



Board of Supervisors

Annual meeting of Rural Counties Report

Back – Mono County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair **Tim Fesko** attended the annual meeting of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) on September 24-26.

Attached with the Board Update is a summary of the issues presented. This annual conference is a rare opportunity for rural counties to come together and focus on issues of mutual import as well as hear from other sources statewide issues and issue facing other rural regions of the country. Also, the meeting allows Supervisors from across the rural communities of California to meet and focus on advocacy efforts.

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Community Development

Antelope Valley RPAC – At last Thursday's meeting, RPAC members discussed supporting a letter to the Board on Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) combined use. **Gerry Le Francois** reviewed the Character Inventory and Design Guidelines from Opticos Design (this project is part of the 395 Scenic Corridor Planning efforts). **Supervisor Fesko** provided a Board update and mentioned possible tree removal in the Caltrans right of way along US 395 in the Topaz area.

Firefighter appreciation dinner – The community of June Lake will host an appreciation dinner for firefighters who worked the June Fire last month. The dinner will be held October 23rd at the June Lake Community Center. A presentation honoring the first responders after dinner is open to the public. More details on the event to come.

June Lake CAC – At Tuesday's meeting, **Garrett Higerd** updated the group on the June Lake Streets progress, **Courtney Weiche** presented the draft Scenic Byway Design Idea Book, **Wendy Sugimura** reviewed proposed changes to the June Lake Area Plan, and Supervisor Alpers gave an update on Board matters.

Mono Basin RPAC – At Wednesday's meeting, **Tony Dublino** provided an update and schedule for the Conway Ranch conservation easement, Jeff Walters led a detailed discussion on potential signage and traffic-calming issues for Mono City, and **Paul McFarland** updated the Mono-Yosemite Trails planning effort. **Supervisor Alpers** reviewed recent Board actions, including the budget.

Planning Commission – Commission considered two General Plan amendments for June Lake transient rental applications for single-family homes and, after lengthy discussion, recommended Board approval. Transient Rental Occupancy Districts are designed to expand rental options for tourists and provide homeowner economic stability. **Brent Calloway** conducted a workshop on General Plan development standards, including an in-depth review of setbacks for equestrian uses.

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County Administrator's Office

Employee Commute Survey need you! - Working with Eastern Sierra Transit Agency in effort to explore lower cost commute alternatives for local employees across organizations, we have launched a multi agency survey (via link below).

The purpose of this survey is to begin to ***gauge the interest*** across major employers of the region for ongoing van or car pool interest. The effort, if successful, could provide a lower cost reliable transportation alternative for employees at many different organizations.

Please share this with your co-workers and others as you see fit. So far we have over 125 responses from across five agencies.

The survey results will be used for the purpose of program planning and implementation **only**. All information gleaned from the survey is strictly confidential and you will not be contacted unless you so indicate. Please note that respondents who do not provide their contact information will not be able to be matched up with potential commute partners.

There are 20 questions to this survey and your feedback is crucial! The deadline to complete the Survey is 5:00pm on October 24th. Plenty of time for a fairly brief survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014EmpCommute>

Thank you for your consideration and your feedback!

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October North County Round Table enjoys new time – Thank you to the 13 employees who came by for the North County Employee roundtable at its new monthly time – 8:00am on the second Tuesdays of the month. We had a good discussion on the MOUs; the employee commute survey and the ongoing efforts with the Mono County Office of Education to create savings through office sharing.

Reminder for the South County Employee Roundtable – it will be Thursday, October 16th from 8:00 to 9:00am at the Board of Supervisors Chamber in Sierra center Mall.- 452 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 306.

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****Who* can be cool enough to commute on a horse with a Bow Tie?***



California State Association of Counties continue to highlight award winning county programs - CSAC continues exploring the concept of Prevention and Early Intervention today with a video that profiles County Health Services programs in **Calaveras, Riverside, Nevada and San Joaquin** Counties that have previously been recognized with a CSAC Challenge Award for innovative and effective service. [You can watch this brief video here.](#)

Through the month of October, we will release a series of videos that highlight either individual programs, or compilations of programs that we have honored with CSAC Challenge Awards. All of the videos will be available on this [YouTube playlist](#).

CSAC continues exploring the concept of Prevention and Early Intervention today with a blog and video that profile Santa Clara County’s First 5 Childhood Obesity Prevention Program. Please [click here to see the video](#), and [click here to read the blog posting](#).

These programs offer a look at best practices in a variety of disciplines. Taken as a whole, these videos point out the value of prevention and early intervention as a standard mode of operation. We titled this series “An Ounce of Prevention...” a nod to Benjamin Franklin who said “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” His wisdom stands the test of time.

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The Strategic Plan moving forward! – Ambassadors are reaching out to each Department for feedback. They kicked this process off today, with two meetings at the Sheriff’s Department with attendance from a majority of the employee’s.

They had great interaction and awesome insight. Thank you to the Sheriff Department and employees who attended, for taking part in this process and welcoming our ambassadors to your department.



It was an awesome group this morning! They were very involved in the conversation and really had some positive suggestions. Moving forward here are some departments that will be having the travelling Ambassadors coming soon!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Department staff meeting</u>	<u>Ambassadors</u>
October 16 th	Behavioral Health	Megan Mahaffey and Ted “Teddy” Shepard
October 22 nd	Animal Control	Ted “Teddy” Shepard and Megan Mahaffey

Next Strategic Plan Steering Committee meeting will be Thursday October 16th at 4:00pm at the Lee Vining Community Center. We will be reviewing feedback and integrating into the Draft.

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REMINDER -- Popular Woodstove Replacement Program Back for Limited Time - Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County, CA – In response to popular demand, Mono County and Mammoth Lakes officials announce the return of the Woodstove Replacement Program for property owners who want to upgrade from wood-burning stoves and fireplaces to cleaner and more efficient heating systems.

Following an agreement in early 2014 between the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Air District Board-member agencies received settlement funds allocated on a per capita basis to pay for air pollution prevention programs across their districts. With several hundred thousand dollars between them, officials from the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County chose to spend their funds on reducing wood smoke emissions from wood-burning heating systems throughout the region.

Similar to the Air District’s recent CAPP-funded woodstove replacement program, funding will be provided to local retailers who are contracted by qualified property owners to provide and install the new systems. Shared costs will be required from property owners, with amounts dependent on the new system and installation requirements.

To qualify for program participation, an existing wood-burning system (woodstove or open fireplace) must be a building’s primary heat source, it must be located within Mammoth Lakes or Mono County, and it must fall under one of several qualifying categories:

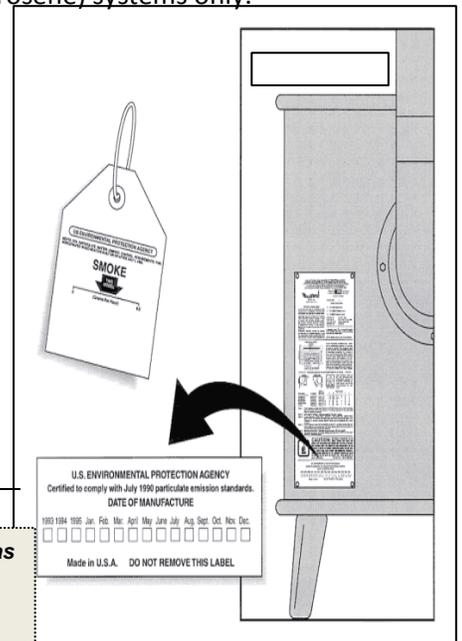
- 1) Within Mammoth Lakes: For properties purchased in 1990 or earlier* with owners who want to replace pre-1990 wood burning systems, \$1,500 may be available toward the cost of a new EPA Phase II wood-burning system, or \$2,000 toward a new EPA certified pellet stove or gas heating system. Documented proof of property purchase date is required.
- 2) Newly purchased properties within Mammoth Lakes: For properties required to replace an old, noncompliant wood-burning system by Town Code §8.30.050, and changed title within last few months, \$500 may be available toward a new pellet or gas heating system. Documented proof of property purchase date and submittal of building permit is required. *New woodstoves are excluded from this offering.*
- 3) Within Mono County, excluding Mammoth Lakes: For pre-1990 wood burning stoves and open fireplaces (not EPA compliant), \$1,500 may be available toward a new EPA Phase II wood-burning stove or fireplace, or \$2,000 toward a new pellet stove or gas system.
- 4) Within Mammoth Lakes and Mono County: For woodstoves currently being used which are newer than 1990 (EPA Phase I or II-certified stoves, excluding pellet stoves), \$2,000 may be available toward a new, cleaner-burning pellet stove or gas heating system. This amount applies to replacing post-1990 woodstoves with pellet or gas (propane or kerosene) systems only.

*Mammoth Lakes properties that were purchased or changed ownership after 1990, and not upgraded to EPA certified heating systems (Phase I or Phase II) as required by Town Municipal Code 8.30, do not qualify for funding under this program.

All replaced stoves must also be freely relinquished to the retailer during new installation, and open fireplaces must be rendered inoperable. See accompanying illustration for identification of EPA certified stoves.

HOW TO TELL IF YOU HAVE AN EPA CERTIFIED

WOODSTOVE: All woodstoves manufactured in the



If your stove is labeled and certified as EPA compliant, you may qualify for replacement with pellet stove or gas heating system only.

United States after July 1, 1988 are certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to be clean-burning. A label on the back of these woodstoves bears the name of the EPA with installation date information (See illustration above).

This program is open to public participation through local participating retailers only on a 'first come, first served' basis until allocated funds are exhausted, and qualified payments for new systems will only be made to participating retailers.

All interested Mammoth Lakes and Mono County property owners are encouraged to immediately contact one of the participating retailers serving the area: Alpine Stove & Mercantile (760) 934-4416); Angelo's Stove & Chimney (760) 937-0860), Clean Sweep (760/934-3453); High Country Lumber (760) 924-2720); Manor True Value Hardware for Mono County only (760/873-3106), and Batchelder Enterprises for kerosene heating systems (760) 873-3800).

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Economic Development

Tourism

- **Channel 2 News** – KTVN Channel 2 News, Reno/ Tahoe featured photos from Mono County on the Thursday morning's weather broadcast.
- **Travel Agent Central.com article** – Another great article for Top Fall Foliage getaways for families that features Mammoth Lakes and Mono County as a top autumn destination: www.travelagentcentral.com/family-friendly-travel/top-fall-foliage-getaways-slideshow-48104
- **LA Times Travel article** – June Lake Loop (and Elizabeth Erdelyi's photo of Silver Lake, October 8, 2014) makes headline for spectacular fall foliage! With shout outs to June Lake, Lundy Canyon, Convict Lake, Conway Summit, Summers Meadow/Green Creek Road and Log Cabin Road all getting mentions, keep an eye out for an influx of visitors and fall foliage seekers in the upcoming weeks! www.latimes.com/travel/california/la-trb-fall-colors-update-june-lake-20141009-story.html
- **June Lake Autumn Beer Festival makes LA Times** – June Lake's Annual **Autumn Beer Festival** is happening this weekend on Saturday, October 11th. LA Times writer Chris Erskine wrote a great article featuring this event and the many breweries that will be in attendance. Purchase tickets here: www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-june-lake-autumn-beer-festival-tickets-11871537087 and to read the LA Times article, follow this link www.latimes.com/travel/deals/la-trb-california-june-lake-beer-fest-saturday-20141006-story.html



- **Mammoth Lakes Tourism & Mono County Tourism pair up for Fall Color Video** – Mammoth Lakes Tourism recently asked staff from Mono County Tourism to be a guest on their YouTube channel to talk about Eastern Sierra Fall Color Hot Spots. To see the video, click here www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5uDBs0OdYE&list=UU-UBhCmCVRizAnZFQDOPXFQ
- **IAVC Board Meeting** – Staff attended the monthly Inter-Agency Visitor Center Board Meeting in Lone Pine on Thursday, October 9. Items discussed involve how the Visitor Center can better advertise and promote the entire Eastern Sierra and act as the gateway visitor center for the entire region. Many solutions will involve a more regional approach to marketing, advertising and other ventures in hopes of cross promoting, when funds are available.
- **Facebook** – Mono County Tourism’s Facebook page has reached another milestone of over 31,500 fans, with a reach this week of over 300,000 primarily to Southern California and folks between the ages of 45-64. Invite your friends and family to be a fan of Mono County by liking us on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/visiteasternsierra

Economic Development

- **Staff to attend Economic Development Course in Fresno** – Staff will be going to a week-long Economic Development training course in Fresno at the end of the month (October 27-31). This will help staff better prepare and implement the Mono County Economic Development Strategic Plan in the upcoming months.
- **Economic Development Committee/Tourism and Film Commission meeting** - Wednesday, October 22, June Lake Community Center- CDS consultant will be updating the group on access to low interest government funding. Tourism Commission meeting will follow after the Economic Development Committee Meeting.
- **Crowdfunding Webinar** - October 15, 2014 12:05-1:00pm– Get the latest scoop on reward/donation, debt and equity Crowdfunding platforms and funding opportunities for small business projects. The latest tips, strategies and regulations will be presented to make your Crowdfunding project a success. To register for the webinar click: www.gotowebinar.com and enter webinar code: 116-165-611
- **Certified Food Safety Manager Course** – November 10, 2014 in the Mammoth Lake Board of Supervisors Room, Class starts at 8:30am, Exam at 2:00pm. California law requires each retail food facility to have at least one owner, manager, supervisor or other person certified as a Food Safety Manager, also known as ServSafe or Food Protection Manager. Certification is good for five (5) years.
- **Mammoth Lakes Job Fair** – Staff worked with Jay Sloane and Cathy Young over the weekend to attend the Mammoth Lakes Job Fair to promote the Mono County Workforce Services programs to job seekers and employers.

Finance

Finance lightened the mood after all of the great work they did to help with Budget, the MOUs and a bajillion (that's a technical term) other projects they are tracking. **Happy Birthday to Caron Timpone!**

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Public Health

October 19-25, 2014, is California and National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CLPP) Week - Governor Brown has recognized the importance of the work being done in lead poisoning prevention, and the need to teach the public about the dangers of lead and how to prevent exposure. The California theme for CLPP week this year is "Kids Learn Better Lead Free". Materials which support this theme have been ordered, such as "Protect your Child from Lead;" "Do you Cook with Traditional Pottery?" and Repainting or Fixing Up Your Older Home." These brochures have been ordered in English and Spanish and will be available for Social Services and Hospital Clinic distribution to clients and patients. Please contact me if you would like a personal copy.

Please see the attachments to the Board Update for Governor Brown's declaration and the Campaign Poster.

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Mono County Public Health conducted a tabletop exercise involving an emerging infectious disease on Thursday Oct 9th. This is part of the annual Statewide Medical and Health Exercise Program, with a functional exercise being planned for Nov 19th. Capabilities being tested included communications, emergency operations coordination, Incident Action Plans, a pediatric surge, situation reporting, resource requesting, and surveillance and epidemiological investigation. About 30 partners participated, including Mammoth Hospital, Mono County Paramedic Program, Sierra LifeFlight, Mammoth and Antelope Valley CERT, Bishop Amateur Radio Club, the Camp Antelope Clinic of Toiyabe Indian Health Project, and the Navy Clinic at the Mountain Warfare Training Center. Any questions should be directed to Deb Diaz at 760-924-1829, or ddiaz@mono.ca.gov.

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Public Works

1. **The Topaz Lane Bridge project was completed on October 7.** This is a week ahead of schedule. New paint replaces the old (lead based) paint, scouring issues were resolved, railings repaired, and



the bank stabilized etc. Hats off to Vianey White for leading this project to its completion!

2. **The State Road Audit was successfully completed** on September 25. Thanks to **Mary Clark** for all her hard work!
3. **The California State Department of Conservation - Mining and Geology Board completed their 2014 inspections of Mono County's two surface mines** (Long Valley and Sonora Pits) on October 9, 2014. There were no issues thanks to **Brett McCurry** and his Road staff keeping accurate records and following SMARA required procedures, etc.
4. **Mono County Public Works received delivery of their two new trucks.** With the streamlined budget it was nice to be able to afford these fine vehicles. Word is Risk Management has some questions....
5. **The Convict Lake Road Rehabilitation project continues** with initial paving. **Garrett Higerd, Paul Roten** and **Phil Touchstone** have been working hard to ensure this FLAP project is completed next summer.
6. **The Crowley Lake concession building** is moving right along. Thanks to Facilities staff (**Jason Davenport, Tony Iniguez, John Hauter, and Claude Fiddler**) for another quality construction project!
7. **9 miles of Lower Rock Creek were re-striped.** The old road striping paint had degraded to very faint lines. This safety improvement will ensure cars understand the lane delineation as they travel from the Inyo County line northbound up to the Highway 395 intersection. The **Town of Mammoth Lakes** provided assistance with their striping truck and two staff.



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Energy efficiency projects continue to yield savings! - CRI Lighting provided energy improvements (lamp ballast replacements, light bulb replacements, and/or window film installation) to County buildings within SCE territory. These energy improvements were provided at **no cost to the County** through the Southern California Edison Direct Install Program. The lighting improvements were conducted in many county buildings – list of buildings attached along with the cost of the work – **approximately \$78,500.**

Special Thanks to **Joe Blanchard** and his Facilities Staff for their help in

making these buildings accessible to the contractor, especially **Don Nunn** for all his help in accompanying the contractor during their building audits and for making valuable suggestions along the way.

CITY	SAN	FACILITY		DATE AUDITED	EST. \$ AMOUNT LIGHTING	EST. \$ AMT FILM	TOTAL PROJECT COST	FINAL LIGHTING TOTAL	FINAL TOTAL FILM
ESEI Partnership									
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT	3006739892	VISITOR/SENIOR CENTER	123 EMIGRANT	5/6/2014	\$523.94	\$0.00	\$523.94 domestic acct		
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT		Social Services	137 Emigrant			\$223.60		\$2,913.67	
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT	3003635995	MEDIC SEVEN	193 TWIN LAKES	5/6/2014	\$920.59	\$0.00	\$920.59	\$1,057.59	\$223.67
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT	3001245518	PARKS/ROADS/MAINTENANCE	207 JACK SAWYER RD	5/6/2014	\$6,257.18	\$0.00	\$6,257.18	\$10,087.21	
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT	3001245517	ANIMAL CONTROL	197 JACK SAWYER RD	5/6/2014	\$896.48	\$0.00	\$896.48	\$841.50	
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT	3001245542	PROBATION	57 BRYANT	5/6/2014	\$1,876.13	\$0.00	\$1,876.13	\$2,049.47	
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT		JAIL	25 EMIGRANT	5/6/2014	\$6,674.58	\$0.00	\$6,674.58	\$11,138.83	
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT		ADMIN	25 EMIGRANT	5/6/2014	\$4,210.02	\$0.00	\$4,210.02 added to above		
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT	3001245557	MEMORIAL HALL	73 N SCHOOL	5/6/2014	\$7,477.28	\$0.00	\$7,477.28	\$4,128.82	
MONO COUNTY/MAMMOTH		SIERRA MALL	452 OLD MAMMOTH RD	5/6/2014	\$11,504.90	\$0.00	\$11,504.90	\$9,904.36	
MONO COUNTY/MAMMOTH		MINNARETT MALL	437 OLD MAMMOTH RD	5/6/2014	\$9,527.13	\$0.00	\$9,527.13	\$7,384.59	
MONO COUNTY/MAMMOTH	3017168434	ANIMAL CONTROL	575 BENTON CROSSING	5/6/2014	\$2,526.99	\$0.00	\$2,526.99	\$2,588.06	
MONO COUNTY/LEE VINING	3000716609	ROADS	51596 HIWAY 395	5/6/2014	\$1,009.81	\$0.00	\$1,009.81	\$1,010.66	
Mono County/JUNE LAKE	3001245528	COMMUNITY CENTER/LIBRARY/THRIFT	90 GRANITE	5/6/2014	\$6,766.62	\$0.00	\$6,766.62	\$4,542.68	
MONO COUNTY/CROWLEY LAKE	3010438451	SUB STATION	3605 CROWLEY LAKE DR	5/6/2014	\$1,667.29	\$0.00	\$1,667.29	\$1,462.10	
MONO COUNTY/CROWLEY LAKE	3008344212	ROADS	332 S LANDING RD	5/6/2014	\$1,190.54	\$0.00	\$1,190.54	\$1,462.10	
MONOCOUNTY/BENTON	3001245550	ROADS	25574 HIGHWAY6	5/21/2014	\$2,939.54	\$0.00	\$2,939.54	\$2,873.97	
MONOCOUNTY/BENTON	3001245553	COMMUNITY CENTER	58869 HIGHWAY 120	5/21/2014	\$1,327.30	\$0.00	\$1,327.30	\$2,558.75	
MONOCOUNTY/CHALFANT	3001245556	COMMUNITY CENTER	123 VALLEY RD	5/21/2014	\$2,154.43	\$0.00	\$2,154.43	\$2,516.30	
Mono County/JUNE LAKE	3001245530	SUB STATION	120 W GRANIT	5/6/2014	\$718.12	\$0.00	\$718.12	\$1,074.57	
MONO COUNTY/LEE VINING	3001245513	MUSEUM	129 MATLEY	6/18/2014	\$2,749.18	\$0.00	\$2,749.18	\$1,766.88	
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT	3034624675	PARK RESTROOMS	121 EMIGRANT	6/18/2014	\$102.10	\$0.00	\$102.10	\$102.10	
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT	3029679896	OLD MORGUE	38 BRYANT ST	6/18/2014	\$2,374.65	\$0.00	\$2,374.65	\$397.57	
Mono County/BRIDGEPORT	3001245559	MUSEUM	129 EMIGRANT ST	6/18/2014	\$3,144.04	\$0.00	\$3,144.04	\$2,089.41	
Mono Co Priority DI SAs Remaining	5	DI-Eligible SAs	?		\$	78,538.84	\$	223.60	\$
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Social Services

Social Services at the Job Fair - The Mammoth Lakes Job Fair last Saturday at the Monache Resort went well and both **Jay Sloane** with Social Services and **Jeff Simpson** with Economic Development were able to talk to all of the employer representatives about the Workforce Services employer programs. There were approximately 17 employers that attended and an estimated 30 attendees.

Cathy Young spoke attendees about the available County jobs, and also went on a second walkabout to talk to employers and mention the employers' services again as well as giving information on upcoming community events including; Prepared U, Flu Clinics and the CERT academy. We will be sending out PDFs of these event files to employers today.

The following managers/businesses were receptive to On-the-Job-Training and Job Skills Placement:

- **Chop at Mammoth Outdoor Sports**
- **Cary at CJ's Bar and Grill**
- **Jane at Rock Creek Lodge**
- **Camille at the Fun Shop**
- **Sharon at Snow Creek**
- **Ian Algerone at Skadi's**
- **Kelly at Mammoth Chalet**

We are working on finishing up all of the forms and employer packets for the Workforce Services!

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PREPARE U - *Disaster Preparedness Education for Individuals* - The American Red Cross is coming to Mammoth Lakes to offer a training to make sure you are as prepared as you possibly can be for potential disasters and other emergencies. These events can strike suddenly, at anytime and anywhere. There are three actions every-one can take that can help make a difference.... MAKE A PLAN, GET A KIT, BE INFORMED



Get a Kit



Be Informed

Join the American Red Cross for this informative training “Prepare U” on **October 18, 2014 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am** at the Mono County Social Services Conference Room at 452 Old Mammoth Road, on the 3rd floor. For more information and to RSVP contact Cathy Young, Mono County Social Services at 760-924-1780

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