

Mammoth Trails Charter
FINAL DRAFT
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Purpose

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

Mission

Mammoth Trails inspires and creates exceptional recreation experiences.

Scope

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

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

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

Participation Criteria

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

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

Operating Principles

- Roles

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

MLTPA, as the convener and provider of staff support, also serves as the meeting Chair. Mammoth Trails may choose to select a Chair using some other methodology in the future, for example on an annual rotational basis, if desired.

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

- **Making Decisions**

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

- **Code of Conduct**

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

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

Values

Mammoth Trails is:

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

Mammoth Trails demonstrates:

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

Charter Updates

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