

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy-Progress Report**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program  
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control  
River and Coastal Protection Act of 2008 (Proposition 84)**

**Grantee Name: Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District**

**Project title: Old Mammoth / Mill City Fuels Reduction Project**

**SNC Reference Number: SNC 070346**

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**Check one:**

- 6-Month Progress Report  
From Inception to date**
- Final Report**

**6-Month Progress Reports** should reflect the previous six months. **Final Reports** should reflect the entire grant period.

**A. Progress Report Summary:** (Please provide a general description of work completed during this reporting period.)

MLFPD seasonal crews in cooperation with Cal-Fire inmate crews have completed 100% of the fuels reduction projects on the government properties listed in the grant. The one exception would be the Federal acres that we have listed

- Mill City Tract Approximately 7 acres treated, 90% complete.
- Bell Shaped Parcel Approximately 10 acres treated, 90% complete.
- MLFPD owned Joaquin property 1 acre treated, 100% completed.
- UCSB Valentine Reserve 3 acres treated, 100% completed.
- Mammoth Creek 12 acres treated, 100% completed.

**Exception:** *We originally had another 15 acres in the Old Mammoth area as part of the project. These were federal acres under the control of USFS. They had duplicated treatment of these areas under private contract. USFS had given us an alternate 15 acres near Twin Lakes that was originally covered under NEPA/CEQA. We have completed treatment on these acres.*

**B. Deliverables or Outcomes completed during this Reporting Period or Milestones Achieved:** (Include specific information, such as public meetings held, agency participation, partnerships developed, or acres mapped, treated or restored.)

From spring to present we have held monthly meeting with the Fire Safe Council. We have also met with the USFS to discuss future fuels projects in and around Mammoth Lakes, local Insurance Companies, and attended home owner association and community group meetings.

We have been working very closely with USFS, Inyo National Forest, on projects adjacent to and within the Fire District's boundaries. We have recently finished the work we can do in the Mill City area, and on the added acres on the Panorama Dome Project (not part of the original grant). This has completed the acres needed to honor the grant agreement.

Our crews have completed over 800 defensible space home inspections in the Old Mammoth and Knolls area. Inspections and re-inspections will continue into the inspection will continue until every property in Mammoth Lakes has been inspected. We have started to issue citations to those who refuse or are reluctant to comply.

We have purchased most of the equipment listed in the grant request including a chipper, a 1 ton Truck for towing the chipper, and miscellaneous saws and equipment.

**C. Challenges or Opportunities Encountered:** (Please describe what has worked and what hasn't; include any solutions you initiated to resolve problems. If your project is not on schedule, please explain why here.)

During the spring and early summer of 2008 Cal-fire crews were committed to one of the biggest fire sieges in California history. Therefore we did not have crews available for a large part of the 2008 season. MLFPD seasonal crews continued to work on the projects. This year we have had a normal response for Cal-fire crews and we are getting caught up.

There has been a great challenge for us to develop a strong and independent Fire Safe Council. We now have a new and very motivated president of the council who will be doing presentations to civic groups along with MLFPD. The council is applying for 501(c)3 status and working independently but cooperatively with the fire district.

**D. Unanticipated Successes Achieved:** (Please describe any additional successes beyond completing scheduled tasks or meeting scheduled milestones.)

MLFPD crews have been supplying chipper services to private property owners (over 300 properties); all requests for services are being honored. The chipper program has been logistically tough to honor, but a great success with the homeowners.

Another great success has been the cooperation of the general public and other governmental agencies. MLFPD has worked extremely close with the Inyo Forest on these projects, together we have provided fuels reduction on more acres than originally planned. Using grant and local funding we have used a variety of methods to provide fuel reduction including private contractors, government employees such as engine crews, and Cal-Fire crews. We are moving toward our goal of completely surrounding the community with a substantial fuel break.

In addition several other governmental entities have been on board to assist including the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, Mammoth Lakes Community Water District and Cal-Fire.

**E. Compare Actual Costs to Budgeted Costs:** (Please refer to your grant agreement to list your deliverables/budget categories and budgeted costs compared to actual costs incurred during this reporting period in the table below.)

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	Budgeted SNC Dollars	SNC Total Request for Payments, submitted
Cal Fire Crew	\$17,600.00	\$14,631.68
MLFD Seasonal Crew	\$35,899.00	\$38,919.45
Equipment	\$46,500.00	\$46,447.87
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,999.00</b>	<b>\$99,999.00</b>

**Explanation:** (if needed)

As you can see we have spent a smaller percentage of the Cal-Fire crew allotment than anticipated. This is due to the crews being committed to fires during the 2008 and early 2009 season. This required us to use the MLFD crew more than anticipated.

**F. Do you have information to report on the project-specific Performance Measures for your project?** (If so, please list the Performance Measures below and describe your progress.)

The project, with the one exception, is completed as planned and has met all performance criteria.

**G. Were there any other relevant materials produced under the terms of this Agreement that are not a part of the budgeted deliverables? If so, please attach copies.** (Include digital photos, maps, media coverage of project, or other work products.)

- Digital Photos Attached

- In cooperation with the Mammoth Times we did two substantial inserts on “Firewise” community. We can send you a copy of one or both of these inserts.
- Developed a DVD in cooperation with the insurance companies to be given to property owners in Mammoth.
- Weekly “Tip of the Week” done by the Chief concerning firewise community.
- Finishing up the requirements to be awarded “Firewise Community” designation.

**H. Next Steps:** (Work anticipated in the next 6 months, including location and timing of any scheduled events related to the project.)

Complete, starting work on several new projects in cooperation with the USFS

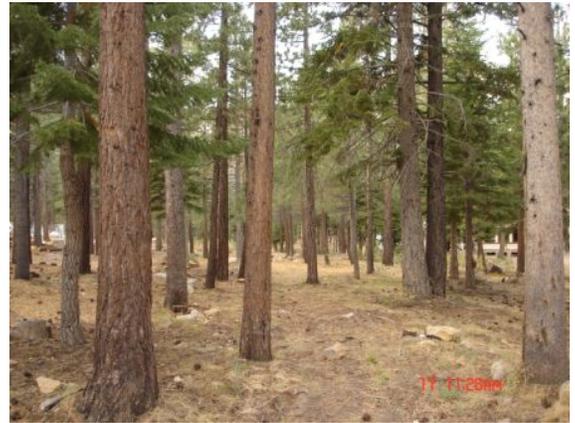
Respectfully Submitted:

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Project Photos (Before and After)

Joaquin Parcel



Bell Shaped Parcel



Mill City Tract



Old Mammoth



Twin Lakes Project

