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Inyo National Forest Seeks Input for Mammoth Base Land Exchange

The Inyo National Forest is seeking input for the proposed Mammoth Base Land Exchange.

Under the proposed action, 30.6 acres of land would be transferred to the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA). Twelve non-Federal parcels – totaling approximately 1,317.5 acres – would be transferred to the United States, to be managed by the US Forest Service. These private lands would be exchanged with the Inyo, Stanislaus, and Plumas National Forests.

The purpose of the project is twofold:

- To acquire environmentally sensitive lands and an administrative site to better meet resource and other management goals of the US Forest Service as outlined in the respective Land and Resource Management Plans of the National Forests involved in this exchange; and
- To exchange developed lands in the National Forests that encumber adequate management by the United States Forest Service and would better serve the community and economic needs of the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County in private ownership.

The Inyo National Forest will hold a public meeting on September 8th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at The Mammoth Lakes Council Chamber, Suite Z, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA (above the Vons) to provide an overview of the project and to answer questions from the public.

For questions or comments, please contact Janelle Walker at janellewalker@fs.fed.us.

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