

Mammoth Lakes Town Council

Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Agreement with Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (MLFPD) for Town Funding (\$200,000) to perform Fire Reduction Services.

Council Meeting Date: 7/2/2025

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Recommended Motion: Approve the agreement with the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District to perform Fire Reduction Services for the 2025 work season on properties adjacent to Town limits where there is a benefit to the protection of the community.

Summary: The Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (MLFPD) has hired summer seasonal work crews for a number of years. These teams work to support clearing projects in various areas around Town and in the urban interface with the forest. MLFPD is also engaged with the Town, Whitebark Institute, Mammoth Community Water District, and Mammoth Disposal in a project focusing on wildfire mitigation. Part of the output of this project is developing executable plans for homeowners and neighborhood groups. Part of the support for these efforts is an enhancement to the seasonal work force. MLFPD planned to hire eight (8) seasonal workers, and the Town funds will provide four (4) additional staff for this effort.

The Town Council reviewed the funding request as part of the 2nd Quarter FY24-25 budget review and allocated the \$200,000 necessary to fund this effort. The agreement is designed to outline the expectations of both parties in this effort. The contents of the agreement are attached for your review. Staff have modified language to focus on the work that will be performed rather than the original discussion for hiring additional staff to execute annual work plans. The work performed will be Fire Reduction Services including creation and maintenance of fuel breaks around the perimeter of Town and along key corridors, fuels reduction work to interrupt the continuity of fuels in key strategic or geographical areas and fuels reduction work for individual parcel owners who need assistance in getting the work done in high-risk areas. The funds will be used by MLFPD to acquire four (4) additional staff, and all staff will work exclusively for MLFPD in this effort.