



Mammoth Lakes Recreation 1.0 Document Inventory
Mammoth Region Recreation Council (MMRC)
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Notes from 1st Rec Reorg Meeting

Recreation

Anything that anyone does for leisure
Renew, Refresh, Rejuvenate, Re-Creat

Mammoth's Recreation

Outdoor
Our Physical Environment
The General Plan Citations
Year Round
Quality of Experience
Health + Well Being
Diversity

Visitation vs Core Services

Mission Based Management
Physical Accessibility
Economic
 Core Activity
 Income Creating
The Economic Engine
The Industry
The Product
Infrastructure

Ease + Quality of Recreation
Quality of Infrastructure
Prioritized Activity
Bedrock
Foundation

Product

Management/Programming
Competition
Product Development
Asset Management Inventory
Product Management
 Who? How?
Responsibility
Ownership! Community!

Where – Painting A Picture With Words

Water, Air, Creeks, Trails, Mountains, Parks, Fields, Any Open Accessible
Space, Forests, Alpine, high Desert, Sky, Wildlife, Snow, Wildflowers,
Granite, Scenery, Vistas, Climate, Night Sky

Process – At the Table Advisory

Core Group – 10 – Leadership

USFS (2)

County (1)

CAO

Mammoth TC (2)

Mammoth – T+R Comm (3)

Mammoth – T+R Department (1)

MLTPA – (1)

Facilitator

MMSA

FOI

Advisory

RECREATION

Agenda for October 6, 2009

WELCOME BACK

WHAT'S TRANSPIRED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

- Confirmation that Recreation is bigger than the Town of Mammoth Lakes (John- map)*
- Highlights from meeting with Jim Upchurch*
 - Formalize the relationship*
 - Beyond cost share agreement*

PREMISES

- We have nothing to lose*

CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHALLENGES - SOME EXAMPLES [Danna](#)

- Bike Trail - signage*
- Forest Services - event on moto-cross trail*
- Equipment management*
- Developer on Main Street*

OUR OPERATING VISION [Danna](#)

- A family*
- A local*
- A business*

WHAT IT WOULD MIGHT LOOK LIKE FROM AN ORGANIZATION PERSPECTIVE

- Quasi-governmental agency (with ultimate vision of public/private partnership)*
- Clearing house*
- All recreation-initiators (events, projects or groups) register*
- Responsibilities may include:*
 - Coordination of recreation projects and events in district*
 - Coordination and maintenance of recreation calendar for district*
 - Policy development*
 - Advocacy*
 - Fund & resource development*
 - Infrastructure, facilities, equipment*

RECREATION

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BENEFITS

- Increased capacity*
- Increased quality*
- Increased continuity and collaboration - eliminate silos*
- Recreation will have a voice at the table of all involved agencies*
- Increased resource development opportunities*

MOVING FORWARD

- Large group - so more structure, i.e. objectives, shorter tirades, end with agreements and objectives, accountable for assignments*
- First full group meeting objective - objective = shared mission*
- Date _____*

NOVEMBER 18

Document which presents

- Those involved in the process*
- Shared Vision & Mission*
- Process schedule*
- Ultimate product*
 - Organization structure*
 - Definitions - including what's in the organization's purview and what is not*
 - Roles and responsibilities of all participants*
 - Relationship parameters among INF, Town, County*
 - Governing board profile*
 - Funding options*
 - Authority parameters*
 - Transition timeline*

CAMPAIGN

- Objective = to bring community along with us*
- Possible media partner (Danna)*

AGREEMENTS & COMMITMENTS

Mammoth Region Recreation Council
Meeting Agenda
October 16, 2009
9:30am – 12:00noon
T&R Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Facilitator's Introduction
 - How meetings will be conducted
i.e. initial objectives, agreements and commitments,
homework assignments
 - Initial Benchmark
November 18, 2009 status report to Town Council
 - Today's Objective – A Shared Vision
3. How we got here
4. Who is at the table and why
5. Process Expectations (each participant's desired product and how it fits into their respective organization's recreation mission)
6. Identify Challenges
 - What will it take to achieve our common vision
 - What is best way to move forward (smaller working teams, etc)
7. How to bring the community along
 - Media Campaign
8. Next Steps
9. Next Meeting

Attendance: Bill Sauser, Teri Stehlik, Tony Colasardo, Jo Bacon, Wendy Sugimura, Dave Wilbrecht, Jon Reggelbrugge, Mike Schlafmann, Matt Peterson, John Wentworth, Paul McFarland, Jim Smith, Danna Stroud, Terry Gooch Ross

**Mammoth Region Recreation Council
Meeting October 16, 2009
Whiteboard Notes
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
T&R Conference Room**

Process Expectations

Bill Sauser:

- Seamless experience and management
- Multi-tiered agency
- South County Recreation District
- Organization can spend money
- Requires transition plan

Tony Colasardo:

- Identify/inventory assets of region
- Visualize, market, protect, and enhance the identified resources

Jon Regelbrugge:

- Crisis creating opportunity
- Common vision plus common tactics equals strategic efforts
- Multi-tiered organization
- Partner autonomy

Jo Bacon:

- True collaboration and leveraging
- Not duplicative

Jim Smith:

- Mammoth-centric hub and spoke or trailhead
- Authority – has teeth – has authority
- Define Park and Recreation for Mammoth/TOML

Mike Schlafmann:

- Bigger than Mammoth
- Bigger than simple recreation
- Business model is to tie the recreation to the economic reality of the resources
- Sustained economic viability of the organization
- Maintenance and operations of the resource
- Jurisdictional limbs are arbitrary
- Need for group to define the “sphere of influence”
- Definition of scalability of effort

- Intent of scalability clear and built into the tactics

Dave Wilbrecht:

- Special interest driven
- Special interests equal stakeholders
- Engage community as part of the process
- Engage community up front
- Do not forget/get out in front of community

Paul McFarland:

- Use the pathways/corridors that are existing

John Wentworth:

- Reliable, efficient, professional acceptance and sustainable management of recreation resources and infrastructure

Dave Wilbrecht:

- Cultural transition from entitlement to engagement

Danna Stroud:

- Community ownership of its resources and economy

What is it?

1. Organization

Authority:

- Budget and hire – spend money
- Pass through for funds
- Bring projects forward
- Sharing authority from agencies
- Inventory of authority from potential signatories
- Multi-jurisdictional Board
- Legal analysis of how authority can be determined
- Identification of shared opportunities – clearing house

Authority

Leadership:

- Calendar – set dates and meetings to help define and have public engaged
- Business plan
- Simultaneous development of multiple tracks
- Executive vs. legislative – engagement, opportunities and constraints

**Mammoth Region Recreation Council
Meeting October 30, 2009
DRAFT Minutes
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Mammoth Lakes Community Center**

1. Welcome: The meeting commenced at 9:38 a.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center. In attendance were Bill Sauser, Teri Stehlik, Jo Bacon, Wendy Sugimura, Dave Wilbrecht, Jon Regelbrugge, Mike Schlafmann, John Wentworth, Paul McFarland, Jim Smith, Danna Stroud, Terry Gooch Ross and Lara Kirkner

2. Public Comments: None

3. Meeting Objective – Shared Vision: Ms. Gooch Ross started off the meeting by asking that the group not talk about agencies just yet. She hoped to look at a bigger, regional picture and perspective. She explained that the objective for the meeting was to come up with a shared vision. Ms. Stroud added that there were two processes going on in terms of recreation. The issue of the Town of Mammoth Lakes' internal budget and recreation stress was being dealt with concurrently with the MRRC process. The Town Council members and Tourism and Recreation Commissioners had done their Town homework outside of this process.

4. Homework Reports:

Team 1 – Broad, regional organization: This team included Ms. Stroud, Ms. Sugimura, Mr. Regelbrugge and Mr. Matt Peterson. The group felt that the purpose of this type of organization would be to connect resources, coordinate implementation, and plan comprehensively. They felt that being regional meant the Eastern Sierra region with a focus on Inyo and Mono counties. The organization would be responsible for programming, communications, recreation management and planning. Ms. Stroud pointed out that they would not be reinventing the wheel as other areas such as San Mateo and San Bernardino already have similar organizations that can be studied. These examples show that responsibility levels in similar organizations speak to funding levels. The structures of other organizations were also studied. It was determined that they were made up of a Board of representatives from districts, an Executive Director and staff. They crossed counties, cities, state and public lands, and watershed lands. Mr. Schlafmann pointed out that the significant federal component of what the MRRC is contemplating makes this process something new and different from these other organizations. Ms. Stroud stated that the goal would be a tighter coordination effort so that the organization is efficient with the small amount of money available and is not adding layers of bureaucracy. The question was raised as how to institutionalize without adding layers of bureaucracy. Ms. Stroud said

that the Santa Monica Conservancy was a good example to look at to answer this question. The discussion then veered toward whether or not a regional organization was realistic or simply ideal at this time. Mr. Smith stated that it should be something ideal to pursue as a goal and should be part of a strategic plan as something to try and achieve in the future. Ms. Sugimura added that this made sense as some of the players that would be invited to the table might not be ready to come yet.

Team 2 – Mono County-based organization: This group consisted of Mr. Wilbrecht, Mr. Sauser, Mr. Schlafmann and Mr. Wentworth. Mr. Wilbrecht stated that this group discussed many of the same things the first group had discussed, but not in the larger context of including Inyo County. He pointed out that the Collaborative Planning Team was an organization already in place but not defined for these specific purposes, but that going to them may be a good place to start as the organization starts to take shape. The group also talked a lot about geography and the difficulty of creating something that would work with all of the competition within the county at this time. They felt the make up of the organization should be broad and represent all jurisdictional partners and act as a forum. They described it as having an Executive Director with just two or three employees. Those employees would then be supported by the jurisdictional agencies so that the staff would be empowered but would not have to do it all. A Board would also be part of the organization's make-up and would need a charter. They felt that the charter could be voted on by the public as a way to get their buy-in. They used the examples of the Community Service Agencies, or CSAs, as groups already in place that could help represent the different communities, but some in the larger MRRC group felt that these types of groups seemed very process heavy. Ms. Sugimura pointed out that perhaps the scope of the organization should not be countywide at this time. Mr. Schlafmann stated that from Mammoth to June Lake to Lee Vining would be an easy starting point on a geographic scale. Needs in many other areas of the county are unknown by the Forest Service. Again, ultimately the group felt that they just needed to come up with a plan to throw out to the public to see if they would want it. The group wanted to create the program first and then go out for public support. They felt that just enough structure should be in place to pull leaders out of the different communities. Mr. Wilbrecht compared the process to the Mammoth Track process currently gaining traction and felt that the organization should start slowly so that it would not fold under itself. Mr. Wentworth, however, felt that the desire for recreation was out there and already had a predisposed buy-in. Ultimately, it was pointed out by Mr. Smith that yes, the passion needed to be behind the project but that really it would all be about the money. Mr. Schlafmann then pointed out that everyone was saying the same thing so they should just dig into defining the organization and developing the plan to put before the public. Ms. Gooch Ross also pointed out that the combined

knowledge of the jurisdictional agencies would bring forth more funding opportunities. The group agreed and felt that a group like this would need to have broad interests and not personal silos, so they needed to determine how to pull people out of their personal silos. Mr. Wilbrecht felt that the major silo was that the public doesn't like their money taken through taxation and spent by people who think they know what the public wants. He felt that the private sector really needed to be at the table helping define what the organization was going to be. Ms. Gooch Ross added that there needed to be a tangible return on the public's investment and therefore recreation needed to be shown as an economic engine for the community. She claimed that the group needed to translate how they talked about the organization so that people understand it and want to come along with it.

Team 3 – Mammoth-centric organization: This group consisted of Mr. McFarland, Ms. Bacon and Mr. Tony Colasardo. The group pointed out that they were all at the table because of the Mammoth-centric crisis of the Town almost cutting recreation from their budget so it was critical that the Town stay engaged in the process. They pointed out that several project-specific partners such as Caltrans, Mammoth Trails, Mammoth Community Water District and the Mammoth Lakes Fire District needed to be added to the table in a Mammoth-centric organization. They believed the organization should create continuity, cut red tape, and utilize resources more effectively. They felt that volunteerism should be built on to engage more folks and pointed to the Summer of Stewardship as a good start. They felt that a formal authority needed to be created since the organization would hinge on the way that the commissions and staff would be empowered. They felt that a Joint Project Authority, not a Joint Powers Authority was what was really needed to streamline the process. The organization could streamline the process and then be Okayed by all the agencies. Mr. Wilbrecht pointed out that first they would need to define recreation because all of the agencies have different definitions. He felt that if the Town closed down their recreation it would not have an affect on the Forest Service. Mr. Schlafmann agreed that people would still come to the federal lands, but pointed out that this organization would be an opportunity to do a better job with the visitor experience so that they would return. Ms. Stroud agreed and pointed out that people have been satisfied with the current recreation for many years and that the public is not telling the agencies to change things, but that the agencies are bringing forward the opportunity to do things better. Mr. Wentworth disagreed with this assumption. Mr. McFarland also felt that the level of contention would rise without the Town and people would go back to their silos and just throw bombs at each other. Mr. Schlafmann, however, still felt that the agencies were leading the effort to change otherwise people would be complacent.

5. Define a Shared Vision: The group all agreed that they wanted to further explore a separate recreation organization. They all felt that it was a good idea and that it should be pursued, but they reserved the right to change their minds once the end results of what the organization would look like is determined.

6. Next Steps/Commitment: Ms. Gooch Ross then discussed the next homework assignments. She explained that the governance and scope would be fleshed out in the smaller homework groups. She added that they needed to determine who else should be at the table as discussions continued. It was discussed that everyone at the table plus CACs, RPACs and NGOs should be represented, but potentially only a select few. The group, however, felt that the charter would encourage or discourage groups from wanting to get involved and that was how the selection should be determined. The group then defined that the governing Board would be a manageable-sized group that would make decisions while the governing structure would include projects. The governing Board would be the authority that would influence decision makers directly and have the power to make decisions. The other advisory committee would have a loose structure of membership but would just work on projects, carry messages and provide input, but would not make decisions. The Board would pick projects and direct staff to go to work with the committee to get them finished. Board would be the ultimate spending authority. There were still many questions but Ms. Gooch Ross summed up what had been done by saying that the organization's value is collaboration and that the structure needed to model this value. All of the interests need to have value in the Board process and the public needs to know how to engage with the Board. If the organization has authority then people will automatically get directed to it and will not be able to get in through back doors. It was also pointed out that it should not be assumed that agencies would be able to bring funding to the table individually. The group was then broken up into three homework groups to discuss governance, scope and charter, and what authority and capacity the Board would have. The next set of tests for the MRRC will be to run through different scenarios of the proposed organization and try to find the holes in the potential processes.

7. Next Meeting: November 9, 9-11 a.m., Mammoth Lakes Community Center

8. Adjourn: 11:56 a.m.

Mammoth Region Recreation Council
Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 9, 2009
9:00am – 11:00am
Mammoth Lakes Community Center

1. Welcome
2. Public Comments
3. Meeting Objective:
 - Refinement of Shared Vision
4. Homework Reports:
 - Team 1 – Governance (board and structure)
 - Team 2 – Scope and Charter
 - Team 3 – Authority and capacities willing to be shared/grown among new org and agency partners (include constraints)

Each team will report out findings for discussion among the MRRC

5. Define governance structure to pursue
6. Next Steps
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjourn

Attendance: Bill Sauser, Teri Stehlik, Tony Colasardo, Jo Bacon, Wendy Sugimura, Byng Hunt, Dave Wilbrecht, Jon Reggelbrugge, Mike Schlafmann, Matt Peterson, John Wentworth, Paul McFarland, Jim Smith, Danna Stroud, Terry Gooch Ross

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**NOTICE OF
A
WORKSHOP
OF THE
MAMMOTH REGION RECREATION COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Mammoth Region Recreation Council will be held on **Monday, November 9, 2009** from 9:00am – 11:00am at the Town of Mammoth Lakes **Community Center** (1000 Forest Trail) for the purpose of discussing a shared vision for the formation of a recreation organization.

The public is invited to attend and will have an opportunity to provide comment during the workshop.

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2013

Danna Stroud
Tourism and Recreation Director

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MAMMOTH REGIONAL RECREATION COUNCIL

Gooch Notes from 11/9/09

* = *needs to be addressed*

GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

- Initial scope: Mammoth, Crowley, June Lake, Lee Vining
- During initial phase other Mono County communities can ask to be included
- Keep full region stakeholders aware through regular communication*
- Geographic scope should be scalable
- Still defining ultimate vision*

- Assign jurisdictional requirements to levels of participation ?
- Prioritize for initial 4 communities
- At end of each “phase” a thoughtful decision should be made regarding whether it is beneficial to expand

CHARTER (see document from Scope & Charter Team)

- Facilitate creation and implementation for shared strategic vision across defined geography
- Board ultimately determines what tasks will be performed, tasks discussed:
 - Maintain an inventory of resources and assets
 - Develop recreation data base
- Case management approach
- Initiate a two way dialogue, e.g. provide practical feedback to jurisdictions
- Outreach not marketing

TESTS

- Centurion Bike Races
 - *e.g. feedback from event organizer need better bike lanes; Caltrans has limited budget; perhaps a multi jurisdictional strategy can provide/supplement additional resources*
- Lake Mary Bike Path (multi year, multi jurisdiction, capital project)

MAMMOTH REGIONAL RECREATION COUNCIL

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AUTHORITIES & CAPACITIES

- Infrastructure resources
- Project by project authority & capacity
- Shared grants
- Shared resources
- Permitting facilitation
- Contracting authority
- Decision making authority
- Combined inventory of *ready to go* projects within context of mission
- Shared existing “Use Permits”
- Facilitating structure, e.g. INF Association/ Participating Agreement

GOVERNANCE

Structure - IRS/incorporation issues

- JPA
- Private non profit
- Recreation District
- JPA with associated Foundation

Participating Agencies

- Mono County
- TOML
- INF
- BLM
- DWP
- CalTrans
- NPS
- Fish & Game
- MCWD

AGREEMENTS, COMMITMENTS & NEXT STEPS

1. Determine viable structure options given involved jurisdictions (legal opinion - John)
Given - Scope, Charter, Vision, Participants, what is the appropriate governance structure
2. Conduct research re similar organizations and relationships
3. Once structure options and research available, all jurisdictions will determine their capacities, authorities and unique organization requirements needed to participate
4. Outreach Team will contact those identified agencies not involved in the process thus far and commence education process to ultimately seek interest and explore #3 (Wendy, INF)
5. Eventually need to identify how participating jurisdictions will be held accountable

**Mammoth Region Recreation Council
Scope and Charter Team**

Tony Colarsardo
Teri Stehlik
Wendy Sugimura
John Wentworth

Geographic Scope:

- Ultimate vision: entire Eastern Sierra – Alpine, Inyo and Mono Counties
- The geographic scope should be **scalable**, and we should start smaller.
 - We should develop a healthy, functional organization before expanding.
- Initial scope: Mammoth, Crowley, June Lake and Lee Vining.
 - Include any other communities that express the desire and/or capacity to participate.
 - We should inform the regional entities of our effort and engage them in the future.

Charter:

- Purpose: To enhance recreation opportunities, access and resource management, and support healthy, sustainable local economies.
- Role: Facilitate regional coordination, collaboration and leveraging of resources for recreation activities.
- Focus:
 - Primary: Coordinate regional recreation issues, including capacity management, stewardship and resource management, facility and infrastructure maintenance, marketing and communication, and sustained engagement with stakeholders.
 - Primary: Coordinate recreation project management, including planning and project oversight, implementation and leveraging of funding and resources.
 - Secondary / Future: Provide traditional recreation programming, such as classes, programs and events.
- Participation: Criteria for groups to participate in this organization include: 1) desire, and 2) ability to bring resources to the table, e.g. funding, staffing, volunteers, etc.

Most appropriate organizational forms: Joint Powers Authority, non profit

MAMMOTH REGION RECREATION COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

December 4, 2009

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Community Center

- Review current agreements
 - *We are discussing a new organization*
 - *Initial geographical scope = Mammoth, Crowley, June Lake, Lee Vining*
 - *Process will be phased and scalable*
 - *Working Mission = To enhance recreation opportunities, access and resource management which support healthy, sustainable local economies.*
 - *Working Role =*
 - facilitate regional coordination, collaboration and leveraging of resources for recreation activities*
 - maintain/sustain the recreation milieu*
 - facilitate creation and implementation of shared strategic vision across defined geography*
 - *We will begin targeted outreach to those agencies who we anticipate should be at the organizational table (Team = Wendy, INF)*

- Homework Presentation from November 9 - Governance (Dave, Bill, Matt, Jim)

- Report on Legal Opinion re: Appropriate Structures (John Wentworth)

- Discussion of peer organization structures (links distributed earlier)
 - include TOML Recreation Plan discussion

- Narrow structure options to two - begin practical testing (*this includes brainstorming practical situations which span variety of projects new organization could encounter*)

- Agreements & Commitments - timeline for presentation to TC and BOS

- Schedule Next Meeting

- Adjourn

Mammoth Region Recreation Council
Meeting December 4, 2009
DRAFT Minutes
1-3:30 p.m.
Mammoth Lakes Community Center

1. Welcome: The meeting commenced at 1 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center. In attendance were Wendy Sugimura, Byng Hunt, Jon Regelbrugge, John Wentworth, Paul McFarland, Danna Stroud, Jim Smith, Dan Lyster, Bill Sauser, Jo Bacon, Teri Stehlik and Lara Kirkner. Facilitator Terry Gooch Ross was unable to arrive until 2 p.m. so Ms. Stroud kicked the meeting off. Ms. Stroud introduced Dan Lyster who works for Mono County and would be taking over for Mono County's CAO Dave Wilbrecht. Mark Drew and Holly Alper of the Inyo Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) were in attendance as members of the public. The Governance Committee announced that they still had not met so there would not be a report out on that portion of the organization.

2. Reviewing current agreements: Ms. Stroud asked the group if everyone in the group was still on board with the organization currently being discussed. The group felt that the organization was still worthy of further exploration, but that everyone would need to know the details before truly committing. Many felt that the triggers that would turn someone's vote to a no should be discussed. Restrictions of the Forest Service were the largest items that needed to be reviewed. Mr. Wentworth pointed out, however, that now was not the point to waste time because there was currently \$5 million plus on the table for recreation infrastructure between Town grant awards and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. If not spent in a timely manner, many opportunities would be lost. The group still felt, however, that the organization's direction needed to be truly defined before moving forward too quickly. There were still thoughts that the organization may just end up being a coordinating group that would improve the conduit between agencies. It was agreed that the listed initial geographic scope of Mammoth, Crowley, June Lake and Lee Vining was OK, except that Sunnyslopes and Tom's Place should be specifically mentioned. Geographic growth would be phased and scaleable.

After reviewing the working mission, "To enhance recreation opportunities, access and resource management which support healthy, sustainable local economies," it was determined that wording should be added to describe that the organization would also maintain the health of the land and environment. The working role listed by Ms. Stroud on the agenda was agreed upon. The team that had been assembled to begin targeted outreach to agencies anticipated being at the table in the future had not met yet, but stated that would do so.

3. Report on Legal Opinion re: Appropriate Structures (John Wentworth): Mr. Wentworth had not heard back from MLTPA's legal counsel, Jim Reed

regarding this topic. Instead, Mr. Wentworth reviewed the organizational models research document that MLTPA had compiled. The document was a compilation of other organizations performing similar tasks. The group reviewed the document to determine which models may fit what MRRC was trying to accomplish. The San Bernardino Interpretive Association seemed to be a good fit because the relationship between the Association and the Forest Service was similar to the Inyo National Forest's relationship with the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA), except the San Bernardino Association took on many more responsibilities. This type of partner relationship is one that the group felt should be looked at with the new organization. It would simplify the Forest Service's role and restrictions in the process. However, the Forest Service is only allowed to have one such partner at a time so ESIA would need to eventually be brought into the discussions. The group agreed that the different models needed to be studied further to determine which path the group would take, but that the San Bernardino model was the model preference that had emerged. It was determined that before the next meeting a call should be set up with the San Bernardino National Forest and the Interpretive Association to find out more information about how their relationship works.

Mr. Sauser also brought up the need to explore the recreational programming of the organization as well, but others in the group thought recreational programming would be part of a different group. Mr. Smith gave the example that the organization that MRRC was creating would not be the place where recreation users would go to get new playground equipment. Others agreed, and Ms. Gooch Ross pointed out that it would go back to each agency still having their responsibilities. Ms. Sugimura added that this was why the group had agreed to make the organization scaleable, so that they would not be biting off more than they could chew at the very start. As the organization grows, its capacities could also have the potential to grow. The group agreed that no ideas should be excluded but that they should be prioritized. Use of existing capacities would be oriented around a new mission. Again, the San Bernardino system was a good example to review for this. Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Regelbrugge, Mr. McFarland and Ms. Stroud agreed to work on the study of, and communication with San Bernardino. Their discoveries were expected to be the core part of the next MRRC meeting.

4. TOML Recreation Plan discussion: Referred to as the "Townie" document, Ms. Stroud explained that it was in draft form but had been shown to the Town Council. The next round of the document was expected to be fairly complete. The next steps with the document would be to discuss the realities of how implementing a trails plan would fit into it, and also to tie each strategy to a specific person so that there is accountability for getting it done. Ms. Stroud laid out the Town's timeline of events for the next few months, claiming that the funding needs for the DMO as well as recreation were expected to go to the Jan. 20, 2010 Town Council meeting. After that the Town would begin their overall

budget cycle. This cycle will be reconciling the overall Town structure, not just parks, recreation and tourism. Council would be weighing priorities and tradeoffs.

5. Next Meeting: January 8, 8-10 a.m. at the Community Center

6. Adjourn: 3:05 p.m.

MAMMOTH REGION RECREATION COUNCIL

AGENDA

January 8, 2010

- Meetings Since We Last Met**
 - San Bernardino National Forest Association - report out & implications (Strategic Plan attached)*
 - Others to Report??*

- Process Review - How We Got Here**
 - TOML budget crisis,*
 - inexorable link between recreation providers & environs among the jurisdictions,*
 - lack of big picture oversight,*
 - lost opportunities/ revenues*

- Proposal - TOML**
 - Core Services + Facilities*
 - Mammoth Lakes Recreation (model=Housing, Tourism)*
 - Role & Mission*
 - Structure*

- Proposal - Region**
 - USFS Association*
 - Role in Region & Mission*
 - Initial Partners*
 - Jurisdictional Participation*
 - During first year - creation of Board, Structure, Strategic Vision*

- Decisions & Next Steps**

- Agreements & Commitments**

- Thank You For Participating**

USFS (INF ASSOCIATION)

- ESIA
- FOI
- MLR
- OTHER NGO/EFFORT

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MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION

FUNDING

- MEMBERSHIP/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/ USFS
- GRANTS
- SPONSORS
- MEASURE R

PROJECTS (EXAMPLES INCLUDE)

- TOML INTERFACE WITH PUBLIC LANDS
- RECREATION PLANNING/ADVOCACY
- USE PERMITS, CAMPGROUNDS, ETC.
- LABSS, SHARP, SHADY REST WG
- MAMMOTH TRAILS

USFS

MRRC

TOML

MONO CO

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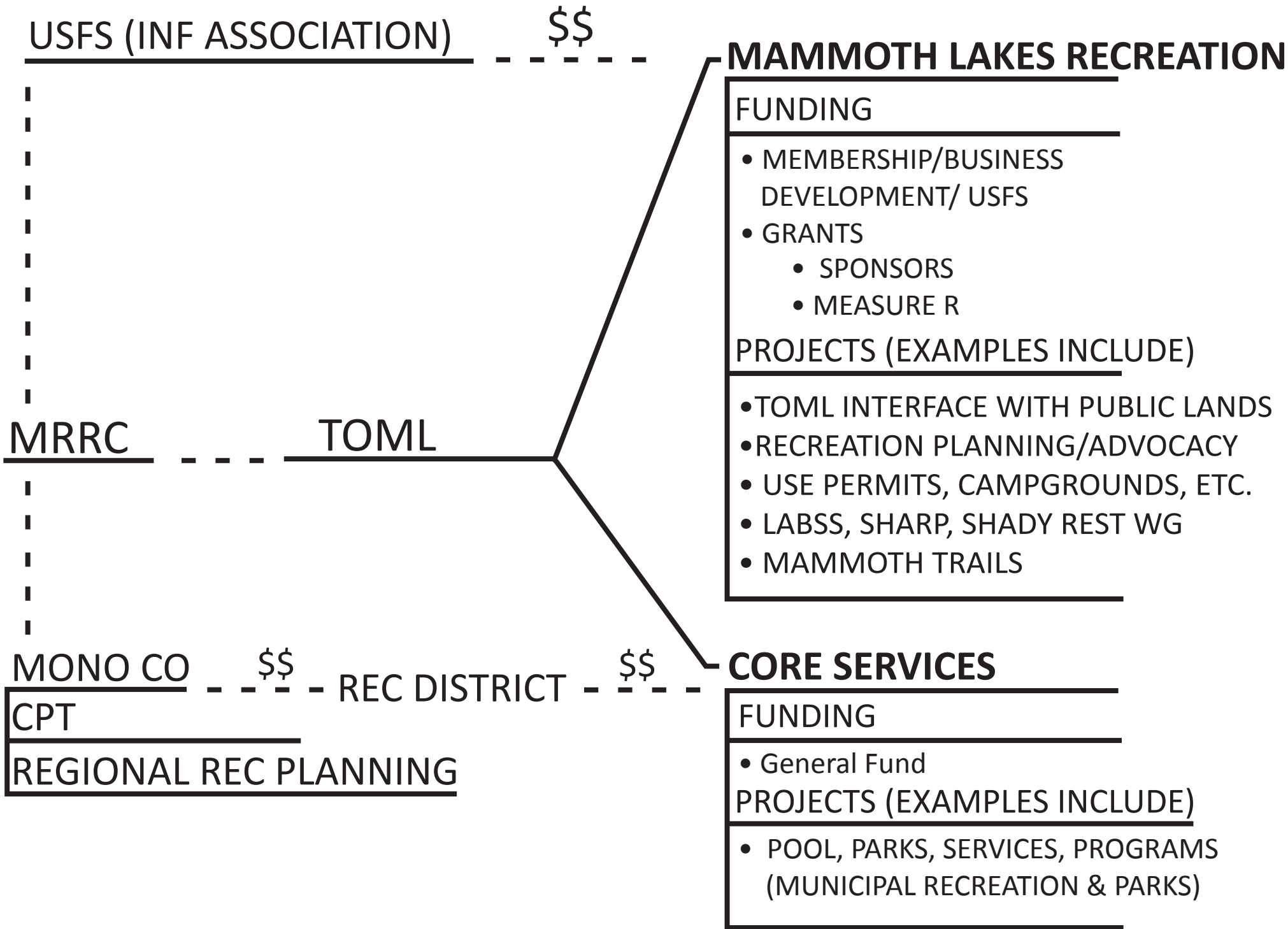
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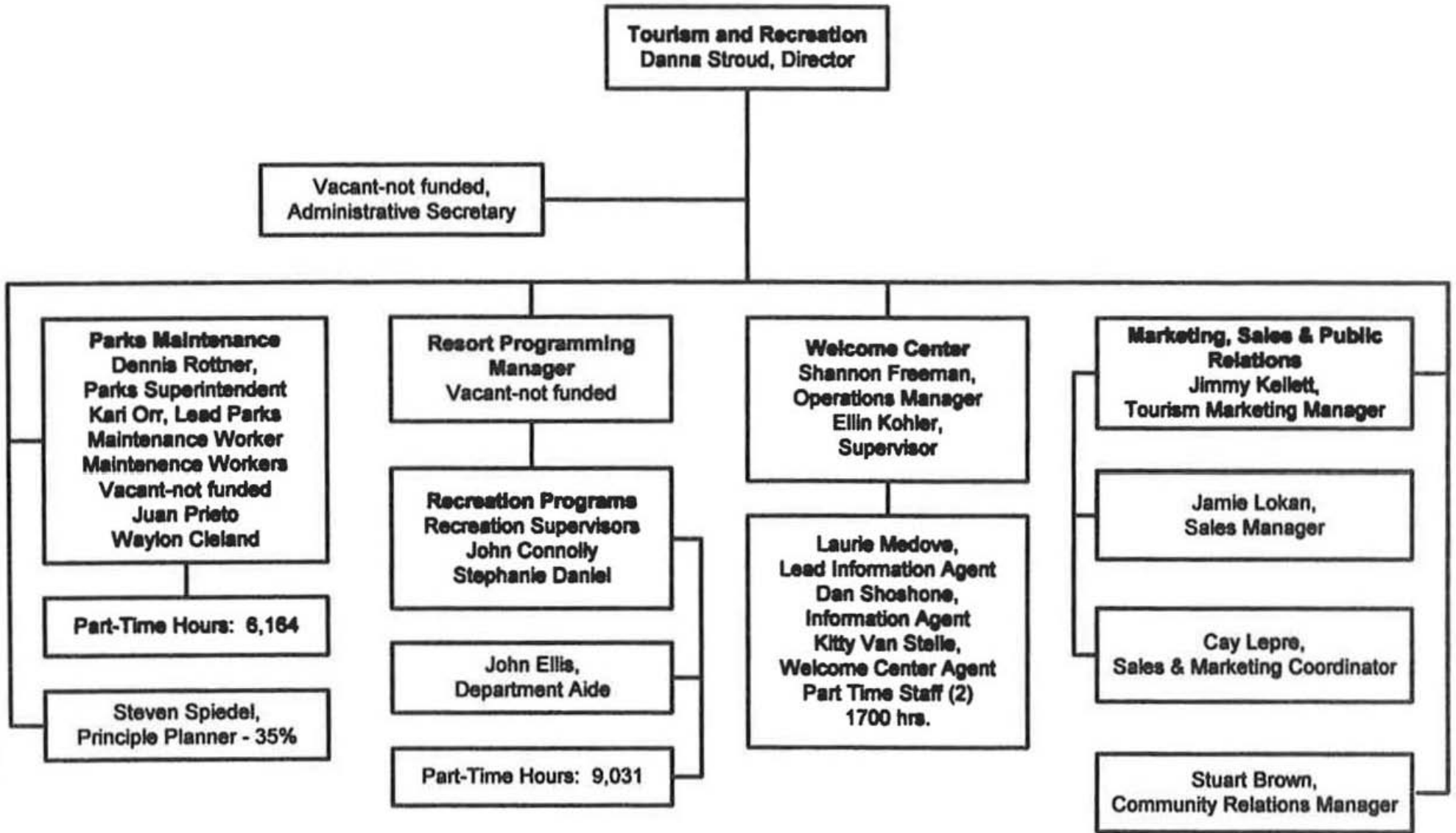
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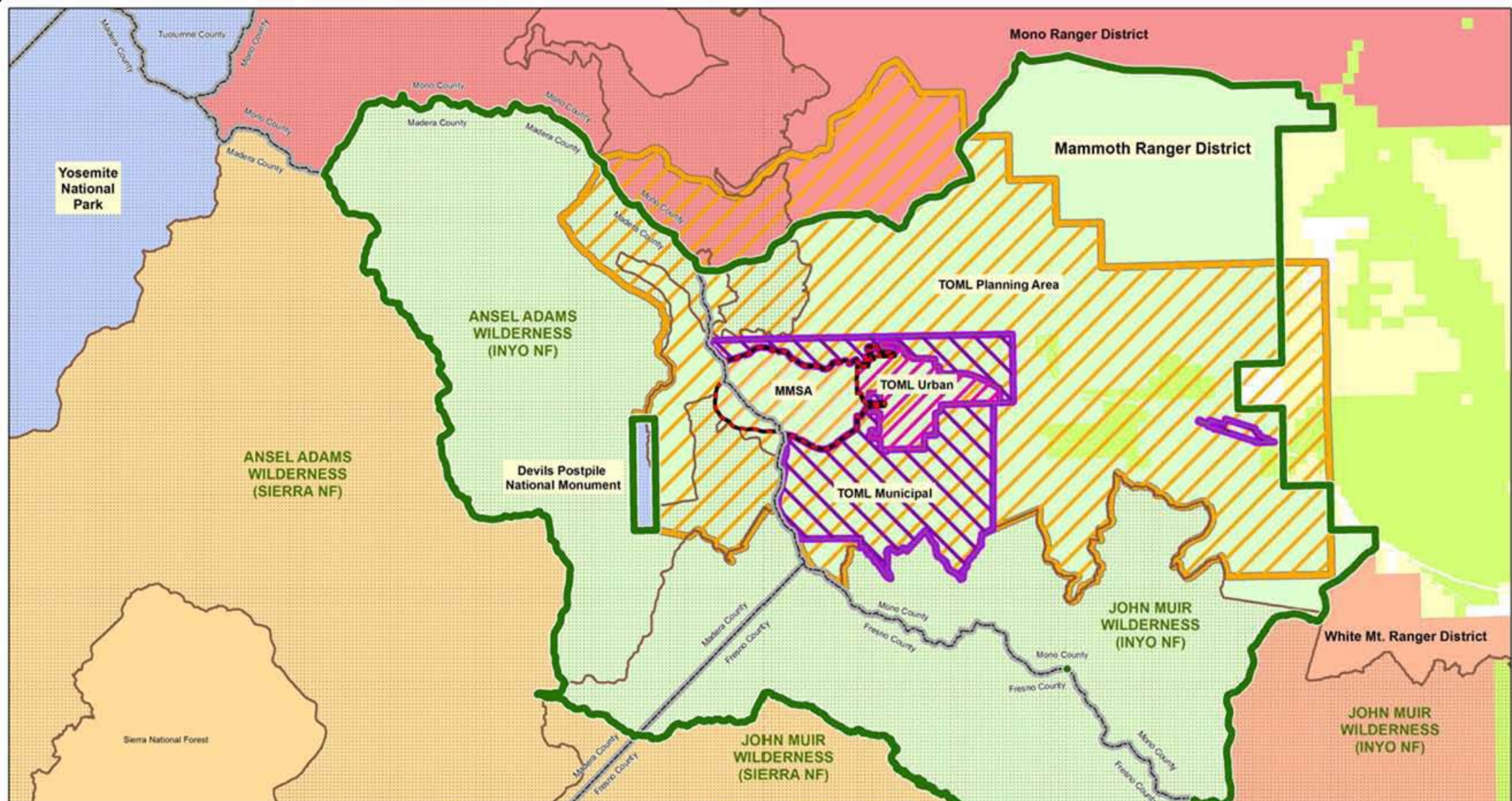
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REGIONAL REC PLANNING

- POOL, PARKS, SERVICES, PROGRAMS (MUNICIPAL RECREATION & PARKS)







**The Mammoth Region Recreation Council
Identified Jurisdictions - 10/06/09**

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| Mammoth Ranger District | Bureau of Land Management | TOML Urban Growth Boundary |
| Mono Ranger District | City of L.A. DWP | TOML Municipal Boundary |
| Mount Whitney Ranger District | California County Boundaries | Wilderness Area |
| White Mountain Ranger District | Mammoth Mountain Ski Area | TOML Planning Area |
| National Park Service | | |

