

File Code: 2720/1950

Date: August 24, 2018

Subject: Notice of Objection Process for the Mammoth Base Land Exchange Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Record of Decision

Dear Forest Stakeholder:

The Mammoth Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and draft Record of Decision (ROD) for *Mammoth Base Land Exchange Project*. Under the Proposed Action, the United States would convey approximately 35.7 acres of National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the Inyo National Forest, and currently managed as part of a Ski Area Term Special Use Permit to Mammoth Main Lodge Redevelopment, LLC. In exchange, Mammoth Main Lodge Redevelopment, LLC would convey to the United States approximately 1,297.5 acres of privately owned lands (“inholdings”) located within the boundaries of the Inyo, Plumas and Stanislaus National Forests and one small parcel (approximately 1.4 acres) in Inyo County, California that is outside the boundaries of the Inyo National Forest. The EIS and draft ROD are now available for a 45-day objection-filing period.

The EIS documents the environmental effects of two alternatives (Alternative 1 – No Action Alternative and Alternative 2 – The Proposed Action). The EIS is available in hard copy format or can be viewed on the Inyo National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30428>. To obtain a copy of the EIS please contact Janelle Walker, Winter Sports Specialist, Inyo National Forest, PO Box 148, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, (760)-920-0002 or by email to: janellewalker@fs.fed.us

As described in the *Objection Provisions and Implementation Date* section of the draft Record of Decision, individuals or entities who have submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the project during any designated opportunity for public comment may file an objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s).

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the newspapers of record for the Inyo National Forest, the *Inyo Register*. If the 45 day time period ends on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, the time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day. The legal notice is expected to publish in the *Inyo Register* on August 30, 2018. However, this date may change, and the actual publication date in the *Inyo Register* is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector’s responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted in writing to the reviewing officer: Randy Moore, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service; Attn: Mammoth Base Land Exchange; 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592.



Objections may be submitted via mail, Fax (707-562-9229), or delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm). Electronic objections, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us with Subject: *Mammoth Base Land Exchange*.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve your objections; and 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

Please contact Janelle Walker, Winter Sports Specialist, Inyo National Forest, PO Box 148, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, (760)-920-0002 or by email to: janellewalker@fs.fed.us if you have questions about the EIS or objection procedures.

Sincerely,



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