

NEWS

Forest Service

*United States
Department of
Agriculture*

*Mammoth Lakes Ranger
District*

*Contact: Jon Kazmierski
(760) 924-5503*

**Inyo
National Forest**

Date: February 25, 2011

Third Shady Rest Recreation Planning Meeting Postponed

Mammoth Lakes, CA – The Inyo National Forest received an OHV grant from the State of California to support recreation planning efforts for the “Shady Rest” area within the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The planning process is designed to address year-round motorized use while considering the needs of non-motorized users in the immediate and surrounding area, and the potential impact of proposed geothermal development. The desired outcome of the planning process is to design, review, and approve the development of a new motorized staging area.

Planning meetings held on February 10 and 17 were well attended, highly productive, and have achieved the goal of identifying several potential sites to design and construct a motorized staging area. The Forest Service, in consultation with meeting attendees, has elected to cancel the third meeting planned for Thursday, March 3.

In the coming weeks Forest Service staff will be using information generated from the two planning meetings to develop a proposed action to be released to the public in the spring or summer of this year. Upon release of the proposed action, a scoping meeting will be held and the public will be invited to review and discuss the proposed new staging area and alternatives prior to conducting environmental analysis as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Questions about the project can be directed to District Recreation Officer, Jon Kazmierski, by calling 760-924-5503 or jkazmierski@fs.fed.us.

X X X