



March 8, 2013

District Ranger Jon Regelbrugge
Inyo National Forest
C/o Jon Kazmierski
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Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Dear Jon –

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on two proposed OHV/OSV staging areas on the Mammoth Lakes “Scenic Loop” per your “scoping notice” letter of February 11, 2013.

MLTPA – and the parties who have added their signatures to this letter – would respectfully offer the following thoughts in the spirit of your invitation to provide “.... comments regarding issues, opportunities, concerns, and suggestions for the proposed project.”

Comments that apply to both OHV/OSV sites:

1. Consistent with a variety of recent partnered efforts by the Inyo National Forest, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and others, please ensure that signage (“Install signage” + “Informational Kiosks”) at both sites are consistent with the established protocols and signage types for the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Signage and Wayfinding program (MLTS Signage). The technical protocols for this program currently exist as a draft update to the Town’s Public Works Standards Manual (“Section 600- Mammoth Lakes Trail System *November, 2012*”) and would be consistent with installed MLTS Signage along the recently completed “Lakes Basin Path” and throughout the Town and community of Mammoth Lakes.
2. As part of your preparation of the “Environmental Assessment”, can you please identify the parties who will be responsible for all aspects of the maintenance and operations of the two sites? This would include the identification of potential funding resources and any partners to the project, should there be any.
3. Please also identify who you believe will be the lead agency for the CEQA portion of the environmental process

Comments that apply to Site #1:

1. We have no specific observations as would apply only to Site #1.

Comments that apply to Site #2:

1. The Town of Mammoth Lakes has accepted a feasibility study for a biathlon venue ("*Mammoth Lakes Biathlon Facility Feasibility Study – Morton Trails*" – November 30, 2011) that was developed in partnership with the Inyo National Forest and other partners. One of the recommended site venues, "Inyo Craters – Chapter 4.5", is close to Site #2 and there may be some potential opportunities for both projects. If appropriate, please provide analysis of the proposed Inyo Craters biathlon site and its potential for conflict and/or potential enhancement for Site #2.

Thanks again for the opportunity to provide these comments and observations. We look forward to your "Environmental Assessment" document and to future efforts for these two staging areas.

Thank You –

MLTPA- Wentworth

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John Wentworth
CEO/Board President – MLTPA

Signature

Date
12/03/05

High Sierra Trails

Organization/Name

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Date
3.5.13

Laurel Martin
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