



AGENDA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

Regular Meeting September 6, 2016

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS: 1) First and Second Meetings of Each Month: Mammoth Lakes CAO Conference Room, 3rd Floor Sierra Center Mall, 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, California, 93546; 2) Third Meeting of Each Month: Mono County Courthouse, 278 Main, 2nd Floor Board Chambers, Bridgeport, CA 93517. Board Members may participate from a teleconference location. Note: Members of the public may attend the open-session portion of the meeting from a teleconference location, and may address the board during any one of the opportunities provided on the agenda under Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board.

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UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY TIME, ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR EITHER THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON SESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE TIME AND PRESENCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS. PUBLIC MAY COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AT THE TIME THE ITEM IS HEARD.

9:00 AM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
(Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business)

and number of persons wishing to address the Board.)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. Urgency Ordinance Restricting Campfires and Open Fires

Departments: Public Works

Proposed urgency ordinance amending Mono County Code Sections 7.24 (Fire Prevention) and 7.28 (Camping) to allow the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, or Public Works Director to prohibit campfires at County-operated campgrounds and to prohibit open fires at County parks at any time that fire danger is determined to be extreme.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed urgency ordinance.

Fiscal Impact: None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. Conway Ranch Homeowner's Association

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter dated August 15 2016 from the Conway Ranch Home Owner's Association regarding the destruction of miles of wildlife habitat on Conway Ranch.

B. Letter from Forest Service Regarding Proposed Plant Management Process

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence from Ed Armenta, Inyo National Forest Supervisor, regarding the initiation of the environmental analysis process for the proposed Invasive Plant Management Project. Comments are being requested by September 23, 2016.

C. Letter from Blue Ribbon Coalition re: Forest Plan and DEIS

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter dated August 24, 2016 from the Blue Ribbon Coalition regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Forest Plans for the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests.

D. Forest Service Letter Regarding Mammoth Base Land Exchange

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence dated August 11, 2016 from Ed Armenta of the Inyo National Forest Service, regarding notice of a proposed land exchange known as Mammoth Base Land Exchange. Comments on the proposal are due by September 30, 2016.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Budget Hearings

Departments: CAO / Finance

6 hours (30 minute presentation, 5.5 hour discussion)

(Leslie Chapman, Janet Dutcher) - Public hearing followed by proposed resolution R16-_____, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Final Mono County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. To view the budget document, please visit the following link:

<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/2016-17-proposed-budget>

Recommended Action: 1. Conduct public budget hearing, 2. Deliberate and reach consensus on budget and policy items, 3. Consider and potentially adopt resolution R16-_____, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Final Mono County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, 4. Consider approving a transfer of any excess, unanticipated revenues into the Economic Stabilization Fund, 5. Consider and potentially adopt the County Position Allocation list, and 6. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: CAO Recommended budget includes \$69,469,039 in expenditures, \$65,372,966 in revenues and relies on \$4,096,073 in carryover fund balance. The General Fund component includes \$37,655,427 in expenditures, \$34,539,971 in revenue and relies on \$3,115,456 in carryover fund balance. General Fund policy items of \$1,279,251 have been removed from the CAO Recommended Budget. Department Requested budget includes \$70,548,290 in expenditures, \$65,372,966 in revenues and relies on \$5,175,324 in

carryover fund balance. The General Fund component includes \$38,734,678 in expenditures, \$34,539,971 in revenues and relies on \$4,194,707 in carryover fund balance. All policy items were included in the Department Requested Budget. There is not sufficient projected carryover fund balance to adopt this version of the budget.

B. Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Certain Unpaved County Roads for the 2016 Sierra Safari Off-Highway Vehicle Event

Departments: Public Works - Road, CAO

10 minutes (5 minute presentation; 5 minute discussion)

(Leslie Chapman and Jeff Walters) - Proposed ordinance designating certain unpaved county roads throughout the unincorporated area of Mono County as roughly graded roads within the meaning of Vehicle Code section 38001 for the purpose of facilitating the short-term use of those roads for the 2016 Sierra Safari Off-Highway Vehicle Tour.

Recommended Action: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: The event involves some use of Public Works staff time to place "Special Event" signs at road intersections.

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11. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session - Public Employment: County Counsel

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Counsel.

B. Closed Session - Workers Compensation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Worker's compensation claim of Matthew Torley.

C. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Leslie Chapman, and Dave Butters. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County

Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

D. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: Two.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE AFTER CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 6, 2016

Departments: Public Works

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Urgency Ordinance Restricting
Campfires and Open Fires

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed urgency ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Joe Blanchard

PHONE/EMAIL: 760-932-5443 / jblanchard@mono.ca.gov

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YES NO

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[Urgency Ordinance](#)

History

Time	Who	Approval
9/1/2016 12:02 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes
8/30/2016 3:34 PM	County Counsel	Yes
9/1/2016 5:35 PM	Finance	Yes



MONO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Date: September 6, 2016
To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors
From: Joe Blanchard, Parks and Facilities Superintendent
Subject: Urgency Ordinance Restricting Campfires and Open Fires

Recommended Action:

Adopt urgency ordinance.

Fiscal Impact:

None at this time.

Discussion:

Recent fires and extreme fire danger have prompted the need to restrict campfires in Mono County's campgrounds (Lundy Canyon) and to restrict open fires in County parks. The County presently lacks the legal authority to prohibit these fires beyond requiring a campfire permit at campgrounds. This ordinance amends MCC Chapters 7.24 ("Fire Prevention") and 7.28 ("Camping") to allow the Public Works Director, Board of Supervisors or Sheriff to prohibit campfires at any time that fire danger is considered extreme and notice is posted. Additionally, any time that the USFS prohibits fires on the local forest unit, campfires or open barbecues may also be prohibited. As with USFS campfire bans, these campfire prohibitions would supersede any issued permits.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Blanchard
Parks and Facilities Superintendent

Attachments: Urgency Ordinance 16-____



ORDINANCE NO. ORD16-__

**AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING
CHAPTERS 7.24 AND 7.28 OF
THE MONO COUNTY CODE TO PROHIBIT
FIRES AT COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS
AND PARKS DURING PERIODS
OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER**

WHEREAS, the use of campfires and open barbecues and barbecue pits (collectively referred to in these recitals as “open fires”), even those considered “responsibly tended” greatly increases the risk of fire which can result in the loss of life and property; and

WHEREAS, visitors and residents frequently have open fires within County campgrounds and at County-operated parks; and

WHEREAS, Mono County is situated in a dry, high desert environment which is highly susceptible to fire under normal conditions; and

WHEREAS, due to a prolonged drought and other factors, extreme fire hazard conditions exist in Mono County this year and for the indefinite future; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary and prudent to establish a mechanism whereby the County may prohibit open fires during periods of extreme fire danger, such as the present, to reduce the risk of damage to life and property; and

WHEREAS, for all of the reasons stated above, it is necessary to enact this ordinance as an urgency measure for the immediate preservation of public health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO ORDAINS that:

SECTION ONE: Section 7.24.040 is hereby added to the Mono County Code and shall read as follows:

“7.24.040 County Parks -- Fires

- A. No person shall start or maintain an open fire in any barbecue, barbecue pit or other location within a County park if the Mono County Sheriff, Board of Supervisors or the County Public Works Director has determined in writing that fire danger in the area is extreme and a notice informing the public of the prohibition has been posted in a visible location at the park where the prohibition is to apply.
- B. For purposes of this section, and except as provided in subsection C below, the determination of whether fire danger is extreme shall be made based on factors including but not limited to climate, precipitation, and wind forecasts, and may include consultation with the chief of the fire protection district in which the park(s) are located (if any) and/or with the National Forest unit for the region.

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- 2 C. If fires are prohibited at campgrounds within the National Forest unit for the region, then it
- 3 shall be presumed that fire danger is extreme. Upon written declaration by the Sheriff,
- 4 Board of Supervisors or Public Works Director that fire danger is extreme for this reason,
- 5 signs shall be posted at any County park within the covered area informing the public of the
- 6 prohibition.
- 7 D. A violation of this section is punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500)
- 8 or by imprisonment in county jail for up to six months, or by both that fine and
- 9 imprisonment.”

10 **SECTION TWO:** Subsection C of section 7.28.080 of the Mono County Code shall be

11 amended to read as follows:

12 **“7.28.080 Rules and Regulations**

13 C. No person shall start or maintain a campfire within any County-operated campground if

14 the Mono County Sheriff, Board of Supervisors, or the County Public Works Director has

15 determined in writing that fire danger in the area is extreme and a notice informing the public of

16 the prohibition has been posted at the campground fee station.

- 17 1. For purposes of this section, and except as provided in subsection 2, the
- 18 determination of whether fire danger is extreme shall be made based on factors
- 19 including but not limited to climate, precipitation, and wind forecasts, and may
- 20 include consultation with the chief of the fire protection district in which the
- 21 campground is located (if any) and/or with the National Forest unit for the region.
- 22 2. If fires are prohibited at campgrounds within the National Forest for the region, then
- 23 it shall be presumed that fire danger is extreme and, upon written declaration by the
- 24 Sheriff, Board of Supervisors or Public Works Director that fire danger is extreme in
- 25 the area, signs shall be posted informing the public of the prohibition.
- 26 3. A violation of this section is punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars
- 27 (\$500) or by imprisonment in county jail for up to six months, or by both that fine
- 28 and imprisonment.”

SECTION THREE: The Board of Supervisors finds and declares that this ordinance is

necessary for the immediate preservation of the health and safety of the citizens and residents of Mono

County for the following reasons:

1. During times of extreme fire danger, campfires and other open fires greatly increase the risk
- of fire which can result in the loss of life and property; and
2. Mono County is situated in a windy, dry, high desert environment which is highly
- susceptible to fire under normal conditions; and
3. Due to a prolonged drought and other factors it has become necessary to immediately
- restrict campfires and other open fires at County campgrounds and/or parks.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016, by the

following vote, to wit:

AYES:
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Fred Stump, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel



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Departments: Clerk of the Board

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SUBJECT Conway Ranch Homeowner's
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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Letter dated August 15 2016 from the Conway Ranch Home Owner's Association regarding the destruction of miles of wildlife habitat on Conway Ranch.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME: Shannon Kendall

PHONE/EMAIL: x5533 / skendall@mono.ca.gov

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Time	Who	Approval
9/1/2016 11:57 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
8/25/2016 11:13 AM	County Counsel	Yes

8/24/2016 8:04 AM

Finance

Yes

Conway Ranch Home Owners Association
PO Box 112
Lee Vining CA 93541

August 15, 2016

County of Mono
Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
Post Office Box 715
Bridgeport CA 93517

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors:

The Conway Ranch Home Owners Association would like to call your attention to the destruction of miles of wildlife habitat on Conway Ranch. The Mono County Conway Ranch Strategic Plans 2014 through 2016 state your contracted irrigation specialist, FIM Corporation has been successful in their irrigation duties. We, however, respectfully disagree with this conclusion since there are large stretches of willow habitat that have not been irrigated for many years and are now dead and dying. FIM Corporation is only irrigating areas of the property that financially benefit FIM and are only present on the ranch during late summer and fall. Many species of wildlife have evacuated the area.

We have attached your map depicting the numbered irrigations locations. All 10 numbered areas are either dead or dying. Also attached is your Conway Ranch Strategic Plan cover photograph that clearly reflects the destruction.

You were charged with the protection of this valuable resource. Please let us know when and how you will restore the neglected areas.

Sincerely:

Conway Ranch Home Owners Association

cc: Caltrans
Deputy District Director of Planning Ryan Dermody
500 South Main Street Bishop CA 93514

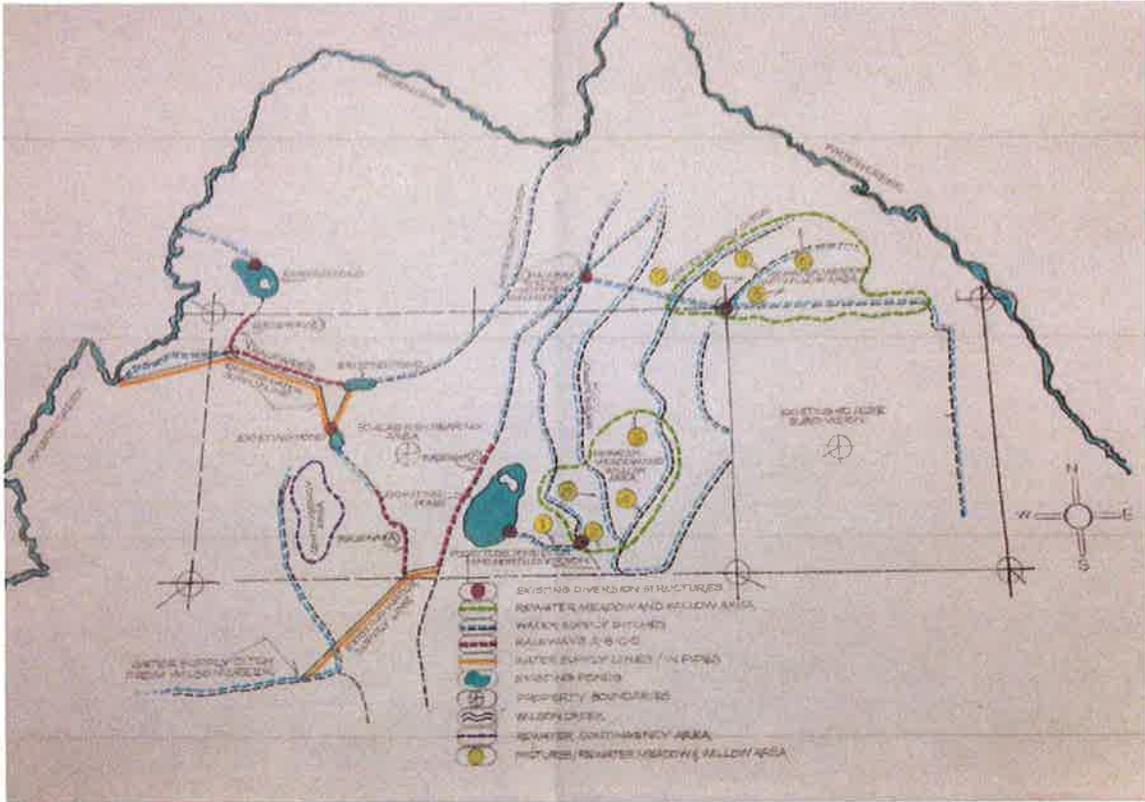
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Central District Office Lieutenant Mark Ghosop
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California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
1416 Ninth Street 12th Floor Sacramento CA 95814

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bishop Field Office James Erdman
787 North Main Street Suite 220 Bishop CA 93514

Eastern Sierra Land Trust
Post Office Box 755 Bishop CA 93515

Conway Ranch Irrigation Map



Conway Ranch Strategic Facility Plan Cover Photograph 2014 and 2016





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MEETING DATE September 6, 2016

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SUBJECT Letter from Forest Service Regarding
Proposed Plant Management
Process

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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Correspondence from Ed Armenta, Inyo National Forest Supervisor, regarding the initiation of the environmental analysis process for the proposed Invasive Plant Management Project. Comments are being requested by September 23, 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME: Shannon Kendall

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History

Time	Who	Approval
9/1/2016 11:58 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
8/25/2016 11:14 AM	County Counsel	Yes

8/24/2016 8:08 AM

Finance

Yes

File Code: 1900/2080

Date: August 16, 2016

Dear Interested Party:

The Inyo National Forest is initiating the environmental analysis process for the proposed Invasive Plant Management Project. The Project would treat non-native invasive plants discovered subsequent to the 2007 Weed Environmental Assessment. The project is Forest-wide, and includes an Integrated Pest Management approach, combining methods of manual, mechanical, chemical, and biological control agents. An estimated area of 80-125 acres of non-native invasive plants would be treated each year over the next 15 years, using an annual review process to review the implementation of specific treatments. Prevention of non-native invasive plant introduction and spread, and monitoring, are important parts of this project.

The proposed action is available in hard copy format or can be viewed on the Inyo National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=38912>. To obtain a copy of the proposed action please contact Erin Noesser, Assistant Forest Planner, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514; at phone (760) 873-2449 or email elnoesser@fs.fed.us.

The proposed action is currently available for a 30-day public scoping period. With this scoping notice we would like to invite your comments regarding issues, opportunities, concerns, and suggestions for the proposed project. While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received by September 23, 2016 will be especially useful in the preparation of the environmental assessment.

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period, including this scoping period, are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

Please contact Erin Noesser (contact information above) for more specific information about how to provide comments. Please contact Project Lead, Michèle Slaton, Ecologist, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514; at phone (760) 873-2498 or email mmlaton02@fs.fed.us with any questions about the content of the proposed action.

Sincerely,



EDWARD E. ARMENTA
Forest Supervisor



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Letter dated August 24, 2016 from the Blue Ribbon Coalition regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Forest Plans for the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

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Time	Who	Approval
9/1/2016 12:00 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes
8/30/2016 3:32 PM	County Counsel	Yes

9/1/2016 5:36 PM

Finance

Yes



August 24, 2016

Planning Team Leader
Forest Plan Revision
1839 South Newcomb Street
Porterville, CA 93257
Email: r5planrevision@fs.fed.us

RE: Forest Plan Revision DEIS

Dear Planning Team:

Please accept this letter as the official comments of the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Draft Forest Plans for the Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

BRC is a national recreation group that champions responsible recreation and encourages individual environmental stewardship. With members in all 50 states, BRC is focused on building enthusiast involvement with organizational efforts through membership, outreach, education and collaboration among recreationists. BRC has members who recreate throughout the Adopter Forests, including access by all forms of motorized vehicles, horses, mountain bikes and hiking. These members have enjoyed this access in the past and have concrete, future plans to continue such access in the future.

BRC appreciates the agency's desire to inform the public as to how the Forest Plan Revision process for the Sierra, Inyo, and Sequoia National Forests (early adopter forests) might impact fire related vegetative treatments, provide sustainable wood products for local timber or biomass businesses, and enhance recreational opportunity.

BRC has reviewed the DEIS and believes that Alternative D provides the foundation upon which to create an Alternative (Modified Alt. D) that will help the agency meet the Purpose and Need for Revision Topic 3: *Sustainable Recreation and Designated Areas provide sustainable and diverse recreation opportunities that consider population demographic characteristics; reflect desires of local communities, avoid overcrowding and use conflicts, and minimize resource damage; protect cultural resources; update direction for management of wilderness and wild and scenic rivers; and protect the values of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.*

Alternative D does not include new preliminary administrative recommendations for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. We recognize that some preservationist interests will aggressively push for creation of "Wilderness" in every form in this effort, including through specific proposed addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System as well as through "administrative" wilderness including recommended wilderness. It would be unwise and would greatly polarize/politicize

this process to capitulate to these preservationist campaigns. BRC appreciates that at least some within the Forest Service, as reflected by Alternative D, recognize the importance of collaborative planning and partnerships to address sweeping topics like this. We endorse this approach, which encourages more partnerships to support recreation opportunities similar to alternative B and to foster an appropriate dialogue on broader issues, including Wilderness.

CONCERNS WITH ALTERNATIVE D

Issue One – Wild and Scenic Rivers

Alternative D identifies the same rivers or segments as eligible for consideration as wild and scenic rivers as alternative B. BRC is concerned about potential impacts to existing and future OHV/OSV opportunities that could or would be impacted by wild and scenic river designations and their associated non-motorized buffers.

Solution: Ground-truth said proposals for potential impacts to OSV/OHV recreation and either mitigate impacts or withdraw said river segment from the alternative.

Issue Two – Pacific Crest Trail

Alternative D defines the management area for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT) to be up to one-quarter mile from the centerline of the trail. BRC and other OHV stakeholders recently met with PCT officers and offered our support for a well-managed PCT that offers the hiker a quality backcountry wilderness-like experience as is practical. BRC believes that any management prescription must be based in reality that recognizes the PCT traverses many “non-Wilderness” areas that include OSV, OHV, hunting, fishing, and mountain-biking. In addition, the PCT directly crosses, or crosses in close proximity to, many highways, ski areas, private inholdings, and other “non-Wilderness” activities. In other words, an inflexible half-mile swath of “wilderness” along the PCT centerline does not comport with the intent of applicable law/regulation or the practical nature of the broad and varied terrain the PCT traverses.

Solution: The Forest should review public comments and internal reviews with field staff and patrol agents to ensure that it designates crossings or enacts management prescriptions that retain the current form and function of the OSV/OHV program and other multiple uses within and near the PCT footprint. The agency should recognize its authority to manage for multiple-use, such as by designating crossings, adopting related management prescriptions related to widths of crossings or corridors to geological or topographical features, or otherwise balancing uses/management prescriptions along the PCT that make sense and are enforceable.

Issue Three – Non Recreation Project Impacts to Recreation Program

The impacts from non-recreation projects often include obliteration/“storing” of the trail or removal of water control structures such as rolling dips and catch basins. Those soil erosion measures can often cost \$15,000 to \$20,000/mile to install (or replace). Other sections within the DEIS reflect similar potential impacts to recreation management, such as the discussions of at-risk species, water quality, and ecosystems.

The Forest Service should protect and mitigate impacts to engineered system trail infrastructure during any pre or post-fire treatments or in forest health vegetative projects. Those projects should be reviewed as to how they might potentially impact motorized use on designated roads, trails, and areas.

Solution: BRC recommends that “trail mitigation” guidelines be added to relevant non-recreation projects.

Issue Four - Zoning

BRC believes the Forests should review current non-Wilderness areas that could be reclassified, reopened, or have cherry-stemmed routes designated for connectivity and/or touring opportunities. Many 1980-1990s-era Forest Plans used non-Wilderness “non-motorized” classifications, particularly through ROS settings, to restrict or prohibit summer wheeled recreation. In many cases, OHV/OSV was simply not at the table or given substantive consideration during these programmatic planning efforts. Even where motorized recreation was considered or engaged, the creation and assignment of ROS settings occurred decades ago and is not analogous to or particularly useful in applying the current management framework under the current Planning Rule and/or Travel Management Rule. In some areas these classifications such as “Near Natural” or “Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized” have had, or support preservationist arguments for, the effect of functionally banning OHV/OSV use including designation of cherry-stemmed routes.

Solution: Review non-motorized land designations. The Forest Plan Revision process is the appropriate planning tool to reclassify lands for managed OHV/OSV recreation and to bring outdated designations into conformance with present guidance.

Issue Five – Megafire Impacts to Recreation and Recreation Infrastructure

BRC believes the DEIS has failed to address how it will reduce megafires and their substantive impact to recreation and recreation facilities.

Solution: If possible, incorporate a more substantive fuel reduction program that includes both prescribed fire and timber removal into Alternative D.

Issue Six – View Shed Impacts

Alternative D integrates consideration of recreation opportunity, scenic character and scenic character stability into restoration desired conditions and design criteria as in alternative B with more consideration of recreation opportunities and settings due to the increased pace and scale of restoration.

BRC is concerned this gives credence to the “view shed” concept which might require extended buffers around Wilderness and other non-motorized classification so as to protect the “view.” There is not and should not be a requirement in the Wilderness Act or Forest Service guidance to legitimize or expand these arguments. If areas truly qualify for Wilderness or “wilderness-like” protection then continuation of surrounding uses should be implicit within such recognition. Congress, who is the singular arbiter of Wilderness designation, routinely includes “anti-buffer” language to protect against these arguments. The Forest Service should similarly protect against preservationist efforts to expand Wilderness or other designations as far their mind’s eye can see.

Solution: Visual quality-related buffers should not be used to impact forest management or motorized recreational opportunities. BRC believes the agency should clarify this intent.

Conclusion

BRC believes that a Modified Alternative D that addresses our aforementioned concerns/solutions will best serve the public and protect/preserve our natural resources for future generations.

BRC appreciates this opportunity to be involved in the public planning process on behalf of its members who enjoy recreation in the project areas. Please contact me if you have questions or wish to discuss any aspect of these comments.

Best regards,

Don

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**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 6, 2016

Departments: Clerk of the Board

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Forest Service Letter Regarding
 Mammoth Base Land Exchange

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Correspondence dated August 11, 2016 from Ed Armenta of the Inyo National Forest Service, regarding notice of a proposed land exchange known as Mammoth Base Land Exchange. Comments on the proposal are due by September 30, 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME: Shannon Kendall

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SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WITH
ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY
32 DAYS PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

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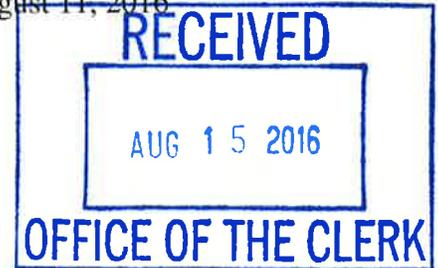
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Time	Who	Approval
8/31/2016 11:20 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
8/25/2016 11:14 AM	County Counsel	Yes
8/24/2016 8:06 AM	Finance	Yes



File Code: 5430

Date: August 11, 2016



Mono County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 715
Bridgeport, CA 93517

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Inyo, Plumas and Stanislaus National Forests, I am providing you notice of a proposed land exchange known as the Mammoth Base Land Exchange.

Mammoth Main Lodge Redevelopment LLC (a related company to Mammoth Mountain Ski Area LLC), and the United States, by and through the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, have signed an Agreement to Initiate a land-for-land exchange, under the authority of the General Exchange Act of March 20, 1922 (16 U.S.C. 485, 486), the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (16 U.S.C. § 1131 (note)), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of August 20, 1988 (43 U.S.C. 1716 (note)), and Section 3005 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (P.L. 113-291). This exchange involves the following described lands affecting the Inyo, Plumas, and Stanislaus National Forests (see enclosed maps):

Federal Land:

Inyo National Forest, Mount Diablo Meridian, Mono County, California

T.3 S., R.27 E.

Sec. 30: SE1/4SW1/4 (por.), SW1/4SE1/4 (por.), NE1/4SW1/4 (por.),
NW1/4SE1/4 (por.), SW1/4NE1/4 (por.)
Sec. 31: N1/2NE1/4NW1/4 (por.)

Containing 30.6 acres, more or less.

Non-Federal Land:

Inyo National Forest, Mount Diablo Meridian, Mono County, California

T.2 N., R.25 E., M.D.M.

Secs. 30 and 31: May Lundy Mine Patent # S-86

T.2 N., R.26 E., M.D.M.

Sec. 30: Lot 10 (por. westerly of westerly boundary line of State Hwy 395)

Sec. 31: NE1/4NW1/4, Lots 1 and 2 (por. westerly of westerly boundary line of State Hwy 395)

T.1 S., R.29E., M.D.M.

Sec. 11: S1/2SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4 (por.)



T.3 S., R.31 E., M.D.M.

Sec. 29: E1/2SW1/4

T.4 S., R.31 E., M.D.M.

Sec. 4: S1/2NE1/4 (por.) (APN 22-020-12)

Inyo National Forest, Mount Diablo Meridian, Inyo County, California

T.7 S., R.30 E.

Secs. 4 and 9: Those patented millsite claims known as Tungstar Millsites No. 2 and No. 3 of Survey No. 6261-B (APNs 09-260-04 and 05)

Outside the boundaries of Inyo NF, Mount Diablo Meridian, Inyo County, California

T.7 S., R.33 E.

Sec. 6: That portion of the NE1/4 known as the USFS Leased Area south of Yaney Street, in Bishop CA.

Plumas National Forest, Mount Diablo Meridian, Plumas County, California

T.27 N., R.11 E.

Sec. 35: NW1/4SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
TOGETHER WITH the water rights to Taylor Lake

Stanislaus National Forest, Mount Diablo Meridian, Tuolumne County, California

T.2 N., R.18 E.

Sec. 9: NE1/4SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

T.3 N., R.18 E.

Sec. 21: W1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4

Sec. 36: All

Containing 1318.8 acres, more or less.

Any or all of the above-described lands may be exchanged if the values are equal. If the values are unequal, the Secretary of Agriculture may accept a cash equalization payment in excess of 25% of the value of the lands transferred out of Federal ownership. Any such cash equalization payment shall be deposited into the account in the Treasury of the United States commonly known as the Sisk Act (16 USC 484a) and shall be made available to the Secretary for the acquisition of land for addition to the National Forest System.

The FS proposes to acquire land with floodplains associated with: Clavey River and Rock Creek, Little Reynolds Creek, Looney Creek, and an unnamed stream tributary to Bourland Creek (Stanislaus NF); an unnamed stream tributary to Hungry Creek (Plumas NF); Gable Creek, Pine Creek, Chidago Canyon Creek and unnamed tributaries to it, Dexter Creek, Wet Canyon Creek and an unnamed stream tributary to Mono Lake (Inyo NF). There are no floodplains associated with the Federal lands.

The Federal lands have been segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and mineral laws for a period not to exceed 5 years from the date of this letter.

The Forest Service will formally evaluate this exchange proposal through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures, which include public involvement. A decision to

complete the exchange will be made based on whether the land exchange is determined to be in the public interest. If a decision is made to consummate the exchange, the involved Federal and Non-Federal lands will be conveyed based on equal value, which will be determined by appraisals, which meet Federal standards and that have been reviewed by the Forest Service.

If you have any questions or concerns, or knowledge of any claims, liens, or encumbrances affecting the lands proposed for exchange, please contact Diana Pietrasanta, Forest Recreation and Lands Officer at 760-873-2464 (djpietrasanta@fs.fed.us), or Leslie Morefield, Landownership Adjustment Team at 775-352-1250 (ldmorefield@fs.fed.us). If you wish to comment on this proposal, please respond in writing to my attention at the address on the letterhead above by **September 30, 2016**.

Sincerely,

/s/ Edward E. Armenta

EDWARD E. ARMENTA
Forest Supervisor
Inyo National Forest

Enclosure

MAMMOTH BASE AREA LAND EXCHANGE

FIGURE 1

LEGEND

Non-Federal Exchange Parcels

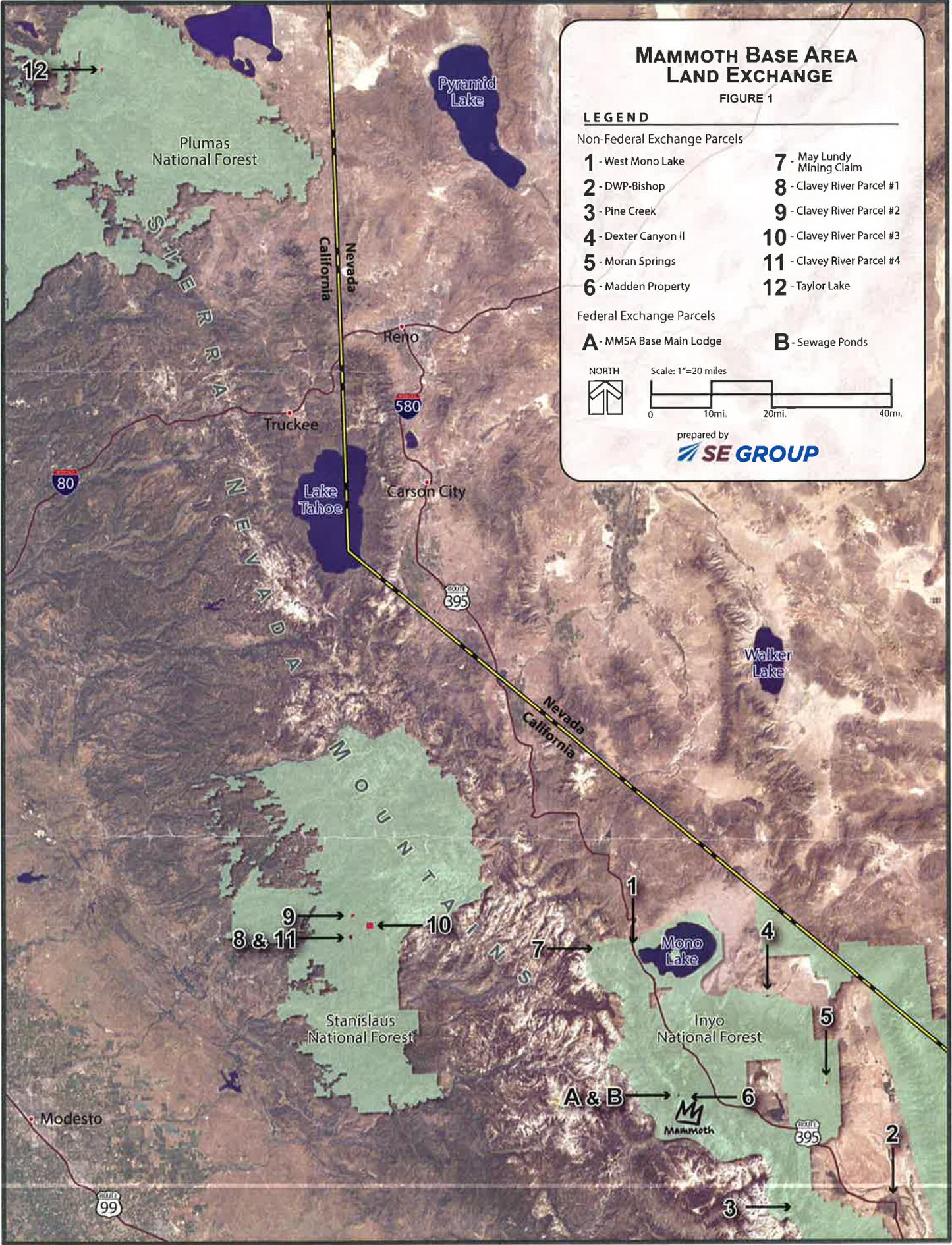
- 1 - West Mono Lake
- 2 - DWP-Bishop
- 3 - Pine Creek
- 4 - Dexter Canyon II
- 5 - Moran Springs
- 6 - Madden Property
- 7 - May Lundy Mining Claim
- 8 - Clavey River Parcel #1
- 9 - Clavey River Parcel #2
- 10 - Clavey River Parcel #3
- 11 - Clavey River Parcel #4
- 12 - Taylor Lake

Federal Exchange Parcels

- A - MMSA Base Main Lodge
- B - Sewage Ponds



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 6, 2016

Departments: CAO / Finance

TIME REQUIRED 6 hours (30 minute presentation, 5.5 hour discussion) **PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD** Leslie Chapman, Janet Dutcher

SUBJECT Budget Hearings

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Public hearing followed by proposed resolution R16-_____, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Final Mono County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. To view the budget document, please visit the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/2016-17-proposed-budget>

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Conduct public budget hearing,
2. Deliberate and reach consensus on budget and policy items,
3. Consider and potentially adopt resolution R16-_____, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Final Mono County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017,
4. Consider approving a transfer of any excess, unanticipated revenues into the Economic Stabilization Fund,
5. Consider and potentially adopt the County Position Allocation list, and
6. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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CONTACT NAME: Janet Dutcher

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SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WITH ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR **PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY 32 DAYS PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING**

SEND COPIES TO:
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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

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9/1/2016 5:20 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes
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9/1/2016 5:12 PM	Finance	Yes



COUNTY OF MONO

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Date: September 6, 2016

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors

From: Leslie Chapman, CAO
Janet Dutcher, CPA, CGFM, Finance Director

Re: FY 2016-2017 Recommended Budget – Public hearing, Board deliberation and adoption of the 2016-17 Board-Approved Budget.

Recommended Actions:

1. Conduct public budget hearing,
2. Deliberate and reach consensus on budget and policy items,
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Discussion:

We are pleased to present Mono County's CAO Recommended Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 to your Board and the public. Since your Board's budget workshop on August 11th, general fund revenues were adjusted upward by \$142,000 which was done to better align our revenue estimates with actual prior year results of operations. Additionally, departments graciously

agreed to forfeit savings from unfilled positions for all or a portion of the 2016-17 fiscal year to generate an additional \$541,830 in budget savings. General Fund carryover available for spending conservatively totals \$4 million. Upon completion of the closing process, spendable fund balance will exceed this amount.

The accrual period ended on August 31st and over the next 30 days, staff will have a good idea of what the excess fund balance will be. At that time, staff will return to your Board and propose transferring those funds to the Economic Stabilization Fund to be appropriated at a future time. While this fund is designed to preserve critical services during times when revenues are insufficient to support operations, this fund can also provide funding for department reorganizations, salary adjustments resulting from the comprehensive salary survey, unfunded capital projects or other unmet needs.

The attached budget is organized in two reports: general fund and non-general fund. Proposed budgets comparing Department Requested amounts with those recommended by the CAO is summarized in the chart below.

	Department Requested Budget			CAO Recommended Budget		
	Expense	Revenue	Shortfall	Expense	Revenue	Shortfall
General Fund	\$ 38,734,678	\$ 34,539,971	\$ (4,194,707)	\$ 37,655,427	\$ 34,539,971	\$ (3,115,456)
Non-General Fund	\$ 31,813,612	\$ 30,832,995	\$ (980,617)	\$ 31,813,612	\$ 30,832,995	\$ (980,617)
All Funds	\$ 70,548,290	\$ 65,372,966	\$ (5,175,324)	\$ 69,469,039	\$ 65,372,966	\$ (4,096,073)

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 CAO Recommended Budget is sufficient to:

- Continue providing core services and programs.
- Restore MCPEA salaries after two years of furloughs, include MCPEA 2 percent cost of living adjustment scheduled for January 1, 2017 and restore step increases.
- Partially fund the gap caused by a reduction in Highway User Tax for roads and provide minimal funding for road maintenance and repairs. This year's CAO Recommended Budget includes a general fund contribution to Roads of \$850,000 which includes additional funding for road maintenance and repairs of \$200,000.
- Continue funding the County Emergency Medical Services without decreasing service levels.
- Maintain Mono County's commitment to the Senior Services Program
- Meet Mono County's administrative policy to budget 1 percent of general fund expenditures for contingencies.
- Transfer \$256,909 to General Fund Reserves meeting the policy minimum if the policy item is adopted.
- Move up to \$541,830 of salary savings into an economic stabilization fund for future personnel actions and/or other unfunded projects.

It is also important to recognize that this budget leaves many County needs unmet, and others only partially fulfilled. Therefore, we acknowledge that this budget does not:

- Fund the jail construction project beyond the initial funding commitment of \$203,000. It is unknown at this time what the County's local investment will be in the project or when the full amount of the County's commitment needs to be appropriated.
- Provide funding to fully satisfy CARB Compliance. This budget uses carryover funding to purchase the two vehicles budgeted last year but delayed until this fiscal year.
- Restore County Reserves beyond the policy minimum.
- Set aside funding for South County Facility solutions.
- Set aside funding for the radio network replacement. Capital expenditures of \$307,692 were included, but this is insufficient to complete the replacement of the radio network.
- Funding to replace phone systems with VoIP is not included. Only a token start-up amount of \$25,000 is requested as a policy item.
- Include a long-term solution for the Bridgeport Clinic and/or Inmate Medical Services. The Bridgeport Clinic was funded at last year's amount. The budget for Inmate Medical Services was increased by a modest \$26,500.
- Future fiscal impact resulting from negotiations with bargaining units as MOU's expire.

General Fund CAO Recommended Budget:

The Department Requested budget for the General Fund is not legally balanced. There is insufficient carryover to support the entire amount of the resulting deficit of \$4,096,073. General Fund Departments collectively have requested spending that exceeds available resources by \$194,707. Therefore, the Department Requested Budget cannot legally be adopted as presented.

It is important to note that after the Board's Budget Workshop, additional collaboration between the CAO, Finance and General Fund Departments took place. It was agreed to table the remaining restructure requests until a later date when the details of each departments' restructure can be fully coordinated with Human Resources. The fiscal impact of tabling the restructure requests is an expenditure decrease of approximately \$90,000 and the departments impacted include Information Technology, District Attorney and Public Works. Department restructures that have already been approved and/or either do not impact or decrease general fund contribution are included in the CAO Recommended budget. Those departments include the Assessor, Community Development, Probation and the Sheriff.

The CAO Recommended Budget includes salary and benefit savings of \$451,830 resulting from vacant positions we anticipate will be unfilled for all or some portion of this next fiscal year. Previously, all vacant positions were budgeted at each position's annual cost plus the highest level of benefits. Between delayed reorganizations and salary savings a total savings of \$541,830 was achieved and is available to provide seed money for an economic stabilization fund.

Consistent with prior years, the CAO Recommended Budget does not include any policy items. A schedule of requested policy items is included for Board consideration. At this time, the maximum funding available for General Fund related policy items is \$884,544.

Government Code Section 29007 requires the adopted budget to include a schedule listing staffing for each budget unit along with the salary rate or range for each position and the total allocated positions approved by the Board. The position allocation list is included here for consideration by the Board. A summary of significant changes will be provided by staff during the Board's meeting. It is important to remember that in addition to a change in the Personnel Allocation List, changes in personnel must go through a Human Resources process.

Submitting a balanced County budget cannot be accomplished without the support, cooperation and understanding of all County departments and certainly not without the untiring and dedicated work of the CAO and Finance Department staff. Stephanie Butters deserves special recognition because without her, none of us could complete our department budgets. Her patience, guidance and accuracy are critical to our success. Preparing the budget is a long and sometimes difficult process where many tough decisions must be made, and we sincerely appreciate every department's willingness to cooperate and make sacrifices in the best interest of the County as a whole. We offer our sincerest thanks to all of you.

This 2016-2017 CAO Recommended Budget is respectfully submitted,



Leslie L. Chapman
Mono County Administrative Officer



Janet Dutcher, CPA, CGFM
Mono County Finance Director

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Mono County Board of Supervisors

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 6, 2016

Departments: Public Works - Road, CAO

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes (5 minute presentation; 5 minute discussion) **PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD** Leslie Chapman and Jeff Walters

SUBJECT Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Certain Unpaved County Roads for the 2016 Sierra Safari Off-Highway Vehicle Event

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed ordinance designating certain unpaved county roads throughout the unincorporated area of Mono County as roughly graded roads within the meaning of Vehicle Code section 38001 for the purpose of facilitating the short-term use of those roads for the 2016 Sierra Safari Off-Highway Vehicle Tour.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The event involves some use of Public Works staff time to place "Special Event" signs at road intersections.

CONTACT NAME: Leslie Chapman, Jeff Walters

PHONE/EMAIL: x5414 (Leslie) x5459 (Jeff) / lchapman@mono.ca.gov; jwalters@mono.ca.gov

SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WITH ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR **PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY 32 DAYS PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING**

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9/1/2016 5:36 PM	Finance	Yes



COUNTY OF MONO

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Leslie L. Chapman
County Administrative Officer

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Leslie Chapman and Jeff Walters

Date: September 6, 2016

Re: Ordinance authorizing the use of certain County roads for the 2016 Sierra Safari off-highway vehicle event

Recommendation

Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance designating certain unpaved county roads throughout the unincorporated area of Mono County as roughly graded roads within the meaning of Vehicle Code section 38001 for the purpose of facilitating the short-term use of those roads for the 2016 Sierra Safari off-highway vehicle tour.

Strategic Plan Focus Area(s) Met

The proposed ordinance furthers the Strategic Plan focus area of “economic base” by facilitating the continuation of a popular event in Mono County which has taken place for the last 27 years, and which brings visitors and economic benefits to the community of Bridgeport and other areas within the County.

Fiscal Impact

Public Works staff time to place “Special Event” signs.

Discussion

Since at least 1989, Mono County has been the site of an off-highway vehicle event known as the Sierra Safari. Sierra Safari is a three-day guided off-highway vehicle tour starting in Mammoth Lakes, continuing to Hawthorne Nevada, and entering the Bridgeport area and the community of Bridgeport.

The event takes place on roads and trails throughout Mono County, and Mineral County in Nevada, including some dirt roads that are part of Mono County’s maintained mileage system.

This year the California Highway Patrol (CHP) brought to the County’s attention an ambiguity in the laws governing the use of County-maintained unpaved roads by off-highway vehicles such as those participating in the Sierra Safari. CHP indicated that these ambiguities could be addressed through adoption of a local ordinance designating those roads as “roughly graded roads” pursuant to Vehicle Code section 38001.

The County has worked with the California Highway Patrol and the Mono County Sheriff’s Department to develop an ordinance consistent with the CHP’s direction, so that the event may take place this Fall. Similar ordinances have been adopted in Lassen, Del

Norte, and Plumas counties. The ordinance proposed for your Board's approval is designed as a short-term solution (with a sunset date of October 15) for the limited purpose of allowing the Sierra Safari to go forward this year.

It is staff's recommendation that following this year's event, the County work with law enforcement, the community, and other interested stakeholders to develop a long-term solution to the use (or non-use) of County-maintained dirt roads in Mono County by off-highway vehicles.

If you have any questions regarding this item prior to your meeting, please call Leslie at 760-932-5414 or Jeff Walters at 760-932-5459.



ORDINANCE NO. ORD16-__

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DESIGNATING CERTAIN UNPAVED COUNTY ROADS
THROUGHOUT THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MONO COUNTY
AS ROUGHLY GRADED ROADS WITHIN THE MEANING OF
VEHICLE CODE SECTION 38001 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING
THE SHORT-TERM USE OF THOSE ROADS FOR THE
2016 SIERRA SAFARI OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TOUR**

WHEREAS, every year since at least 1989, Mono County has been the site of an off-highway vehicle event known as the Sierra Safari; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Safari takes place on roughly graded dirt roads and trails throughout Mono County, and Mineral County in Nevada, including some roads that are part of Mono County's maintained mileage system; and

WHEREAS, the event is an important recreational and economic opportunity for Mono County, bringing critically needed commerce, activity and prestige to the community of Bridgeport; and

WHEREAS, this year law enforcement brought to the County's attention an ambiguity in the laws governing the use of County-maintained unpaved roads by off-highway vehicles such as those participating in the Sierra Safari; and

WHEREAS, the County has worked with the relevant law enforcement entities, including the California Highway Patrol and the Mono County Sheriff's Department, to resolve that ambiguity in the short-term, for the purpose of allowing the Sierra Safari to go forward this year, through adoption of this ordinance, which sunsets after the event; and

WHEREAS, it is the County's intention, following this year's Sierra Safari event, to work with law enforcement, the community, and other interested stakeholders to develop a long-term solution to the use (or non-use) of County-maintained, roughly graded, dirt roads in Mono County by off-highway vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO ORDAINS that:

SECTION ONE: Definitions and Findings

A. For the purposes of this ordinance the term "**Off-Highway Vehicles**" (OHV) means off-highway motorized wheeled vehicles including but not limited to "All-Terrain Vehicle" (ATV), "Utility Vehicle" (UTV), "Trail Bike", "Dune Buggy", "Off-Road Motorcycle", and Jeep-type vehicles, – pursuant to Sections 38006, 38010, and 38012 of Division 16.5, "Off-Highway Vehicles" of the California Vehicle Code. This definition applies to off-highway motorized wheeled vehicles that are not licensed for on-highway use as well as highway-licensed vehicles while operated off-highway.

B. The unpaved roads or portions of unpaved roads listed below are a part of the Mono County Maintained Mileage System and are within or connect to rural recreation areas and public lands where off-highway vehicle use is permitted.

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2 C. The unpaved roads or portions of unpaved roads identified below are low volume, low
3 speed, roughly-graded dirt roadways which are minimally maintained. The design and use of
4 these roads allows for the safe operation of both regular vehicular traffic and off-highway
5 vehicle use.

6 **SECTION TWO: Off-Highway Vehicles: Areas Allowed**

7 The following unpaved roads, or portions thereof, are hereby designated as roughly
8 graded roads, pursuant to Section 38001 of Division 16.5, "Off-Highway Vehicles" of the
9 California Vehicle Code upon which Off-Highway Vehicles may be operated at the operator's
10 own risk:

11 **Road District ONE:**

12 **Road #3001, Big Springs Road**

13 **Road #3003, Bald Mountain Road**

14 **Road #3004, Bald Mountain Springs Road**

15 **Road District TWO:**

16 **Road #3028, Adobe Ranch Road**

17 **Road #3029, McGee Canyon Road**

18 **Road District THREE:**

19 **Road #3020, Pilot Springs Road**

20 **Road #3024, Crooked Meadows Road**

21 **Road #3023, Johnny Meadows Road**

22 **Road #3027, Dobie Meadows Road**

23 **Road #3022, Wet Meadows Road**

24 **Road#3021, Logging Camp Road**

25 **Road District FOUR:**

26 **Road #4007, Bodie Road**

27 **Road #4114, Aurora Canyon Road**

28 **Road #4008, Bodie Masonic Road**

SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall automatically sunset, and shall be of no
further force and effect, on October 15, 2016 unless extended by further ordinance of the
Board of Supervisors

SECTION FOUR: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this
ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional and invalid, such decision shall not
affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby
declares that it would have passed this ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence,
clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact any one or more sections, subsections,
sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION FIVE: This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of its
adoption and final passage, which appears immediately below. The Clerk of the Board of

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Supervisors shall post this ordinance and also publish it in the manner prescribed by Government Code Section 25124 no later than 15 days after the date of its adoption and final passage. If the Clerk fails to publish this ordinance within said 15-day period, then the ordinance shall not take effect until 30 days after the date of publication.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Fred Stump, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE September 6, 2016

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Closed Session - Public Employment:
County Counsel

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Counsel.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME:

PHONE/EMAIL: /

SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WITH
ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
*PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY
32 DAYS PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING*

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Time	Who	Approval
9/1/2016 11:57 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
8/31/2016 4:16 PM	County Counsel	Yes
9/1/2016 5:20 PM	Finance	Yes



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 6, 2016

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Closed Session - Workers
 Compensation

**PERSONS
APPEARING
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BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9.
Name of case: Worker's compensation claim of Matthew Torley.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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9/1/2016 12:00 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes
9/1/2016 3:36 PM	County Counsel	Yes
9/1/2016 5:36 PM	Finance	Yes



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 6, 2016

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Closed Session--Human Resources

**PERSONS
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BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Leslie Chapman, and Dave Butters. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 6, 2016

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Afternoon Session

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE AFTER CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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