

# Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District

**Reducing the Risk of Wildfires and Natural Disasters  
in Mammoth Lakes**





# Protecting Mammoth Lakes

- The Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (MLFPD) is the first line of defense against wildfires and natural disasters
- Responds to 900 emergencies a year to protect 11,500 Mammoth Lakes parcels





# Threat of Natural Disasters

- Over the years, severe weather events are leading to more out of control wildfires and natural disasters
- Our area is vulnerable to
  - wildfires
  - earthquakes
  - propane explosions





# Threat of Natural Disasters

- A wildfire near Mammoth Lakes could threaten our entire community
  - homes
  - schools
  - businesses
  - wildlife
  - local forest





# Potential Measure to Reduce the Risk of Wildfires

- MLFPD Board of Commissioners is considering placing a potential parcel tax measure on the November 2024 ballot
- The potential measure would generate approximately \$925,000 annually and would cost homeowners \$98 per parcel
- Potential measure would provide a stable, dedicated source of funding to support MLFD's activities and operations



# What would funds be used for?



Provide rapid 9-1-1 emergency medical response



Increase summer firefighter staffing to maintain a wildfire engine during peak fire season



Address dangerous conditions from heavy snowfall



Fund wildfire protection programs like chipping, clearing brush and cutting community fuel breaks



# What would funds be used for?



Assist residents with creating and maintaining wildfire defensible space around their homes and property



Improve communication systems to assist in coordinating operations during local emergencies



Ensure fire trucks, protective gear, and communications technology are kept up-to-date and well-maintained



# Fiscal Accountability

- Money raised could only be used for services the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department provides to the community
- No funds could be diverted to the State, Mono County or to the Town of Mammoth Lakes
- An independent citizens' oversight committee would ensure funds are spent as promised
- An exemption from the cost of the measure would be available for low-income seniors 65 and older





# We Want to Hear From You!

If you have questions about this planning effort or about steps you can take to help prevent wildfire and better prepare for an emergency, please contact:

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