



**File Code:** 1950/2710

**Date:** November 14, 2022

Dear Interested Party:

The United States Forest Service, Inyo National Forest, is initiating preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consider and disclose the anticipated environmental effects of the Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Redevelopment Project. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) has submitted a proposal to the Inyo National Forest (the Forest) to pursue approval of select projects from its 2022 Master Development Plan (MDP) on National Forest System (NFS) lands, in accordance with its existing Special Use Permit (SUP). The Proposed Action includes: new lifts, lift replacements and realignments, additional ski terrain development, new buildings and parking lots for guest and employee use, road reconstruction and construction of a new road, trail construction for pedestrians and bike connectivity, extensions of existing utilities and on-mountain infrastructure, and other infrastructure improvements to support base area development on private parcels. Along with the proposed projects within the resorts current SUP boundary, there are also a number of projects proposed entirely on private lands that would be subject to authorization by the Town of Mammoth Lakes, evaluated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and analyzed alongside the previous list of proposed projects in a forthcoming combined EIS/EIR. Further, there are several projects that meet the Council on Environmental Quality's definition of a *connected action*. For a full description of each project element, please see the project website, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62406>.

The Inyo National Forest is requesting your comments on potential alternatives and impacts, and identification of any relevant information, studies or analyses of any kind concerning impacts affecting the quality of the human and/or biological environment. Concurrently, the Town of Mammoth Lakes has issued a notice of preparation of an EIR, initiating the scoping process under CEQA. Your questions and comments regarding this proposal are an integral part of the environmental analysis process. Respondents should include: (1) name, address, telephone number, and organization represented, if any; (2) reference the "Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Redevelopment Project" and (3) specific facts, concerns, or issues, and supporting reasons why they should be considered.

Written comments must be submitted via mail, electronically, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Lesley Yen, Forest Supervisor, c/o Fred Wong, Mammoth Lakes District Ranger, Inyo National Forest, 351 Pacu Lane Suite 200 Bishop, CA 93514. Electronic comments including attachments can be submitted on the project website, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62406>. Click on "Comment/Object on Project" on the right side of the page, or via email to [tyler.lee@usda.gov](mailto:tyler.lee@usda.gov).

A public open house regarding this proposal will be held on Wednesday November 30, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Suite Z of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers



located at 437 Old Mammoth Road in Mammoth Lakes, CA. These meetings will be held jointly with the Town of Mammoth Lakes regarding their analysis of projects on private lands under CEQA. Representatives from the Forest, Town of Mammoth Lakes, and MMSA will be present to answer questions and provide additional information on this project.

This project will be subject to 36 CFR 218 *Project-level Predecisional Administrative Review Process* (Parts A and B). Individuals and entities who have submitted timely, specific written comments regarding a proposed project or activity during public comment periods, including this 30-day public scoping period, may file an objection (36 CFR 218.5(a)). Written comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection (36 CFR 218.25(b)(2)). For purposes of meeting the 36 CFR 218.5 eligibility requirements, the public scoping period will end 30 days from the date the Notice of Intent is published in the Federal Register (anticipated on or about November 18, 2022).

To obtain additional information about the Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Redevelopment Project, please contact Tyler Lee, Mountain Resort Specialist at telephone (760) 924-5508, or email [tyler.lee@usda.gov](mailto:tyler.lee@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

Fred Wong  
District Ranger