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STAFF REPORT: SNO-Park Program
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SUBJECT: 2018/2019 End of Season Report

Summary

The California SNO-Park Permit Program was established under Public Resources Code (PRC) Division 5, Chapter 1.27 effective September 30, 1984, to provide parking facilities for winter recreation. The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division administers the SNO-Park Permit Program.

There are currently 18 SNO-Parks throughout the state providing snow play, cross-country skiing, dog sledding, and snowmobiling on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) land from November 1 to May 30 each year. The SNO-Park program is self-funded utilizing the Winter Recreation Fund through parking permit sales. Ten of the SNO-Parks provide recreation for Over-Snow Vehicles (OSV). The Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund provides support for these sites.

Parking permits for the day are \$5.00 and the season permits are \$25.00. Permits are sold at local vendors, online, and at the OHMVR Division office both by mail and at the front counter.

Discussion

Operation Support

The enacted budget provides \$347,000 from the Winter Recreation Fund to support the SNO-Park Program. This funding covers the cost of janitorial contracts, plowing, permit printing, and personnel costs to administer the program. Staff support for the program is provided by Ken Mallory, Park Maintenance Chief I (facilities); Teri Guida, Associate Governmental Program Analyst (permit program oversight, budget, and revenue) and Josephine Parra, Management Services Technician (permit program administrator).

Maintenance

Recently, staff from the OHMVR Division and USFS conducted an end of season tour of the SNO-Park units to confirm all required maintenance was completed prior to the close out of the season.

The USFS Special Use Permit that allows the OHMVR Division to operate the non-OSV related SNO-Parks requires an annual investment by the Division of \$18,000. These funds are used for repairs or improvement projects at the SNO-Park locations.

Projects completed for 2018/2019 season include:

- Repave portions of the Hope Valley SNO-Park parking area.
- Repair the restroom entrance at Hope Valley SNO-Park to comply with ADA requirements.
- Replace the water system meter and boxes at Donner Summit SNO-Park.

Projects scheduled for the 2019/2020 season include:

- Patch potholes in the parking lot at the Echo Summit SNO-Park.
- Patch potholes in the Meiss Meadows SNO-Park parking lot.

Pre-season inspections will be conducted prior to November 1, 2019, which is the beginning of the 2019/2020 season.

Permit Program

With record-breaking snow levels during the 2018/2019 season, the permit program was a success.

- SNO-Park day permit sales for 2018/2019 increased 60% over 2017/2018 and 6% over 2016/2017.
- SNO-Park season permit sales increased 30% over 2017/2018 and 10% over 2016/2017.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None