

**LEGAL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
USDA – FOREST SERVICE
Inyo National Forest
Mammoth Base Land Exchange
Draft Environmental Impact
Statement**

The Inyo National Forest is seeking comments on the Mammoth Base Land Exchange Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). The publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register on July 7, 2017 initiated a 45-day comment period for the Draft EIS. Therefore, the comment period is expected to end on August 20, 2017. The NOA provides the sole means of calculating the close of the Draft EIS comment period. The entire Draft EIS is available for review on the Inyo National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30428>. A comment form is included on the website, which allows the public to submit comments on the Draft EIS electronically. Hardcopies may be reviewed at the Inyo National Forest Supervisor's Office in Bishop. CDs of the Draft EIS are available upon request.

Comments may be submitted to Ed Amenta, Forest Supervisor, c/o Janelle Walker, Winter Sports Specialist, Inyo National Forest, PO Box 148, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, FAX; (760) 924-5537 or by email to: janellewalker@fs.fed.us (please include "Mammoth Base Land Exchange EIS" in the subject line). As previously mentioned, comments may also be submitted on the project website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.html?project=30428>. Comments may also be submitted by hand-delivery to 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514, during normal business hours (Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm).

To be most effective when submitting comments, please include: (1) name, address, email address, and organization represented, if any; (2) the title of the project for which the comment is being submitted; and (3) specific facts, concerns or issues, and supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider.

Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under 36 CFR §218.8. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in 36 CFR §218.25(a)(3). Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this project and will be subject to review pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

The Inyo National Forest will hold a public meeting on July 31, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 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. Comments may also be submitted during the public meeting.

For additional information concerning the Draft EIS, contact: Janelle Walker, Project Leader, janellewalker@fs.fed.us, (760) 924-5523.

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