



Date: January 30, 2013

Dear Interested Party,

The Mammoth Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest is initiating the environmental analysis process for the proposed Shady Rest Off-Highway Vehicle/Over Snow Vehicle (OHV/OSV) Staging Area Project. The staging area would be located on the north side of Sawmill Cut-Off Road (03S08) approximately one mile from Highway 203 near the town of Mammoth Lakes. Due to the Casa Diablo geothermal pipeline proposal there are anticipated conflicts with current staging areas and safe access to riding areas. This project is intended to move existing staging areas and therefore not providing new access or increased capacity.

The Staging Area project would include the following improvements:

- Parking area approximately 2 acres in size with up to 25 spaces for nose-in, pull-through and parallel parking that range in sizes from 20 feet to 65 feet long.
- One vault restroom for both winter and summer use.
- Authorized winter RV camping.
- One to three kiosk(s) with site maps, area information, current events, and safety messages.
- One loading ramp for summer OHV use
- Three pipeline crossings at proposed geothermal pipeline locations (see attached map).
- Three road/snowmobile crossings: two on 03S08 and one on 03S25 (see attached map)
- OSV ride-back trail or snow-cat grooming trail 16 ft wide for approximately 1 mile. The southern section of the trail would be located on the existing non-motorized trail and be re-designated as motorized. The middle section would be new construction consisting of mulching on top of the natural surface and removal of some trees. This requires no ground disturbance. The northern portion would be grooming an existing road.
- A designated area to park and lock snowmobiles at the entrance to New Shady Camp, approximately 1000 sq ft (see attached map).
- Widening of Sawmill Cutoff Road (03S08) to 50 ft for approximately 1 mile, from Hwy 203 to Project Location. This includes shoulders and drainage ditches.

This proposed action can also be viewed on the Inyo National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=38834>



How to Comment and Timeframe

With this scoping notice we would like to invite your comments regarding issues, opportunities, concerns, and suggestions for the proposed project.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted until March 1, 2013. Written comments must be submitted to: District Ranger Jon Regelbrugge c/o Katy Rich, 351 Pacu Ln. Suite 200, Bishop, CA, 93514. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00-4:30, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to kdrich@fs.fed.us.

Please contact Katy Rich, Inyo National Forest Supervisor's Office, phone number (760)873-2490, or email kdrich@fs.fed.us for further information.

Sincerely,


















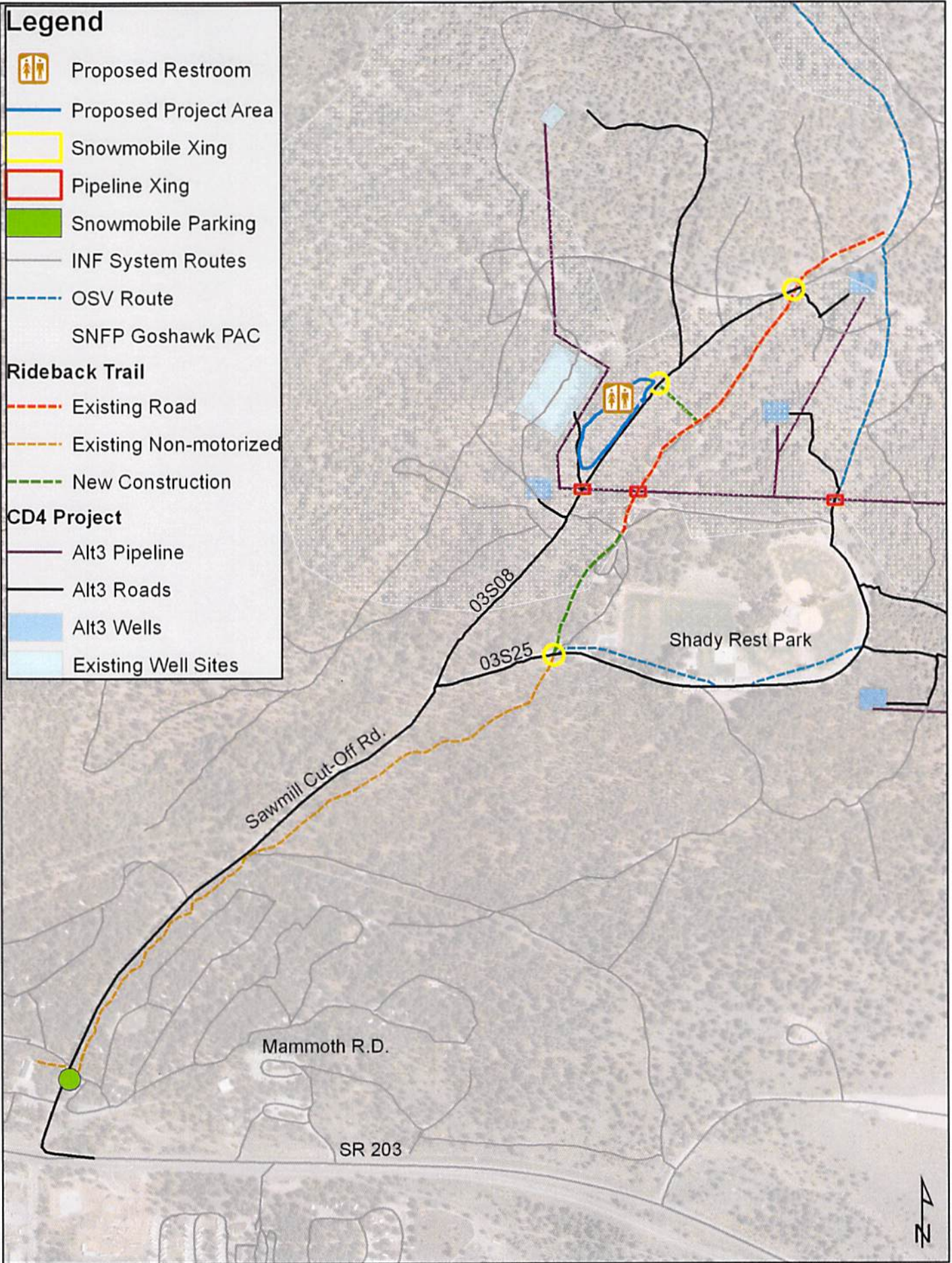
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Shady Rest OSV/OHV Staging Area

Legend

-  Proposed Restroom
-  Proposed Project Area
-  Snowmobile Xing
-  Pipeline Xing
-  Snowmobile Parking
-  INF System Routes
-  OSV Route
-  SNFP Goshawk PAC
- Rideback Trail**
-  Existing Road
-  Existing Non-motorized
-  New Construction
- CD4 Project**
-  Alt3 Pipeline
-  Alt3 Roads
-  Alt3 Wells
-  Existing Well Sites



Date: 1/16/2013

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