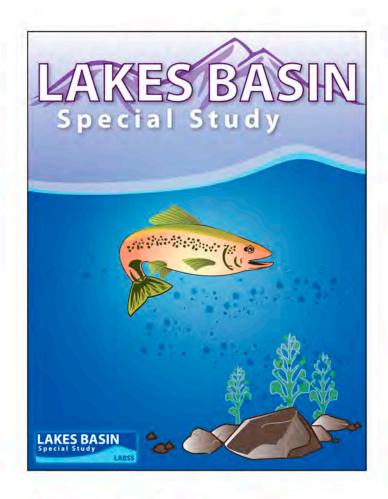


LABSS Supplemental Materials

USFS Mammoth Lakes Recreation Area, Recreation Management Plan (undated)



Lakes Basin Special Study

"USFS Mammoth Lakes Recreation Area, Recreation Management Plan" - INF (not dated)

This management plan represents a comprehensive assessment of the recreation opportunities in the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Area. The plan identifies the current capacity of existing facilities, site development needs, and policy considerations.

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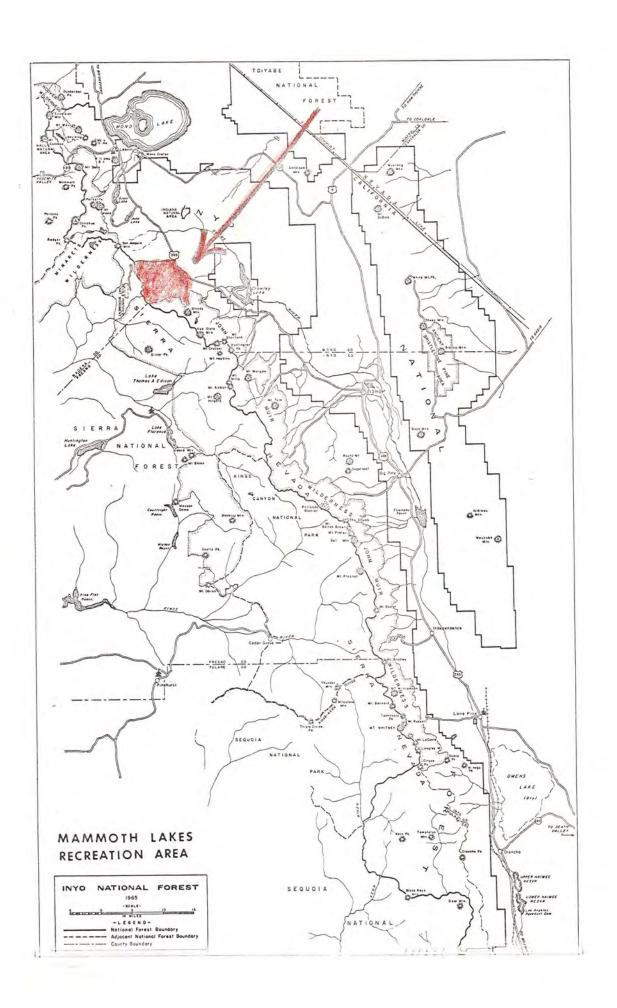
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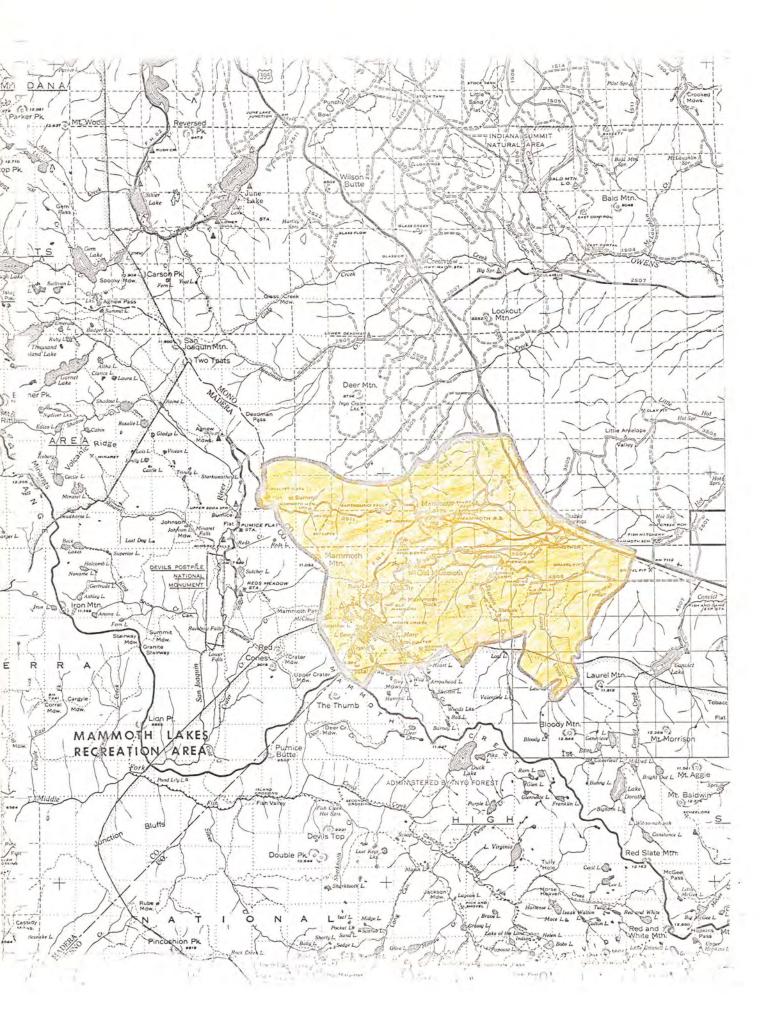
MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION AREA



INYO NATIONAL FOREST

CALIFORNIA REGION





JOB LIST

MAMMOTH LAKES AREA PLAN

- Coordinate all developments in the area with protection of the natural environment. District Ranger maintain in annual work plans.
- Be alert to opportunities to exchange for any parcels listed under key areas for acquisition. District Ranger and Forest Lands Staff Officer maintain in annual plans of work.
- Eliminate mining claims in Coldwater Campground. District Ranger by 1968.
- Lay out a cross county ski trail and draw up a diagramatic hand out map. District Ranger by 1968.
- Lay out routes for over the snow mechanized vehicles and draw up a diagramatic hand out map. District Ranger by 1968.
- 6. Keep upper portion of Laurel Creek Mine Road closed to public vehicular travel. District Ranger maintain in annual work plans.
- 7. Protect all trees of aesthetic value, geological features, and historical remains in area. District Ranger maintain in annual work plans.
- 8. Relocate trail to Heart Lake. District Ranger 1970.
- 9. Relocate Mammoth Pack outfit seres bighay. District Ranger by 1976.
- 10. Issue permit for development of site 343 as a community recreation center. Forest Lands Officer and District Ranger by 1976.
- Issue a prospectus for the development of Sherwin Bowl site 87. Forest Lands Officer and District Ranger 1976.

AREA PLAN

RECREATION AREA MAMMOTH LAKES Invo NATIONAL FOREST Manmoth RANGER DISTRICT APPROVAL DISTRICT RANGER DATE FOREST SUPERVISOR DATE REGIONAL FORESTER DATE I. GENERAL SITUATION (FSH 2313. 21) LOCATION WITHIN FOREST In the northwest portion of the Forest. In the Mammoth Creek drainage on the east escarpment of the Sierra. DISTANCE FROM MAIN TRAVEL ROUTES - MILES The area is bounded on the northeast by U.S. Route 395 and is intersected by the Mammoth Lakes highway. 3. Distance From Cities, Towns - Source of User
42 miles north of Bishop, Calif. - 1 hour driving time
200 miles south of Reno, Nevada - 3 hour driving time
280 miles north of Los Angeles complex - 5 hours driving time DESCRIPTION ELEVATION - RANGE FROM 7.200 TO 11.053 USE AREA 7.200 to 10.400 GENERAL CHARACTER Extends from the crest of the Sierra to a timbered basin with numerous lakes and eastward to a relatively broad valley bounded on the south by towering peaks and on the north by a ridge with seven dome shaped peaks. 3. COVER TYPES Extends from the transition Life Zone to the Arctic Alpine Zone. 25% Sage, bitterbrush, grass. 20% Jeffrey pine, 15% Red fir and Lodgepole pine. 20% Lodgepole pine, Red fir, Mtn. hemlock, White pine. 5% Aspen and Willow, 10% Whitebark and Limber pine. 5% Barren rock. TOPOGRAPHY See insert page 1A F NIGHT 45 F 5. MEAN TEMPERATURE - MID-JULY DAY 80 C. RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES PRINCIPLE ATTRACTION The cool spectacular scenic environment with its numerous fishing waters and the outstanding skiing terrain on Mammoth Mountain. OTHER ATTRACTIONS Hunting, history and natural history. USE D. VISITOR DAYS PER YEAR ESTABLISHED 1.050.000 PLANNED (INCL. ESTAB.) 2.500.000 SEASON OF USE - DATES

SUMMER May ToOctober WINTER November To June

4. Eopography The Mammoth Lakes Basin is a combination of the processes of volcanic and glacial activity. The south and west portions of the area are dominated by a spectacular backdrop of high mountain peaks outlining several glacial cirques. The western part of this glaciated area contains a group of lakes.

The northwestern portion of the area is dominated by the volcanic dome of Mammoth Mountain. This volcanic terrain extends on to the east and covers the north portion of the area with a ridge broken up by several volcanic domes.

The central and eastern part of the area is a combination of glacial moraines and low lava hills and bluffs. This section is bisected by Mammoth Creek.

2108.75 Town 210.00 Lake Asca 2318.75

Mammoth area puvate Land

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D. USE (CONT.)

3. CAPACITY - PERSONS AT ONE TIME

Es	TABLISHED	GOVERNMENT	PRIVATE	TOTAL
	CAMP	2,932	-	2,932
	PICNIC	280	-	280
	ORGANIZATION	420	-	420
	SUMMER HOME	717	2,500	3,217
	RESORT	2,280	2,300	4,580
	WINTER SPORTS SKI	10,000	-	10,000
Swimming Observation	WINTER-SPORTS-SNOW PLAY	200 600	-	200
o o o c c v d c i o i i	TOTAL	17,429	4,800	22,229

PLANNED Including Established Sites and Anticipated Acquisitions

	CAMP	10,052	-	10,052
	PICNIC	1,428		1,428
	ORGANIZATION	1,070	-	1,070
	SUMMER HOME	550	4,000	4,550
	RESORT	2,500	6,000	8,500
	WINTER SPORTS SKI	25,000	-	25,000
	WINTER SPORTS SNOW PLAY	500	-	500
Swimming	TOTAL	1.450	-	1.450
_	TOTAL	-43.650	10 000	53 650

4. SERVICES - STORES, BOAT LAUNCHING, ETC. 650 10,000 53,650

ESTABLISHED	Gov'T.	11	PRIVATE	2	TOTAL	13

ADEQUACY Most additional needs will be met on private land in PLANNED NUMBER SITES GOV'T. PRIVATE TOTAL

5. BACKGROUND HISTORY OF USE

See Insert Page 2A

E.	LAND ACRES (EXCLUDE WATER	SURFACE)	621
	OWNERSHIP Area in Zones	DEVELOPMENT SITES EST. AND POTENTIAL	RECREATION AREA TOTAL WITHIN FINAL BOUNDARY
	NATIONAL FOREST 3.980	5.830	24,000
	OTHER PUBLIC	115	1,785
	PRIVATE	1,600	1979 2,015 2,049
	TOTAL	7,545	27 .860

2. KEY AREAS FOR ACQUISITION

	SECTION	TPS.	RANGE	ACRES	Purpose
	18 16 15 9	44444 44444 45	27E 27E 27E 27E 27E 27E	80 80 60+ 32+ 26+	Camp and picnic use & water front "" Protect Scenic Backdrop
DELLABORE	. 6	45	28E	120	Camparound - (City LA Land)

Sections 8 and 17 - Title to the parcel is clouded

D. 5 Background History of Use

Prior to the coming of white man the area was used by the Piute Indians for generations.

An archaeological expanation of Mammoth Creek Cave (site 83) was conducted by the Eastern California Museum in 1962 and 1963. The data obtained suggests an Indian occupational time-span in excess of 700 years, encompassing two or possibly three cultural periods.

Red Mountain in the southwest portion of the area was the scene of a mining boom from 1878 to 1880. This activity resulted in several mining camps springing up in the vicinity, they were Mammoth City, Pine City, Mill City, and Mineral Park.

The Mammoth Mining Company drove four tunnels into Red Mountain's north slope. A 20 stamp mill was erected nearby to process the ore and dams were constructed on Lake Mary and Twin Lakes to provide water power. The company spent \$300,000 to produce \$200,000 worth of gold. The mine shut down in 1880.

In the 1890's a Judge Doyle of Chicago built a 10 stamp mill and reopened the mines on Red Mountain. They did not pay and only sporadic activity has continued to the present.

Other mines have been operated on the southwest slope of Red Mountain from the 1890's to the present. They include the Monte Cristo and the Mammoth Consolidated. Near the northeast shore of Lake Mary is the remains of a water powered arrasta mill dating back to 1890.

The first road in the area was constructed during the fall of 1878 and the spring of 1879 to connect the mine community of Pine City with Owens Valley. This road was operated for a number of years as a toll road by one of the builders, James L. C. Scherwin. Mr. Sherwin later came into entire possession of the road, but abandoned the project when the county wouldn't accept the responsibility for its maintenance.

Several hundred acres of land in the vicinity of Lake Mary and the Community of Old Mammoth were cut over for use in the construction of the mines and mining camps. A large amount of cutting was also carried out for fuel wood.

TIMBER

Two sawmills are reported to have been suilt on Laurel Creek in 1879 and operated for five years. A shake mill was operated during this period by James Sherwin, in the vicinity of the Voorhis Viking Camp (site 229).

In 1891, Mr. C. F. Wildasin built a double circular water powered sawmill on Mammoth Creek (sea site 83) with a capacity of 6,000 board feet per day. It employed six men from July I to October 1, cutting from 180,000 to 300,000 feet per season. Seasonal operation was continous into the early 1900's supplying lumber for Owens Valley. Logging was carried out in the immediate vicinity with horses and trucks. Over 200 acres were cut.

Mr. White Smith, an attorney of Bishop, acting for an association of Bishop businessmen purchased the Wildasin Mill on Mammoth Creek about 1907. A New York lumberman named Bradley was also involved in the operation. Lumber continued to be produced for the Owens Valley market.

About 1925, a steam powered sawmill was built near the present Mammoth Ranger Station. This mill operated into the late 1930's supplying lumber to the Owens Valley market. Arthur Hess of Bishop, owned the mill and was succeeded by the Inyo Lumber Company, who transferred the production to a mill in Round Valley, near Bishop.

Mr. C. F. Wildasin grazed cattle in the area and operated a small hotel, as well as the sawmill, during the early 1900's.

The Charles Summers family were cattlemen who settled in the area around 1900 and maintained a herd of about 1400 head in the basin. In 1918, the Summers built a hotel on Mammoth Creek near the present community of Old Mammoth.

Roving bands of 1,000 to 2,500 head of sheep moved through the area in the early 1900's.

A power development was proposed for the basin in 1920, by a Mr. Henry J. Pierce who had 1,500 acres bordering Lake Mary, Mamie, George, Twin and Mammoth Creek, These withdrawn under Federal Power Commission application number 76, filed on October 25, 1920. The plan included diversion of water from Lake Arrowhead to power plant #1 on the southeast side of Lake Mary. Plant #2 was to be located at the south end of Twin Lakes. Plant #3 was to be constructed on Mammoth Creek below Twin Lakes and plant #4 was to be situated near the present Mammoth Creek Campground (site 159). Conduit flow lines were to transport the water from one plant to the next.

An alternate proposal was to construct a tunnel from Lake Mary to the base of Mammoth Rock where a generating plant would be built. The power was to be transmitted to Los Angeles.

The F.P.C. withdrawal was cancelled on June 20, 1922 for failure to proceed with work on the project.

In 1928, winter freight and passenger service by dog sled was inaugurated into the area. This lasted until World War II and enabled a few residents to live the year around in Mammoth.

During the early 1930's the Forest Service improved and constructed roads leading to the Mammoth Lakes group and constructed trails to the more important remote lakes adjacent to the area.

In 1933 and 1934 the Forest Service constructed control dams on Lake Mary, Mamie, and Twin Lakes for purposes of improving recreation. These dams were earth fill with provisions for a 24 foot roadway across the top. The Lake Mamie and Twin Lakes dams were expected to carry the proposed highway to the Devils Postpile. Each dam was provided with a masonary spillway and log control gates for a fluctuation of three feet.

The present all year highway was constructed in 1937 and the center of activity in the area shifted from Mammoth Creek north to its existing location on the new highway.

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On s	site 12	9.5 and	in the v	ricinity	of site	128, P1	lacer cla	ims have	been est	tablished,
that	t are p	rimarily	y to hold	the lan	d for n	atural s	steam. 7	These clas	ims are 1	held in
				steam po	wer pro	ject at	Casa Dia	ablo that	has not	been
prod	luctive	to date	20							

A.	LAND USE	II. PLAN ZONE	SPOEPLIATION Mammoth Unit	Highway 395 2323 Mammoth Mtn. Unit Mammoth Lakes Unit Crowley Lake Unit
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B. WATER

I. Lakes - Name And Acres McLeod 9.5A Horseshoe 80 Barrett 8 Laurel #1-3 @2-8 T. J. 8.6 Sherwin #1-7 #2-1 #3-3.9 #5-4 #6-1.5

2. RESERVOIRS	I Ac	RES		1
Name	MIN. POOL	MAX. POOL	AGENCY	CONSTRUCTION YEAR
Lake Mary	40	69.5	F.S.	1933-34
Lake Mamie	9	16.0	F.S.	1933-34
Twin Lakes	70	75.0	F.S.	1933-34

RELEASES - DATES AND C. F. S.
PRESENT 12 Minimum

RECOMMENDED 12 Minimum

3,	STREAMS	Mammoth,	Sherv	win, I	aurel,	Cold	water,	Crysta	al, T.	J. Cree	ks	
		- AVERAGE				F, S. 23	Low	YEAR _	8	_C. F. S	S,	
		STREAM USE		Angele	s aque	duct	system	at Cre	wlev	Lake	-	

4. Sources For Development Site Use Mammoth Community water system used for Shady Rest sites Springs Sherwin Creek sites Springs, lakes and small streams Mammoth Lake Basin

TIMBER Mammoth B.	lock and Deadman D Dwens River	31ock	•
AREA - ACRES TOTAL			
Non-Forest			12,255
FOREST			16,300
COMMERCIAL		6,700	SUB-TOT. 27,755
Non-Commercial		8,845	
PRODUCTIVE -	4,600	SUB-TOT. 15,545	
OTHER	7,655		
	SUB-TOT,		PAGE 3
	12,255		R-5 - 2300-13

^{5.} REMARKS An increase in water holding capacity of the lakes will be needed before ultimate development is reached.

E. 3 Mining Claims

Gold (Red) Mountain has three mines that date back to 1878. They are - The Old Mammoth, Monte Cristo, and Mammoth Consolidated. The Old Mammoth claims are patented. These mines do contain gold, however, the cost of processing is too great to make a profitable operation.

A revival of mining activity in 1958 at the Old Mammoth Mine brought on a series of complaints from campers and summer home owners about the distrubance of peace from frequent blasting.

Assessment work carried out on a group of claims held in the Coldwater Creek area has resulted in dangerous and unsightly holes within the campground.

A tungsten claim adjacent to site 87 presents no problem.

At the head of Laurel Creek is a tungsten claim that was reactivated in 1955. A road was constructed from an old wagon road on Laurel Creek to the prospect on the northwest slopes of Bloody Mountain. This claim has not been a producer. The road remains and is used by the California Department of Fish and Game to service their golden trout rearing program at Laurel Lakes. The road is steep and dangerous and should continue to be barred to public vehicle traffic above the junction with the two wheel vehicle trail to Sherwin Lakes.

Another tungsten claim exists at Way Lake in the John Muir Wilderness, with an access tractor trail from Coldwater Creek.

	НТОММАМ	LAKES	AREA PLAN	
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4.	TIMBER CUTTING PRESCRIPT SITES The prevailing			
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pic ele sce	turesque trees found in co	ertain portion	s of the area	acility construction) of the primarily at the higher. This covers all trees of
	See insert - Apr	ril 1965		
and bur D.	n unutilized logs. Oblite mits to local persons for RANGE ALLOTMENTS - NAME	use. Comple	ings and skid ings and skid incentrations. AUM C AND H	season
	Creek Coordination Adjustments	NEEDED KIND	805	6/16 - 9/30
	OSSIBILATION ABJUSTMENTS	NOHE	AND DATES	
3.	SITES DRIFT	from site This was t	82 south to si to alleviate the and moving west need relocati	ructed about 1962 on a line ite 228. The problem of cattle entering tward to Mammoth Village. The ling to the east when site 84 to
	FIRE CONTROL	developed.		
E,		D D 700- 4		CONT. CLASS 1 hour
	DANGER (AVERAGE WORST) F.	D. R. ZONE	HOUR C	T HOUE

G. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING REC. VALUES - HWY, POWERLINE, ETC. The growth of the community of Mammoth is increasing the demand for day use developments.

COMPACTION POTENTIAL H M

1. GENERAL TYPES __thirds of the area is overlain with pumice of varying depth.

3. EXTRAORDINARY NEEDS FOR DEVELOPMENT - ENGINEERING STUDIES, SURFACING, ETC. All construction should consider heavy spring snow melt run off and summer cloud burst conditions. Snow avalanche should also be considered.

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2. DURABILITY - EROSION POTENTIAL

COORDINATION_OF_IIMBER_USE_AND_RECREATION SUMMARY FSM 2322, 2323, 2405.12, 2413, 2471 *

-	המפכון הרוסוו	- 1	Ireatment of Stash	Supervision
<u>.</u>	Developed sites - Facilities already constructed (include limited buffer). Include Cultural Sites (2322.6, .7,.8)	Mark all trees prior to sale or contract. Limit to following: a. Snags and other human hazards. b. Insect-infested trees. c. Diseased and infected trees in control project. d. Trees in R/W or construction areas according to site plan.	Up to 100% removal or disposal according to plan. May leave part for fuel according to plan. (2481.21)	Continuous on ground supervision all phases of operation to minimize damage to soil and cover
2a.	Development sites planned for use within 10 years (include limited buffer).	Mark all trees. Limit to trees listed in Category I plus pine risk class III and IV on certain sites if adequate recreation stand remains.	Up to 100% removal or disposal according to plan. May leave part for fuel in accordance with plan.	Continuous on ground supervision, all phases of operation to minimize damage to soil and cover.
2b. —	Development sites not planned for use within 10 years.	Mark all trees prior to sale or contract. Objective is to have an adequate stand for recreation use at time site is planned. Recreation use of "decadent" sites may be deferred if other sites are available. Precondition by thinning for crown and vigor.	Limited to needs of fire control. Special disposal plans required in special cases.	Continuous supervision during log- ging and road construction to minimize damage to residual trees.
3a.	Recreation zones - Road water- front and buffer not included in category and 2a. FSH 2323.2	Special cutting to maintain or regenerate a health forest stand. Tree removal according to plans prepared (by the T.S.O. and recreation specialist) for the time and place.	Up to 100% in visible roadside and waterfront zones. Limit to fire control and channel clearing needs in remaining portions of zones	Continuous on ground supervision all phases of operation in visible roadside and waterfront General Supervision remainder.Minimize damage and impact on aesthetic values.
3b.	View Areas - Scenic backdrops to highways and view points and lands in recreation areas not otherwise categorized.	FCur on normal silvicultural basis. t Modify method of logging, time, ssize, and shape of cut areas to "minimize impact on scenery.	Limit to needs for Fire Control and stream clearance.	General or special supervision as dictated by the operation and scenery involvedplan for special supervision when needed.
j	Semi-Natural Areas Scenic, botanic nature trail, etc.	Not subject to ordinary timber sale. Remove trees only to protect or enhance special values.	In accordance with special plans, as needed.	Continuous supervision usually recreation specialist.
÷.	Wilderness Type Areas including virgin and areas listed in recreation plans for wilderness consideration.	No timber removal except for pro- tection or rehabilitation as approved by Regional Forester or Chief.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
6.	Other Areas Lands not in other categories.	No special provisions (except in special areas where land use plans	Standard slash disposal practices.	Normal timber sale supervision.

* Summary page, additional copies available for field use upon request.

MAMMOTH LAKES AREA PLAN III. AREA DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

A. VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

I. CENTERS - LOCATION Mammoth Visitor Center site 140 Forest vis headquarters

Earthquake Fault Site 302, Indian Cave site 83 Display shelters

Mammoth Basin site 128, Minaret Vista site 122 " "

Park Area site 190, Twin Lakes Vista site 311, Mammoth City site 245 Display shelters

2. RECOMMENDED V.I.S. IMPROVEMENTS - AMPHITHEATRES, SIGNS, TRAILS, OBSV. PTS.

See attachment page 5A

3. UNUSUAL INTEREST AREAS Sawmill Ridge Sherwin Lakes Juniper Grove site 342 Indian Cave site 83 Sherwin Lakes Crystal Lake R.J. Lake Earthquake fault site 302 Mammoth Mountain Minaret Vista site 122.5

B. ROAD REQUIREMENTS FOR AREA DEVELOPMENT

			MILES	1	
NAME AND NUMBER	PROPOSED STAND.	BETTER.	CONSTR.	SURFACE	YEAR NEEDED
Sawmill Ridge Sawmill Gap Chinquapin Hill Big Flat Sherwin Indian Cave	ON DN DN DN	1 2 .5	1.5	1.5	1976 1976 1976 1976 1980

C. LAND USE ADJUSTMENTS

I. LOCATION OF	R SITE No.	ACRES	KIND	NUMBER UNITS	FUTURE OR PURP		
MAMMOTH RAN	GER STATIL	3	RES	11	PICNIC	AND	FISHING
SHERWIN CAL	EEK 226	1	RES	4	11	77	27

2. REMARKS

Earthquake fault 302 Minaret Vista 122 Mammoth City 245

Lakes Group

Mammoth Basia Vista 128 Tumerole Saria Vista 128 Sherwin Lakes Recreation zone Recreation Zone in Mammoth

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D. SANITATION - KIND, SPECIAL NEEDS, ETC.

Sewage Disposal Keep all types of toilets away from springs, streams, lakes and wet meadows to prevent water contamination. All pit toilets will be sealed vault.

^{2.} GARBAGE DISPOSAL - METHODS - LOCATION - MILES FROM USE CENTER Continue to truck all trash and garbage to Mammoth Community dump as is presently being done. Seven miles maximum haul.

E. OTHER DEVELOPMENT NEEDS - ESTABLISHMENT SPECIAL AREAS, WITHBRAWALS, ETC. Withdraw from mineral entry - Crystal Crag Mammoth Rock - All sites on Mammoth Mountain Panorama Dome sites

A. Visitor Information Service Opportunities
2. Recommended V.I.S. Improvements

Sawmill Ridge - Scenic Drive
Scenic Trail
Sawmill Ridge Vista site 126.5 - vegetation, geology and
view

Old Jeffrey site 127.5 - vegetation and geology - Interpretive signing

Mammoth Basin Vista site 128 - geology and view

Fumarole site 129.5 - thermal activity - Interpretive signing

Hess Sawmill site 130 - logging history - Interpretive sign

Chocolate Forest - Site 315 Nature trail and history of area name

Indian Cave - Site 83
Archeological interpretation
Wildasin sawmill history interpretation

Sherwin Lakes Juniper Grove - Site 342
Interpretation of aesthetic vegetation

Sherwin Lakes - Interpretive signing explaning geology of basin including formation of lakes

Sherwin Bowl Vista - Served by ski lift in winter and by hiking and riding trail in the summer

Nature trail to TJ Lake

Nature trail to Emerald Lake

Crystal Lake - Nature trail to Lake

Mammoth Lakes overlook site 292.5

explain view and geology of Mammoth Lakes basin formation

Twin Lakes Vista site 311 Explain view

Pine City - Interpretive sign at site

Lake Mary - Interpretive sign at site of Arrastra Mill

Mammoth City - Site 245
Major historical interpretation of Mammoth Basin

Mill City -

Site 339

Historical interpretation of gold ore processing

Panorama Dome Trail -

Nature and historical trail Panorama Dome site 338

Explain view

Old Mammoth vista site 337 History of area in view Mammoth Falls site 336

Explain geology and value of water

Hans Georg View -

Site 335

Explain view and ski pioneer who lived adjacent

to this site

Mammoth Mountain Trail -

Interpret natural features including Bottomless

Pit and Dragons Back Seven Lakes Point site 334 Explain view of Mammoth Lakes

South Shoulder site 333 Interpret view

Summit site 332 Interpret view

Minaret Summit -

A geology loop trail from this point to the Inyo Craters by way of the Cinder Cone - site 331

Reds Lake -

A geology nature trail to Reds Knob

Reds Knob -

Site 344

Explain view of Reds Meadow area

Mammoth Crest Vista -

Site 368

A magnificent view of Mammoth Lakes Basin and the Glass Mountain Range to the northeast - interpret

Amphitheatre -

Site 349.5 Horseshoe Lake

This amphitheatre will serve the entire Mammoth

Lakes Basin

Mammoth Creek Riding Trail - Interpret the natural features and plant life found along this day ride route

NFRS SITE AC	SITE ACRES	ACRES	TYPE		DE	DEVELOPMENT	AT ACRES		
SITE NAME	OTHER	1ER	9	PLANNED	ESTAB-	PLAN		AREA	
No. (LIST BY CLASSES)	F. S. PUBLIC	LIC PRIV.	v, USE	Access	LISHED	TO 1976	TO 2000	PRIORITY	REMARKS
ESTABLI SHED CAMPGROUNDS									
10 Shady Rest	to the		Cemp		N. S.				
159 Mammoth Creek	0 -		6 E		2 -				ANNERS - TONING
	1 10	_	2		4 150				
	-		= =		7 1				
161 Twin Lakes	36		: :		36				Group use
190 Coldwater	30	4	2 2		30				
215 Lake George 216 West Lake Mary	18		: :		18				
	15		= :		15				
2175 Horseshoe Lake	15				15				GROUP USL
TOTAL	479				179				
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		_	_						

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NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR TABLES IS IN THE FOREST PLAN.

CHECK LIST

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS FOR RECREATION AREAS

I. SPECIAL FEATURES OR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENTIRE AREA TO BE PRESERVED OR GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN THE OVERALL PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT AND USE

2. DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

A. CAMPING

PICNICKING

ROADSIDE ZONE

ORGANIZATION

SUMMER HOME

WATERFRONT ZONE

COMMERCIAL

OTHER

OTHER ZONES

WINTER SPORTS

UNUSUAL INTEREST AREAS

B. SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN USE OR DEVELOPMENT

C. LIMITATIONS - ON USE OR DEVELOPMENT

3. RESTRICTIONS

TIME LIMITS - SEASON OF USE

VEHICULAR CROSS COUNTRY TRAVEL

TRAILER HOME USE

BOATING - WATER SKIING

ROAD DEVELOPMENT

POLLUTION CONTROL - SANITATION - GARBAGE DISPOSAL

FIRE PREVENTION

4. CLASSIFICATION - WITHDRAWAL

MINERAL SURVEY - SURFACE RIGHTS

E.O. WITHDRAWAL - AREA, EXTENT

POWER WITHDRAWAL - ACTION - LIMITATIONS

5. ADJUSTMENTS - OR RESTRICTIONS

SPECIAL USES - POWER LINES - MINING CLAIMS

OTHER USES - ROADS

NOTE: NEEDED ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE PROGRAMMED IN FRP TABLE 15E AND

THE FUTURE USE WILL BE INDICATED ON THE AREA PLAN MAP.

6. SPECIAL

COORDINATION - NPS, STATE DIVISION OF BEACHES AND PARKS, COUNTIES,

COUNTY ZONING CONSIDERATIONS

SITE NAME	AREA DEVELOPMENT NEEDS - (conf.) MOIN LAKES F. SITE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	EDS -	(conf.)	IOTH LA	KES				INTO		
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111	Homestead	10		80		FH81		06			site
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	RESERVE SITES											
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IV. SITE AND AREA MANAGEMENT POLICIES (FSH 2313. 21)

A. DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

1. SPECIAL FEATURES OF AREA TO BE PRESERVED

This is a highly complex area with mushrooming growth. There is a continuing need for coordination of all developments including roads, trails, power lines, water systems, sewer systems, parking lots, schools, resorts and residences. All of these developments need constant supervision and coordination to prevent unnecessary destruction of the natural beauty of the mountain environment.

The cool scenic environment provided by the lakes, streams, mountains and vegetative cover will be protected and enhanced to keep the area as natural looking as is practical.

The area contains both geological and botanical features that will be preserved. The many aesthetic weather deformed Limber and Whitebark pines both dead and alive along the Mammoth Crest, on Mammoth Mountain, at Minaret Summit and in the Sherwin Bowl will be protected from removal wherever possible. The Sierra Juniper stand southeast of the Sherwin Lakes along the Valentine Lake trail will be protected. The fall colors are a widely publicized tourist attraction in the area and all Aspen trees both individuals and stands will be protected insofar as is practical when planning and carrying out improvement programs. The Aspens along Hammoth Creek, Laurel Creek and Sherwin Creek are of particular interest.

Geological features are numerous in the area. Those that will receive special protection include the Earthquake Fault site 302, the Fumaroles site 129.5, Crystal Crag, the Dragons Back, the Bottomless Pit and Mammoth Rock are all geological features that attract much attention in the area and will be protected from defacement and removal.

The erea is rich in mine history, dating back to the 1870's. The few remaining features of this era will receive protection from removal or vandalism. These include the large flywheel at Mill City site 339 and the remnants of buildings at the site of Mammoth City site 345.

2. DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

A camping complex will be developed on Lower Sherwin Creek. Organizations will be continued on the sites presently in use at Sherwin Creek. The facilities at site 229 Voorhis Viking camp could possibly serve as a skier warming lodge in the winter in the event site 86 Viking slope is developed. The Forest will remain alert to the needs for additional commercial development on National Forest land. The expansion of the Mammoth Community on private land will probably meet most of the future needs for commercial development. Site 343 is a 40-acre percel in the center of the private land that will be retained in National Forest ownership and developed by the county and community under permit for public purposes to serve the needs of the community.

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NOTE: ADD PLAIN SHEETS AND NUMBER POLICIES AND

OBJECTIVES AS NEEDED.

The possibility of relocating of Mammoth Pack Station, site 162, to the east side of the Mammoth Lakes Highway will eliminate the necessity of crossing the highway to reach the Duck Fass trail, which is the principal area served by the packer. This will remove the use from its proximity to a tributary stream of Mammoth Creek and its location within campsite 109.

Winter sports development of Mammoth Mountain, site 98, will reach its ultimate development in approximately ten years. The current use figures indicate the need for further facilities, a prospectus will be issued by 1976 for the development of Sherwin Bowl, site 87, to the south of Mammoth Village. Two winter sports sites suitable for development for family group skiing and snow play exist - Chinquapin Hill, site 125, is suitable for early development as a complement to Mammoth Mountain. The second, site 86, Viking Slope is placed in the reserve category, but could be developed in the distant future as a complement to Sherwin Bowl, site 87.

A cross country ski trail will be laid out with distinctive route markers in the vicinity of Mammoth Village on a trial basis. If the demand increases, additional trails will be located and marked. Possible locations for trails include - Mammoth Village to Sherwin Lekes, Mammoth Village to Sawmill Ridge, Mammoth Village to Mammoth Creek, Mammoth Village to Panorama Dome, Mammoth Village to Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Village to Minaret Summit. The Mammoth Visitor Center could serve as a starting point for a system of cross country ski trails. A diagramatic hand out map will be prepared to indicate the cross country ski routes and features of interest along the route.

Picnicking facilities will be provided at most of the major points of interest.

With the growth and development of the Mammoth Community sufficient private land is available to meet all residence demands. Summer homes in the west portion of Twin Lakes tract, site 179, have been placed on tenure where they are in conflict with the west Twin Lakes campground. The summer homes along Mammoth Creek, site 9, are also being placed on tenure when the permit is transferred, this will free the stream for public access and picnicking when all homes have been removed.

The lone summer home at site 226.5 the Sherwin Creek tract, will be placed on tenure to remove it and free the site for use as a road head for the Valentine Lake trail. The three homes on site 226, will be removed by tenure to free the streamside zone.

The Shady Rest tract, site 8, is within the land exchange boundary and conversion to private title in the near future is contemplated.

When no longer necessary for administration of the District, the buildings at the Old Mammoth Ranger Station will be removed to free Mammoth Creek access and to make the site available for picnicking. In the vicinity of Mammoth Crest, the area has been zoned broadly to protect the scenic backdrop.

A two wheel mechanized vehicle trail is proposed to link the Pappas Mine road on Sherwin Creek with the Laurel Creek Mine road. This trail will serve the campground at site 90. Two wheel motorized vehicles will not be allowed to use the established Sherwin Lakes or Valentine Lakes trails, these will be retained for foot and horse travel only. A loop riding trail will be constructed in the Mammoth Creek area to meet the increased demands for day horseback riding. Vehicles will be restricted from using the upper portion of the Laurel Creek Mine road from the standpoint of public safety. The numerous roads on the ridge to the north of Mammoth Village will be designated for two wheel vehicle travel, however, four wheel vehicles will not be excluded. A mechanized vehicle trail will link Mammoth Village with Minaret Vista and the Dry Creek road. A majority of the mechanized vehicle routes are adaptable to winter use with motorized snow sleds. A diagramatic hand out map, indicating summer and winter motorized vehicle routes will be prepared.

3. RESTRICTIONS

A fourteen day camping limit is enforced during the period June 1 to September 15.

Vehicular travel will be restricted to the established roadways, or designated trails. A loop road will be constructed to pass between Lake Mamie and Horseshoe Lake to eliminate the dead end at Horseshoe Lake.

A twenty-two foot limit is maintained on trailer use of campgrounds. Larger trailers are directed to the commercial trailer courts.

Water skiing is prohibited on all the lakes in the area. They are not large enough for this use. Water skiers are directed to Walker Lake in Nevada.

Motor boats are prohibited on Horseshoe Lake and Twin Lakes. Lakes on which motor boats are allowed are Lake Mary, Lake George, and Lake Mamie. Motor boat speed is restricted to ten miles per hour.

Roads will not be constructed to Crystal Lake, Barrett Lake, TJ Lake, or the Sherwin Lakes. The truck trail serving the McLeod Lake water line will continue to be closed to the public.

There is a constant need to prevent pollution of all waters in the area. With the Mammoth Village growth there is an ever increasing demand on the limited water supplies in the area. Twin Lakes is the intake for the Mammoth Community water system. McLeod Lake serves as a reservoir for the residences in Falls tract, Whites Lodge, Lake Mary campground and Horseshoe Lake group camps. Many of the small streams and springs are utilized by residences or campgrounds.

Site construction in the eastern half of the area will have consideration given to the concentrations of heavy sage cover. Fire breaks will be constructed around all sites and units will have fuel removed. These precautions will be utilized to prevent the spread of wildfire into or out of the sites.

4. CLASSIFICATION - WITHDRAWAL

A mineral survey and surface rights determination was completed in 1963.

Shady Rest administrative site withdrawal dated 9/4/36 covers 120 acres in NW\2 Sec. 35 T3S R27E.

Old Mammoth Ranger Station administrative site withdrawal covers 60 acres in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2 T4S R27E.

Recreation area withdrawal under Regulation U3-b dated 4/19/49 covers 180 acres at Horseshoe Lake in Sec. 8 & 17 T4S R27E.

There are no power withdrawals in the area. (See history)

5. ADJUSTMENTS - OR RESTRICTIONS

Special Uses -

The Mammoth Pack Station should be moved to the east of the Mammoth Lakes Highway to eliminate an unsafe stock crossing.

Underground location of any new power lines will be given consideration when any permit is issued. The power company will be encouraged to place lines underground whenever a power line relocation is being considered.

The Heart Lake trail will be relocated away from the road to the Mammoth Consolidated mine. The trail will be relocated to originate from the Duck Lake trail in the John Muir Wilderness.

There is a proposal under study to construct a state highway over Minaret Summit in the northwest corner of the area. If constructed, this road would have a tremendous inpact on use in the area by giving direct access from the San Joaquin Valley communities to the west.

MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION AREA



Southeast over Mammoth Village To Sherwin Lakes Basin



West over area to Hammoth Mountain



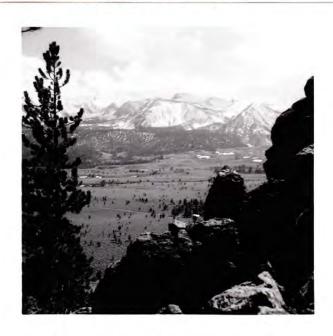
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Mammoth Lakes Basin TJ Lake lower right Lake Mary in center



Sawmill Ridge scenic trail Site 129.5 in center



Site 128 view to Sherwin Bowl Upper right distance



On Sawmill Ridge scenic drive



Site 127.5 - Savmill Ridge



Site 83



Site 9 in center



Site 84 right center Sites 227, 228, 340 left center



Site 159 lower right center Site 83 on left



Shady Rest site 10



Minaret Road and Mammoth Village



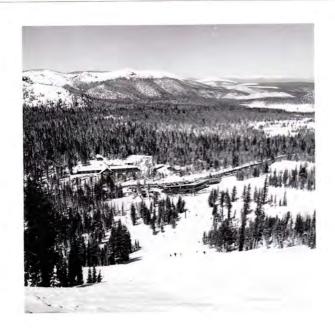
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Mammoth Mountain east slope Panorama Dome lower left



Lake Mary and Crystal Crag



Mammoth Mountain site 98 and 218



Sherwin Bowl View north from site 341

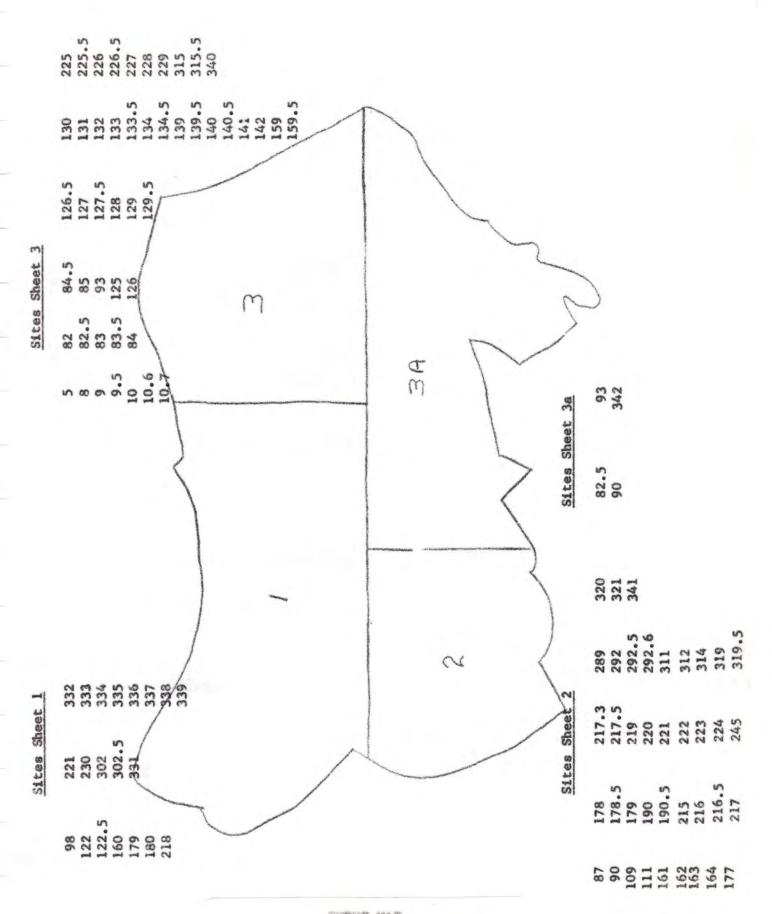


Sherwin Bowl Site 341 on peak





Site 87 - Sharwin Bowl



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