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of partnerships and cooperative work with other agencies such as BLM and the National Park Service.

"Although I am excited to take on new responsibilities and opportunities, it will be difficult to leave such a beautiful area that has so many people who care about the stewardship of their public lands," Upchurch stated. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here in the Eastern Sierra and will always value the friendships and great memories of leading such an innovative and productive national forest."

Upchurch's report date to the Coronado National Forest is Oct. 11. No permanent replacement or Acting Forest Supervisor has been named at this time.

### Modified Downtown Main Street Concept available for review

The strike-out version of the Draft DNDP Report, incorporating the Planning Commission modifications, is now available at the Town offices and on the Town's Web site. This version is titled "Downtown Concept for Main Street" and dated 8-18-10. The strike-out version will also be made available at the library by the end of this week.

The Town Council will consider this modified draft on Wednesday Sept. 1, 2010 at 6pm.

### Rotary rummage sale

Time to clean out your cupboards. Mammoth Noon Rotary is having a rummage sale to help raise funds for its High School Scholarships. A great way to clean out your closets and contribute to scholarships. The sale starts at 8 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 5 in the old NPG Cable building across from Whiskey Creek. Donations are tax deductible. For information call Heidi Helbig at (760) 914-0215.

### Weekly Occupancy Report

The total projected average resort occupancy\* is as follows:

Friday, Aug. 20 - Saturday, Aug. 21 = 64%  
Sunday, Aug. 22 - Thursday, Aug. 26 = 37%  
Hotels/Motels/B&B: 79% (Fri-Sun) / 37% (Mon-Thur)  
Condos: 49% (Fri-Sun) / 37% (Mon-Thur)

\*The actual occupancy percentages are reported from the lodging industry to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Finance Director.

### Volunteers wanted for High Sierra Century

Eastern Sierra Nordic Sports Association is looking for volunteers at the Watterson Aid Station during the High Sierra Fall Century (Saturday, Sept. 11). Watterson is on Benton Crossing Road 15 miles east of the Green Church. They have the morning shift with another group taking over at noon. They need help setting up and manning the aid station: five people to be there from 7 a.m. until Noon. Shifts can be as long or as short as you want. Volunteers will receive a nice T-shirt and free meal at Whitmore Fields. To help, e-mail Hank Garretson at [w6sx@arrrl.net](mailto:w6sx@arrrl.net)

### SOS Trail Day Panorama Dome

Friends of the Inyo, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, Kittredge Sports and the High Sierra Striders are hosting a day of trail maintenance and stewardship on Panorama Dome, the Mammoth Rock Trail and all around Twin Lakes. They have tasks suited for volunteers of all ages and abilities - just show up ready to work in sturdy shoes, long pants, hat and sunglasses. They supply the tools, the work, lunch and even raffle prizes. This event provides the opportunity to learn more about the Lakes Basin Special Study (LABSS), a planning effort in this popular area.

**When & Where:** 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 28. Meet at the Twin Lakes parking area (near the intersection of Twin Lakes and Lake Mary roads). Go to [friendsoftheinyo.org](http://friendsoftheinyo.org) for more information or call (760) 914-3311.

### Forest Supervisor Jim Upchurch

### moving to Coronado National Forest, Ariz.

Inyo National Forest Supervisor Jim Upchurch has been promoted to the Forest Supervisor position of the Coronado National Forest headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, according to Randy Moore, Regional Forester of the Pacific Southwest Region of the Forest Service.

Upchurch arrived on the Inyo National Forest in October 2007, after previously serving in Washington, D.C. During his three years here he has overseen the completion of the Forest Motorized Travel Management project, the expansion of collaborative efforts with a variety of stakeholders, the implementation of new congressionally designated wilderness areas, and an increase in capacity for the Forest through the further development

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