

## **COMMUNITY POLICIES FOR TRAIL ELEMENT**

### ***Bridgeport Valley***

**Priority 1.** Increase pedestrian safety from Evans Tract to town and along SR 182 from the reservoir to town.

**Priority 2.** Work with public land managers to create a multi-use, year-round trails system for pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians in the summer, and nordic activities in the winter. Explore a potential trail connection between Timber Harvest Road and town.

**Priority 3.** Explore Off-Highway Vehicle recreation opportunities, such as combined use roads, while remaining sensitive to resource impacts and public concerns.

## **ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS BY PLANNING AREA**

### ***BRIDGEPORT VALLEY***

1. Major recreational destinations in the Bridgeport Valley include Bridgeport Reservoir and Twin Lakes. A bicycle route to Twin Lakes from Bridgeport, and to the state line on SR 182, is discussed in the Bicycle Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plan. The historic building tour included in town, staged from the Bridgeport Park next to the museum, is part of the Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway.
2. There is a need to enhance pedestrian facilities along US 395 from the Evans Tract to town, and along SR 182 from town to the residential areas along the reservoir. Residents, especially children, currently must walk along the highways.
3. OHV use in the Bridgeport Valley occurs on surrounding public lands. The BLM's North of Bishop Vehicle Access Strategy Plan addresses management of OHV activity on those lands.
4. Interest is high in creating a multi-use year-round trail system in the Valley that would function as bicycling, pedestrian, and/or equestrian trails in summer and Nordic skiing trails in winter. This would be particularly feasible on Timber Harvest Road and on a route between Timber Harvest Road and town.