



## **The Sherwins Working Group 2009**

Building on the success of work recently completed as part of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Trail System Master Plan Update, the United States Forest Service (USFS), the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), and the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) are convening a working group to collaboratively identify a preferred alternative for implementation in the territory immediately to the South of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, best known simply as the Sherwins.

The Sherwins Working Group will address the following:

- Step 1: Identify Issues and Concerns
- Step 2: Define and Describe Opportunities by Area
- Step 3: Identify Thresholds for Resources and Social Conditions
- Step 4: Inventory Existing Resources and Social Conditions
- Step 5: Identify Alternative Opportunity Area Allocations
- Step 6: Identify Management Actions for Each Alternative
- Step 7: Evaluate and Select a Proposed Alternative for Analysis through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The Sherwins Working Group will meet four to six times over the coming months and will conduct two orientation field trips to evaluate both summer and winter opportunities.

The Sherwins Working Group will be led by an impartial facilitator, accountable to all participants, who will also manage the process.

Participants in the Sherwins Working Group will:

- Represent all stakeholder groups or interests, not simply themselves
- Represent all necessary interests or be supportive of the discussions
- Share responsibility for both the process and the outcomes
- Make decisions through consensus
- Mutually agree to the ground rules

The Sherwins Working Group is an opportunity for all parties with interests in the Sherwin area to work collaboratively to chart an effective course forward for the benefit of a defining landscape of the Mammoth Lakes community.

If you'd like to participate in the Sherwins Working Group, please contact MLTPA at (760) 934-3154, or send an e-mail to [info@mltpa.org](mailto:info@mltpa.org). Thank you!

