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Additional Snow Needed for Shady Rest, Obsidian Dome Nordic Trails and Snowmobiling Trails

Mammoth Lakes, Calif., December 10, 2013 – Recent snowstorms have left the ground covered but are not providing the snow base required to use grooming equipment on the public Nordic and snowmobile trails on the Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts of the Inyo National Forest. Upon sufficient snowfall, grooming of the Shady Rest and Obsidian Dome Nordic Trails and the Groomed Snowmobile Trail System will begin.

This winter, Friends of the Inyo, a local non-profit organization, has received a Measure R grant from the Town of Mammoth Lakes to provide grooming services for the Shady Rest Nordic Trail system in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

The *Nordini* groomer will be back in action and operated by Friends of the Inyo providing the public, free of charge, over five miles of groomed trails for Nordic users. Roads within the Old and New Shady Rest Campground and along the paved bike trail will be groomed through the winter as snow conditions allow. The Nordic trails are part of the *Mammoth Lakes Trail System* and will be groomed five days a week by Friends of the Inyo, with additional grooming by the U.S. Forest Service as needed. Users may access the Shady Rest Nordic Trail system by parking in the front parking area (closest to Highway 203), adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. A groomed entrance to the trail system begins directly across from the Welcome Center.

Please remember, dogs must be on leash at all times and owners are responsible for removing dog waste from the trail system. Owners of dogs off leash or disposing of dog waste irresponsibly may be issued a citation.

The U.S. Forest Service is waiting for additional snow accumulations to begin grooming the California Department of Parks and Recreation funded snowmobile trail system and the Obsidian Dome Nordic trails. With a shallow, low density snowpack, snowmobilers should use caution and refrain from traveling in areas where snow depths are minimal. Snowmobile users are responsible for knowing all regulations and understanding closure area boundaries.

Maps and information on winter recreation in the Mammoth Lakes area and on the Inyo National Forest can be obtained at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, open daily 8AM to 5PM, by visiting the Inyo National Forest website, or by calling 760-924-5500.

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