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May 14, 2024

Re: Mono County Office of Sustainable Recreation trail priorities for the current FY and FY 25/26 BLM Bishop Field Office Work Program

Dear Bureau of Land Management Field Manager Sherri Lisius,

Enclosed for your consideration are priority project recommendations for a trail connector system within the area managed by the BLM Bishop Field Office, from the Mono County division of Sustainable Outdoors and Recreation (MCSOAR) on behalf of Mono County which respectfully requests to be included in BLM's future work program. These priority non-motorized, multi-use trail projects will require additional BLM resources, specifically for NEPA related work for the:

- 1) Hilton Creek Trailhead to FS Road 4S137 (Hilton / BLM Trail), and
- 2) Future trail planning efforts and NEPA work between Hilton Creek Trailhead and the McGee Creek moraine (adjacent to the BLM Campground).

Project information sheets detailing the above projects are attached for your consideration. Mono County will pay for the planning, environmental, construction, and future maintenance on any new trails added to BLM inventory using funds in its restricted County Service Area #1 account, up to \$50,000 with additional in-kind contributions. It should also be noted that this project has the interest and support of the Inyo National Forest with proposals being submitted to them concurrently.

To our knowledge the one trail above the BLM Campground in Crowley Lake has been a social trail for many years. The second project would be to engage with staff on initial planning efforts and NEPA on conceptual routes between the Hilton Creek Trailhead west to McGee Creek and adjacent to the BLM Campground in Crowley Lake.

If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Sustainable Recreation Manager, Marcella Rose at mrose@mono.ca.gov.

We appreciate your feedback regarding these proposals in the current and 25 Federal Fiscal Year. We look forward to a partnership to enhance recreational opportunities for area residents and the visiting public on BLM lands.

Sincerely,

John Peters

John Peters (May 23, 2024 10:25 PDT)

John Peters,
Board Chair

Cc: Mono County Board of Supervisors
BLM Bishop Field Office Field Manager, Sherri Lisius
BLM Bishop Field Office Assistant Field Manager, Philip Gross



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Re: Mono County Sustainable Outdoors and Recreation trail priorities for the current FY and FY 25/26 Inyo National Forest Work Program

Dear Inyo National Forest Service White Mountain District Ranger Pusina and Recreation Officer Ertaud,

Enclosed for your consideration are proposed priority projects for a trail connector system within the White Mountain Ranger District, from Mono County's division of Sustainable Outdoors and Recreation. Mono County is submitting these projects for potential inclusion the current and/or future Inyo National Forest program of work. Trail alignments were previously presented to, and well received by, the former WMRD Recreation Staff Officer, Dannon Dirgo. These priority non-motorized, multi-use trail projects will require additional Inyo National Forest Resources, specifically for NEPA related work for the:

- 1) Tom's Place to Lower Rock Creek connector trail,
- 2) Hilton Creek Trailhead to FS Road 4S137 (Hilton / BLM Trail), and
- 3) Future trail planning efforts and NEPA work between Hilton Creek Trailhead and the McGee Creek moraine (adjacent to the BLM Campground).

Project information sheets detailing the above projects are attached for your consideration. Mono County will pay for the planning, environmental, construction, and future maintenance on any new trails added on the Inyo National Forest using restricted funds in the County's Service Area 1 account, up to \$75,000 with additional in-kind contributions.

To our knowledge, the two trails above are the first new trails proposed to be legally added in the White Mountain District in many years. The third project would be to engage with staff on initial planning efforts and NEPA on conceptual routes between the Hilton Creek Trailhead west to McGee Creek.

If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Sustainable Recreation Coordinator, Marcella Rose at mrose@mono.ca.gov.

We appreciate your feedback regarding these proposals in the current and 25 Federal Fiscal Year. We look forward to a partnership to enhance recreational opportunities for area residents and the visiting public on the Inyo National Forest.

Sincerely,

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Taro Pusina, White Mountain Ranger District Ranger
Alexander Ertaud, White Mountain Ranger District Recreation Staff Officer