been cancelled due to participants being out of town.
8. **Ormat/Shady Rest Project:** Mr. Wentworth stated that there are no updates about this project at this time, but that Ormat now has full ownership of the geothermal plant.

#### **E. Member Events and Projects**

1. **Summer of Stewardship 2010 Trail Days (Kim Stravers/Stacy Corless)**
  - a. **Duck Pass Recap:** Ms. Stravers shared that the event was very well-attended.
  - b. **Panorama Dome August 28:** Ms. Corless passed out flyers for this event to the group.
  - c. **Convict Lake September 11:** Ms. Corless announced this event to the group.

Additionally, Ms. Corless announced the FOI member-appreciation party scheduled for National Public Lands Day at Obsidian Flat Campground. A stewardship day to wrap up the summer will be held the same date at the Glass Creek/Owens River Headwaters.

2. **Footloose Sports/Chart House 10k/5k Race Recap (Andrew Kastor):** As Mr. Kastor was unable to attend this meeting, this item was tabled.
3. **Upcoming Events**
  - a. **Sept. 5: Mammoth Rock Race:** Ms. Corless noted that the High Sierra Striders will be participating in the Panorama Dome stewardship day in an effort to clean up the trail they will be racing on the following weekend.

- b. Sept. 18: Moeben Ultra-Marathon at Mammoth Mountain 25k/50k (Andrew Kastor):** As Mr. Kastor was unable to attend this meeting, this item was tabled.

**F. Announcements and Updates:** Mr. Cross announced that the Telluride Mountainfilm festival will be held September 17 and 18 at the Tioga Gas Mart and that it will be a fundraiser for local nonprofits such as ESAC. Mr. Wentworth announced that Jim Upchurch, INF Supervisor, is leaving, and that Jeff Marsolais may be named deputy in his absence.

**G. Requests for Future Agenda Items:** None.

**H. Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 16, 2010, 4–5:30 p.m., Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

**I. Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:13 p.m.