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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: Monday, December 20, 2021
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BE PREPARED FOR PERIODS OF HEAVY SNOW AND POTENTIAL BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

Mammoth Lakes, CA – The Town of Mammoth Lakes is notifying all residents and visitors to be prepared for a series of winter storms bringing heavy snow and potential blizzard conditions to Mammoth Lakes beginning Wednesday, December 22, through Sunday, December 26, 2021.

Winter Storm Warning

The [National Weather Service](#) has issued a [Winter Storm Warning](#) for Mammoth Lakes in effect from 4:00pm Wednesday through 4:00pm Sunday. The forecast is for heavy snow accumulations of 3 to 7 feet above 7,000 feet. Sierra ridge winds could exceed 100 mph with gusts to 50 mph in the lower elevations. During this period of time, travel is expected to be very difficult in whiteout conditions with possible road closures. Travelers are advised to visit the Caltrans [QuickMap](#) site for updated road conditions and chain restrictions.

Be Snowsmart!

Be [snowsmart](#) in Mammoth Lakes by following a few simple winter safety tips. During heavy snowfall, please stay off the roads to let our snow removal operators clear the roads and sidewalks. **Don't put on chains when you have to – put on chains before you need them.** Stopping in roadways is dangerous and is to be avoided. We recommend you park your vehicle (off the roadway and behind the orange snow stakes) and take the bus. The FREE [Red Line](#) operates 7-days a week from 7:00am until 5:30pm with service from Snowcreek Athletic Club to the Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge. Contact ESTA at (760) 924-3184 or download the [free Transit app](#) for updated routes and schedules. The Town clears several miles of sidewalks for your safety. Do not walk on the streets with vehicles and plows as they will have trouble seeing you and do not walk in-front of snow removal equipment.

Winter Storm Temporary Road Closures

In advance of the winter storm the Town of Mammoth Lakes is closing the following roads for the duration of the storm.

- Mammoth Lakes Scenic Loop: Closes at **5:00pm on December 21, 2021**
- Sherwin Creek Road: Closes at **12:00pm on December 22, 2021**

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Temporary Overnight Parking

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has designated temporary overnight parking sites for lodging guests and visitors in need of parking. Visitors are requested to park their vehicles in the designated areas from Wednesday, December 22 through Sunday, December 26 and use the complimentary and convenient transit service. Temporary overnight parking locations can be found on the attached map and are as follows: Tavern Park & Ride, Mammoth Ice Rink - Upper Lot (park on left hand side closest to ice rink), and the Hillside Parking Lot.

Visitors will not be ticketed during their stay but are asked to vacate the temporary overnight parking sites each day to allow for snow removal operations. Snow removal will be on-going during the evening and daylight hours.

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department is reminding citizens that there is no street parking from November 1 through April 30. Vehicles found parked in violation of these ordinances are subject to receiving a parking citation and/or may be impounded at the owner's expense. Please park all vehicles as far off the roadway as possible behind the orange snow stakes. Identify your vehicle's location with poles to keep it visible for snow removal operators.

Road Conditions & Chain Restrictions

For updated road conditions and chain restrictions call (800) 427-ROAD or dial 511.

- Requirement 1 (R1): Chains are required on all vehicles except passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks under 6,000 pounds gross weight and equipped with snow tires on at least two drive wheels. Chains must be carried by vehicles using snow tires. All vehicles towing trailers must have chains on one drive axle. Trailers with brakes must have chains on at least one axle.
- Requirement 2 (R2): Chains or traction devices are required on all vehicles except four wheel/ all-wheel drive vehicles with snow-tread tires on all four wheels. *NOTE: (Four wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles must carry traction devices in chain control areas.)*
- Requirement 3 (R3): Chains or traction devices are required on all vehicles, no exceptions.

Winter Driving Tips

Caltrans reminds drivers to always carry chains when driving in winter conditions. Keep a full tank of gas, carry blankets, water, food, a shovel, gloves, a flashlight, ice scraper and a shovel. Allow extra time for travel. For additional tips, please visit the Caltrans Winter Driving Tips webpage: www.dot.ca.gov/cttravel/winter-driving-tips.

Important Life Safety Message

The Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Lakes Fire Department would like to remind residents of several life safety issues. These include the accumulation of large amounts of snow/ice on roofs, the blockage of vents for heating and hot water appliances, and the maintenance needed to safely use propane.

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Propane Tanks and Vents: For those homeowners that use propane, several responsibilities come with its use. The top of the tank needs to be routinely dug out and cleared to allow access to the shutoff valve and regulator venting. In addition, make sure that unprotected sections of all exterior gas pipes are cleared of snow/ice and protected from shedding snow and ice from your roof. Downward snow pressure from snow settlement and falling snow/ice from roofs has caused many pipe sections to crack resulting in leaks. Unfortunately, if the leak occurs under the snow, the snow traps the gas, and it may be some time before the leak is detected. Homeowners, landlords and tenants need to make sure that vents for appliances are cleared of snow and inspected so that a build-up of carbon monoxide inside does not occur. It is highly recommended that carbon monoxide detectors be installed inside structures in order to alert occupants to the build-up of carbon monoxide gas. Call the MLFD at (760) 934-2300 for additional information.

Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH)

Contact Advanced Air at 1-800-393-7035 regarding flight schedules and visit the [Airport and Transportation website](#) for additional information.

Public Information

The Town advises residents and visitors to be prepared by listening to KMMT 106.5 Sierra Wave 92.5 or KIBS 100.7 for current chain restrictions, road closures or shelter openings. The Town will post updated information on the Public Information Line (760) 965-3612, as needed. In the event of any emergency, please call 911 for assistance.

Important Contact Numbers

Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Information Line	(760) 965-3612
Town of Mammoth Lakes Building Division	(760) 965-3635
Mammoth Hospital	(760) 934-3311
Mammoth Lakes Police Department	(760) 965-3700
Mammoth Lakes Fire Department	(760) 934-2300
Mono County Sheriff’s Department	(760) 932-7549
Mammoth Mountain Ski Area On-Hill Emergency Hotline	(760) 934-0611
Caltrans, Current Highway Conditions	(800) 427-7623 or 511
Caltrans Highway Information Network (CHIN)	(800) 427-7623 <small>cell phones only</small>

Public Utilities

AmeriGas Propane	(760) 934-2213
Southern California Edison	(800) 611-1911
Eastern Sierra Propane	(760) 872-2955
Mammoth Community Water District	(760)934-2596/(760) 914-0395

Please visit the [Emergency Information](#) page on the Town’s website for emergency preparedness and important contact numbers.

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