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STAFF REPORT: Mammoth Bar OHV Recreation Area
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SUBJECT: Mammoth Bar OHV Recreation Area Update

Summary

The Mammoth Bar Motocross Track relocation project was completed and opened to the public in early January 2022.

Discussion

The Mammoth Bar Motocross track was partially washed out during the storm events of January and February 2017. The area has a history of high water events causing damage to the track in it's previous footprint. After the 2017 events, the Auburn Sector requested assistance from the OHMVR Division Contract Geologist Will Harris to analyze the hydrology of the area and develop alternatives for the MX Track. Ultimately the decision was made to relocate the track to higher ground to reduce probability of future flood damage based on Harris' recommendation.

Mammoth Bar is US Bureau of Reclamation land operated by the Gold Fields District of California State Parks under a Managing Partnership Agreement, which necessitates both CEQA and NEPA environmental review. The planning resulted in a joint Mitigated Negative Declaration (CEQA) and Environmental Assessment (NEPA) document. Initially the project was scheduled for construction in the summer of 2020, however the pandemic and wildfires delayed construction until May of 2021.

The project was funded through Project Agreements from the OHMVR Division and cost approximately \$234,000. All of the work was completed by State Park staff who consulted with the Mammoth Bar Riders Association and the Sacramento Pacific International Trials Society (SacPITS) to design the OHV facilities. The facility now has approximately 9 miles of OHV Trails, a motocross track, a trials area, 90cc track and is also widely used for mountain biking, fishing, gold panning, swimming, picnicking and as a take out for river rafts..

In September of 2021 the State Parks and Recreation Commission approved the Auburn SRA General Plan. Within the Mammoth Bar Management Zone, some of the key goals and guidelines for the area include:

- Repairing, reconstructing, closing or adding new trails
- Allowing OHV use up to 6 days per week
- Should the track washout in it's new location consider moving it to much higher ground in the Castle Rock area. Under this scenario, the day use area could be restored, improved, expanded or partially converted to campsites.
- Maintain and improve existing day use facilities and boating take out.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None.