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Local Agencies Contribute to Reduce Wildfire Risk in Mammoth's Lakes Basin

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Edison International, Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes contributed funds to the Lakes Basin Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Mammoth Lakes, California – November 13, 2019 – In March of 2019, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council was awarded a \$1,000,000 grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) to complete the Lakes Basin Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project ('project'). The 'project' provides valuable fuel reduction treatment on 630 acres in the Mammoth Lakes Basin to reduce wildfire risk, improve forest health and protect the watershed. The contractor's proposed cost of the project resulted in an \$181,275 deficit. The following agencies recently made significant financial contributions to support the project's completion:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (\$60,425)

Mono County (\$30,425)

Town of Mammoth Lakes (\$60,425)

Edison International – a parent company of Southern California Edison (\$30,000)

"I am grateful these agencies and SNC recognized the importance of this project" stated Dave Easterby, MLFSC president. "The success of this project will be recognized by their financial contribution, along with the tireless efforts from volunteer individuals, including our primary grant writer, Matthew Diener, MLFSC Director at Large. We're fortunate to be working with dedicated like-minded individuals within a community of supportive agencies."

"This project's success demonstrates the power in multi-agency collaboration and what volunteer groups can accomplish." Juliana Jones, Secretary of MLFSC, continued "I am grateful so many entities, who care about the safety of our community, came together to provide financial contributions to this regional support effort."

The Lakes Basin Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project will be completed in Fall of 2020. 568 acres were completed this season, providing valuable protection to the Mammoth Lakes Community. Inyo National Forest, Mammoth Community Water District and Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District supported the 'project' development and grant administration. The MLFSC is thankful for the overwhelming support received by the community and recent financial contributions from other local agencies.