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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Sherwin Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) 3 Project.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access (MLTPA), Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR), local clubs, and numerous individuals have put a lot of time and effort into making the Sherwin Meadows Trailhead, construction and maintenance of the existing area trails, and hopefully the proposed new trails a reality.

As an avid trail user, the demand is there for additional trail mileage in the Sherwin Meadows area. You can go out there just about any day of the week and see dog walkers, runners, hikers, and mountain bikers using the existing Mammoth Rock, Meadow, and Meadow Connector trails.

You can also see unpermitted user created trails without sustainable design, lack of best management practices, and zero maintenance.

I fully support the SHARP 3 Project in order to:

- 1) Reduce impacts from unpermitted user created trails,
- 2) Continue the development of additional trail mileage built, maintained and managed in a responsible sustainable way,
- 3) Enhance local and visitor experiences in the Sherwin Meadows which provides access adjacent to Mammoth Creek Park / CRC, schools, neighborhoods, lodging nodes, etc., and
- 4) Provide trail users more options (dispersal) from some of the higher impacted sites in the TOML (Mammoth Mountain Bike Park which you have to pay for, Lakes Basin, etc.).

Thank you for your consideration. Gerry LeFrancois area resident and trail user.