

**LOCALLY DEVELOPED USER AGREEMENT
RESOLVING RECREATIONAL USE CONFLICTS
WITHIN THE HOOVER WILDERNESS
PLANNING ADDITION (WEST)**

I. RECITALS

1. At the suggestion of Congressman Buck McKeon, the undersigned parties convened a series of discussions in an attempt to resolve recreational use conflicts in the Hoover Wilderness Planning Addition (West) within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (hereafter referred to as the “Hoover Discussions” or the “Discussions”); and
2. The Mono County Board of Supervisors unanimously supported the Hoover Discussions by approving of the participation of two board members as mediators to assist with the Discussions; and
3. The parties to the Discussions represented interests on both sides of the use conflict; specifically, participants included proponents of both the wilderness and motorized user-group perspectives; and
4. The parties met over a several month period and received input and information from a variety of stakeholders, including but not limited to, the United States Marine Corps, the Pacific Crest Trail Association, and the United States Forest Service; and
5. The goal of the parties in entering into the Hoover Discussions was to resolve longstanding conflicts regarding Wilderness and non-Wilderness management designation for the Hoover Planning Addition (West), in a manner that would meet the future needs of all users; and
6. In accomplishment of that goal, the parties agreed upon and hereby memorialize the following:

II. AGREEMENT

1. Certain lands in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest which comprise approximately 7,680 acres as depicted on the attached map and labeled as “Area A” shall not be recommended as Wilderness. As depicted on the attached map, the boundary of Area A shall follow a line that is five hundred feet east of the center line of the Pacific Crest Trail, in those areas where the five hundred foot boundary falls within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Within Area A, snowmobiling shall be allowed until April 15 of each year. This date may be extended until May 15 in any year, at the discretion of the Forest Service, contingent upon adequate snow cover. It is the intent of the parties that summer management of Area A be the same as that which exists today.

2. Certain lands in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest which comprise approximately 3,200 acres as depicted on the attached map and labeled as “Area B,” shall not be recommended as Wilderness and shall be managed according to the Forest Service management direction of the non-Wilderness area immediately surrounding Area B. Snowmobiling shall be allowed within Area B.

3. Certain lands in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest which comprise approximately 39,680 acres as depicted on the attached map and labeled as “Area C,” shall be designated as federal Wilderness pursuant to The Wilderness Act of 1964 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1131-1136). Area C shall be an addition to the Hoover Wilderness.

4. Certain lands in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest which comprise approximately 640 acres as depicted on the attached map and labeled as “Area D,” shall be designated as federal Wilderness pursuant to The Wilderness Act of 1964 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1131-1136). Area D shall be an addition to the Emigrant Wilderness. As depicted on the attached map, the eastern boundary of Area D is five hundred feet east of the centerline of the Pacific Crest Trail.

5. Certain lands in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest which comprise approximately 120 acres as depicted on the attached map and labeled as “Area E,” shall be managed according to the Forest Service management direction of the non-Wilderness area immediately surrounding Area E and the National Trails System Act.

6. The above represents direction for all lands located within the Hoover Wilderness Planning Addition (West) as designated by the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-425, 98 Stat. 1619).

III. EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT

In order to ensure the sound management and enforcement of Area A for safe and legal snowmobile use, the Forest Service shall develop a winter use management plan (the “plan”). The plan shall provide, at a minimum, for:

- Adequate signage depicting snowmobile “open” and “closed” areas;
- A public education plan to inform users of areas open and closed to snowmobiles;
- Measures to ensure adequate sanitation (e.g., toilet facilities, bear resistant trash receptacles at trail heads);
- A monitoring and enforcement plan that is funded by line item and utilizes at a minimum all of the following techniques:
 - aerial overflights
 - ground patrols
 - electronic monitoring

