



## Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative: “Citizen Suggested Desired Conditions”

During the summer months of 2016, the Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative (ESRC) convened and facilitated 5 public meetings in Gateway Communities of the Eastern Sierra. The effort was focused on identifying and further developing Desired Conditions in support of Sustainable Recreation as part of the revision process of the Inyo National Forest’s Land Management Plan, and was funded by a generous grant from the National Forest Foundation. The pages that follow document the Citizen Suggested Desired Conditions supporting Sustainable Recreation for the Inyo National Forest’s Land Management Plan, and are organized into the following five Emphasis Areas:

### **Volunteers/ Interpretation/ Partnerships/ Stewardship**

#### **Digital Connection**

#### **Responsive Use Permits**

#### **Citizens Access/ Trails**

#### **Recreation/ Iconic Places**

### **Desired Conditions as Defined by the US Forest Service:**

“**Desired conditions** describe the aspirations or visions of what the plan area (or portions thereof) should look like in the future and drive the development of the other plan components. Desired conditions essentially set forth the desired landscape of the future and the other plan components give guidance on how to get there.”

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“**A desired condition** is a description of specific social, economic, and/or ecological characteristics of the plan area, or a portion of the plan area, toward which management of the land and resources should be directed. A desired condition description is specific enough to allow progress toward achievement to be determined but does not include a completion date.”

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### **ESRC Forest Plan Revision Efforts Funded in part by the National Forest Foundation**

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<p><b>Volunteers/ Interpretation/ Partnerships/ Stewardship (VIPS)</b></p> <p><b>Subgroupings:</b></p> <p>(A) Partnerships – General</p> <p>(B) Partnership Coordinator</p> <p>(C) Partnerships – Local Government</p> <p>(D) Volunteers</p> <p>(E) Interpretive/ Signage/ Education</p> <p>(F) Stewardship</p>	<p>➤ Develop memoranda of agreements or other protocols between the forest and local governments as appropriate to guide coordination processes and reflect local perspectives and interests (PDF Pg. 93 – Local Communities – LOC-FW-GOAL 01)</p> <p>➤ Maintain and expand contracting and partnership opportunities with local governments, businesses and organizations. Develop partnerships that leverage different sources of funding to support opportunities to contribute to the economic and social sustainability of local communities. (PDF Pg. 94 – Volunteers/Interpretation/Partnerships/ Stewardship – VIPS-FW-GOAL 03)</p> <p>➤ The forest should designate a partnership coordinator who will define an easily understood process for becoming a partner as well as expectations for both the forest and the partner. (PDF Pg. 151– Appendix C: A Renewed Partnership Focus for the Inyo National Forest – Partnership Culture)</p>	<p><b>NOTE: Inyo National Forest is referenced throughout the Citizen Suggested Plan Revision comments as INF</b></p> <p><b>(A) Partnerships – General</b> <u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The INF collaborates with a variety of partners to provide stewardship and interpretive services that enhance responsible recreation and habitat health</li> </ul> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> INF to provide a clear, concise process for partnership development and Implementation and a succinct and easy to understand and readily available summary of the types of agreements, contracts and mechanisms they will use to work with future partners</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explore, facilitate and implement local adopt-a-trail programs and INF consider hiring coordinator to manage an adopt-a-trail program</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> INF to develop an annual work plan to share with partners</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The INF has developed economic partnerships to help fill the gaps in funding for the provision of recreation opportunities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> INF to consult user groups regarding maintenance of roads and trails</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create a “Recreation Users Council” made up of reps of the various user groups to monitor/ mitigate and resolve any user conflicts on trails (possible future role for ESRC)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Partner with groups like ES 4WD club to sign and maintain roads and develop information on trips for users less familiar with the area</li> </ul> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Winter recreation/ snowplay areas built and maintained with local partners</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New sustainable mountain bike trails built and maintained by local organizations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor for cleaning of trails and trailheads</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Include people with disabilities both physical and other disabilities by including volunteer to assist a partnership</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Local organizations manage/ maintain INF campgrounds; local NGO’s have assumed the role of campground hosts and work closely with INF to provide interpretive programs to the public</li> </ul>

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	<p>➤ Install and maintain appropriate multilingual information boards, interpretive panels and regulatory signs at developed sites and dispersed areas within sites of sensitive resources. (PDF Pg. 157 – Appendix D: Management Strategies for Resolving Recreation Resource Conflicts)</p>	<p><b>(B) Partnership Coordinator</b> <u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Through a Partnership Coordinator and a Volunteer Coordinator the INF has increased volunteer program activities and partner contributions to enhance INF stewardship and monitoring</li> </ul> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify/ employ a forest staff person to develop external partners to support trails maintenance &amp; construction of new trails</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hire a Partnership Coordinator to work with various interpretive groups</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> INF should commit to hiring a full time Partnership Coordinator within 2 years of the plan release</li> </ul> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Feedback loop from public at kiosks</li> </ul> <p><b>(C) Partnerships – Local Government</b> <u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trails program is thriving across the entire forest, wilderness areas, OHV areas, urban interface; utilizing local governments and non-profits for trails and related infrastructure development and maintenance</li> </ul> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Partner with local governments to establish functioning partnerships that will fund improvements: roads, facilities, campgrounds will benefit local economies and will actually steward the landscape and natural resources.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> INF to consider a collaborative approach to planning that will include local government planning, policies, and regulations to the degree possible</li> </ul>

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		<p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> INF to partner with Town of Mammoth Lakes for improved shuttle service to the Lakes Basin and other trail heads</li> </ul> <p><b>(D) Volunteers</b></p> <p><u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proactive program to encourage volunteers and coordinate their contribution including but not limited to: research, interpretation, maintenance, planning and improvements. Establish regular community gatherings to recruit volunteers.</li> </ul> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Within two years of plan approval, hire a really well informed and impartial Volunteer Coordinator</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop robust volunteer corps for Wilderness Ranger programs and interpretive talks, trail maintenance and enforcement (citizen stewards)</li> </ul> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Signs are not enough; there needs to be human contact/ communications to educate and interact; e.g. trail head hosts – volunteers who interact with the public at trail heads and Volunteer Patrollers to interact with public out on trails</li> </ul> <p><b>(E) Interpretive/ Signage/ Education</b></p> <p><u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recreation information, signage and interpretive programs are well-funded abundant and consistent with accurate and up-to-date information</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The INF provides adequate interpretive signage and information so forest users understand how to recreate legally and responsibly</li> </ul> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Formally engage local schools in student led interpretation, creation of interpretive materials, citizen science projects, and monitoring of the forest environment, education and stewardship, understanding ecosystems and conservation projects.</li> </ul>

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		<p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased information available offsite for visitor planning ahead of time to stimulate new experiences which visitors might not consider otherwise including interactive and visual information</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Signs, tours, and other tools provide information in a variety of languages and for users of multiple abilities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emphasize “how to behave appropriately” regarding sanitation, trash management, camping ethics, in interpretive materials and programs. Consider better utilization of permittees to provide education and information to visitors.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Offer interpretation and education based upon natural history and Native American heritage</li> </ul> <p><b>(F) Stewardship</b></p> <p><u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The INF has state of the art developed recreational facilities that are updated, maintained, and patrolled by forest staff, established partners, and volunteers</li> </ul> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish annual monitoring of recreation use, impacts, and trends (using combo of staff and trained volunteers with “citizen science” protocols) and integrate an adaptive management program to reflect changes/data collected</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Redirect budgetary priorities to develop and maintain professional stewardship to increase viable employment and permanent residency</li> </ul> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Professional trail crews maintain and develop trails</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Well maintained and safe trails provide opportunities and access for multiple user groups</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> INF staff and partners represent the demographic and cultural diversity of California’s population</li> </ul>

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	<p>➤ Explore partnership opportunities with user groups and seek reliable information sources outside of the agency to improve data collection and data management on recreation use and demand. (PDF Pg. 148 – App B: Proposed and Possible Actions – Sustainable Recreation)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> INF creates a better process for collecting information about how people use the forest, where they go, what they like to do, and what information they need</p> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Use of drones for scientific research, surveying, mapping, and monitoring forest</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Passive technology such as triggered cameras to collect data: user data, wildlife data, etc.; incorporated throughout the forest in a manner that does not detract from wilderness experience</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visitors have a clear way to report resource damage, trail problems, trash and other recreation problems to the INF</p> <p><b>(C) Emergency Services</b></p> <p><u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> INF partners with local agencies to upgrade emergency communication technology for Eastern Sierra communities and visitors</p> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Send avalanche condition reports daily to subscribers via text messages (gathered from ESAC)</p> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 911 connectivity throughout forest with GPS location automatic</p> <p><b>(D) User Systems</b></p> <p><u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Consensus what is acceptable and not acceptable in use of technology as effects forest users including noise, privacy, drones, safety, effect on wildlife, etc. and consider developing clear guidelines for such use</p> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Develop mobile app maps utilizing device GPS to guide users on the forest which could include interpretive info in the app; app would be standalone considering lack of cell service; e.g. topo GPS program but narrowed to INF roads and trails</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide digital and online connection to USFS/ INF maps and USGS topo maps</p>
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		<p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry permit reservation system that is mobile compatible with online reservation, check in using mobile device at ranger station</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clear regulations on personal drone use on Forest lands</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> It would be nice to have some areas outside where one can get away from EMF waves</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The NVUM is very inadequate – utilize technology to capture current and accurate info</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPS program usable on the roads and trails to keep us on legal trails</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use a QR code to allow permitted hikers to download trail info to their smart phones</li> </ul> <p><b>(E) Accessibility</b></p> <p><u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive signage and exhibits that are inclusive and accessible to as many visitors as possible; non-technology, technology, language and accessibility such as braille</li> </ul> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop with partners an app for INF interpretive info and self-guided tours for both adults and children in at least English and Spanish</li> </ul> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Availability of GPS on trails with no cell service; this allows for data collection, location for safety and many more opportunities for improvement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Better coverage of Wi-Fi and map hot spots (notification of where hot spots are located and where coverage is limited)</li> </ul>
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	<p>➤ Issue and supervise permits for new special use activities on the forest including powerlines, special events, large group gatherings, outfitter-guide activities and research. (PDF Pg. 148 – Appendix B: Proposed and Possible Actions – Sustainable Recreation)</p> <p>➤ Expand partnerships with other federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as associations, non-government organizations, outfitters and guides, local businesses, and other community groups, to leverage information (help serve as messengers to the visiting public) and resources for mutual benefit to enhance and improve forest infrastructure (i.e. roads, trails, campgrounds) (PDF Pg. 151 – Appendix C: Renewed Partnership Focus – Creating a Partnership Culture)</p>	<p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Streamline Special use Permit (SUP) process for educational, youth, and nonprofit groups and to ensure quality of permittee</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Streamline wilderness permit application process online and allow download of permit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The INF uses the permit process to effectively educate visitors so that they safely and responsibly use the forest</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have a live person to help not just an online site to help inform and done correctly</li> </ul> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Automated reminder/ alert system for permittees to ensure timely and complete application/ reporting (and to inform of personnel changes)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consistent, clear, easy-to-find application process (online, in person)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Permits are issued for uses that are inclusive rather than restrictive</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maybe it is too easy to get a use permit and some shouldn't be able to get them – offer better education when getting use permits</li> </ul> <p><b>(C) Stewardship Provisions</b></p> <p><u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SUP permitting process helps recreation users clearly understand their responsibility to use the forest responsibly</li> </ul> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize SUP's that address specific desired conditions and management goals as articulated in final management plan</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When issuing permits for powerlines require burying lines where possible</li> </ul> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engage SUP holders who use trails to assist in trail maintenance through partnership with the INF</li> </ul> <p><b>(D) Partnership Engagement</b></p> <p><u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Streamline and facilitate SUP with local businesses/ organizations/ individuals to encourage economic development in local communities</li> </ul>
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		<p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Give preference in use permits to local and non-profit organizations whose missions coincide with forest service mandates; consider developing a promotional approach to acknowledge local NGO's (i.e. CalTrans Adopt-a-Highway)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Allow approved partnership groups a more streamlined process to obtain permits when doing work for the forest; make it available online</li> </ul> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> INF has a diverse group of permittees providing "re-supply" support for hikers and forest users</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increase the term of outfitter SUPs to allow sustainability for small local business</li> </ul>
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	<p>across the forest. Trails access destinations that provide for loop opportunities that also connect to a larger trail system, provide linkage from local communities to the forest and are compatible with other resources. (PDG Pg. 43 – Sustainable Recreation – REC-FW-DC 15)</p> <p>➤ Work with partners and volunteers to provide recreation opportunities, maintain and enhance recreation settings, collect and manage data on recreation use and demand, and contribute to socioeconomic benefits associated with recreation and tourism. (PDF Pg. 94 – Volunteers/Interpretation/Partnerships/Stewardship – VIPS-FW-GOAL 04)</p>	<p><b>(C) Trail Accessibility</b> <u>Desired Conditions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The trail system of the INF links communities and is maintained using local and visitor volunteer resources</li> </ul> <p><u>Management Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop public transportation to reduce parking kerfuffles at trailheads and encourage loop hikes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staging/ parking areas developed and maintained with regard to minimizing user conflict and resource impact as well as changing environmental conditions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commit to preserving all current access motorized and not; expand where possible and not harmful; do not restrict routes absent approval by local government to ensure cultural values of local population; examine shrinking roadless areas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide balanced access to as many areas of the forest as possible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take motorized access maps and overlay them on google earth and google maps; do the same for all trails motorized and non-motorized</li> </ul> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The draft plan makes no mention of aging Americans (the largest segment of American population); new trails are necessary that this group can use; this can be trails that children and aging can enjoy; this is important for our next generation who will live even longer and must stay in shape</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A network of accessible trails (not just paved) that allow more individuals with mobility constraints to access more of the forest and wilderness areas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable roads and trails of differing difficulty and communicate difficulty to users</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trails are clearly signed to indicate permitted and non-permitted uses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep them accessible and open; too often they are deleted from maps and obliterated or disappear because of lack of maintenance and access; update inventory of roads/trails to show on map</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uniform trail signage across the forest matches electronic information (app &amp; web)</li> </ul>
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		<p><b>(D) User Conflicts</b>  <u>Desired Conditions:</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Trail etiquette taught/ shared/ agreed with basic guidelines developed for use, respect and tolerance between user groups</p> <p><u>Management Approach:</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> As the population in the US and the planet increases there will be areas that will be crowded or over-used; the INF might think about limiting when and where people can go, have sign ups or reservations so the forest doesn't become a circus</p> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Clearer identification of incompatible uses/users to benefit of all groups</p> <p><b>(E) Specific User Groups</b>  <u>Desired Conditions:</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Active engagement of trail users to determine on-the-ground needs through technology and face-to-face visitor contact  <input type="checkbox"/> Trails user groups work collaboratively to support each other to enhance the trails experience</p> <p><u>Management Approach:</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Engaged local user groups that work in partnership with the agency to develop and maintain trails systems and access points  <input type="checkbox"/> Develop policy regulations for electric bikes with motors  <input type="checkbox"/> Flexibility in rule implementation allowing for new users</p> <p><u>Potential Standards:</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Balance and respect the needs of various users  <input type="checkbox"/> Manage motorized and non-motorized facilities as holistic systems fully integrated  <input type="checkbox"/> The INF needs a better understanding of OHV uses  <input type="checkbox"/> Access to training and education opportunities for volunteers and other interested parties – i.e. Cerro Coso program</p>
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Recreation/ Iconic Places	ESRC Citizen Suggested Plan Revisions by Emphasis Area and Subgroupings	ESRC Citizen Suggested Plan Revisions by Emphasis Area and Subgroupings
<p><b>Northern Gateway Communities</b></p>	<p>There are eleven (11) Recreation Places listed in Chapter 3 – Management Strategy as Recreation Places - that are relevant to the Northern Gateway Communities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Benton-Casa Diablo Place – Pg. 62</li> <li>2. Coyote Place – Pg. 74</li> <li>3. Glass Mountain Place – Pg. 74</li> <li>4. June Lake Loop-Walker/Parker Place – Pg. 76</li> <li>5. Mammoth Place – Pg. 77</li> <li>6. Mammoth Escarpment Place – Pg. 77</li> <li>7. Mono Basin-Lee Vining Place – Pg. 79</li> <li>8. Owens River Headwaters Place – Pg. 80</li> <li>9. Pizona Place – Pg. 81</li> <li>10. Reds Meadow-Fish Creek Place – Pg. 81</li> <li>11. Upper Owens River Place – Pg. 82</li> </ol> <p><b>Existing Plan Desired Conditions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Developed recreation facilities are rustic in design with less obvious management controls (1)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access is provided that allows for sustainable use along the network of motorized trails (2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a natural-appearing remote, backcountry, non-wilderness area with management emphasis on year-round dispersed recreation opportunities. (1,2,3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Management emphasis includes providing dispersed motorized recreation opportunity experiences that support ROS of the place (2,3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a natural-appearing, destination landscape with management emphasis on developed recreation opportunities (4)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Developed recreation facilities are sustained to support the needs</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Suggested Plan Revisions for 11 Recreation Places in the Northern Gateway Areas</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Developed recreational facilities specifically for recreational drone flying to move this out of the general forest (1,4,5,7)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mammoth place (5) – historical resource maintenance, preservation, and interpretation to showcase running history and consolidated Mine Site near Coldwater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rock Creek Canyon should be on the list for special management and may be most like Reds Meadow in terms of how one might consider managing the area</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Add Hot Creek as a place sustained as a natural appearing landscape with a mix of interpretation and dispersed recreation opportunity</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Special places not listed: Lee Vining Canyon, riparian corridors – all of them i.e. Lundy Canyon, Parker Lake Drainage, Virginia Creek Drainage, Bohler Canyon, Little Walker, Horse Meadows; keep them remote, quiet, and wilderness</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (5) Wilderness natural appearing and remote experience in Coyote Place, Glass Mtn Place, San Joaquin Ridge Place, edges of wilderness areas, MBNFSA, Owens River Headwaters Place, Pizona Place, Reds Meadow, Fish Creek Place – to protect wildlife and to have quiet places for hikers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased natural study areas to include less studied areas e.g. Glass, Excelsior, Boehler Canyon, good opportunities for Citizen Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> McGee Creek area should be on the list and managed most like elements for #8 and #9 (based on comments contained in the handout)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (4) It seems like June Lake should be managed similarly to Mammoth with both developed and dispersed recreation opportunities for residents and visitors</li> </ul>

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	<p>of changing demographics (4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access is provided by a network of non-motorized trails and roads to launch from for dispersed recreation opportunities (5)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mammoth Lakes Basin is sustained for family oriented developed recreation as well as technical sports including rock climbing and backcountry skiing (5)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a natural-appearing, cultural and tourism destination landscape providing the staging area for year-round developed and dispersed recreation opportunities for residents and visitors (5,6)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Developed recreation facilities are contemporary in design with vehicular controls and regimentation of users (5,6)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trail system is aligned with the ROS and management actions focus on developed and dispersed recreation opportunities (5,6,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Area is managed to maintain high scenic integrity for visitors and residents to enjoy (6)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities for research are sustained, with an emphasis on those that support developing adaptive management responses within the place (6,7)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trail system is aligned with the ROS and management actions focus on supporting the dramatic view sheds (7)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a natural-appearing, destination landscape with management emphasis on continuing to provide visitors with sense of wildness and remote experience (7)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Locations of cultural and tribal value are enhanced via management actions to sustain landscape resiliency (7,8,9)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a remote, backcountry wilderness area with a management emphasis on providing visitors a sense and experience of solitude, wildness and remoteness (8)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trail system is aligned with the ROS and management actions focus on sustaining the wildness character (8)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a backcountry area with management emphasis on continuing to provide visitors with a sense of remoteness (9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#2 and #3 on page 1) Mammoth (5 and 6) vs June (4) – difference in those statements for those areas doesn’t make sense</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sherwins – develop mountain bike trails to allow exploitation of lakes and ranges in in Sherwins vs limited to hiking only</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoe Lake – designate as official dog park</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Better define recreation place – consider finer details and specific management for high use/ high visitation/ specialized use areas within larger places; hard to know what these places truly contain without accompanying map</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Through staff and volunteer training make sure that sensitive areas or locations are not publicly promoted for visitation in website postings, social media, or interpretive interaction with the public</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> June Lake Loop Place (#4) needs to include trails – an important component of the INF landscape here</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mammoth Lakes Basin (#6) needs more specific management area designation to address high impact visitor experience</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#8) redraw OSV boundaries to allow for easier experience over snow access between Mammoth and just west of the 395</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bohler Canyon (#9) – sustained as a natural study area</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Monitor visitor use in both high use recreation focus areas (i.e. south Tufa) and sensitive habitats to determine impacts and carrying capacity</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#3) Glass Mountains should be considered for Wilderness Designation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#1) Opportunities for historic interpretation could be increased</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#4) Preserve the wonderful and historical contributions of 80+ year cabin program; value the participation permittees make to preserve and protect the forest; value the economic impact on the community</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#8) Redraw the lines for headwater to exclude “slush pits” that are pumice pits/ trash pits/ landfill from ski area construction; was highest elevation open safe area allowing riding any year regardless of snow levels</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#12) Tioga Pass – every other road end e.g. Lundy, Virginia, ML Basin – maintain open facilities to provide continued access in</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a natural-appearing landscape with pockets of high-quality concentrated recreation and backcountry access (10)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Road system supports delivery and staging to high use trailheads (10)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a natural-appearing cultural landscape with dispersed summer and winter recreation and management emphasis balanced between dispersed and developed recreation opportunities (11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scenic character is sustained by resilient landscapes that support and enhance the scenery setting. (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Management actions are aligned with recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) and the roles, contributions and sense of the place (1,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Utilities are considered if their location will not limit the achievement of the roles, contributions and sense of place (1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Areas of high-use are managed to maintain a quality experience for visitors. (1,4,5,6,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Areas of dispersed use are managed to maintain the ROS (6,7,8,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Private inholdings are considered for land exchanges if they promote the roles, contributions and sense of the place (2,6,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Development is aligned with ROS and scenery management system; managed and adapted to changing demographics, connectivity to adjacent communities and supporting the connection of people to nature (3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recreation residences do not limit the ROS and do not generate resource impacts (5,6,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recreation residence permits are considered for discontinuation if such actions would promote the roles, contributions and sense of the place (4,5,6,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Special use permits are authorized that align with the ROS and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shoulder seasons</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#4) utilized existing business that are underutilized</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop inventory of wilderness access opportunities from gateway communities to wilderness experiences efficiently provide appropriate permitting guidance capacity support</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trash in all places, determine sewage issues from over use; we don't have resources for pick up so it accumulates</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#5) Consider mandatory shuttle only to access the Lakes Basin during peak user times (i.e. holidays)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recognition of watershed/ headwaters status emphasizing low impact recreation opportunities and areas importance to urban areas water connection (#'s 6,7,8,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trail system is aligned with the ROS and management actions focus on supporting dramatic watersheds include in #'s 3,11</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained backcountry area – in #3, 11</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mammoth Lakes Basin should be its own iconic place – different desired conditions than escarpment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (# 4,5,10) Wilderness gateway – these areas are the entrance for long distance trails and one of the largest unroaded areas in the lower 48 yet are easily accessed by care; they require more management controls</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mammoth triangle – open all restrictions for over snow usage in the Mammoth Triangle - from 395 to San Joaquin Ridge – allows for higher elevation riding during low snow years</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lee Vining Canyon – develop/ promote more alternative winter recreation of x-country skiing and ice climbing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The INF must make new trails a priority to keep all Americans in better shape – trails are an economic necessity to Mono County</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#4) the 82 Recreation Resident Permittees of the June Lake Loop want to see the following line removed: “Recreation Resident Permittees are considered for discontinuation if such actions would promote the roles, contributions, and sense of place”</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#4) needs to be protected as a place of importance in the early days of the eastern Sierra; as such is not changed nor should it; the permit holders who helped develop it continue to be good</li> </ul>
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	<p>achieving desired conditions of the place (4,5,6,7,10,11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Filming opportunities are authorized that encourage responsible use and stewardship of the land (5,6,7,10,11)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Outfitter and guide services promote the roles, contributions and sense of the place and support meeting the needs of the ROS with the agency and partners (6,7,8,9,10,11)</li> </ul>	<p>stewards of the landscape while the private land owners are necessary to the uniqueness of the small jewel</p> <p><b><u>NOTE: Numbers used in public comments align with numbers assigned to Recreation Places listed at the beginning of each section.</u></b></p>
<p><b>Central Gateway Communities</b></p>	<p>There are three (3) Recreation Places listed in Chapter 3 – Management Strategy as Recreation Places - that are relevant to the Central Gateway Communities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Benton-Casa Diablo Place – Pg. 72</li> <li>2. Bishop to Convict Creek Place – Pg. 73</li> <li>3. White Mountains Place – Pg. 83</li> </ol> <p><b>Existing Plan Desired Conditions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a dispersed use type of place; natural-appearing remote, backcountry, non-wilderness area with management emphasis on year-round dispersed recreation opportunities. (1)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Developed recreation facilities are rustic in design with less obvious management controls (1)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Areas of high-use are managed to maintain a quality experience for visitors. (1)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Developed recreation facilities included campgrounds, trailheads, day use sites, group camps, recreation residences and cross-country ski trails. (2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Developed sites and transportation are managed and adapted to changing demographics, connectivity to adjacent communities and supporting the connection of people to nature. (2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rock climbing and other dispersed recreation activity is managed to support the ROS of the place. (2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A network of non-motorized trails support access to the high elevation vistas. (2)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Suggested Plan Revisions for 3 Recreation Places in the Central Gateway Areas</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#2) Develop a fixed anchor policy for rock climbing in wilderness</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#3) Motorized recreation continues to be an important component of the visitor experience</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We will be better off if we keep congress and the President out of our local planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#2) There are areas that should be sustained as a remote area to provide visitors with a wild experience (Little Lakes valley, Granite Park, Tamarack Beach, Hilton above South Lake)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (# 1,2,3) Management of the forest’s remaining roadless areas maintain their wild undeveloped character</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bishop to Convict Creek Place – it is important to not expand wilderness to sustain the road system that supports existing wilderness</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#1) Casa Diablo Volcanic Area – evolving; radio repeater sites, power transmission lines need to be protected from “wilderness” designation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Include Lower Rock Creek Canyon in list of special places</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coyote Flats – the same way you don’t give away your favorite fishing spot or deer hunting spot or it will become crowded and</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/>The road system supports delivery and staging to non-motorized trailheads used for overnight use. (2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Private inholdings are considered for land exchanges if they promote the roles, contributions and sense of the place. (2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Sustained as a naturally-evolving, natural-appearing landscape. (2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Sustained as a remote, backcountry area with a management emphasis on continuing to provide visitors with a wildness and remoteness experience. (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Developed sites and infrastructure are rustic in nature and support the visitor experience (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Recreation opportunities, including motorized use, hiking and hunting are also sustained (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Access and overnight accommodation support recreation opportunities in the high elevation country near the south end of the place (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Opportunities for research are sustained. (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Scenic character is sustained by resilient landscapes that support and enhance the scenery setting. (1,2,3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Utilities are considered if their location will not limit the achievement of the roles, contributions and sense of place. (1,2,3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Management actions are aligned with recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) and the roles, contributions and sense of the place. (1,2,3)</li> </ul>	<p>over-used; let people explore and discover without direction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Minimize the areas impacted by motorized sports</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>(#2) Bishop to Convict – wilderness boundary next to major highway and airport – inappropriate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>(#2) Sustain the remote backcountry areas with a management emphasis on continuing to provide visitors as wild and remote an experience as possible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>It is important to keep the Benton-Casa-Diablo place non wilderness</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>(#1,2,3) Development of new recreation facilities is sited so as to protect sensitive, cultural and other fragile areas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>(#2) Wheeler Ridge – old roads to Pine Creek Mine and Lower Rock Creek trail</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Harkless Flats, Papoose, Saline, McMurphy Meadows, Coyote , Buttermilk, Warren Bench</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>White Mountains Place – wilderness areas should not be expanded in order to preserve motorized road and trail systems; wild and scenic designation for Cottonwood Creek seems unnecessary in wilderness and should not be repeated</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NOTE: Numbers used in public comments align with numbers assigned to Recreation Places listed at the beginning of each section.</u></b></p>
<p><b>Southern Gateway Communities</b></p>	<p>There are three (3) Recreation Places listed in Chapter 3 – Management Strategy as Recreation Places - that are relevant to the Southern Gateway Communities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Golden Trout-South Sierra Place – Pg. 75</li> <li>2. Inyo Mountains Place – Pg. 75</li> <li>3. Owens Valley Escarpment Place – Pg. 80</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Suggested Plan Revisions for 3 Recreation Places in the Southern Gateway Areas</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/>Onion Valley has no day use area; if you want to get up out of heat you sit at parking area if you don't hike</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/>(#1,2,3) The INF has a program of citizen monitors to track</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Existing Plan Desired Conditions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a remote, backcountry area. (1)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scenic character is sustained by resilient landscapes that support and enhance the scenery setting. (1,2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trail system is aligned with the ROS and management emphasis is on dispersed recreation to provide visitors with a sense and experience of wildness and remoteness. (1,2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access is provided for motorized users along designated routes. (1,2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a remote, backcountry area with a management emphasis on continuing to provide visitors with a wildness and remoteness experience. (2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sustained as a natural-appearing landscape with pockets of high-quality concentrated</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Outfitter and guide services promote the roles, contributions and sense of the place, and support meeting the needs of the ROS with the agency and partners. (2,3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Filming opportunities are authorized that encourage responsible use and stewardship of public lands. (2,3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recreation with a management emphasis on dispersed recreation experiences. (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scenic character is sustained by resilient landscapes that support and enhance the scenery setting and wilderness characteristics of the place. (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Development in the place is aligned with the recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) and managed and adapted to changing demographics, connectivity to adjacent communities and supporting the connection of people to nature. (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Areas of dispersed use are managed to maintain the ROS. (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Special use permits are authorized that align with the ROS and achieving the desired conditions of the place. (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trail system is aligned with the ROS and management actions focus on maintaining the remoteness of the place. (3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The road system supports delivery and staging to non-motorized trailheads used for wilderness day overnight use. (3)</li> </ul>	<p>resource conditions, use, trash, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#3) Horseshoe Meadow campground neglected ; needs better monitoring and management</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Need special place – Onion Valley – needs special attention to manage the numbers of people in the summer; could also provide for a place similar to the Whitney Portal site – partnership with a private interest</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New places - Sage Flat, Cottonwood Lakes, historic trails</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SMT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide optional shuttle service for Whitney Portal similar to shuttle service to Reds Meadow</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (#1,2,3) The INF recreation program provides diverse recreational opportunities while also safeguarding sensitive areas, key watersheds, and remaining roadless areas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New – Mt. Whitney and all 12,000’ foot peaks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dry camping area in upper Mazourka with table, toilets, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Improve trailhead parking with security cams and expanded for overflow</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate with BLM and county on road maintenance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Need more dark sky areas for group camping; Re- open Cedar Flats “Carma” footprint for group camping with priority for astronomy groups; isolated old sites could also be used for RV if slabs are left in place</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NOTE: Numbers used in public comments align with numbers assigned to Recreation Places listed at the beginning of each section.</u></b></p>
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