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NOP DEIR

SCH #: 2019100384

Mammoth Airport Terminal Area Development Plan - Notice of Preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Report (NOP DEIR)

Dear Ms. Cooke:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 appreciates the opportunity to review the proposed development at the airport, which abuts US 395 and accesses it via Hot Creek Road. Please consider the following in environmental analysis:

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources Consider that US 395 is designated as a Scenic Highway in this corridor.
- Biological Resources Assess and address any impacts on animal movement patterns. Utilize current information/resources of the Eastern Sierra Wildlife Stewardship Team, which includes Mammoth Lakes staff member Haley Lang.
- Transportation Assess and address traffic impacts for the US 395/Hot Creek Road intersection.
- Utilities and Service Systems Assess if any project utility upgrades would be within US 395 right-of-way (thus, necessitating a Caltrans encroachment permit).
- If not already in consultation, the Town should do so with Mono County. The County has a project proposed to rehabilitate Hot Creek Hatchery and Airport Roads.

We value our cooperative working relationship with the Town regarding development affecting the state transportation system. For any questions, feel free to contact me at (760) 872-0785 or at gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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