## Shady Rest Motorized Staging Area Planning February 10, 2011







Planning project funded through a grant provided by the California State Parks OHV Division.



- Competitive Grant Process
- Green Sticker Revenues & Gas Tax Revenues
- Inyo has been recipient of several grants in recent years
- Funding for OSV grooming is a "contract" with State
- "Planning" Grant Funding for development has not yet been applied for. Application will likely be submitted in Spring, 2012.

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#### Purpose and Need

- Ongoing issues with motorized staging in the Shady Rest Area, summer and winter
- Clear need for purpose-built facility that provides a high quality jumping off point to the greater motorized experiences available on Inyo National Forest
- Portal to the existing high quality groomed trail system and developing high quality road and trail system
- Improve the quality of service to the public and increase availability of education and safety information

## Planning Objectives

- Solicit input that will help inform the development of a proposed action that will include siting and design of a motorized staging area.
- 2. Identify current motorized and non-motorized interests.
- 3. Review recreation-related decisions and proposals associated with the ORMAT/Mammoth Pacific geothermal energy development.

#### Tonight's Meeting

 Identify interests and considerations needed to inform the planning and decision processes.

# Orientation – Existing Winter Use



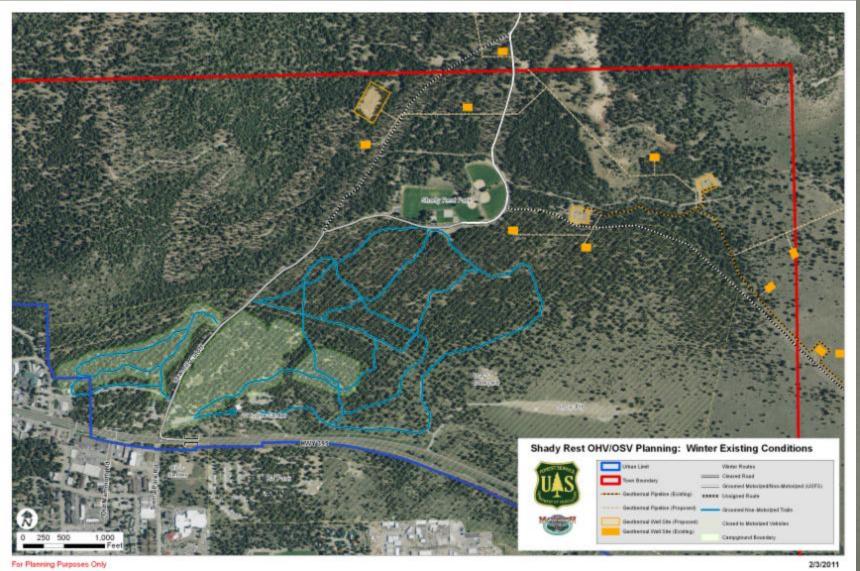








# Orientation – Existing Winter Use



## Orientation – Existing Summer Use

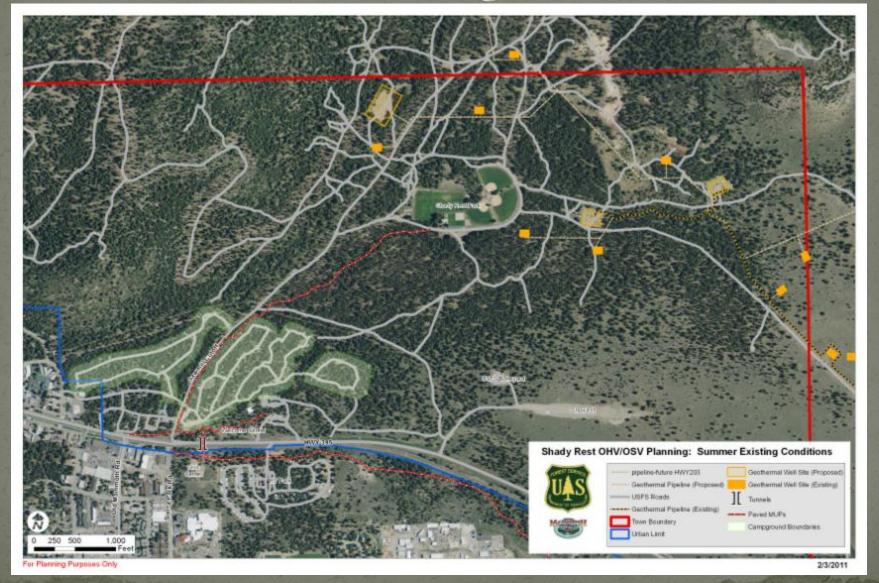
 No designated or formal staging area for non-street legal vehicles







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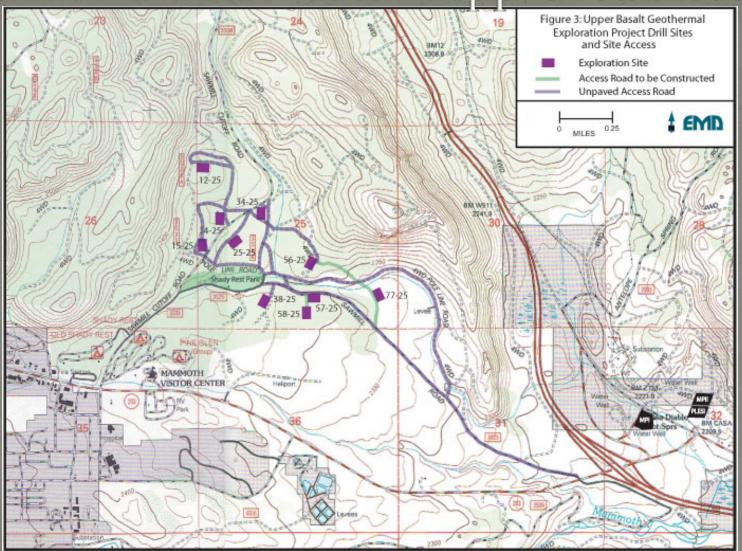
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#### ORMAT Test Wells – Approved Access

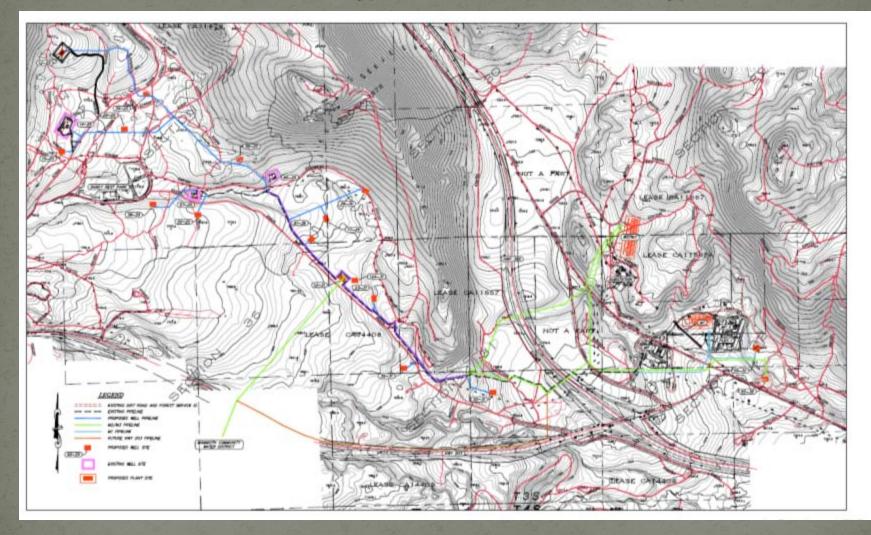




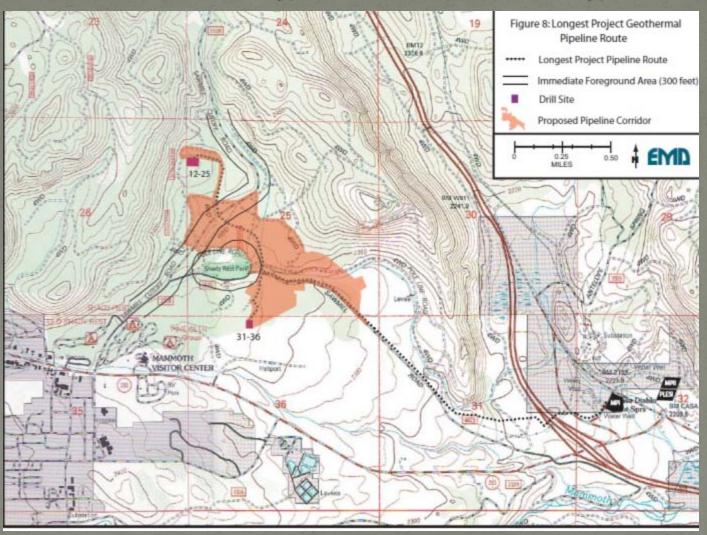
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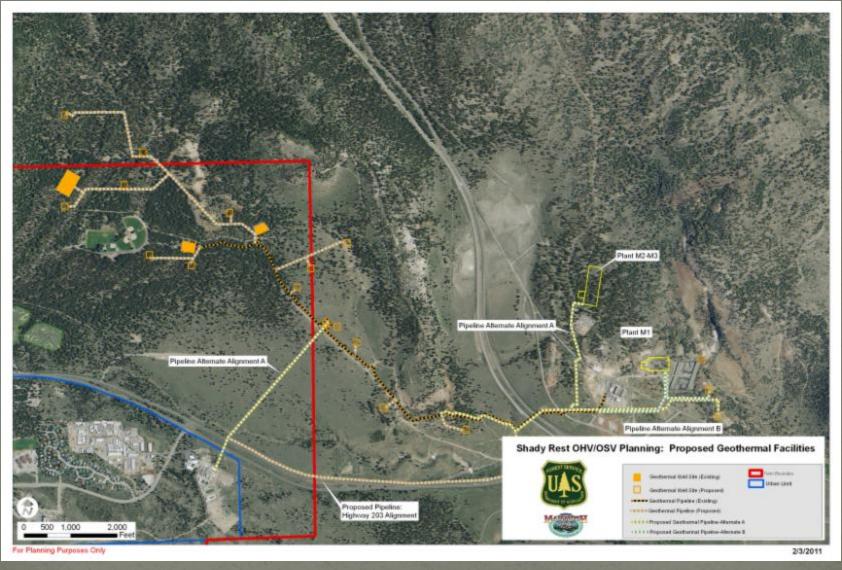
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#### Meeting 1 – Tonight

Interests and considerations

## Meeting 2 – Thursday, Feb. 17th

- Validation of interests and considerations
- Concepts and Locations

#### Meeting 3 – To Be Determined

- Review conceptual alternative sites and designs
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## Formal Planning Process

- Development of motorized staging area subject to NEPA and CEQA, including opportunities for public involvement.
- Proposed action to be developed and released to the public in late summer/early fall 2011.
- Decision expected by early winter, 2012.
- "Development Grant" submitted to State OHV Commission one year from now – March, 2012.

#### Interests and Considerations

- Thoughtful input
- We may ask clarifying questions or provide clarifying answers
- Please be considerate and respectful
- We are not here to judge or critique each other
- Interests vs. Positions

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#### Thank you...

- ... taking time to participate,
- ... for your interest in your community,
- ... for your interest in your public lands, YOUR Inyo National Forest.







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