

Budget Policy Decision #23

Issue: Environmental Review for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Included in Draft Budget: NO

Strategic Initiative: A Leader in Environmental Sustainability

Description of Policy

Direct staff to apply for funding through the Measure R process to fund the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) preparation. It is estimated that \$40,000 will be required to hire a consultant to assist in the preparation of the EIR.

Budget Implication if Included/Not Included

Measure R is a competitive process. Funds are appropriated from sales tax collected throughout the year that is designated for parks, recreation and trails. If the application is not awarded there is no other funding available for preparation of the EIR.

Level of Service/Productivity/Fiscal Stability Gained or Lost

The current Parks and Recreation Element of the General Plan is nearly 20 years old. An update was prepared two years ago but funding has been lacking to complete the environmental review. Until the EIR is certified, the updated draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan cannot be adopted. Directing staff to apply for a Measure R grant would provide the opportunity for funding and allow the Master Plan to proceed through the approval process.

There is no other funding source at this time that would be sufficient to complete the environmental review which would leave the current Parks and Recreation Element in place and the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan un-adopted.

Alternative(s) Analysis

Measure R is one source of funding. Seeking other available grants that are consistent with environmental review of recreation plans is another option but the timing of an award is unknown. Funding the consultant cost from the General Fund is another option, but another program or service would have to be unfunded to free up funds for the EIR preparation.

Lifecycle Cost Implications

The EIR cost is a one-time cost.

Staffing Requirements

Staff would have to be assigned to manage the environmental process. Currently, staff is already assigned to other tasks and the Council would have to reprioritize the current work program to fit this task into the work program as a priority.

Manager's Recommendation

Direct staff to apply for funding through the Measure R process to fund the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) preparation.

Budget Policy Decision #24

Issue: Fund October/November Air Service

Included in Draft Budget: NO

Strategic Initiative: A Premier Destination Resort

Description of Policy

The current contract with Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) to share the cost of spring, summer and fall air service does not include the month of October and half of November. These periods were eliminated to save money.

Budget Implication if Included/Not Included

The cost of providing a guarantee for this period is estimated to be \$135,000 based on conservative enplanement estimates. However, the guarantee could be more if passenger loads or fares are lower than expected. If the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO), County and MMSA share the risk equally, the DMO's share will be about \$45,000.

Level of Service/Productivity/Fiscal Stability Gained or Lost

Year-round air service would benefit residents, visitors and business travelers. If this segment is not funded there will be no commercial air service in October and early November. In addition, there is an intangible cost associated with not having true year round air service.

Alternative(s) Analysis

1. Continue to work with the DMO, MMSA and the County to reach an agreement to share the cost.
2. Use the General Fund to cover the DMO share.
3. Divide the costs differently if the County does not participate.

Lifecycle Cost Implications

The cost of the air revenue guarantee is charged to Measure "A" tourism funds because tying our marketing funds into the marketing campaigns of the air carrier is considered to be a highly effective way to market. Use of Measure "A" funds for this effort will reduce the amount available for other types of marketing efforts.

There are some minor variable costs such as utilities and janitorial services that increase as the number of days of operations increase.

Staffing Requirements

The staffing of the airport will not be affected.

Manager's Recommendation

Continue to work with the DMO, MMSA and the County on a cost sharing agreement to support October/November air service.

Budget Policy Decision #25

Issue: Increased Costs Related to Police Facility Relocation

Included in Draft Budget: NO

Strategic Initiative: A Great Place to Live and Work

Description of Policy

Staff, with assistance of Highmark Advisors, was directed by the Town Council to pursue alternative sites for a potential long-term lease after the current lease expires on December 31, 2010. Several sites have been evaluated but all will require a substantial increase in the General Fund allocation for rent and operational expenses. No offers or counter offers have been made at this point in time.

Budget Implication if Included/Not Included

Based on the information collected to date, it would appear that a minimally expanded location that is at least 500 square feet larger and in better physical condition would cost a minimum of \$20,000 more per year. Other locations that are larger and have more complex sales or lease terms could approach \$130,000 more per year. More information will be provided to Council in closed session prior to the action on this Budget Policy Decision.

Level of Service/Productivity/Fiscal Stability Gained or Lost

A new facility will provide for long-term use with safe and secure working conditions for both the officers and the public. Storage of evidence will be more secure and prisoner confinement will be more civil.

Staying in the current location will continue the need to work in poor working conditions. A new rent structure for the current location is unknown at this time, should the Town require space beyond December 31, 2010.

Alternative(s) Analysis

The alternatives are to renegotiate a lease at the current facility for an amount to be determined or to pursue an alternate location at a cost not to exceed a declared amount. So as not to prejudice any negotiations, this "cap" should be directed by Council in closed session.

Lifecycle Cost Implications

A lease is being pursued for a minimum of 10 years. Therefore, the rent or sale structure will carry forward for at least 10 years.

Staffing Requirements

None.

Manager's Recommendation

Continue to work toward relocation and evaluate costs when the opportunity reaches greater likelihood.

Budget Policy Decision #26

Issue: Increased TOT Compliance Efforts

Included in Draft Budget: NO

Strategic Initiative: Fiscal Stability

Description of Policy

The Town has increased TOT compliance efforts with on-going internet searches, educational classes, adoption of TOT Audit Guidelines, and an audit program. Despite these efforts, more could be done with additional resources. The lodging association has put forward a request to increase Finance Department staffing by an additional person (cost \$68,000) so that time and effort on TOT compliance would increase. New TOT remitters resulting from past increased compliance efforts have generated an additional \$160,000 in TOT for the 2009 calendar year and first quarter of 2010.

Budget Implication if Included/Not Included

General Fund costs would increase by the cost of an additional staff person (\$68,000) or a contractual service. Increased compliance efforts would likely increase TOT revenue and could partially or completely fund the additional cost. A new position in the Finance Department could be funded with the uncommitted portion of the increased TOT receipts, if the Budget is adjusted to recognize greater estimated TOT.

Level of Service/Productivity/Fiscal Stability Gained or Lost

The budget has not programmed either increased TOT that could be generated by additional efforts nor has it included funds to increase TOT compliance efforts. Greater TOT receipts would provide a higher contribution to tourism, housing, transit and the General Fund.

Alternative(s) Analysis

Not hiring additional staff would continue the ad-hoc efforts of TOT compliance currently in place.

The Town could outsource to provide the additional TOT compliance services under contract with the Town. The contractor would receive a share of the proceeds from the successful compliance efforts.

Lifecycle Cost Implications

Increasing the Finance Department staffing would result in ongoing annual costs (est. \$68,000). A TOT compliance contract with an outside

organization could continue into future years or be terminated at the discretion of the Town Council.

Staffing Requirements

All options require additional time and effort by dedicating a person to perform the function. One option would add one Finance Department staff person to strengthen TOT compliance efforts.

Manager's Recommendation

Explore outsourcing additional TOT compliance efforts.

Budget Policy Decision #27

Issue: Enhance Sidewalk Snow Removal

Included in Draft Budget: NO

Strategic Initiative: A Great Place to Live and Work

Description of Policy:

To improve the Town's walkability during the winter months through enhanced sidewalk snow removal.

Budget Implication if Included/Not Included:

Snow removal is currently performed to clear certain sidewalks and paths during the winter months. In FY09-10, Town personnel removed snow from sidewalks on Old Mammoth Road and in the North Village Benefit Assessment Districts and along Sierra Park Road. Paths were also cleared along Meridian Boulevard from Sierra Park to Commerce Drive, on Old Mammoth Road from Waterford to Snowcreek Athletic Club and on the Sierra Park/Shady Rest Connector Path behind the Minaret Shopping Center. To improve walkability there are two additional routes that are being proposed for winter snow removal. The north side of Meridian Boulevard from Sierra Park to Azimuth (school route) and the Lakes Basin Path (LBP) from Minaret to Kelley Road. The LBP would serve pedestrians from residential areas along both sides of Lake Mary Road and help minimize the number of pedestrians that currently walk on Lake Mary Road during the winter months.

The cost to include the proposed work in the budget is estimated at \$19,500. Half of this cost would be reimbursed as State Gas Tax revenue in the following budget year.

Level of Service/Productivity/Fiscal Stability Gained or Lost:

As stated above, the walking routes proposed for inclusion in the sidewalk snow removal program are key routes that would significantly enhance the associated level of service for residents and visitors. The time required to clear the additional facilities would have a minimal impact on the overall level of service.

Alternative(s) Analysis:

The alternative is to maintain the current level of service without additional budget appropriations. It should be noted that the current level of service is below that of two years ago when staffing levels permitted the concurrent operation of two Trackless blowers.

Lifecycle Cost Implications:

Removal of snow from the Town's sidewalks and paths has a minimal impact on the durability of facilities that are designed and built to Public Works standards.

Staffing Requirements:

During winter storm-mode (split shift) the Trackless blower requires two operators to clear sidewalks and paths.

Manager's Recommendation:

Do not approve this enhanced level of sidewalk clearing.

Budget Policy Decision #28

Issue: Modify Ice Rink Operations Plan

Included in Draft Budget: No

Strategic Initiative: Fiscal Stability and A Premier Destination Resort

Description of Policy

The ice rink location, cost estimate and lease was approved by the Town Council in May 2007. The Tourism and Recreation Commission would like an opportunity to discuss whether the ice rink operations should continue; if so, they would like to discuss the construction schedule and lease and whether the location continues to be the best place for the rink. If the ice rink is to continue at the school district location, the Commission would then like to discuss whether operations should be suspended for the winter season of 2010-11, so that the General Fund could set aside the operational revenue of approximately \$76,000 for the next fiscal year to help match a \$500,000 grant (which must be used next fiscal year or returned to the State of California) to install the concrete slab and internal icing tubing to allow for year-round use of the facility. Mello Roos savings of \$55,800, due to a temporary closure, could be added to the \$76,000 General Fund savings for a total of \$131,000. A total of \$350,000 is needed to match the grant to complete the slab and ancillary work. The savings would contribute 37% of the matching funds required. If the slab is completed in the summer of 2011, ice-skating would be available for an approximate 4-month period, but other events and programs could utilize the facility year-round.

Budget Implication if Included/Not Included

The Budget includes funding to operate the ice rink next season.

If the Council chooses to close the ice rink for one season to save money to complete the facility as originally intended, the 2010-11 Budget would still program the same amount of money from the General Fund but unused operational funds would be placed in a "set-aside" account rather than in ice rink operations. There would be no change in available General Fund allocations.

If the Council agrees to permanently close the ice rink and restore the site to its original condition, a cost estimate would have to be prepared.

Level of Service/Productivity/Fiscal Stability Gained or Lost

Recreation variety would be lost for one season but would be expanded for every year thereafter, if the balance of the needed funds beyond the “saved” amounts could be identified for completion of the project. The completed project would offer year-round use of the ice rink facility, making it a true multi-use center, as was originally intended.

A valuable non-skiing winter amenity for the community, school children and visitors would be lost for the upcoming winter season. Over 8,000 skating sessions were accommodated last season.

Alternative(s) Analysis

The Tourism and Recreation Commission would like to provide a recommendation to the Council regarding the ice rink location, construction schedule, lease and operational plan.

The alternatives are to:

- Operate the ice rink and look to other funds to match the grant in the summer of 2011.
- Do not complete the ice rink and restore the property to its original condition, return the grant to the State and risk future funding from the State Department of Parks and Recreation for this and other purposes.
- Others, as may be developed by the Tourism and Recreation Commission.

Lifecycle Cost Implications

Ice rink operations do not make money for the Town. Having a year-round facility will eventually generate more use revenue but will also require year-round operational costs. The Town is seeking additional grant funds from the State of California to offset the costs of the cover and other ancillary improvements.

Staffing Requirements

Permanent staff assigned to the ice rink would be directed to other winter programs if the ice rink is closed. Part-time staff would not be hired resulting in some of the “set aside” savings.

Manager’s Recommendation

Wait to consider the recommendations of the Tourism and Recreation Commission.

Budget Policy Decision #29

Issue: Increased Funding for Recreation

Included in Draft Budget: NO

Description of Policy

For the past six years the positions of Tourism Director and Recreation Director have been combined into one position. With the creation of the DMO, The Tourism and Recreation Commission has requested that the Town Council consider creating dedicated Recreation Director and Recreation Planner positions above and beyond the positions that are already in the budget. These positions are not included in the proposed budget.

Budget Implication if Included/Not Included

The cost of a dedicated Recreation Director is estimated to be \$200,000 including salary and benefits. The cost of a dedicated Planner is estimated to be \$170,000 including salary and benefits.

Level of Service/Productivity/Fiscal Stability Gained or Lost

Gain: Until the Recreation workplan for FY 2010-11 is developed it is difficult to ascertain what benefit will be derived by adding staff and/or why the same benefit could not be obtained by redeploying existing personnel.

Loss: The addition of funding to the recreation budget would require an offsetting cut in some other General Fund service in order to maintain a balanced budget.

Alternative(s) Analysis

The Town has been trying to be more efficient by limiting the number of management personnel, and working outside of silos on a cross departmental basis. It is normal for small agencies to have generalist positions that handle multiple functions, rather than a separate manager or planner for every function.

1. Add \$370,000 per year to the Recreation budget for increased management and planning staff.

2. Redeploy existing management and planning staff to support Recreation
3. Add funding to the Recreation budget to provide increased programming.
4. Add funding to the Recreation budget to support sports events, music events and other activities that put heads in beds.
5. Add funding to the Recreation budget to pay for improvements to facilities and/or purchase equipment.
6. Defer action on this budget policy decision pending development of a Recreation work plan for FY 2010-11.

Lifecycle Cost Implications

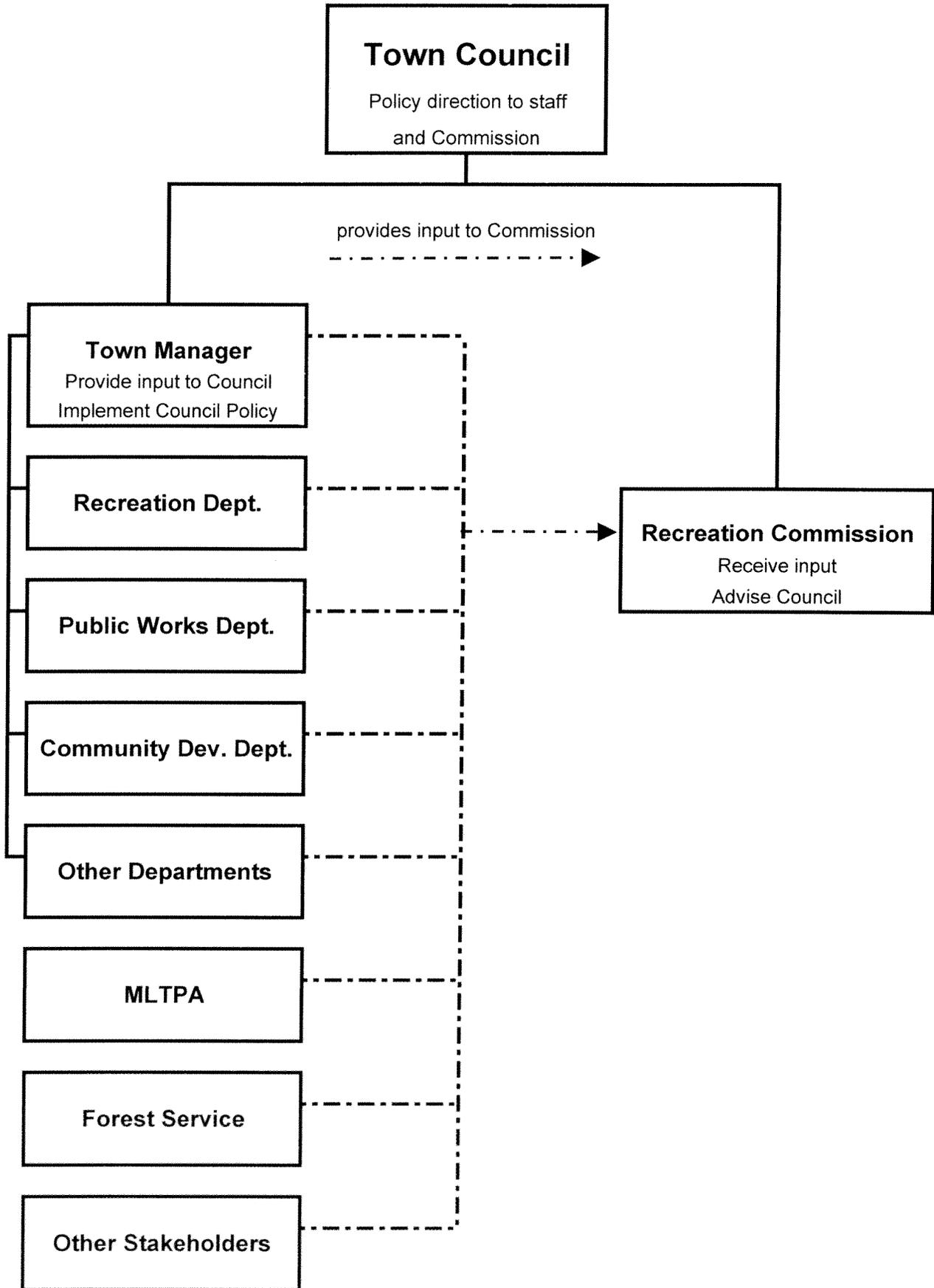
Adding an additional management position and planning position will cost about \$370,000 per year including salary and benefits.

Staffing Requirements

Staffing requirements will depend on the option selected.

Manager's Recommendation

It is recommended that staff be directed to work with the Recreation Commission to define a workplan for FY 2010-11 along with an analysis of the resources necessary to undertake the workplan and that the policy decision be deferred pending



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Budget Policy Decision #30

Issue: Pre-Fund Tourism Administration Building Debt

Included in Draft Budget: NO

Strategic Initiative: Fiscal Stability

Description of Policy

The administrative building that has housed the Tourism & Recreation Department and will house the newly formed Destination Marketing Organization in FY 10-11 was partially funded by debt financing. The last payment will be due July 2011. The debt payment is programmed in the budget (as has been the case for all of the prior debt payments) to be funded from current Measure A revenues. However, because TOT revenues exceeded budget this year, there are sufficient Measure A reserves to pre-fund and close-out the debt service making current Measure A funds available for current marketing efforts.

Budget Implication if Included/Not Included

If the Tourism Administrative building debt is pre-funded from the unanticipated growth in Measure A reserves, more current Measure A dollars will be available to fund marketing efforts. The FY 10-11 debt service is \$81,200 and adding the final July 2011 payment would require a total of \$121,780 out of Measure A reserves.

Level of Service/Productivity/Fiscal Stability Gained or Lost

If the debt service is prefunded with Measure A reserves, more of the current funding may be used to support marketing efforts.

If the debt service is funded from existing operational revenue less funds are available to fund marketing efforts.

Alternative(s) Analysis

The alternative is to fund the traditional debt service payment from the current Measure A allocation. This would not increase the available appropriations for marketing efforts.

Lifecycle Cost Implications

The debt service will be paid in full on or before July 2011, whether prefunded from Measure A reserves or funded from current Measure A allocations.

Staffing Requirements

The Destination Marketing Organization staff will benefit from the use of the administrative building.

Manager's Recommendation

Approve using Measure A reserves to pay the entire debt service payment using unanticipated growth in the Measure A reserve fund and dedicate the value of the last payment to marketing opportunities for Mammoth Lakes Tourism.

Budget Policy Decision #31

Issue: Support for Mammoth Nordic

Included in Draft Budget: NO

Strategic Initiative: Premier Destination Resort

Description of Policy

Mammoth Nordic has requested funding for a portion of a mobile x-country ski trailer and for x-country ski equipment for the Mammoth Middle School and other area middle schools. The concept is to encourage healthy activities for youth and to establish Nordic festivals for Nordic Tourism. The request is for \$15,000. Mammoth Nordic has also requested funding from Mono County and has support from the Mammoth Unified School District and the Mammoth Middle School Organization.

Budget Implication if Included/Not Included

This request is not funded. The traditional evaluation for requests from community organizations is to encourage them to apply through the Local Programming Funding, Youth Sports Funding or the Measure R Funding process.

Level of Service/Productivity/Fiscal Stability Gained or Lost

Mammoth Nordic has expanded the Nordic skiing opportunities throughout the region by providing groomed trails and equipment. Having partners to provide such recreational pursuits and enhance recreational opportunities is a vital part of the overall recreation and marketing strategy.

Alternative(s) Analysis

The alternative is to fund the Mammoth Nordic request for \$15,000. A reduction in service elsewhere must be made in order to take \$15,000 that is already programmed in the budget.

Lifecycle Cost Implications

This is a one-time cost.

Staffing Requirements

None.

Manager's Recommendation

Direct Mammoth Nordic to apply through the available application processes to secure a contribution of \$15,000.

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Supporting, Developing & Promoting
Nordic Recreation



Cross Country
Skiers



Snowshoeing



Dog
Trails



Winter
Walkers

Your Club for Nordic Pursuits

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Good morning Skip,

May 12, 2010

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our **Season Report 2009/2010 PowerPoint** to Town Council. I appreciate your enthusiasm for the work we do very much.

Over the years, I have approached Town Council a number of times seeking financial assistance to establish a **Community Nordic Trail System**. On three occasions, I persuaded Council to support a *Budget Policy Item* for consideration of my request. On each occasion, our project was left unfunded. As you know, our Organization has committed close to \$90,000 raised through our membership and provided an uncountable amount of volunteer effort to breathe life into a very successful, free **Nordic Trail System** available to our locals and visitors alike.

My **Season Report PowerPoint** focused on two things: describing our Grooming Program in detail and emphasizing our commitment to expand the Program in Mammoth as well as other communities in Mono County. The **Mobile XC Ski Trailer** outfitted with approximately 35 sets of Rossignol XC skis, boots and poles (pictured here) is the first step in expanding our efforts to June Lake, Lee Vining and Bridgeport. By introducing Middle School kids to XC skiing, we feel we can contribute to the health of Mono County youth. As I mentioned, our larger goal is to establish one-day events that lead to multi-day Nordic Festivals in Mammoth and Mono County. That's right, Nordic Tourism.

On May 11th, I presented our **Season Report 2009/2010 PowerPoint** to the Mono County Board of Supervisors and formally requested financial assistance in acquiring the Mobile XC ski trailer and equipment. They will be considering our request during their Budget discussions which are underway.

Additional financial assistance from the Town of Mammoth Lakes in acquiring this equipment will allow us to hit the snow striding next fall.

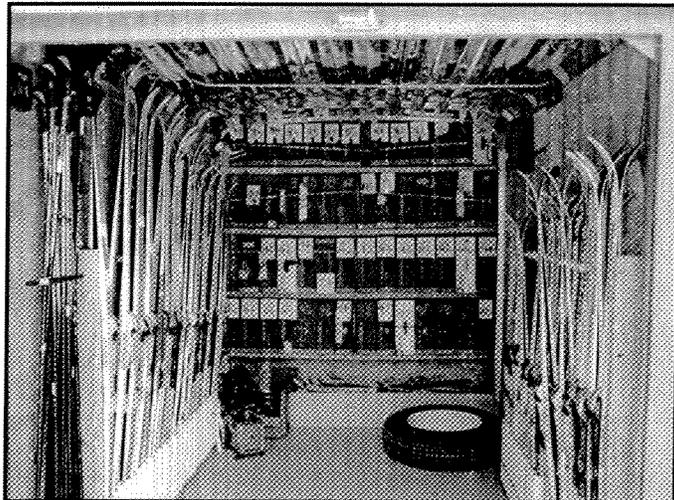
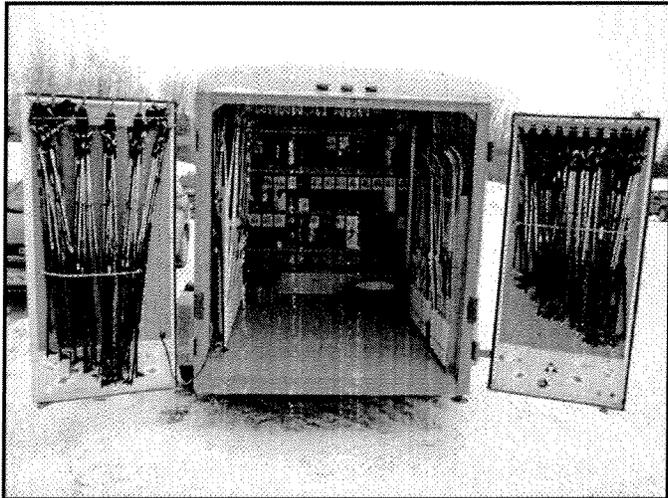
I have the support of Rich McAteer, Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent. Mammoth Nordic partnered with the Mammoth Middle School Organization (MMSO) in 2007 to provide 27 pairs of Atlas snowshoes to the Middle School PE program (Mammoth Times article attached). We promised to be back with XC skis. Now is the time. By creating a coalition of willing partners- Mono County, Mammoth Nordic, MMSO and the Town of Mammoth Lakes- we can meet the growing demand for Nordic sports.

❖ Please consider supporting our efforts with a contribution of \$15,000.

I am available at your convenience to answer any questions you have. Thank you very much, & sincerely,

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❖ Sun Valley, ID, Winthrop, WA and Aspen, CO all demonstrate the degree to which catering to a growing Nordic market can greatly enhance the local economy. The Baby Boom generation is chocked full of vacationing families looking for easy, convenient ways to build their fitness and maintain their health as they grow older. Nordic sports are a perfect fit for the whole family!



❖ The trailer above is part of a County XC skiing program in VT. Introducing Mono County kids to a healthy, active sport like XC skiing allows us to reach their parents as well, creating life-long XC skiers.

Local students get physical education on snowshoes!

Cross-country ski gear in School District's future, thanks to club's generosity

Mammoth Nordic, in partnership with the Mammoth Middle School Organization (MMSO), purchased 27 pair of Series 9 snowshoes from Atlas Snow-Shoe Company for Physical Education teacher Todd Hensley's P.E. program.

"These snowshoes will allow my kids to play outdoors during the five months we

are normally stuck inside. Introducing my kids to Nordic sports allows me to help them discover their aerobic potential!" Hensley said.

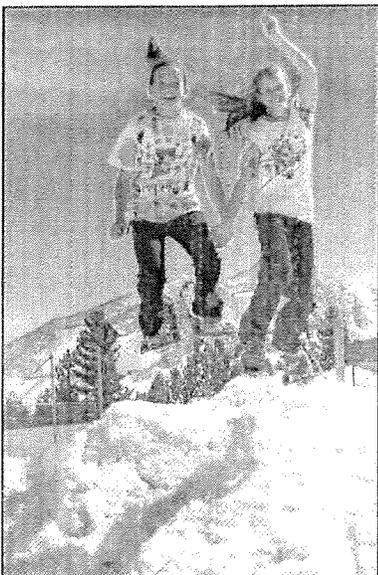
Leslie Dawson, MMSO chairperson, expressed her appreciation. "We are happy to partner with Mammoth Nordic and provide additional equipment for Todd's excellent programs." Dawson also pointed out the MMSO recently contributed \$2,500 to the P.E. department for a variety of cool new indoor gear selected by Mr. Hensley.

Mammoth Nordic paired their \$1,000 contribution with \$500 from the MMSO. Brian Knox, president of Mammoth Nordic, explained the generous support from Atlas Snow-Shoe Company allowed the Middle School to "receive the best quality equipment available, valued at more than \$3,400. The impetus for facilitating the equipment deal rose from Mammoth Nordic's commitment to use their Nordoni groomer and YTS tracksetter to maintain groomed trails on School District property, adjacent to the elementary, middle and high schools.

He also described additional goals the club is poised to deliver. "Mammoth Nordic plans to provide cross-country ski equipment for the School District, as well. We believe all the kids deserve the opportunity to try cross-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Roger Rilling, left, and Brian Knox, right, of Mammoth Nordic present Middle School P.E. teacher Todd Hensley, center, with 27 pairs of snowshoes for his fifth period class.



Sixth graders Sydney Knadler and Baily Rowan jump for joy over their new snowshoes.

country skiing, right on campus, throughout the day during P.E. or in after-school programs we would like to offer. We are also working on safe rights of way that will allow kids participating in these programs safe access to the recently launched Mammoth Lakes Nordic Trail System."

If you are interested in learning more about MMSO, please contact Leslie Dawson at ldawson@msi.uesd.edu.

For more on Mammoth Nordic, visit www.mammothnordic.com. Brian Knox can be reached at brian@mammothnordic.com or call (760) 914-2637. —MT



Danielle Kelly, Grade 7, does a backscratcher.

Mammoth Unified School District Lunch Menu

March 15-22

Mammoth Elementary

THURSDAY, March 15: Liz's Super Chef Salad, Milk 1%

FRIDAY, March 16: Pizza, Fresh Fruit, Carrot Sticks with Ranch Dressing, Milk 1%

MONDAY, March 19: Hamburgers with Oven Fries, Fresh Fruit, or Chef Salad, Milk 1%

TUESDAY, March 20: Chicken Egg Roll with Rice and Chinese Vegetables and a Fortune Cookie, or Chef Salad, Milk 1%

WEDNESDAY, March 21: Tostada with Rice, Fresh Fruit, or Chef Salad, Milk 1%

THURSDAY, March 22: Ham & Cheese Sandwiches with SunChips, Bananas, or Chef Salad, Milk 1%

Mammoth Middle

THURSDAY, March 15: Turkey Corn Dog, or Cold Sandwich, or Salad Bar, or Soup of the Day, Fresh Fruit, Milk 1%

FRIDAY, March 16: Pizza, or Cold Sandwich, or Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk 1%

MONDAY, March 19: Hamburgers, or Cold Sandwich, or Salad Bar, or Soup of the Day, Fresh Fruit, Milk 1%

TUESDAY, March 20: Macaroni & Cheese, or Cold Sandwich, or Salad Bar, or Soup of the Day, Fresh Fruit, Milk 1%

WEDNESDAY, March 21: Tostada, or Cold Sandwich, or Salad Bar, or Soup of the Day, Fresh Fruit, Milk 1%

THURSDAY, Mar. 22: Charbroiled Chicken Sandwich, or Salad Bar, or Soup of the Day, Fresh Fruit, Milk 1%

Mammoth High School

Fresh sandwiches and salad bar available daily, along with various specials.

NOTE: Menus subject to change without notice. —MT/MUSD



April 9, 2010

Tourism & Recreation Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

Brian Knox of Mammoth Nordic has requested a letter of support for the proposals to create Nordic ski trails on school district property.

This project will offer many of our students the opportunity to participate in Nordic skiing. Staff and community members are very enthusiastic about the creation of the ski trails within the town boundaries including the areas adjacent to our schools.

Many of the details remain and some of our concerns are related to "no animals on campus", non-student use during school hours and no tobacco/alcohol/drug use on our property.

With these details to be worked out, we enthusiastically support this proposal.

Sincerely,

Richard A. McAteer
Interim Superintendent
Mammoth Unified School District

cc: Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council