MLT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FY 22-23

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Situation Analysis



Where Have We Been in FY 21-22?

- Covid-19 uncertainty
- Reduced Covid-19 restrictions and quarantines
- Visitors continued to focus on escaping to nature
- Continued main communication and messaging on visitor education
- Initiated tactics to disperse visitors past hot spots
- More brief, but impactful, forest closure
- Limited fire and smoke impacts
- Strong business and government revenues
- Momentum from early opening of Mammoth Mountain on October 29th
- HUGE December 2021 snowfall, then non-existent since
- Successful launch of new air service at BIH and re-launch at MMH

MLT Strategic Framework FY 22-23

Outreach to Our Community
Focus on Education
Drive Off-Peak Visitation

Goals & Strategy Detail



GOAL #1: Foster a symbiotic relationship between resident quality of life & visitation

Strategy – <u>Outreach to our Community</u>

- Reflect **community values** in our intended visitor experience
- Understand resident and visitor perspectives of our community
- Work with TOML and other NGO's to **minimize visitation impacts & maximize resident benefit**
- Communicate our community and environmental **stewardship expectations** to our guests
- Continue to cultivate strong community relationships (TOML, C of C, events, lodging, restaurant & retail)
- Re-establish and **support special events** (with enhanced focus and support of non-peak times)
- Continue our commitment to environmental **sustainability** & stewardship
- Support local businesses and **purchase locally** when appropriate
- Increase MLT Board member **communication and interaction** with constituents
- Inform community members and Town Council of MLT efforts through various channels
- Assist TOML to **define local infrastructure improvements** to benefit both residents and visitors



GOAL #2: Educate people regarding their impacts on our community and environment

Strategy – *Focus on Education*

- Focus on **mitigating visitor impacts** (community and environmental)
- Relay benefits of **off-peak visitation** periods
- Heavily promote **stewardship** and behavior expectations
 - "Hug What You Love" Campaign
 - "Mammoth Lakes Love Song"
 - Visitor and resident stewardship marketing messages throughout town
 - Encourage visitor distribution past the overly popular locations and times
 - Inspire good behavior, patience and kindness with all visitors
 - Help people arrive at ways they can assist us in protecting this place/experience



GOAL #3: Support residents & businesses by creating opportunities during slower periods

Strategy - Drive Off-Peak Visitation

- Re-energize key international markets post-covid
- Continued heavy focus on **midweek** winter visitation
- Keep emphasis on establishing **longer length of stay**
- Focus efforts on **shoulder season** visitation
- Develop **destination** visitor awareness through increased marketing spend
- Increase "ease of access" messaging with commercial **air service** to BIH
- Explore **new air service** markets and carriers for winter 2023-24
- Work towards **year-round air service** at both MMH and BIH
- Promote the **Eastern Sierra region** including National Parks, USFS land, public lands
- Encourage and support **events and activities** to promote off-peak visitation

Questions?

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Thank you.