

MONO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Sierra Nevada Conservancy - Board of Directors

Re: Proposition 68 Vibrant Recreation and Tourism - Buckeye Hot Springs Recreation Enhancement Project

Dear Sirs and Madams:

In July of 2018, Mono County entered into a non-funded-challenge-cost-share-agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Inyo National Forest, and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to form the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP). The purpose of the ESSRP is to provide a framework for the parties to cooperatively develop, plan, implement, maintain, and monitor Sustainable Recreation projects and programming that are mutually beneficial to the parties, leverage resources, and reduce duplication of efforts.

The framework of this agreement along with the appointment of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator housed under Mammoth Lakes Recreation 501(c)3 - enables Mono County to work more closely to fulfill the intent and desire of this partnership and to enhance coordination and cooperation between the U.S. Forest Service and partnering public agencies.

Approximately 94% of Mono County consists of public lands, and Mono County is committed to providing resources to improve programs, public services, and infrastructure on all lands within the County, including public lands.

The Buckeye Hot Springs Recreation Enhancement Project is an example of a project that engages multiple stakeholders, agencies and organizations to create sustainable access and use by visitors and locals of the Eastern Sierra. Mono County supports Mammoth Lakes Recreation (applicant's) efforts to apply for funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy - Vibrant Recreation and Tourism grant to provide professional planning, implementation, monitoring, and administration of the Project.

Mono County Department of Public Works looks forward to providing resources in support of the efforts of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator and Mammoth Lakes Recreation to fulfill the intent of this Project. Mono County will work collaboratively with Mammoth Lakes Recreation, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and other stakeholders to support this project for the benefit of the general public and public lands.

Sincerely,

Tony Dublino

Mono County Director of Public Works