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Town Announcements

Mammoth Gran Fondo Traffic & Transit Advisory for Saturday, September 7, 2019

The Mammoth Gran Fondo road bike ride hosted by the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCF) will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2019. Approximately 2000 cyclists are expected for this ride, and as a result of this large scale event, traffic and normal public transit operations will be impacted from the following road closures and traffic delays - please plan accordingly.

CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

- Benton Crossing Road (Green Church Road) will be closed to all-through traffic between Brownstown RV Park and Benton Hot Springs from 8:00am-12:30pm.
- US HWY 120 will be closed to all-through traffic between Dross Road (3 miles from US HWY 395) and Benton Hot Springs from 8:00am-12:30pm.
- Lower Canyon Boulevard will be closed between Lake Mary Road and Hillside Drive from 5:00am-8:00pm
- There will be traffic delays on Lake Mary Rd, Main Street and US HWY 395 in the morning between approximately 7:00-7:15am
- There will be traffic delays on Minaret Road between Forest Trail and Main Lodge in the morning from 8:30-8:45am.
- The Mammoth Scenic Loop will be closed in the morning from 8:00-9:15am.
- The Mammoth US HWY 395/SR 203 Northbound off ramp will be closed from 7:05 - 7:15am.
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Motorists traveling along HWY 395, sections of HWY 120 and Crowley Lake Drive should expect heavy or increased bike traffic along the shoulder starting at 7:00am and lasting throughout the day, so please drive with caution and give cyclists plenty of space.

TRANSIT ADVISORY

Please take note of the following changes to the routes operated by Mammoth Resorts and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) on Saturday, September 7, 2019.

MAMMOTH BIKE PARK SHUTTLE

- NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at stop #18 on Minaret Road across the street from Sushi Rei.

LAKES BASIN TROLLEY (ESTA)

- NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at the Village/Minaret Road stop in front of Toomey's.

PURPLE LINE (ESTA)

- NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at the Village/Minaret Road stop in front of Toomey's.

TOWN TROLLEY (ESTA)

- NEW STOP: Pick-up/drop-off will be at stop #18 on Minaret Road across the street from Sushi Rei, as well as at the regular Village/Minaret Road stop in front of Toomey's.

A full schedule of all road closures and traffic delays for Saturday, September 7, 2019 as well as more information on the Mammoth Gran Fondo road bike ride can be found online at www.MammothGranFondo.com.

Please welcome riders to our community, share the road, and maintain three feet between you and a cyclist at all times.

Reds Meadow Shuttle Fall Operating Schedule

Beginning Monday, September 9, the mandatory Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Reds Meadow Shuttle from the Adventure Center at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area to Devils Postpile and through the Reds Meadow Valley will end its daily service. The transition shuttle schedules are as follows:

Now through September 4:

- 7:30am to 10:00am, and 4:00pm to 7:00pm; every 45 minutes or less.
- 10:00 am to 4:00pm; every 20 minutes or less.
- The last bus out of the Valley departs Reds Meadow Resort at 7:45pm.

September 4 through September 8:

- 10:00am to 6:00pm with an approximate 30 minute frequency.
- The last bus out of the Valley departs Reds Meadow Resort at 5:00pm

Weekends only - Saturday, September 14 through October 13:

- Visitors may drive their personal vehicles into the Valley. The Devils Postpile parking lot will be closed during this time and visitors will be directed to park at Reds Meadow Resort and take the bus to the Devils Postpile. The complimentary and mandatory shuttle will operate from the parking area at Reds Meadow Resort to the Devils Postpile National Monument from 10:00am to 3:30 pm.

The extended shuttle service is supported by the Town of Mammoth Lakes to provide for improved safety and reduction of congestion on the very popular destinations in the Reds Meadow Valley and enjoyment of the golden fall colors.

Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Project

In the spring of 2019, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Governing Board authorized \$618,750 of Proposition 68 funding to the Town of Mammoth Lakes on

behalf of the regional partnership for The Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Project.

The Project’s purpose is to support the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) in its goals to “...design, plan, implement, and report out projects to improve and maintain recreational opportunities as well as restore ecosystems to their natural resiliency and functions.”

Proposition 68 funding for this project will facilitate the development and advancement of the following four programs in the Eastern Sierra:

- Regional Recreation Stakeholder Engagement
- Climate Adaptation & Resilience Assessment
- Connection to the Eastern Sierra Visitor Audience
- Project Development & Prioritization

SAVE THE DATES: SEPT 26 & OCT 17

2-Part Kickoff for The Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Project!

It's time to "kick off" this multi-year effort to benefit sustainable outdoor recreation and natural resource stewardship here in the magnificent Eastern Sierra. All recreation enthusiasts are invited to participate, so please save the following dates for this special 2-Part public kickoff event:

- Part 1: Sept 26, 5 PM - 8 PM
- Part 2: Oct 17, 5 PM - 8 PM

Location: Tallman Pavilion, Tri-County Fairgrounds, 475 Sierra Street, Bishop, CA

All are invited! All are welcome! For additional information please visit www.essrp.org.

August 7, 2019 Town Council Highlights

- Staff provided a Quarterly TOT Enforcement Update – Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2018/19 to Town Council. Highlights of the program are included in the table below:

Transient Occupancy Tax Enforcement Program Statistics 2018-2019						
Quarter	Quarter 4 - April-June 2019			Fiscal Year - July 2018-June 2019		
	Zoning	Revenue	Total	Zoning	Revenue	Total
Cases Opened during period	7	23	30	21	66	87
Actions Taken						
Citations issued	7	35	42	53	71	124
Assessments issued	3	0	3	6	9	15
NOD issued	14	3	17	8	13	21
Certs of Judgement filed	0	0	0	2	0	2
Violation \$ collected	\$70,587.79	\$12,451.56	\$ 83,039	\$ 128,241	\$ 91,053	\$ 219,293
Statistics						
Ratio of Cases Open	23%	77%		24%	76%	
Citations Issued	17%	83%		43%	57%	
Revenue Collected	85%	15%		58%	42%	

Rental Data Landscape

- **3,329 units identified by Host Compliance as of April 2019**
 - **5,556 short term rental listings**
 - **8 long term rental listings (31 days or more)**
 - **97 BTCs applied for in 4th quarter**
 - **49 of 97 were new Schedule F BTCs**
 - **8 of the last 12 months were record breaking TOT revenues**
- Staff provided a Monthly Update on The Parcel to Town Council.

The updated schedule is included below:

Project Schedule

Following is an update to the schedule provided by LWC.

April/May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project kickoff: April 4 • Prepare Public Outreach Plan: draft complete • Prepare detailed schedule of meetings/events: June • Schedule public interest interviews: scheduling underway
May/June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public interest interviews: Tentative May 7 and 8 • Prepare public interest interview summary
June/July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council/PEDC Workshop #1: June 26 • Internal Team work session • Prepare rough preliminary land use plan concepts
July/August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rough preliminary concepts available to public – Available on Engage Mammoth Lakes as of August 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-day Design Workshop – August 20-23 • Prepare preferred conceptual land use plan and narrative
September/October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council/PEDC Workshop #2
October/November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare final conceptual land use plan and narrative
November/December 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council/PEDC Workshop #3

Staff encourages any interested person, organization or stakeholder to visit The Parcel website for detailed information about the project.



The Parcel

For additional information and updates:

- www.TheParcelMammothLakes.com
- www.EngageMammothLakes.com

Contact: Grady Dutton, Public Works Director
 theparcel@TownofMammothLakes.ca.gov
 (760) 965-3659 (please leave a message)

Mammoth Lakes



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- Staff provided an update on the Town's Capital Improvement Projects.

Each summer season the Town of Mammoth Lakes strives to complete a variety of maintenance and new construction projects. In general, the Public Works Department is responsible for designing, bidding and managing the construction of all projects over \$5,000. The information below provides additional updates on this year's construction projects and details on the next couple of seasons.

Active Projects:

- Main Street phases 1-3
- Lower Main Street Retaining wall
- Community Recreation Center (Construction in 2020)
- Parks Maintenance Projects
- Community Center
- Parks Fencing
- SB1 Phase II Meridian Curb and Gutter
- Municipal Wayfinding
- Mammoth Creek Playground Phase II (Completed)

2020 Projects:

- Transit Shelters
- Parks Maintenance projects
- Street Rehab
- MUP Maintenance
- SB1 Project
- North Village BAD sidewalk maintenance
- Lake Mary Rd sidewalk (Brewery - Minaret to Canyon) Old Mammoth Rd Beautification

Future / PSR's (Project Study Reports):

- Parcel Infrastructure
 - South Main MUP (Joaquin to Minaret)
 - Minaret MUP (Main/Lake Mary to Old Mammoth Rd)
 - Lakes Basin MUP (Lake Mary Loop, Lake George)
 - Laurel Mountain Sidewalks
 - CRC Transit Hub - Mammoth Creek Park
 - Old Mammoth Rd MUP (Waterford to Woodman/Red Fir??)
 - MUP connections (Majestic Pines to Lake Mary/Hidden Valley)
 - SB1 Projects
- Town Council approved the Memoranda of Understanding between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mammoth Lakes General Employees' Association, the Mammoth Lakes Management Employees Association, the Mammoth Lakes Police Officers' Association, and the Mammoth Lakes Public Works Employees' Association.
 - Town Council approved the Resolution adopting the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 Compensation Schedules for the Mammoth Lakes General Employees' Association, the Mammoth Lakes Management Employees' Association, the Mammoth Lakes Police Officers' Association, and the Mammoth Lakes Police Officers' Association.
 - Town Council appointed Lesley-Anne Hoxie to fill the Public at Large vacancy on the Solid Waste Task Force for a two-year term commencing on July 25, 2019 and ending on July 24, 2021.

- Town Council awarded the contract to Spiess Construction in the amount of \$137,812.75 for the SB-1 Phase II Meridian Curb and Gutter Project.
- Town Council adopted a resolution making the required findings for approval of a General Plan Amendment (GPA) 19-001, to update the Housing and Safety Elements of the General Plan including adoption of an Addendum to the 2014 Housing Element Initial Study/Negative Declaration.
- Town Council discussed possible regional consolidated dispatch operations.

Over the past several months, executives and staff (including administrators and public safety personnel) from Mono County, Inyo County, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and the City of Bishop have met to discuss the possibility and opportunity to consolidate our three separate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP's) into one and deliver regional dispatch services. Conceptually all of the players are on-board, although it is clear that there are a great number of details which will need to be better understood and worked through before positive decisions can be made. To develop the regional dispatch plan, Town Council authorized Town staff to continue the regional dispatch conversation with other local agencies and set aside up to \$25,000 from the 4th quarter budget excess to produce a Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan for regional dispatch.



- Staff presented the Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget Review and Town Council adopted a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2018/19 budget. Staff recommended an additional \$2,686,480 in General Fund Revenue offset by Transit, Housing and Tourism reserves of \$654,231, and General Fund expenditures of \$380,791. This leaves \$1,651,458 in unallocated fund balance. Town Council will discuss the allocation of these funds later in the fall.

General Fund - Revenue

Transient Occupancy Tax

Through June 30, 2019

Item	Amount
Adopted Budget FY2018-19	\$ 13,500,000
Budget Adjustments (Quarter 1,2 & 3)	\$ 4,500,000
Modified Budget	\$ 18,000,000
Actual Through May 31, 2019	\$ 19,060,680
Anticipated Funds - June 2019	\$ 1,039,320
Total Expected TOT	\$ 20,100,000
Recommended Budget Increase 4th Qtr FY2018-19	\$ 2,100,000
Total Amended TOT Budget	\$ 20,100,000

- Town Council adopted by resolution the Affordable Housing Credit Valuation policy.
- Town Council adopted a Resolution setting compensation, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment for Fiscal Year 2019-20 – Fiscal Year 2021-22 for specified Non-Represented Town positions.

August 21, 2019 Town Council Highlights

- Town Council adopted the resolution designating Canyon Boulevard between Hillside Drive and Lake Mary Road as closed for the Mammoth Fall Century & Gran Fondo special event on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 5:00am to 8:00pm.
- Town Council authorized up to \$25,000 from the unallocated FY2018/19 General Fund - Fund Balance to develop a Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan for regional consolidated dispatch operations. See August 7, Town Council item.
- Town Council accepted the 2019 Town of Mammoth Lakes Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and the final Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) recommendations dated October 31, 2018.
- Town Council approved the resolution to allocate \$100,000 from the Tourism Reserve to provide multi-year, winter street animation. Town Staff have been working collaboratively both interdepartmentally and with Mammoth Lakes Tourism to provide branded year-round street animation along Old Mammoth Road and Main Street. The program expanded two-years ago with the addition of new sidewalks and street lampposts on Main Street that resulted in greater visibility of the program. The street animation program is the shared responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department and Mammoth Lakes Tourism.

For the past several years, banners were displayed on every second lamppost along Old Mammoth Road and Main Street (Approx. 75-80). Mammoth Lakes Tourism in coordination with the Recreation Commission designed and purchased the banners, while Parks Maintenance was responsible for the installation, removal and storage of the banners, including the replacement of the very costly banner arms. As a result of

excessive snow years, the department incurred additional costs to maintain the banner arms, that didn't include the unbudgeted expense and time to replace the shredded vinyl banners. As most would agree, the banners look great in summer, but are not the most durable in winter and many of the marred banners noticeably detract from our vision of being a premier year-round resort community. After this past winter, discussion was centered on finding a more sustainable, less time intensive and hopefully, more festive street animation product.

The proposed year-round street animation plan is to install banners on every second lamppost in summer/fall (May - October), augmented by the display of American Flags during select events, such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. In winter months, from approximately November (Thanksgiving) to April (Easter), the Town proposes to install 5 foot LED lighted snowflakes on every other lamppost along the Old Mammoth Road & Main Street corridors.

A rendering of the lighted 5 foot snowflake is displayed below:



The proposed Winter Street Animation Project is aimed to substantially elevate the look of Mammoth Lakes during the winter months for our visitors and residents by providing enhanced décor along the Old Mammoth Road corridor and Main Street. The LED lights are of industrial quality and utilized by similar mountain towns with high winds/snowfall amounts. The snowflakes displayed above have 90 LED bulbs and weigh 21 pounds.

To ensure that the quality and resilience of lights will endure Mammoth Lakes' unique winter conditions, it is recommended that the contractor install a small number of lights of different sizes for a performance period TBD. Upon evaluation of this pilot program, staff will schedule the installation of the remaining lights by the contractor along Old Mammoth Road and Main Street. If for whatever reason the snowflakes do not meet the expectations of the program or are not resilient and of high quality, staff will reevaluate and trial another product more suitable for our region.

The approximate cost breakdown of the \$100,000, three-year project (2019/2020/2021) is as follows:

- \$30,000 - \$35,000 to install/remove the snowflakes by third party vendor for all three years
- \$60,000 - \$65,000 for one-time purchase of lighted snowflakes (includes tax and shipping)
- Town Council authorized funding for Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) to extend mandatory shuttle service for up to four (4) days and weekend Intra-Valley shuttle services in Reds Meadow through October 13, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$7,000. See "Reds Meadow Shuttle Fall Operating Schedule" on page 1.
- Town Council awarded a contract to the lowest responsive bidder (Enright Construction) and adopted a resolution to allocate \$55,000 to complete the Mammoth Lakes Community Center Exterior Rehabilitation Project. The final phase of the project as advertised includes:
 - Replacing damaged siding and roof shingles
 - Re-siding three walls: one with hardieplank and two with corrugated metal
 - Replacing damaged exterior wood columns
 - Performing other exterior work including painting the exterior, installing new exterior light fixtures, replacing the existing display case, installing a new facility sign and performing decorative concrete work on the landing.



The project is scheduled to be completed this fall, prior to winter.

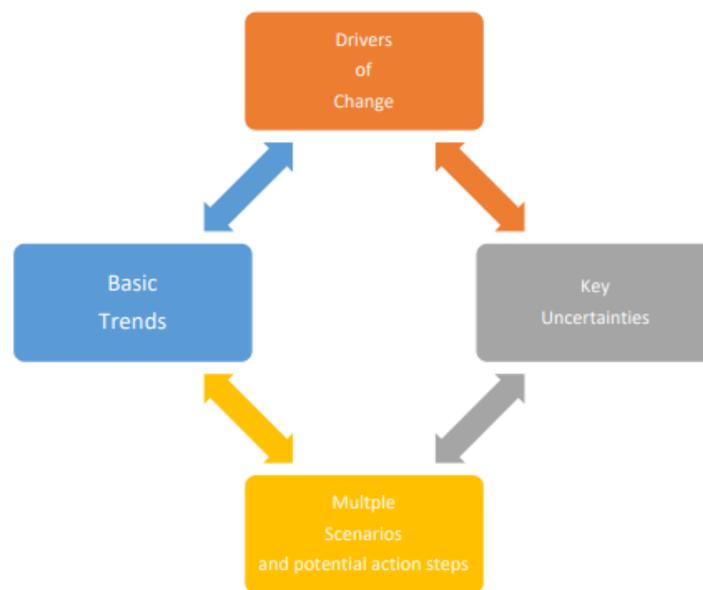
- Town Council approved an agreement with SMG Consulting for Community/Destination Strategy Design in an amount not exceed \$23,000.

Visitation in Mammoth Lakes has undergone major changes of the past decade and the destination has seen significant growth since the 2008 recession. A combination of a strong national and state economy, focused marketing efforts and a variety of outdoor recreation, cultural activities as well as special events has transformed the destination to a point where there is a need to begin to envision the future of how visitation should continue to unfold and be managed.

The past years have also seen the Town of Mammoth Lakes involved in a number of analysis and planning approaches to a variety of issues, everything from housing to economic development. Moving forward it is prudent for the town to envision a variety of scenarios on how visitation and its impacts could evolve and be managed. Visitation in California has changed dramatically over the past decade. As the economy has continued to grow increasing both employment and wage growth more and more consumers are traveling. That combined with California's explosive population growth (estimated at 40 Million and projected to grow to 46 million over the next fifteen years) have impacted many destinations across the state. The impacts have ranged to overcrowding on peak visitation days and seasons to housing issues, employment and more.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has recognized the need to assess the future in an effort to plan for it, scenario planning is a tool that can be used to consider how to think what the future of the destination might be and how they can take appropriate steps to realize the outcomes they prefer.

Issues related to visitation are being addressed by destinations across the state in many destination resort communities, Mammoth Lakes efforts would be part of this growing trend in managing peak visitation.



SMG Consulting has developed the following planning approach to identify different potential scenarios that best meet the needs of the community and stakeholders.

What are the benefits of scenario planning?

Scenario planning provides a variety of benefits in building a community-wide vision;

- To help manage impacts of significant change in Mammoth Lakes.
- To develop a common framework with which to envision the future of Mammoth Lakes.
- To help manage uncertainty in the dynamics that impact the destination/community.

The project timeline is proposed as follows and subjects to an agreement with the client.

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	Weeks 0-4	Weeks 5-8	Weeks 8-10
Interviews and Meetings			
Information Analysis			
Draft and Final Report Development			

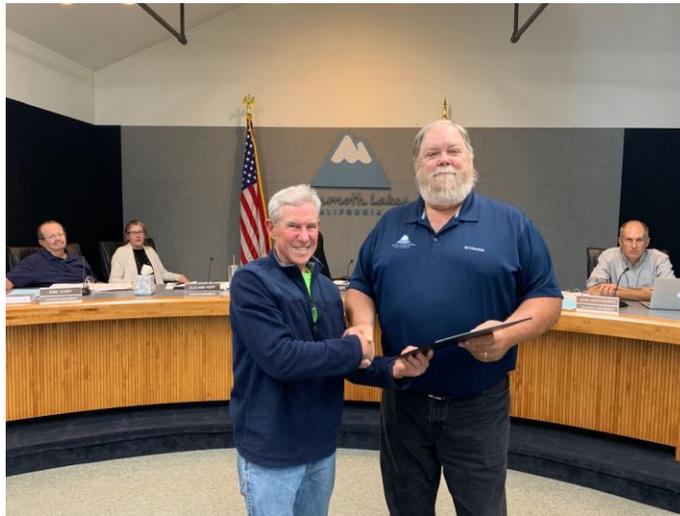
- Town Council approved an agreement with SMG Consulting for professional facilitator to develop program for connecting with the Eastern Sierra Visitor Audience to the Region as a part of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Grant in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
- Town Council approved an agreement with HighBar Global Consulting for professional facilitator to support the Stakeholder Engagement process and coordination of defining specific projects as part of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Grant in an amount not to exceed \$36,000, plus expenses.
- Town Council approved the Town of Mammoth Lakes response to the Final Report of the 2018-19 Grand Jury, as amended to add information regarding long hauling in Finding Number 6.

September 4, 2019 Town Council Highlights

- Town staff introduced newly promoted Airport Operations and Maintenance Manager Vince Maniaci and new Code Compliance Officer Jena Carter to Town Council.



- Town Council approved the contract with HF&H Consultants, LLC to conduct Solid Waste Rate Analysis in an amount not to exceed \$63,690.
- Town Council approved the proclamation declaring September 14, 2019 as Electric Vehicle Day in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Don Condon, President of the Eastern Sierra Electric Vehicle Association accepted the proclamation from Mayor Bill Sauser.



- Town Council approved the resolution for funding in support for the Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council's Lakes Basin Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project in the amount of \$60,425, based on the understanding that Town funds will not inadvertently affect the project scope or overall cost. Please read the information below on the program and details of the funding request.

Background

The Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council (MLFSC) is a local non-profit organization working to educate and facilitate the reduction of wildfire risks and maintain a fire safe environment in Mammoth Lakes.

Over the past decade, wildfires in California are increasingly consuming more acres and burning at higher intensities. An analysis conducted by the Inyo National Forest in 2018 concluded that a high intensity fire is likely in the Lakes Basin under the right weather conditions. A fire in the Lakes Basin could have devastating long-term impacts on tourism, recreation opportunities, infrastructure and our drinking water resources. In response, the MLFSC, Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, Mammoth Community Water District, and Inyo National Forest collaborated to complete the environmental documents and develop a scope of work to apply for a Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) grant in 2018 to implement fuels reduction work in the Lakes Basin.

In March of 2019, MLFSC received an SNC grant award for \$1,000,000 to implement the Lakes Basin Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project. Successful implementation and completion of this project will provide valuable multi-level protection for our community. Fuels reduction work will also improve forest health and reduce the likelihood of tree mortality from pests, pathogens, and drought which will preserve the natural beauty and watershed of the area. A brief summary of the project follows.

Project Description: A variety of fuels reduction treatments on 630 acres located in the Mammoth Lakes Basin on the Inyo National Forest (INF).

Project Location: See attached map

Timeline: Project will start Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The goal is to complete the project in one field season. If work is not complete before Thanksgiving or significant snowfall, whichever comes first, work will start again Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Work in the Lakes Basin is limited to after Labor Day to reduce impacts for recreational users.

Cost: The completion of fuels reduction in all identified areas is higher than the grant award.

Total Cost: \$1,179,276.20

Grant Award: \$1,000,000.00

MLFSC Board Insurance: (\$2,000.00)

Project Deficit: \$181,276.20

Agency Contributions:

MCWD: \$30,000 in-kind contribution through grant administrations

INF: \$75,220 in-kind contribution for project planning and approval

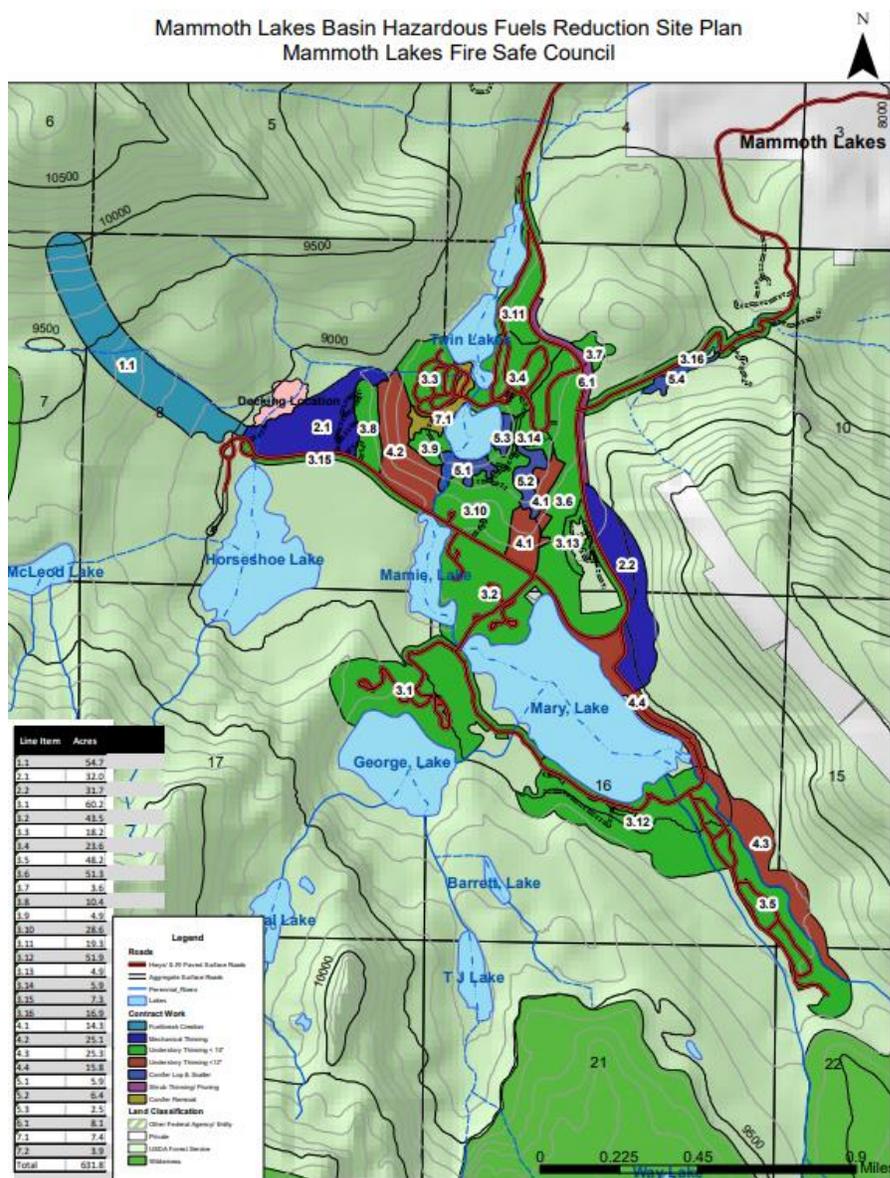
MLFPD: \$30,000 in-kind contribution project planning

Request

The project is \$181,276.20 under funded. The MLFSC is seeking funds from Mono County, the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to ensure the entire project can be completed. Any funds not used for the Lakes Basin Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project will be returned to the contributor.

If the project does not receive full funding, Units 2.2, 3.16 and 5.4 will not be completed (see attached map). All units in the project provide benefit. Unit 2.2 is adjacent to Lake Mary which provides Mammoth Lakes' water supply and is a major contributor to the Owens River watershed. Unit 3.16 and 5.4 provide defensible space around Old Mammoth Road which provides an alternative exit route from the Lakes Basin, instrumental for public safety.

MLFSC is requesting that Mono County, the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power each contribute \$60,425.40 to ensure complete project completed.



- Town Council approved a Letter of support for restoration work on the John Muir Trail (JMT) by the John Muir Trail Foundation.

The program goal is to successfully restore and manage the JMT's most highly-impacted montane wilderness, including forests, meadows, watershed and riparian terrain along lakes and streams; to assure the natural processes for more sustainable wildlife habitat and water quality in the face of increasing visitor use; and to design long-term management strategies for the overall environmental health of the JMT region.

PROGRAM AREA (2020-2023):

Ansel Adams Wilderness Area in Inyo National Forest (north of Mammoth Lakes): approximately 1,800 acres of impacted wilderness habitat on roughly 15 miles of trail;

PROGRAM COMPONENTS: A four-year Wilderness Restoration Plan that includes:

1. Repair of illegal campsites in forests and meadows, and along lakes and rivers;
2. Removal of illegal camp fires, fire circles and debris;
3. Restoration and replanting of the surrounding wilderness;
4. Survey and removal of invasive plant species in waterways, meadows and forests;
5. Restoration of impacted watershed and drainage;
6. Rehabilitation of native fisheries; and
7. Identification and preservation of indigenous cultural artifacts.

ANNUAL SCOPE & COST: Fully-qualified teams of rangers and scientists can annually process and manage about 1,000 lineal feet of trail, including a broad swath of terrain on either side; total annual project cost is approximately \$350,000 per season, depending on terrain. The four-year total program cost is \$1,400,000.

FUNDING SOURCES:

- California Proposition 68 Park, Environment & Water Bond (June 2018): \$800,000 Total
 - JMTF Donor Pledges (40% of State funding): \$600,000 Total
- Town Council reviewed and confirmed upcoming Town Council meeting dates.

Town Meetings & Events

Town Council

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18, 2019** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z with a tentative 2019/20 budget presentation. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Commission/Committee Meetings

October 1 Recreation Commission Meeting, Ste. Z, 9:00AM

October 9

The Parcel - Joint Workshop with Town Council / Planning and Economic Development Commission, Ste. Z, 1:00PM

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Department Updates

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS...

Main Street Sidewalk Construction Project

This summer, the Town continues to invest in our "feet first" efforts, encompassing pedestrian connectivity and safety with multiple sidewalk construction projects. Work along SR 203/Main Street is progressing well. In mid-August, the portion from Mountain Blvd. to Sierra Blvd. opened to the public, offering a beautiful new retaining wall and sidewalk; it will be completed in its entirety, including the bus stop, pending some minor touch-ups.



Construction on the south side of the Lower Main Street Sidewalk project began after Labor Day Weekend and is expected to be complete prior to the upcoming winter. The sidewalk, which is consistent with the design along the north side of Main Street, will extend from Manzanita Road to Laurel Mountain Road. For the next few months, there will be a single-lane closure of South Main Street for construction. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work quickly to make Mammoth Lakes safer, more accessible, and more beautiful!

During construction, all business access will be maintained and kept open. However, much of the Frontage Road parking near the proposed sidewalk will be closed for a portion of the project. Business owners should keep an eye out for an informational meeting to be held prior to the start of construction.

The Town is excited to complete this project, the largest phase of the program that represents an investment of over \$8 million and includes (from west to east):

- Minaret Connector from 8050 to the Mammoth Brewing - substantially complete
- Utilities undergrounding from Mountain to Minaret - complete
- Upper Main Street Wall and Sidewalk from Mountain to Minaret - substantially complete
- Lower Main Street Sidewalk, north side from Post Office to Forest Trail - substantially complete; and,
- Lower Main Street Summer 2019 as described above.

For additional information about the Main Street Sidewalk Construction project, please contact Haislip Hayes at (760) 965-3652 or via email at hhayes@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS...

September is [Mammoth Lakes Bike Month](#)! Take advantage of world class biking conditions this fall in the Eastern Sierras. Check out a variety of events happening all month long including pre and post Fondo rides, Gran Fondo, bike to work day, Villagecross, Bike Rodeo, Free Screening: Dirt Magic, and more!

Kids Bike Rodeo and Gear Swap – September 16

As part of Mammoth Bike Month, the CHP and Mono County Sheriff's Department will host a Kids Bike Rodeo and Safety Event at the Mammoth RecZone on Monday, September 16 from 4-6pm. Officers will help kids develop and practice safety skills to become better cyclists and compete in a number of fun games and races. A Gear Swap will also be held in conjunction with this event. Bring your gently used bike gear to sell or trade. There will be no charge for tables, however advance reservations will be required. Mammoth Lakes Police Department is proud to offer residents complimentary bicycle helmets for children courtesy of the California Department of Public Health. Helmets will be available at the Bike Rodeo or you can contact Community Service Officer Kari Orr to schedule a fitting at 760-965-3710 or by email at: korr@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Tennis Lessons

There are still spaces available in the Adult Tennis Camp and Social IV, starting Monday, September 9. Register today!

Baseball

Mono County Little League will be hosting a FREE baseball clinic Sunday, September 15 at the Whitmore Ball Fields. This is a skills camp for all kids to attend ages 6 and up. More information and a full schedule of events is available on their Facebook event: Eastern Sierra Baseball Clinic 9/14-15. Register today!

Running

CSA#1 will be holding its 3rd Annual Crowley Lake Trail Run on Sunday Oct. 6, 2019. This is a fun event for the whole family, it includes a Kids 1k, and 5 and 10k events. DISCOUNTED PRICING for early registration now through September 24, make sure you sign up early to guarantee yourself a T-shirt and the first 50 (5/10k) sign ups receive a special swag bag! Come on out for some family fun and support your local community. More information and to register visit www.crowleylaketrailrun.com.

TRAIL NEWS...

Trail Days: Lakes Basin Cleanup – September 14

Join California Trout and Mammoth Lakes Tourism for the annual Lakes Basin Cleanup, part of the Great Sierra River Cleanup. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Horseshoe Lake for free breakfast, work assignments, free lunch and great giveaways! Please bring your own plate, cup and silverware to prevent the need for single use products! More info at mltpa.org.

WHEN: SATURDAY, September 14th, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Meet at Horseshoe Lake for a free bagel breakfast, safety talk and work assignments. Free lunch and lots of giveaways will be hosted on site.

WHO: Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! Please dress for trail work: sturdy, close-toed shoes, long pants, long-sleeve shirts and gloves. All tools provided.

CONTACT INFO: Visit www.mltpa.org | traildays@mltpa.org

MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

MLPD welcomed the start of the new School Year with a BBQ for Teachers and Staff of Mammoth High School, Middle School and Elementary School. School Resource Officer Hansen, Community Service Officer Bellis and Officer Madera grilled up a feast while visiting with all of the wonderful people providing education to our youth. On the first day of school, our very own McGruff the Crime Dog, made an appearance at Mammoth Elementary.



Sierra Cycle Challenge

On July 27th, the Police Department escorted riders of the Sierra Cycle Challenge through Mammoth Lakes and down Highway 395 to Benton Crossing Road with assistance from the California Highway Patrol. This great event supports Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and it was an honor to help get the cyclists safely through traffic.



Speaking of bicycles, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to inform the public of a recent increase in stolen bicycles in the area. Please be sure to lock your bicycle any time that you leave it unattended. Now may be a great time to purchase a bike lock if you do not have one. If possible, keep your bicycles indoors at night. If your bike is stolen, please stop by or give us a call at 760-965-3700 to report the theft. Free bicycle registrations are available at the Police Station during regular business hours.

MLPD has a Ride-Along Program to encourage community involvement in the law enforcement process. Interested citizens and students can fill-out an application for this program which allows them to ride as a passenger in a patrol vehicle for the day. If you are interested in a Ride-Along, please do not hesitate to contact us for the application at 760-965-3700.



MLPD continues to sell dog licenses valid through 6/30/20 for Town of Mammoth Lakes Residents. Licenses can be purchased during normal business hours at 58 Thompsons Way and the cost is \$20.00 plus a \$5.00 late fee. Unaltered dog licenses are \$50.00 plus a late fee. Avoid the late fee by licensing your dog annually from June 1-30. Owners must provide proof of a current rabies vaccination. California law requires all dogs over the age of 6 months to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. If you live within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, you are required to license your dog.

MLPD has received numerous reports of dogs being off-leash at Shady Rest Park and around Town. There are thousands of acres of forest surrounding Mammoth Lakes in which to play and walk with your dog(s) off-leash. Please respect the other citizens recreating in the area who are not comfortable being around dogs off leash. We also ask that you pick up after your dog while in Town limits.

This lucky pup was rescued by Officers Madera and Marchant after jumping out of his owner's window while the owner was at work. Concerned parties contacted dispatch after noticing the dog running around with his "dog buddy". Luckily, the dogs had identification with the owner's contact info. Everyone was quickly reunited resulting in a very happy ending!



HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

Work for the Town of Mammoth Lakes

As we continue to grow and expand our workforce, the Town is pushing recruitment efforts with a number of exciting temporary and year-round employment opportunities! The Town of Mammoth Lakes knows our employees are our most valuable assets, which is why we strive to attract and retain the best talent. If you're committed to public service and you want to be part of the changing face of local government, apply now! Visit our [career portal](#) for more information.

Public Service Announcements

Leash Your Dog – It's The Law

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to remind citizens that the Town of Mammoth Lakes has several ordinances to keep their animals and the public safe. The Mammoth Lakes Police Department has responded to an increasing number of dog-related incidents and may issue citations for dog owners in violation of the following ordinances:

MLMC: 6.12.010 License (Required) – *If you live within the Town of Mammoth Lakes limits the owner of any dog over the age of six months shall procure a town dog license and pay thereafter an annual license fee for each dog.*

MLMC: 6.12.210 Dog at large - *It is unlawful for any person owning, harboring, or having the care, custody or possession of any dog within the town limits of Mammoth Lakes to allow such dog to run at large. All such dogs shall be kept securely fastened by a chain, rope or leash unless securely confined within private property legally controlled by the person in possession of the dog. Further, any dog off the premises of its owner, or the person charged with the care, custody or possession of the dog, shall be presumed to be at large unless it is securely fastened to a rope, chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length and is under the immediate physical control of a competent person.*

Pet ownership comes with the responsibility of humane care and management of their animal, along with a legal obligation as well. A dog owner is liable for a victim's injuries if their dog bites and injures the victim. These ordinances also apply at Town parks and facilities. Additional ordinances regulating the responsibilities of pet owners can be found in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code (https://library.municode.com/ca/mammoth_lakes_/codes/code_of_ordinances).

When To Make A Bear Call

DO NOT CALL:

- Bear walking through your property or neighborhood

- Bear in a tree

OPTIONAL NON-EMERGENCY - call Wildlife Expert Steve Searles at (760) 934-2327:

- Bear on porch or deck
- Bear in unoccupied vehicle
- Bear making regular visits to property or under deck or house

EMERGENCY - CALL 911:

- Bear inside any building or home
- Bear seen trying to open window or door of occupied dwelling
- Bear in confined space with human beings
- Bear apparently confronting human beings

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions

Some of the most frequently asked questions about legal rentals and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) are:

What is a transient rental?

A transient rental is any unit that is occupied for the purpose of sleeping, lodging, or similar reasons for a period of 30 consecutive days or less in exchange for a fee or similar consideration.

Can I rent my unit as a transient rental?

Only some zones within the Town of Mammoth Lakes permit transient rentals. The following zones permit transient rentals:

- RMF-2 (Residential Multi-family 2)
- CL (Commercial Lodging)
- CG Commercial General)
- R (Resort, including master plan areas)
- SP (Specific Plan, including North Village and Clearwater)

This list is intended as a guide only. Although the above zones permit transient use generally, other regulations, such as those found in master plans, CC&Rs, or project conditions of approval may prohibit transient rental within a particular development. Generally, transient rental of single family homes is prohibited. A zoning map can be found on the Town's website.

What is transient occupancy tax (TOT)?

Transient occupancy tax, or TOT, is a 13% tax that is charged "for the privilege of occupancy of any transient occupancy facility." The tax is required to be paid to the operator of the transient occupancy facility at the time the rent is paid. It is the operator's responsibility to remit the TOT to the Town.

Do I need to pay TOT?

If you are renting your unit as a transient rental, even if it is only for one weekend a year, you need to pay TOT. This includes single-family homes and other units that are not permitted to rent nightly, but may be doing so illegally. TOT shall be remitted for each night the unit is rented.

Do I need a business tax certificate?

Yes, if you are renting your unit on a transient basis.

Do I need a transient occupancy tax certificate?

Yes. You are required to purchase a transient occupancy certificate for each rental unit to post in your transient rental property. This is included as part of Schedule E or F in the business tax certificate application.

What is the difference between a business tax certificate and a transient occupancy tax certificate?

Business tax is an annual tax and is required for all business activity. The transient occupancy tax certificate is a one-time purchase that is non-transferable. This certificate is required to be posted in your transient rental unit.

Do I need a business tax certificate if all of my rentals are handled through a reservation company?

If all of your rentals are handled through a reservation company, most reservation companies will purchase the transient occupancy tax certificate and collect and remit the TOT to the Town. You may wish to check with your reservation company to confirm that this is being taken care of. If you rent your unit by owner in addition to renting with a property management company, you are also required to obtain a separate business tax certificate and transient occupancy tax certificate.

How do I apply for a business tax certificate?

The Town's website contains information regarding business tax certificates, including an application for a business tax certificate: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=182>. Transient Rentals fall under schedule F for condominium rentals and schedule E for hotels, motels, lodges, and campgrounds. This application can be mailed back to the Town, or submitted in person. The total cost for one unit is \$118.00 (\$65.00 application fee, \$5.00 planning review fee, \$25.00 fee to rent one unit, \$23.00 TOT certificate fee). Additional costs apply for additional units. Business tax certificates are required on or before the first day business commences; penalties will apply for late filings. If you have additional questions regarding this process please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 273.

Do I have a business tax certificate?

To find out if you have a valid business tax certificate on file, please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 273 or your property management company.

What is illegal rental activity?

Illegal rental activity is any rental activity that is not consistent with the Town's Zoning Ordinance, or any rental activity that is not compliant with the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance. This can include transient rental of units located in zones that prohibit transient rentals. It can also include transient rentals in a zone where it is permitted, but when the TOT is not remitted to the Town.

How can I report illegal rental activity?

If you suspect illegal rental activity, you may submit an anonymous tip via the Town's TOT hotline at (760) 934-8989 ext. 275 or on the Town's website via the Transient Occupancy Tax information page. Please include any information that you have that would substantiate the claim, along with the property address and owner's name if you have it. You may also email tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us. Note that emails are not anonymous, however, staff will do its best to keep your information private.

Questions & Anonymous TOT Hotline

If you have questions about TOT enforcement, or if you would like to report suspicious activity or rental advertisements please contact our anonymous hotline. The Town will follow-up on any reports submitted. The Hot Line Number is (760) 934-8989 ext. 275 or email your information to: TOT@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

Register for CodeRED

Residents of Mono County can register their cell phones to receive emergency CodeRED (reverse 911) alerts from Mono County. This is a county public service available to all Mono County residents so please tell your friends and neighbors in Mono County that they can register for this service. CodeRED announcements are for personal notification and will not replace CERT CAHAN notification. Here is how to sign register/sign up using the INTERNET:

- Go to monosheriff.org
- Scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
- Click on it and follow directions.

Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

In 2003, the Town adopted Exterior Lighting Ordinance 17.36.030 to eliminate light pollution and preserve views of our starry skies. The outdoor lighting ordinance was adopted to encourage residents to administer a lighting system that not only promotes public safety and night-time ambiance but to maximize energy conservation. To eliminate glare and light trespass into neighboring properties and roadways, the outdoor lighting fixtures on your property should be shielded and re-directed to shine downward or changed out to a lower wattage. More information about responsible lighting can be found at www.crlaction.org.