

Mammoth Lakes Town Council
Agenda Action Sheet

Meeting Date: June 21, 2017

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Submitting Department: Administration

Title: Provide staff direction related to pursuing a primarily Town funded position with the Inyo National Forest.

Recommended Motion: Provide staff direction to work with the Inyo National Forest on the establishment of a primarily Town Funded Inyo National Forest position to focus on Town related permits, agreements, planning, environmental analysis and other related work required between the Town and Inyo National Forest.

Background Information: Over the past year staff has had a number of discussions on work related items between the Town and the Inyo National Forest. This has included work on use permits, amenity improvements, Forest Plan Revision, NEPA work, etc. Both the Town and the Inyo National Forest has limited staff time and other resources to accomplish the work program that we both desire to see completed. Building off of some other similar models we approached the Inyo National Forest Supervisor and our local District Ranger with the concept of having a dedicated Forest position to primarily work with the Town and the County as needed. The position would need a funding commitment for a three to five year period to make it successful and to allow the Inyo National Forest to attract a qualified person. The Supervisor and District Ranger are supportive of the concept. As this has a budgetary impact on the Town, Council direction is being requested prior to further discussions with the Inyo National Forest. The attached staff report outlines more details and potential costs.

Attachments:

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