

**May 14, 2020**  
**Special Meeting**

**Item # 1**

**Opportunity for the Public  
to Address the Board**

**Additional Documents:**

**Full text of written  
comments submitted/read by clerk**

## Shannon Kendall

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**From:** Josh Lavin <jlavin31@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:21 PM  
**To:** Shannon Kendall  
**Subject:** Open mono County

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Please open mono county. We are hurting for business and this needs to end.

Thanks

Public comment for  
BoS Special meeting 5/14/2020

Bob Marks  
660 Piute Dr.  
June Lake, CA. 93529

[Word count: 242]

“Everyone wants to get the economy moving again. But finding the balance between economic recovery and protecting public health is a difficult one.

In my view, opening our tourist economy will be unlike getting manufacturing, construction, or office work, for example, up and going. A crucial distinction is that in all of those cases, people entering the plant, the construction site, or the office building are limited and known. And they will be screened and tested periodically to ensure that they are free of the coronavirus. Another distinction is that private companies have executives who can be held responsible.

Mono County is different—its tourist economy requires large numbers of unknown and untested visitors coming into and through our communities, stopping at markets and shops that are open, and probably shedding virus. And we are a polity, not an enterprise.

So, what will Mono County do to mitigate this covid-19 risk? What regulations and routines that are analogous to those in manufacturing, construction, and offices can be created and implemented?

The key, I think, is testing—and a lot of it. Is it possible to start with testing everyone in Mono County? Can that be our county’s prerequisite to Stage 2 opening? And then when visitors start coming, expecting or requiring them to either self-quarantine or to get a test?

For me and many who live here, finding reopening the Mono county economy means protecting public health and putting public safety first.”

**From:** Scott Burkard <Stay@meadowcliff.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:01 AM  
**To:** tbbo@mono.ca.gov; Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Counties have ability to allow outdoor activities and Recreate

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**Dear Clerk of Mono County and Dr. Boo,**

We have been doing research in understanding how so many RV Parks in the state of California are able to take "recreational RVs" It has come to our attention the following counties are using the verbiage as the county has "direct control" as to what type of "outdoor activities" are allowable. These counties are allowing people to "recreate" in a self-contained recreational vehicle. The individual county has the authority to determine how far a distance an individual can travel to "recreate". Some counties have chose 50 miles, others have chose 100 miles. The counties currently utilizing this section are: Kern, Fresno, Plumas, Nevada, Placer, Eldorado and Mendocino. We can provided a healthy and safe solution to the individuals that are coming to recreate on our beautiful area. As we know, there a hundreds of RVs traveling up and down Hwy 395 every day. Many of the RV's are camping on federal land and on the sides of the roads. They are having illegal camp fires, and no means to properly dispose of their waste or trash. Let us be a solution to this every growing problem by providing a safe ,healthy environment for people that are going to choose to recreate in our area. In addition to falling the health guidelines as outline by Dr. Boo, we can provide tracing and contact information should it me necessary. Attached is verbiage used by Mendocino County. See Page 7, section 14, iv as to it speaks to recreation in a vehicle.

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=35374>

Additionally, in conversations we have had in the past 24 ours with some of our "associations", CampCalNow and ARVC, it appears unlikely Governor Newsom will allow non-essential travel anytime soon.

Dyana Kelley, President of CampCalNow had a conversation with Governor Newsom on Monday and he sated it is highly unlikely California will allow non-essential travel until sometime in September.

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Tim Tack

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kelli Brown <[kellibrown1958@icloud.com](mailto:kellibrown1958@icloud.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:40 PM

To: Scheereen Dedman <[sdedman@mono.ca.gov](mailto:sdedman@mono.ca.gov)>

Subject: Reopen businesses

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My name is Kelli Brown, I am asking the Mono County Board of Supervisors and Dr Boo to please let us open Browns Owens River Campground by June 1st, opening day of fishing season, we will only have 4 months to be in business as we are seasonal. People are coming to our area and need a safe, clean place to camp! Camping and fishing are social distance activities by nature. Dispersed camping causes a lot of sanitation problems and the County does not receive TOT tax or any other revenue from them. Everyone loses, please don't put us out of business!

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Leslie Ingham <[inghamleslie@gmail.com](mailto:inghamleslie@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:01 AM

To: Scheereen Dedman <[sdedman@mono.ca.gov](mailto:sdedman@mono.ca.gov)>

Subject: Please reopen!

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We love Mono County and would come and visit from So Cal to support your local businesses.

Thank you.

Leslie Ingham  
Murrieta, CA

## Shannon Kendall

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**From:** 601club@adelphia.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:55 PM  
**To:** Shannon Kendall  
**Subject:** Question for Thursday's Meeting

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The Governor said this week that regions within counties may move forward through the variances without including the entire county.

June Lake, Lee Vining, Bridgeport have

0 cases

0 hospitalization

0 ICU patients

0 c-19 cases

Don't punish the entire county based on the numbers from one town. Mammoth Lakes generates the most income but lives in the smaller communities matter too! You represent the entire county.

\*\*\*Shannon-Please confirm receipt of this email

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**From:** 601club@adelphia.net  
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**To:** Shannon Kendall  
**Subject:** One More for Thursday

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The no reported C-19 cases for a 14 day period is very problematic for our count. As the prevalence of testing climbs, we are sure to have an occasional case pop up. Recently someone was exposed and brought it home and now we have 5-6 additional cases. People from Mammoth are traveling South and bringing it back with them. It could be that every couple of weeks some rebellious individual goes to visit Mom, sister etc, brings it back and tests positive. We might never reach 14 days with no positives.

## Shannon Kendall

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**From:** Ron ALLEN <rkallen7@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:58 PM  
**To:** Scheereen Dedman; Shannon Kendall  
**Subject:** Fw: Open up mono County A.S.A.P. to Fishing

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**From:** Ron ALLEN <rkallen7@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:49 PM  
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**Subject:** Open up mono County A.S.A.P. to Fishing

Please take a minute and think what is going on now. Things have been changing every day. Trump has said Thursday is the last day of Social distancing in this great Nation. Are we going to follow the state guild lines now and not receive Federal money and keep going this way. And listen to Newsom and try to get more from a State that is broke now. The Board needs to act now and open up. The line is flat and we need to get back on our feet and Road to make this economy great again. We need to take the restrictions off. Open fishing and the camp grounds now. Send the letter to the DFW and get on with it. We don't need or want everyone here June 1st. or at one time as it is going now. Its time to enjoy Life again as we know it here and let others do the same. We all can keep trying to Social Distance to be safe around others this way. Thank you Ron Allen a full time resident of Bridgeport.

## Shannon Kendall

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**From:** Giovanna LoMedico <glomedico@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:43 AM  
**To:** Scheereen Dedman; Shannon Kendall  
**Subject:** RE-OPEN MONO COUNTY!  
**Attachments:** Save Lives Save Businesses.jpg

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To all of you that represent us The People,

You Seriously need to reconsider to OPEN all businesses NOW! This pictures says it all.

You think you are SAVING LIVES, think again YOU ARE NOT. You are letting Businesses drown in their own financial problems.

Forced to eventually CLOSE FOREVER. What will happen to MONO County?!! Will it be another Ghost town?

Mammoth Lakes was created by DAVE MCCOY so everyone can enjoy this Majestic Beauty. It's not a retirement community!

Now is your Chance to Help your community, especially the business owners, and Help your AMAZING TOWN to thrive AGAIN.

Please don't let us take other alternative actions to make this happen. HELP OPEN MONO COUNTY NOW if you do The PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER YOUR NAMES FOREVER.

Thank you for you time,

Giovanna LoMedico

**From:** Kellie Annett <[monovillage1952@yahoo.com](mailto:monovillage1952@yahoo.com)>

Date: May 13, 2020 at 9:37:58 AM PDT

To: John Peters <[jpeters@mono.ca.gov](mailto:jpeters@mono.ca.gov)>

Subject: **Letter of support to reopen Bridgeport and fishing season**

Dear John,

We'd appreciate your submitting the following letter (if possible) at tomorrow's meeting.

Thanks.

To the Mono Co. Board of Supervisors,

We implore you to allow Bridgeport, CA to reopen its businesses to short term rentals immediately. Our economic ability to survive depends upon it. You cannot expect businesses that are only open 6 months out of the year to survive given the current conditions placed upon us, especially given the fact that more people died in the state of CA last year from the common flu, than have died due to Covid-19 this year. Everyone needs to take precautions, which we are willing to abide by, however, it's time to get back to work.

Fishing season must be allowed to resume immediately as well. Living in a small subdivision, we are seeing people fishing daily, ignoring the rules in place. It is truly a sad situation to not open what is a socially distancing activity to those who love it.

We appreciate this opportunity to address the board and hope that calm heads and common sense prevail soon, before it is simply too late.

Norman and Kellie Annett

Annett's Mono Village, Inc.

## Please open Mono County

ⓘ You replied on Wed 5/13/2020 9:04 AM

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Teri Seymour <Teriseymour@sbcglobal.net>

Wed 5/13/2020 9:02 AM

Scheereen Dedman; Shannon Kendall ▾



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Hello,

I am not a Mono County resident, but I have a second home in Bridgeport. My family and I have made Bridgeport our home away from home since before I was born. I am now 58 years young and have introduced my children, children in law, and soon my grandchildren to Bridgeport and much of Mono County. I am just one of many that have that story to tell.

As an essential worker I am grateful to have not lost my income during this time, but I realize that supporting my local area businesses, and those that are so important to me and so many others in Mono County are equally important. The businesses, and business owners/workers in your county should be allowed to open. Their businesses rely on people and to keep people away is ultimately telling your constituents they don't matter.

Many, if not all, have restrictions in place and have implemented social distancing, masks, cleaning regiments, among other protocols, to keep their staff and customers safe. Businesses should have a choice to open or not. I have yet to meet a business owner in your county that didn't love what they do, and that all relies on people.

Many of your county businesses survive only because of summer, early fall business. I've seen far too many businesses close along all of 395 because of "lack of business" in a good economy. Your county needs visitors now more than ever. Trust them!

Tell them they matter and lift the restrictions.

*Thank you for your time,*

*Teri Seymour*



**Shannon Kendall**

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**To:** Scheereen Dedman  
**Subject:** RE: Comment- May 14 Meeting: Propose Considering Boating as Different Than Fishing re Lake Access

**From:** Rudy DeFelice <[rudydefelice@gmail.com](mailto:rudydefelice@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:29:18 PM  
**To:** Scheereen Dedman <[sdedman@mono.ca.gov](mailto:sdedman@mono.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Comment- May 14 Meeting: Propose Considering Boating as Different Than Fishing re Lake Access

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I fully understand why the fishing opener is delayed. Fishing brings substantial numbers of people to town. However, I suggest that the County consider Boating on Crowley as a separate issue from fishing.

Boating is inherently a socially distant activity and unlike fishing, no one comes here just to drive their boat. There are too many options in other places. So there would not have to be any favoritism in this policy toward residents; the demand issue takes care of it. Accordingly, the County can allow boating with little risk to public health or concern that it would attract high numbers of tourists.

Enabling boating will drive a little economic activity for the marina (dock fees, parking, gas purchases, equipment) which can be facilitated with masks and distancing. It also provides a safe way for people in the community to get outside in a time when that is needed.

Last, it is consistent with a phased approach to reopening services while balancing safety.

I suggest that the current regulations conflate boating and fishing, which have very different characteristics, and request that the County consider opening Crowley to boating on its own merits.

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Rudy DeFelice  
<http://Linkedin.com/in/RudyDeFelice>

## Shannon Kendall

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**From:** Rhonda Erickson <ericdghs@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:21 AM  
**To:** Shannon Kendall  
**Subject:** Mono county closure

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I have lived in the Eastern Sierra for 64 years and my grandmother was born in Independence. My mother skied on Mammoth Mountain when there was one tow rope to the top and my grandfather started the Bishop Theatre. All this to say, I have seen and heard of many changes in our beautiful area. The restrictions and closures that are currently in place will bring an end businesses people's livelihoods and it will basically ruin Mono County and the hardworking people who live here. I respectfully ask that you support the people who wish to start working again and open Mono county.

Rhonda Erickson.

## Shannon Kendall

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**From:** Danielle Sis <siseebd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:11 PM  
**To:** Shannon Kendall  
**Subject:** Public Comment

**Follow Up Flag:** Flag for follow up  
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Hello this comment is for the board of supervisors special meeting thats scheduled for Thursday, May 14th, 2020.

My public comment is to request to open up Mono County, Bridgeport CA. I am a local resident of Bridgeport and would greatly appreciate the opening to support our small local businesses and to have an amazing 4th of July! ❤️❤️❤️

Thank you for you time.

Danielle Christensen  
Bridgeport Local

Sent from my iPhone

Hello,

Much like the Governor, circles are talked without direction, means to an end, nor are answers being provided clearly and concisely to questions from the public. Dr. Boo has agreed the problem is Mammoth and the remainder of the county should not be restrained from moving into phase 2. Fight for it, listen to your electors or new running mates will appear at election. (65)

per CA Government code, Title 2, Div. 1, Chapter 7, Article 13: 8627.5 states a governors state of emergency last's 60 days unless terminated earlier. March 4, 2020 he declared a state of emergency, thus making the date of expiration May 3, 2020. Why ask for any permission, put your big boy and big girl pants on and make decisions, ask for permission, worst case you are told no. We are all adults, if you're too scared to request permission or help you are in the wrong line of work and should resign after this public comment is finished. (99)

What is the traction on fishing since so much time was afforded trying to get it back open, it's been nearly 2 weeks, come June 1, everyone will can and will fish Since it doesn't extend past that, so good luck.

Lastly We are our own county, don't wait for Inyo, and Alpine, you don't need their buy in. Don't rely on others to do your job, reopen our county and answer the questions from public and your electors.

Tim Sullivan

## Shannon Kendall

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**From:** Misti Sullivan <misti.sullivan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:44 AM  
**To:** Shannon Kendall; Scheereen Dedman  
**Cc:** John Peters; Stacy Corless; Fred Stump; Jennifer Kreitz; Bob Gardner; Thomas Boo  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Twin Lakes Resort

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Hello Shannon and Schereen, I hope you ladies are doing well.

Here is some public comment for today's meeting, can you please read this for us.

### **241 words total**

Please provide clear answers to our questions and updates to the public on a regular basis.

- 1-What is the status of separating the unincorporated parts of Mono from Mammoth? Dr Boo said he was reviewing this on 5/11.
- 2-We are not getting any answers on the Help Covid email - Are 30+ night stays allowed in campgrounds? There are some businesses doing this already and others who aren't clear if this is allowed. We want a yes or no answer.
- 3-Has Dr Boo and the county asked the State Health Dept if we can have a variance for the positive cases? I believe there is a good argument showing contract tracing is working. We had 1 positive and the others were tested due to contact tracing. Also, North County has only had 1 positive case.
- 4-Was a response received from the governor to the letter written by the county?
- 5-What are the county BOS doing in addition to what the health department to fight for our local economy?

I hope you guys can also try to answer questions more directly and improve on providing updates to the communities and businesses. We are very frustrated that we are not getting updates or **clear** answers. Even during the town hall last night the answers were not clear and there was very little information provided.

I request that the above items are added to the next agenda as discussion/action items.

Misti Sullivan  
Twin Lakes Resort

## Shannon Kendall

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**To:** Scheereen Dedman  
**Subject:** RE: Letter Supporting Reopening of Mono County

**From:** Alisa Rosa <[alisa@eastsideeventcompany.com](mailto:alisa@eastsideeventcompany.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:27:42 PM  
**To:** Stacy Corless <[scorless@mono.ca.gov](mailto:scorless@mono.ca.gov)>; Scheereen Dedman <[sdedman@mono.ca.gov](mailto:sdedman@mono.ca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Laurie Pascetti <[bigrock120@yahoo.com](mailto:bigrock120@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Letter Supporting Reopening of Mono County

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Dear All of Mono and Inyo County Supervisors,

First, I would like to thank you for all of your hard work during this very challenging time! I can't even imagine all of the topics you juggle every day.

I am a third generation resident and business owner in June Lake. My grandparents built their dream home in June Lake and retired here in 1987. In the 90's my mother, sister and I followed. June Lake and Mono County is our home and we love living, creating jobs, raising our children and thriving in the most beautiful place we have ever been. In 2002 my parents, Mike and Laurie Pascetti, purchased Big Rock Resort on the shore of June Lake. This is an "all in" project for our family. We do not have funds from other businesses to offset our losses and every day we grow extremely worried about the future of the business and our family as we stay closed to short term rentals. As you are very well informed, without short term rentals all of our businesses will die and Mono County will look like Bodie in a very short period of time. Opening of restaurants and shops really does nothing to help. We are a tourist town and we NEED tourists to survive.

In the beginning of March when we all became aware of this awful virus I fully supported the TEMPORARY stay at home order. It made 100% sense to stay home and let the hospital get ready and to allow supplies to be collected. Now 8 weeks later, it feels like we are being held hostage. Mono County has not experienced any of the scary things we were told would happen. While absolutely tragic, the man who did not survive had many health conditions. As we are able to test more we are finding that in our area that the virus is not deadly to our population and most have 0 symptoms.

As the manager at Big Rock, I answer questions from our guests all day long. Are you open? When will you be open? Can I rent a boat? Please tell me I can still come? Can I reserve a cabin? Do you have any other cabins for my friends? Our guests want to be here. They want to fish. They want to get out of the city. They want to bring their money to our town. They want to support us. It would be insanely heartbreaking to cancel "opener" again. I don't think the town of June Lake or our guests can take it anymore. We have all seen it. They are coming up. They are staying at friends houses. They are camping in the forest. They are poaching campsites. They are here. And we are still very healthy. At this time we must open with precautions in place but we must reopen our towns, our businesses and our open space. For the percentage of the population that is still very concerned and/or have health concerns then they need to protect themselves and those of us that are ready to take a calculated risk can start to rebuild. At Big Rock Resort - If we are unable to open for the

month of June we will need to return in excess of \$36,000 in deposits. July is over \$40,000. Can you even imagine the pressure we are under?

We have applied for all of the programs. The PPP does not apply to us as we are business owners without payroll. The EIDL has been a joke. We did get \$2000 but have not heard anything else. The corporations and well connected to the banks got all of the money and true small businesses like ours don't know where else to turn. We did qualify and have started to get the EDD but while it helps \$3000 a month is not even close to meeting our business expenses not to mention the personal expenses. Employees laid off or let go are making \$4k a month on EDD and they are on vacation...must be nice. We are business owners and we are working twice as hard and twice as long every day trying to figure out how to make it all work. It is exhausting!

At Big Rock we are currently spending a massive amount of time and money to create a safe, welcoming and well thought out plan for ourselves and our guests. The following is what we will have in place before June 1, 2020 to abide by the draft guidelines and to go above and beyond for our own safety and for our guests safety.

For the Cabins-

All comforters, blankets, throw pillows removed

Duvets and duvet covers purchased for easy and efficient cleaning

Today we purchased a triple hepa vacuum (\$400)

Our housekeepers will be fully equipped with PPE

Laundry bags have been purchased for the sanitary transport of linens

We will not have nor have we offered daily maid service

We do not have a pool or hot tub

All rooms will be fully sprayed down with sanitizer before the new guest arrives

All cabins will be aired out during the cleaning process

We have hired an additional housekeeper to handle the extra steps needed (a \$800 per week investment)

All keys will be sanitized in bleach and left in the rooms for no contact check in

We will send all check in documents for signature Via Docusign (\$300-\$500 per year)

For the Marina-

As always all boats are scrubbed down with Simple Green

All life jackets will be sanitized after each use and allowed to dry in the sun

All Oars will be wiped down with the bleach solution after each use

We have rented a hand sink from Mammoth Disposal (\$100 per week)

We will send all boat waiver documents for signature Via Docusign

For the Store-

I have spent the past few days building a new square site with curbside pick up so that guests do not have to come into the store

We have purchased embroidered face masks for our entire staff with our initials to prevent a mix up

We will only allow 1 guest in the store at a time

We use a iPad as our register and can be completely mobile on our property to ring up guest purchases

We will encourage pre paying for gifts, tackle and boat rentals for efficiency and for ZERO contact as much as possible

We will have masks, sanitizer and gloves available for our and our guests use

As well, I am an event planner. I have 10 brides that have me under contract at the moment. As I am sure you are aware, the wedding business in Mono County brings MILLIONS of dollars in, supports several businesses and employs at least 50 people that I can personally think of (catering, planners, florists, bakery, photographers, videographers equipment rentals, speciality gifts, musicians, DJs, etc) not to mention the staff that we all hire to produce these events. We must get a plan in place to give our couples the information they need so that we can move forward in planning their dream wedding in the most magical place. They picked Mammoth, June Lake, Convict Lake, Benton and Bishop over all the other places in the world because this is where they feel happy, where they feel at peace, where they want to start the next chapter of their lives. They choose us! The wedding industry here is a tight bunch, very creative and crazy hard workers. Give us the framework and we will bring back the wedding economy and abide by all of the guidelines given to us.

Thank you so much for your time. I can be available anytime for questions or conversation. I know how strong our community is and I know that we can come together as we always have to make this come back more successful than the last.

Sincerely,

Alisa Powell Rosa  
Event Architect/Chef

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BigRockResort.net

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**From:** Karen Leatham <karen.l@caltroncorp.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** Scheereen Dedman <sdedman@mono.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Open Mono County

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Bishop since I was 11 years old when in April of 1970, my family moved our business here. We have all enjoyed and continue to enjoy this beautiful area we live in and the wonderful people who live here. I am imploring you to open Mono County based on the following:

- 1) Government is restricting (unconstitutionally) an individual's right to provide for their families.
- 2) People are already coming to our area. We are asking that businesses be allowed to safely and responsibly open to accommodate the tourism that is already here.
- 3) Economy is individual. It is not large corporations, the stock market etc. It is small businesses that have contributed to local economy, families and causes.
- 4) All jobs are essential - who decided who was privileged enough to get an essential label from the government?
- 5) This shutdown has led to the destruction of stability in crucial needs example: health, dental and eye care, mental and physical health care and self-help group closures which is leading to depression, anxiety and substance abuse.
- 6). Let us, the tax paying wage earners, choose to make our personalized plans to reopen with PPE guidelines in place. Businesses owners are concerned about protecting themselves, families and customers and keeping everyone safe as they gradually open.

7) The loss of revenue from cancelling Mule Days and postponing fishing season is a disaster. Closed campgrounds leads to people camping outside of campgrounds and the environmental impact is huge. The toilet paper, excrement and urine on the ground is not only a health issue but an environmental nightmare.

8. We acknowledge the existence of Covid 19 but it has not been the major pandemic once feared (which is good) and our health system has not been overwhelmed. The 0.005% of deaths per capita does not warrant the shutdown of Inyo/Mono counties anymore.

9) There are many supporters of opening up businesses, pack stations, campgrounds etc. in the Inyo/Mono counties. There are many who are not vocal for (the very valid ) fear of retaliation.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Warm regards,

**Karen Leatham**

Operations Manager

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**Subject:** Re-open Inyo and Mono counties

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To whom It May Concern:

Since 1977 My family, friends and I have been traveling to the Eastern Sierras annually since 1977 to partake in the magnificent opportunities and activities Inyo and Mono counties have to offer. These include fishing, camping, horse packing, hiking, photography, jogging, attending opening day of trout season, participating in 4th of July celebrations, enjoy and relax in the magnificent scenery...and so much more. Over the decades, we have frequented numerous businesses (motels, tackle stores, fishing guide services, Marina operators, restaurants, gift shops, gas stations, grocery stores, bakeries...just to name a few) along the highway 395 corridor (from Bishop to Susanville). Throughout these decades, I have met, became acquainted with, and on several occasions befriended business owners and other tourists in the Eastern Sierras.

Because of this exposure, I have been able to ascertain that the local business owners are KEENLY AWARE of how utterly CRUCIAL the tourist season (and the tourists) are to their businesses, their families, and their livelihoods.

These business owners (and citizens) are bright, intelligent people who work hard and, through their acts, courtesy, and professionalism have represented Inyo and Mono counties well, and indeed have served to help maintain your counties' great reputation. I wholeheartedly believe that they are able to open their businesses and run them in a safe, efficient manner. Steps that your local businesses are willing to take include those that follow all CDC guidelines including requiring their staff and patrons to 1) follow social distancing guidelines, 2) wear masks while coming into their shops (no mask, no service), 3) use hand sanitizers and gloves (in appropriate areas), 4) follow any other guidelines you may deem necessary and appropriate. In addition, the business owner would the right to refuse service to a person who will not follow requirements. In short these business owners are willing to follow whatever guidelines you deem necessary in order to open their businesses. They are waiting upon you to lead by stipulating what opening requirements are, then allowing them to open.

As a sportsman, I am aware that a vast majority of other sportsmen, and recreationalists are concerned, conscientious, law abiding citizens. I know that we are willing to follow any and all guidelines that you deem appropriate related to the Covid-19 epidemic in your area. We want to come as much as the business owners want to open.

The citizens of Inyo and Mono Counties are ready, willing, and capable of re-opening. The Sportsman and tourists are ready. Successful re-openings have occurred in other states, and in other California Counties.

Americans listened and Americans responded. The curve has been flattened (which was the original reason for the shelter in place order). The time has come to re-open.

Thank you for your prompt responses to this matter.

Respectfully,

Karl S. Ganz

Now residing in Henderson, NV, (formerly from Orange County, CA).

Note: Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic closures, My family and I were forced to cancel our annual May trip to the eastern Sierras, a trip that I alone would have spent \$1,000-\$2,000on. That would have been money directly into your economies. Simple Math (multiply this number by the average number of tourists travelling to your counties annually) would quickly reveal how devastating to the continuing the closures would be. 603 Million in Mono county alone annually.