

September 3, 2019

Regular Meeting

Item # 4

County Counsel

Additional Documents:

Public Session Info. Flyer

LADWP Notice

OWENS RIVER GORGE CLOSED FOR PUBLIC ACCESS

SEPTEMBER 9 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

LADWP ADVISES PUBLIC OF HIGH WATER LEVELS AND POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARDS

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will release substantially higher-than-normal flows down the Owens River Gorge for a channel maintenance peak flow starting on September 9 through September 17, 2019. During this time there will be no public access allowed along the Owens River Gorge from Long Valley Dam to Control Gorge Power Plant. LADWP personnel will be monitoring the area around the clock for the entire high flow event.

LADWP warns that swift flowing water and high water levels with strong currents pose potential safety hazards that could result in personal injury and property damage. Visitors are advised to use extreme caution.

LADWP is working in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to improve the quality and quantity of riparian habitat along the Owens River Gorge.

In order to keep residents and visitors of the Eastern Sierra informed LADWP will continue to issue information related to the high flows.

Real time data on flow levels can be found at

<http://wsoweb.ladwp.com/Aqueduct/realtime/lvrealtime.htm>

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WE NEED YOUR VOICE!

Be part of the solution...

California's Water Resilience Portfolio Initiative PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS

Hosted by the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

3:00 –5:00 pm OR 6:00-8:00 pm

**Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center
2300 West Line Street, Bishop, CA**



- Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-10-19 in April 2019 directing state agencies to recommend a portfolio of priorities and actions to ensure a resilient water system through the 21st century
- Help shape a roadmap for meeting future water needs and ensuring environmental and economic resilience
- The State is looking for **EXCITING, INNOVATIVE, BOLD, and BROAD** ideas on water management and policy
- **This is our chance to give our region's water a voice** and influence the approach to addressing water issues in our area
- **Please join us for two public listening sessions and share your ideas!**

For more information or questions contact: allison@inyo-monowater.org



INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Date: 08/22/2019

To: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County

From: Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council

Dave Easterby, *President*
Lyle Koegler, *Vice President*
Meghan Stephens, *Treasure*
Matthew Diener, *Director at Large*
David Harvey, *Director at Large*

Subject: Request for funds to complete fuels reduction work in the Lakes Basin

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.

Please contact me to contribute to protecting our scenic resources, providing safe exit routes and protecting our water supply and other public utilities.

Sincerely,

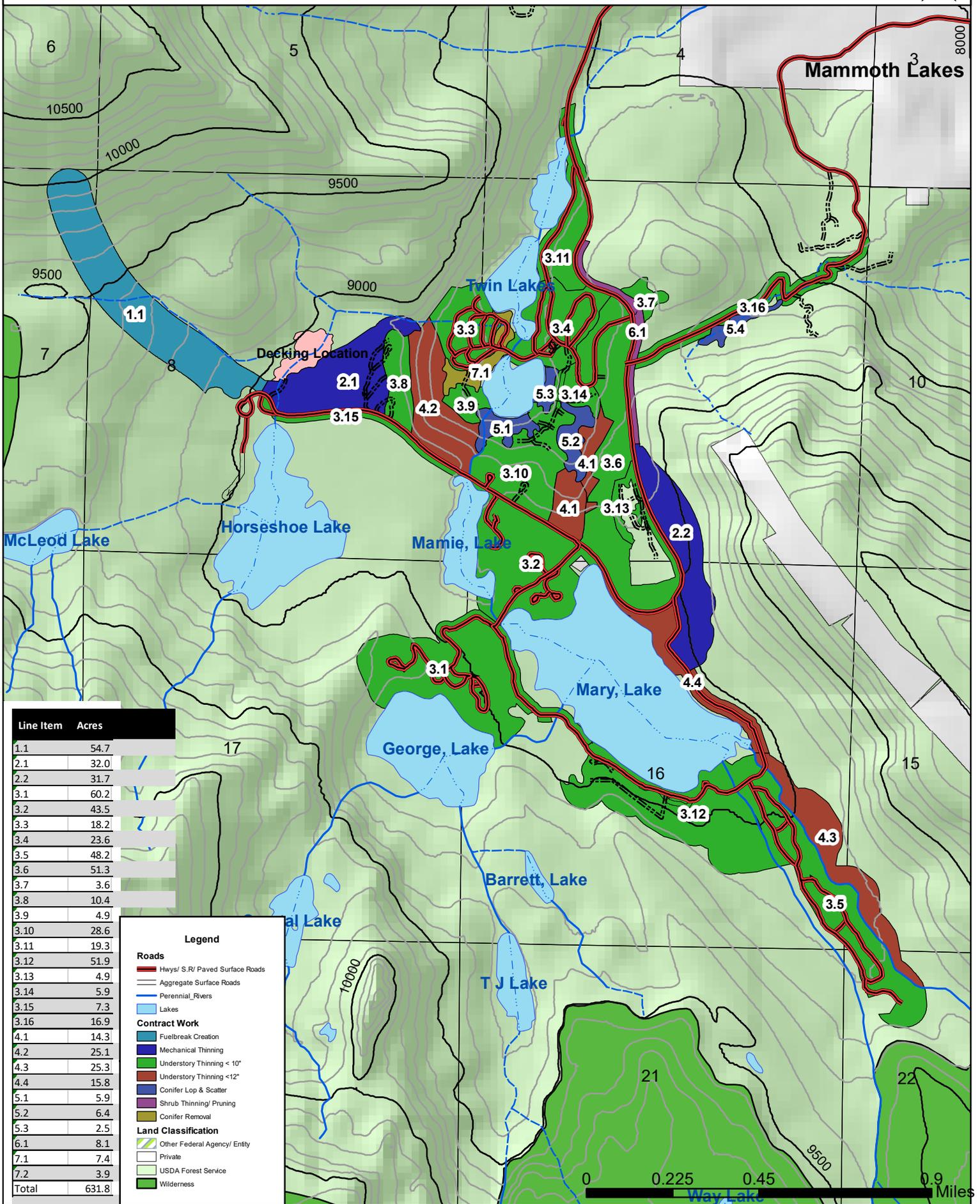


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Mammoth Lakes Basin Hazardous Fuels Reduction Site Plan

Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council



Line Item	Acres
1.1	54.7
2.1	32.0
2.2	31.7
3.1	60.2
3.2	43.5
3.3	18.2
3.4	23.6
3.5	48.2
3.6	51.3
3.7	3.6
3.8	10.4
3.9	4.9
3.10	28.6
3.11	19.3
3.12	51.9
3.13	4.9
3.14	5.9
3.15	7.3
3.16	16.9
4.1	14.3
4.2	25.1
4.3	25.3
4.4	15.8
5.1	5.9
5.2	6.4
5.3	2.5
6.1	8.1
7.1	7.4
7.2	3.9
Total	631.8

Legend

Roads

- Hwys/ S/R/ Paved Surface Roads
- Aggregate Surface Roads
- Perennial Rivers
- Lakes

Contract Work

- Fuelbreak Creation
- Mechanical Thinning
- Understory Thinning < 10"
- Understory Thinning < 12"
- Conifer Lop & Scatter
- Shrub Thinning/ Pruning
- Conifer Removal

Land Classification

- Other Federal Agency/ Entity
- Private
- USDA Forest Service
- Wilderness

