

Mammoth Lakes Town Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support from the Town of Mammoth Lakes to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board for the designation of Hot Creek as an Outstanding National Resource Water (ONRW).

Council Meeting Date: 4/16/2025

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Recommended Motion: Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support designating Hot Creek as an Outstanding National Resource Water (ONRW)

Summary:

No Hot Creek Mine is an organization that is dedicated to stopping potential gold mine operations in the Hot Creek Area. In 2021 KORE Mining was granted a permit by the US Forest Service, District 5 to begin exploratory drilling in the area around Hot Creek. This process would include the installation of 14 drilling pads 30x50 feet. This permit and operation was later reversed through legal action. No Hot Creek Mine is now working in collaboration with Trout Unlimited to designate Hot Creek as an Outstanding National Resource Water under the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. A draft of the letter is attached.