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Town Announcements

Town of Mammoth Lakes to host 2021 Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Crowley Lake

The Town of Mammoth Lakes in partnership with Crowley Lake Fish Camp is extremely proud to bring back the [Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular](#) to Crowley Lake on Sunday, July 4, 2021. The Independence Day fireworks show promises to be a bright and striking display of color in the Eastern Sierra night sky. This year's custom designed "Sky Concert" will propel over 851 shells into the Eastern Sierra sky for a mesmerizing 17 minutes beginning at approximately 9:15 p.m. (weather permitting). The show will simulcast live on KMMT 106.5 – tune in and enjoy! The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to acknowledge L.D.C. and Mono County Community Services Area 1 for their generous donations and long-standing support of this generational community event at Crowley Lake.

Please visit the [Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce](#) for an overview of July 4 planned events and festivities.

Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management Fire Restrictions

The Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office implemented (Stage 1) fire restrictions on all Federal lands under their jurisdiction. This decision is based on very high fire danger, drought conditions coupled with extremely dry vegetation, an increase in human caused wildfires and the availability of firefighters for response. Seasonal fire restrictions for the Eastern Sierra Region are being implemented in close coordination with the Cal Fire San Bernardino/Inyo/Mono Unit and the Mono County Sheriff's Office. [Click here](#) to review the fire restrictions now in effect for your safety.

Residential Recreational Fire Restrictions in Mammoth Lakes

In conjunction with the fire restrictions put in place by the Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management which prohibit campfires outside of developed campgrounds and recreation sites, MLFD is prohibiting residential recreational fires within the Town of Mammoth Lakes. If you obtained a permit for a recreational fire pit on your property, it is suspended until further notice. Propane fire pits that do not burn wood will continue to be allowed.

Camp like a Pro!

Learn how you can camp like a pro this summer. The Eastern Sierra Dispersed Camping Collaboration's (ESDCC) developed a five-point campaign to improve management of dispersed camping. Visit the comprehensive [website](#) for tips on campsite selection, campfire skills, an interactive camping map and helpful resources.

"Through our collaborative efforts, we have identified real actions to implement this summer to protect our communities and public lands, while preserving our forests, water, and way of life here in the Eastern Sierra," stated Supervisor Gardner.

COVID-19 Update

MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus

June 10, 2021

CURRENT METRICS

- **Positive Tests: 1,034*** (+0)
- **Vaccines Received: 17,560*** (+0)
- **1st Dose Administered: 8,249**
- **Fully Vaccinated: 7,965*** (+255)

*Changes in testing and vaccine data reflect changes since June 3, 2021.

View Live Data: [MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus](https://monohealth.com/coronavirus) & <https://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/vaccinations>

CURRENT COUNTY STATUS

MINIMAL

CURRENT HOSPITAL STATUS

GREEN

California Moves "Beyond The Blueprint"

Effective June 15, 2021, California will fully reopen with capacity and distancing restrictions lifted for most businesses and activities (with limited exceptions for mega-events) based upon a number of general public health recommendations. The state will officially move "Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy" by lifting the California Department of Public Health [Blueprint Activity and Business Tiers chart](#) introduced on August 28, 2020.

Guidance for Individuals:

Masks will NOT be required for fully vaccinated individuals, except in the following settings where masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- On public transit (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation)
- Indoors in K-12 schools, childcare and other youth settings. Note: This may change as updated K-12 schools guidance is forthcoming, pending updates for K-12 operational guidance from the CDC.
- Healthcare settings (including long term care facilities)
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers
- Homeless shelters, emergency shelters and cooling centers

Additionally, masks are required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public)

For additional information, individuals should refer to [CDC Recommendations for Safer Activities](#) and the [June 9, 2021 CDPH Masking Guidance](#) for more information.

Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones – Get Vaccinated Today!

Mono County is now hosting walk-in COVID-19 (Coronavirus) vaccination clinics for ALL individuals aged 12 and older. We are experiencing significant strides in our fight against COVID-19 in Mono County. We need your help to maintain the momentum, and advance within the State's reopening plan. Join us today by getting vaccinated!

COVID-19 Vaccine Facts:

- The vaccine is safe and effective
- The vaccine CANNOT give you COVID-19
- Having flu-like symptom side effects for a day or two after receiving the vaccine is normal and means the vaccine is working
- The vaccine is FREE, and insurance and immigration status DO NOT MATTER
- The vaccine does NOT change your DNA
- Some people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 MAY still get sick – however, data from clinical studies suggests that when this happens the vaccination might help keep you from getting seriously ill.

What Vaccinated Individuals Can Do:

- Gather outdoors and conduct outdoor activities without wearing a mask
- Gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask or staying six feet apart
- Gather indoors with unvaccinated people of any age from one other household without masks or staying six feet apart
- Domestic travel without getting tested or self-quarantining

Mono County Public Health is hosting the following walk-in vaccine clinics over the next several weeks (appointments not required):

WALK-IN MONO COUNTY VACCINATION CLINICS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
June 11	2:00-5:30pm	Bridgeport Memorial Hall, 73 North School Street
June 14	2:00-5:30pm	Mammoth High School, 365 Sierra Park Rd.
June 25	2:00-4:00pm	Mammoth High School, 365 Sierra Park Rd.

COMMUNITY UPDATE:

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Main Lodge Development

- On Wednesday June 16 beginning at 5:00pm, Town Council and the Planning and Economic Development Commission will receive a presentation on the initial concept plan for the redevelopment/new development planned for Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Area.
- Council will also consider a contract with Ascent Environmental to conduct a CEQA and NEPA analysis of the project.

Alterra Mountain Company Announces New President and COO for Mammoth & June Mountains

- Alterra Mountain Company announced today (June 11, 2021) that Ron Cohen, current President and Chief Operating Officer of Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows, will return to Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain as the destinations’ new President and Chief Operating Officer. Mammoth Mountain is the company’s largest and most visited destination.

Town Declared Public Health Emergency to be Lifted

- On June 16 Town Council will consider termination of the Town’s locally declared public health and financial emergency. On June 15 the State will no longer be under

the color tiered blueprint for a safer economy. Several restrictions will be lifted and the transition to being completely open will continue.

Town FY2021-22 Budget Set for Adoption on June 16

- On June 16 Town Council will consider the approval of the Town’s Operating and Capital budget for fiscal year 2021-22.

Summer Event Season Returns

- Town Council will consider final approval of \$154,400 in recommendations to support local arts and cultural programming at their June 16 meeting. The allocation of funding for 11 events was recommended by Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) who is designated by Town Council to review the requests.
- Special event funding is available through Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT). Event producers can reach out to MLT for additional information on applying for event funding.
- Town Council will be approving the closure of roadways to be used for the July 4th Parade. For parade entry information please visit the Mammoth Lakes Chamber website.
- Additional July 4th events include Pops in the Park being held at Shady Rest Park this year and the Crowley Lake Fireworks show.

Support Town Sustainability Efforts + Free Promotional Business Opportunities

Placemats

To help educate kids about how to recreate responsibly and respect the outdoors, Mammoth Lakes Tourism has created a colorful kids placemat full of fun activities for our use in our local restaurants throughout the summer. Please contact Molly at mhorner@visitmammoth.com to place an order. Placemats will be distributed to interested eateries as soon as they arrive from the printer.

RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

Follow these tips and do your part in taking care of the environment when adventuring in the mountains, or wherever you play outdoors.

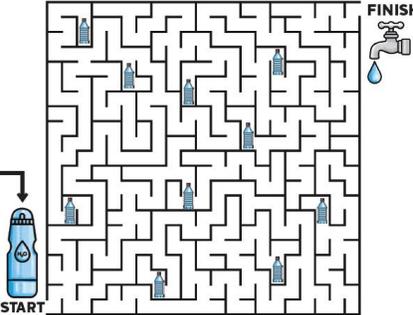


Take this paper home with you and complete the origami activities on the backside.

USE A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE
Find your way to the water-filling station to fill up your water bottle. To help you stay on the right path, avoid the single-use plastic bottles.

RESPECT NATURE WHEN HIKING & FISHING
Follow the path to reach your fishing destination. Along the way, be sure to observe all the rules of the trail so that you leave the least impact on Mother Nature.





CIRCLE WHAT SHOULD GO IN A BEAR BOX
To prevent attracting bears to your campsite, everything with a strong scent should be locked inside a bear box while sleeping or when away from your campsite.





MAKE SURE YOUR CAMPFIRE IS COMPLETELY OUT
Connect the dots to learn the most assured way to put out the fire before going to bed. Remember to never leave a campfire unattended.

LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

Review the seven Leave No Trace principles for kids below, then find the CAPITALIZED words within the word search.

S	X	S	A	W	D	M	L	F	X	C	O	D	A	B
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F	I	N	D	Q	O	D	H	E	R	S	S	K	N	A
W	S	A	D	G	H	Y	S	M	Q	U	Q	R	P	L

1. **KNOW** Before You Go
2. Choose the **RIGHT PATH**
3. **TRASH** Your Trash
4. Leave What You **FIND**
5. Be **CAREFUL** with **FIRE**
6. **RESPECT WILDLIFE**
7. Be **KIND** to Other **VISITORS**

Trail Challenge

As part of Mammoth Lakes Tourism's sustainability initiative to disperse visitors from crowded trails, it will be launching a virtual trail challenge on lesser-traveled trails totaling 60+ miles offered July through August. Local restaurants and retailers have the opportunity to partner with MLT as a way to promote themselves to visitors and drive summer business, as well as support this important cause by rewarding challenge participants with special offers. If interested in free partnership opportunities and supporting this cause, please contact Molly at mhorner@visitmammoth.com.

Town Meetings & Events

Town Council

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been scheduled for **Wednesday, June 16, 2021** beginning at 5:00 with a presentation on the Main Lodge development project. Public comments can be made in-person in Suite Z. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Commission/Committee Meetings

July 14 Planning and Economic Development Commission, Zoom, 2:00pm
August 3 Recreation Commission Meeting, Zoom, 1:30PM (no meeting in July)

Notify Me!

Receive updates sent directly to your email or phone from the Town of Mammoth Lakes by subscribing to "Notify Me." [Click here](#) to subscribe to receive Public Service Announcements, Emergency Alerts, Town e-News, Recreation This Week, No Burn Announcements, DNDP updates, bid postings, news flash, calendar items, and more! Make smart decisions, subscribe today.

Department Updates

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS...

Whitmore Pool Opening Day - June 12

The Whitmore Pool will OPEN for full operations (including swim lessons and public recreational swimming) on Saturday, June 12. Join us this Saturday to celebrate with FREE admission from noon-6:00pm. Lap swim is currently scheduled every morning Monday-Friday and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Swim times are scheduled for a duration of 30/45 minutes to allow for rotation of swimmers. Lap Swim is offered on a first-come basis. Swimmers are asked to be considerate of all patrons' access to the pool. For further information, schedules and rates, please visit: www.WhitmorePool.com.

Summer Camps and Programs Update

Our new [Treasure Hunters 2-Day Camp](#) will OPEN for [online registration](#) this Monday, June 14 at 8:00am (PST). Join us for 2 days of treasure hunting fun by learning the basics of orienteering, map reading, and geocaching.

Online summer registration remains OPEN and we still have availability in the following camps and programs:

- 3-Day Mountain Bike Camp (Sessions 2 and 3)
- Climbing Camp (Session 4)
- Explorer 2-Day Camp (Sessions 3 and 4)
- Fly Fishing Camp (Session 1 and 2)
- Mammoth Sampler Camp - Child (Session 3)
- Wave Rave Minis Skate Camp (Session 3)
- Week-Long Group Swim Lessons

Community Recreation Center (CRC) Construction Updates

Visit the Town of Mammoth Lakes [Facebook page](#) (#crcupdates) for frequent updates on the construction and planned programming of this new community recreation amenity.

MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic – June 12

Join us and the staff from Alpen Veterinary Hospital this Saturday, June 12 from 3:00-5:00pm at the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, 58 Thompsons Way, for low-cost vaccinations for your dog and cat family members! Prices are as follows:

Dogs

Rabies: \$10.00
DHLPP: \$26.00
Bordetella: \$16.00
Lyme disease: \$34.00
Rattlesnake: \$22.00
Influenza: \$28.00

Cats

Rabies: \$10.00
FVRCP: \$26.00
FeLV: \$24.00
FIP: \$42.00

All forms of payment are accepted including credit cards, cash, and checks. For everyone's safety, your dog must be leashed and your cat in a carrier. If your animal does not do well with others, please leave them in your car until you complete the paperwork, and the vet will come to your vehicle to administer the vaccinations. It would be helpful to bring your pet's previous vaccination records but it not necessary. We look forward to meeting your pets soon!

Police Activity

Man Arrested for Multiple Felonies after Domestic Violence Incident Resulted in High-Speed Pursuit: On 06-07-2021 at 3:35pm, MLPD Officers were dispatched to Shady Rest Park in response to a domestic violence incident. The female victim reported that her ex-boyfriend had pulled a knife on her, slashed her vehicle's tires, and broke windows on her vehicle. As the first two Officers arrived in the area, dispatch received information from the victim that the suspect was leaving the area in a white van with South Dakota license plates. At the same time, the van drove past the two Officers toward Main Street at a high rate of speed. Both Officers turned around and activated their emergency lights and siren attempting to get the van to stop. A Sergeant was now driving toward the park along Sawmill Cutoff Road, at which time, he activated his emergency lights and blocked the lanes of travel in an attempt to stop the fleeing van. Upon reaching the Sergeant's location, the van initially slowed and briefly came to a stop. The driver then reversed the van, drove around the police vehicle into the oncoming lane, and proceeded to flee the scene. Based on the severity of the nature of the call involving domestic violence and a weapon, Officers immediately initiated a vehicle pursuit.

The suspect ran the posted stop sign at the intersection of Sawmill Cutoff Road and Main Street causing Main Street traffic to slam on their brakes to avoid a collision. He then

proceeded eastbound on Highway 203, reaching speeds up to 95 MPH. He also passed multiple vehicles at the high rate of speed on the right shoulder of the road. Upon reaching the overpass, he entered southbound Highway 395. The suspect continued his erratic driving at speeds in excess of 100 MPH, including passing vehicles on the right shoulder of the road. Upon reaching Benton Crossing Road, the suspect turned left, ran the center median stop sign in front of northbound Highway 395 traffic, and proceeded east. He reached speeds in excess of 95 MPH.

Upon reaching Brown's Owens River Campground, the suspect turned left onto an unmarked dirt road where he immediately lost control of his vehicle and became stuck in the soft dirt of the right shoulder. The suspect then exited his vehicle and fled on foot through the desert. Officers immediately gave chase and caught the suspect after approximately 100 yards. He was handcuffed and taken into custody at that time.

The suspect was then escorted to a police vehicle and placed in the rear prisoner area with his seat belt on. The suspect was identified as Saylor Austin Reese of South Dakota. A short while later, the Sergeant was tending to Reese by providing him with drinking water and explaining the arrest process to him at the right rear open door. The Sergeant was standing in the door approximately two feet from Reese. As the Sergeant went to apply the seat belt again to prepare for transport, Reese aggressively lunged toward the Sergeant in an attempt to escape custody. The Sergeant in turn wrestled Reese to the ground and was immediately assisted by an on-scene California Highway Patrol Officer. While on the ground, Reese picked up a large rock as a weapon. Officers were able to remove the rock from his hand and restrain him until other Officers arrived on scene. Reese was then transported to Mammoth Hospital for booking clearance. He was later transported to the Mono County Jail for booking. Reese was booked on the following charges: 245 PC- Assault with a deadly weapon, 2800.2 VC- Felony evading, 69 PC- Felony resisting Officers, 594 PC- Felony vandalism, 836.6(a) PC- Attempted escape, 243(e)(1) PC- Misdemeanor domestic violence, 236 PC- False imprisonment, 417 PC- Brandishing a knife, 148(a)(1) PC- Misdemeanor resisting Officers.

An Emergency Protective Order was requested and granted by a judge to protect the victim from further domestic violence. Due to the serious nature of the above crimes, as well as a concern Reese may attempt to locate the victim and/or flee the area, a bail enhancement was requested and subsequently granted by the judge. Reese is currently being held in the Mono County Jail on \$500,000 bail.

Police Community Alerts

Scammers calling Mammoth Lakes Residents & Businesses: Over the last month, several reports came in of scammers attempting to take money from residents and local business owners. These thieves are getting very creative in their attempts to get your personal information, bank accounts and ultimately... your cash! One business owner received a phone call "from the Mammoth Lakes Police Department". The caller ID even showed our number, 760-965-3700, which we suspect was done by a phone app. Most of these scam phone calls result in the caller asking you to buy gift cards and read off the numbers to clear debts, crimes, warrants, computer viruses, etc. Another resident had his computer frozen by a virus/scammer who also wanted gift cards to release the machine. If you ever have questions regarding a phone call from MLPD, hang-up and call Dispatch at 760-932-7549, Option 7. It is up to you to stay vigilant against these scammers as it is nearly impossible to track them down. This is a great website to stay current on the most recent scams: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>.

No Overnight Parking at Park & Ride Lot, Corner of Old Mammoth and Tavern Roads: This year, MLPD is asking that all overnight and long-term backpackers park their vehicles in Lots A or B just below Mammoth Mountain's Main Lodge (no reservations needed). Alternatively, vehicles can be parked at the departure trailhead such as the Duck Pass lot at

the end of Coldwater Creek. Unfortunately, vehicles will no longer be able to stay overnight at the Town's Park & Ride Lot at Tavern and Old Mammoth Rd. The reason for this parking change is due to the anticipation of record visitation this summer. The small Park & Ride lot, which is already frequently at capacity, is now to be used for day trips, carpooling, and electric vehicle charging. Please give us a call if you need additional information at 760-965-3700.

New Department Programs

Police Department Purchases New Mobile Radar Trailer: Mammoth Lakes is projecting record visitation again this summer. This increased visitation results in a lot of speeding throughout Mammoth Lakes, as we all experienced last year. This is a huge safety concern for the pedestrians along with our beloved wildlife. MLPD has just purchased a mobile radar trailer to monitor high-traffic areas such as Main Street (203), Old Mammoth Road and Meridian near the school campuses. Speed trailers have the capability to collect traffic count data and speed data throughout the day, which can be used to identify the most dangerous traffic times when more enforcement is needed. The PD's new trailer also has an extra-large display screen that can serve a dual function with important safety messages as needed.

New Dog Resource, Education, Licensing and Enforcement Campaign: Another concern for Mammoth Lakes is the issue surrounding dogs in our community including waste, increased dog bites on both humans and other dogs along with leash laws being ignored. To ensure that our parks, trails, and many treasured developed recreation areas are safe, cleaner and healthier for us all, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department has launched a dog resource, education and enforcement campaign. This campaign includes a Town Critters and Code Compliance Facebook page, a new Dog Resources, Licensing and Enforcement webpage, a new dog licensing software along with educational material distributed by Police Officers. The Department will be increasing education and enforcement efforts in high-use areas within the Town's Municipal Boundary. These areas include our many parks, multi-use paths and developed recreation areas, such as the Lakes Basin. The new "Dog Services" webpage on the Police Department's includes an interactive map to view these high-use areas. The new online dog licensing program is now live at: mammothlakes.docupet.com. Be sure to use promo code **MAMMOTHLAKES5** for a \$5 discount on designer tags through June 30.

MLPD thanks the Mammoth Lakes Community for your support and cooperation in navigating these changed times. We wish all of you a safe and enjoyable month ahead!

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Go Digital!

Are you looking for help to bring your business online? The State of California has launched an e-commerce initiative to promote accelerators and intensive trainings to build the skills necessary to compete in an online marketplace and drive Californians to support small businesses through online festivals. Find out more here: <https://business.ca.gov/advantages/small-business-innovation-and-entrepreneurship/get-digital-ca/>

Building Division

The Building Division has published prescriptive (pre-approved) designs for decks, stairs, and porches. If you are planning on building one of these structures, please review the plans on our webpage as they may eliminate the need for engineering and designs. <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11281/Prescriptive-Designs---Deck-Stairs-Porch-Roof?bidId=>

Temporary Outdoor Dining – Summer 2021

On June 2 the Town Council directed staff to implement a process to allow outdoor dining within required parking areas during summer 2021 to accommodate increased social

distancing related to COVID-19. If you have questions about outdoor dining, please contact the Planning Division at planning@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

Work for the Town of Mammoth Lakes!

As we continue to grow and expand our workforce, the Town is recruiting for a number of exciting temporary and year-round employment opportunities! The Town of Mammoth Lakes knows our employees are our most valuable assets, which is why we strive to attract and retain the best. If you're committed to public service and you want to be part of the changing face of local government, apply now! Visit our [career portal](#) for more information.

Public Service Announcements

Keep Bears & All Wildlife Wild

As the summer season gets underway, the Inyo National Forest and California Department of Fish and Wildlife would like to remind visitors to be vigilant with proper food and trash storage. Working together with visitors, permit holders and private and public entities we can help keep wildlife wild.

We offer the following recommendations for proper food storage and appreciate your participation to this matter. The following recommendations include rules and responsibility with the intent that such practices become the norm and lead to positive experiences when visiting the Inyo National Forest.

Do not leave food or fragrant items without properly storing them. Bears and wildlife have a keen sense of smell and will access your campsite, car, or cabin if you don't take the precaution of storing your food properly. Bear-resistant containers, including equine panniers, are the most effective method of food storage. Use bear resistant food lockers (normally 48 inches wide, 29 inches deep and 38 inches high (24 cubic feet). Lockers are at many trailheads and campgrounds to be shared by visitors. Space in lockers is limited so bring only what you will need during your trip. Deposit trash in bear resistant trash cans, not in lockers.

Non-food items such as plastic bottles, water bottles, coffee mugs, pet food, empty cans, trash, wrappers, cosmetics, grocery bags, boxes, and ice chests must also be secured. Do not leave these items in your car or tent. Removing such items may help deter a bear from entering and doing damage to property. Always clean up your camp of food and trash promptly after meals so that bears are less likely to visit your camp. If you have a child who uses a car seat, please consider cleaning the car seat, because too often there are food particles found in car seats that may attract bears. Other attractants such as bird feeders & bird houses (not authorized) could also attract a bear, and should not be placed on forest system lands. Please discontinue this practice.

In all wilderness areas of Inyo National Forest, use of bear-resistant containers is strongly recommended. There are eight specific areas where using a container that prevents access by bears is mandatory: Bishop Pass Area, Cottonwood Lakes Basin/ Cottonwood Pass Area, Duck Pass/Purple Lake Area, Fish Creek Area, Kearsarge Pass Area, Little Lakes Valley Area, Mammoth Lakes/Rush Creek Area, and the Mount Whitney Area. Maps for these areas can be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Inyo/Bears.

Bear containers are preferred over counter-balance hanging because trees are limited above certain elevations, and where they do occur, they are easily accessible to climbing bears.

Bear proof designs are proven deterrents, odor proof, weigh less than 3 pounds, and come in hard and soft designs.

Black bears (*Ursus americanus*) are the most abundant and widely distributed bear; they have been recorded in all states except Hawaii. Black bears can vary in color from jet black to cinnamon to white. Bears eat a variety of plants and animals; their diets consist mainly of grasses, roots, berries, insects, and fish and animals, including dead animals. They have an acute sense of smell; they can smell a scent from miles away. Although black bears rarely kill or seriously injure people, when they do, it's most often the result of predatory behavior by single males. Most conflicts between humans and black bears occur when bears access and become addicted to human food sources.

More information on proper food storage is on our website at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Inyo/Bears. Bear Safety Tips from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is available at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Bear>.

To report human-bear conflicts, contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at (916) 358-2917, or report online using the Wildlife Incident Reporting (WIR) system at <https://apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir>.

When To Make A Bear Call

DO NOT CALL:

- Bear walking through your property or neighborhood
- Bear in a tree

OPTIONAL NON-EMERGENCY

- Bear on porch or deck
- Bear in unoccupied vehicle
- Bear making regular visits to property or under deck or house
- Bear sitting in a hammock (call us so we can come and take a photo!)

EMERGENCY - CALL 911:

- Bear inside any building or home
- Bear seen trying to open window or door of occupied dwelling
- Bear in confined space with human beings
- Bear apparently confronting human beings

Register for CodeRED

Residents of Mono County can register their cell phones to receive emergency CodeRED (reverse 911) alerts from Mono County. This is a county public service available to all Mono County residents so please tell your friends and neighbors in Mono County that they can register for this service. CodeRED announcements are for personal notification and will not replace CERT CAHAN notification. Here is how to sign register/sign up using the INTERNET:

- Go to monosheriff.org
- Scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
- Click on it and follow directions.