



## CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS COALITION

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Lesley Yen, Forest Supervisor  
c/o Fred Wong, Mammoth Lakes District Ranger  
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**RE: Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Redevelopment Project**

*Submitted online via: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//CommentInput?Project=62406>*

Dear Forest Supervisor Yen,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping comments in response to the towards the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Redevelopment Project. CalWild is a statewide non-profit that works to protect and restore the state's wildest natural landscapes and watersheds on agency-managed lands, including those of the Inyo National Forest. In recent times, CalWild has engaged on the Comprehensive Wild and Scenic River Management Plans (CRMPs) for the Owens Headwaters and Cottonwood Creek; we were also heavily involved in the Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) process.

We appreciate that the Notice of Preparation (NOP) document and the Project Proposal Letter both refer to the LRMP, with the NOP stating "...the project will need to be evaluated for consistency with the...[LRMP] as well as any other applicable Inyo National Forest planning documents." We hope that this holds true upon release of the Draft EIS and that the CRMP for the Owens Headwaters is considered in the planning documents and any proposed project actions being developed. Additionally, we hope that any potential impacts to Riparian Corridors and to the nearby Owens River Headwaters Wilderness are taken into consideration. Furthermore, that any impacts to any threatened, endangered, and sensitive species are thoughtfully considered and that appropriate actions are proposed around said species. Finally, we suggest that appropriate analysis is completed with respect to wildfire risk given that the proposed project is within the Wildland Urban Interface, as even acknowledged in the planning documents; additional consideration should be taken with potential future return of beneficial fires being put on the landscape.

Thank you for considering our comments on the proposed project. If you have any questions, please contact André Sanchez ([asanchez@calwild.org](mailto:asanchez@calwild.org)). We look forward to continuing to engage with on this process.

Sincerely,

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