

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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East OSSC Planning Study Community Workshops

All community members are warmly invited to participate in the upcoming East Open Space/Stream Corridor (East OSSC) Planning Study process. The planning study has been initiated in conjunction with The Sherwin development application, which proposes to build a 109 unit resort-hotel facility on a 5.24-acre site at the northeast corner of Minaret Road and Old Mammoth Road. The proposed hotel would be located on the northern part of the project site, north of Mammoth Creek, and would leave the Mammoth Creek Corridor and southern part of the site as publicly-accessible open space.

The planning study will focus on the Mammoth Creek corridor and OSSC overlay area, extending east to include part of the Snowcreek site and west to Mammoth Creek Park. A map of the study area, and area of influence which extends beyond the study area, are shown on the following page. The Planning Study will examine questions related to the open space corridor, and access and connectivity to this important resource, issues of habitat conservation, recreation and interpretive options and opportunities, and key road corridors and intersections in this area.

Don Vita, of VITA Planning and Landscape Architecture, will facilitate a series of evening workshops to develop the planning study, to be held with the Planning Commission and Town Council. At each meeting, local community members, business and homeowners will be invited to provide input and ideas for the planning study as it progresses. Four meetings will be held between February and April; a schedule for these meetings is shown below.

As you may be aware, an Environmental Impact Report is also being developed for the proposed project; the Draft EIR was released for public review on January 11, 2008 with a comment period running through February 29, 2008. A meeting to hear public comment on the DEIR will be held on February 27, 2008, as part of the Planning Commission's regularly scheduled meeting.

To help keep you up to date with the process, a special section dedicated to the East OSSC Planning Study can be found on the Town's website. All documents relating to the planning study and meetings will be available for download there, before and following each meeting.

For more information, please visit the Town website, or contact Ellen Clark, Senior Planner at eclark@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us or (760) 934-8989 extension 269.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings!

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