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Subject: Comment for today's meeting

Good Morning, Thanks as always for your continued efforts and work to protect our community.

I am too busy now to attend meetings, my businesses are busier than ever, and obviously that is alarming, but not surprising seeing as how this is one of the few places you can go, and "fishing" is one of the few things you can do. What is most alarming to me is the amount of dispersed camping taking place. I am able to patrol, enforce, and clean my facilities. My businesses are safe, sanitary, and supervised places to be. I step off my property and that is not the case.

Attached is my comment for today's meeting.

Stay well,

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Comment to Mono County 8/4/20

Mono County is dealing with a large influx of people, more so than other years, when presumably, campgrounds and lodgings are fully booked. There are and have been excessive amounts of people dispersed camping and that is the problem. To close or limit lodging will only exacerbate the problem as we saw prior to re-opening. People should be in campgrounds and facilities where there is supervision and proper sanitation measures. You could close down everything and people would still come here. I'm not just trying to make money, park and campground managers are doing an important service to this community and at their own risk.

Dispersed camping on public lands needs to stop at least until the entire state re-opens. I understand that some areas it is actually legal to do so, but many are not. Enforcement agencies are trying to control this but obviously it is too much to effectively deal with, especially when combined with the other effects of population influx. People are in areas that are not always obvious, and some agencies lack the proper authority to be effective. There needs to be a joint effort among the agencies to disallow this, to close campgrounds and allow for dispersed camping to continue would truly be terrible. Mono County will just be even more trashed and likely to burn down.

I also think the message needs to change. Asking people to be more responsible is not working. People need to be made aware that what they are doing is illegal and that there are consequences, like receiving \$1,000 fines or being kicked out.

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Mono County BOS:

There has been a serious lack of basic rule enforcement in our area; Camping and campfires in non-designated areas, speeding, littering, and public indecency to name a few. When agencies are contacted about a problem, there is a lot of “that’s not my job-it is” going around. While it was nice to see a few MLPD vehicles around the Lakes Basin on Saturday, I don’t believe that writing 14 or so parking tickets at Lake George is the answer to our woes.

We no longer need to advertise to bring visitors to Mammoth Lakes. Please consider doing away with “Mammoth Lakes Tourism”. I propose we redirect the MLT budget to Community Safety Officers, Community Education Officers or the like. The visitor center can be staffed with Community Education Officers and managed by the TOML. Community Safety Officers can assist the MLPD and MLFD with parking enforcement and campfire patrols. People looking for information on our town can also contact the Chamber of Commerce.

We were apparently never able to get permission on having an “education” based checkpoint on Hwy-203. Is anyone even still trying to get this put in place? What about an “education” stop on Lake Mary Road at the parking lot at lower Twin Lakes? Isn’t this road owned by the TOML? Our Community Education Officers can make sure people have a camping reservation (no more first come first serve campsites), provide information on campfire safety, Tread Lightly, pack it in, pack it out and other common sense guidelines that some of our visitors are new to. The US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest has a great Facebook campaign on recreating responsibly. Speaking of campaigns, we already have a famous name in our midst, The Bear Whisperer. Steve Searles would be a great resource for helping us educate our visitors.

We should consider closing the Scenic Loop Road just like we do in the wintertime. If we don’t have enough LEOs to go around then let’s not have to worry about someone starting a fire out there. Consider “closing” or blocking the roads along Sherwin Creek Road (by the Propane Tanks) that go out to Kerry’s Meadow. No one NEEDS to drive out there. Earlier this summer someone moved the rocks blocking the meadow and crashed their vehicle leaving behind glass and car parts after doing donuts in the field. The level of human waste is absolutely disgusting here and in other areas. I am constantly picking up trash on my walks and there has been someone living out of their truck up behind Snowcreek V for MONTHS. Put up barriers such as

large logs or rocks at entrances of the trails around Horseshoe Lake and anywhere else there are trails that should only have bikes or feet on them.

I personally would rather have our area known for being “hard-nosed” about the rules than as the place where “you can do whatever you want without consequences”.

Thank you for your time.