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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **“No-Burn Days” in Mammoth Now Means No Wood-Burning for Everyone**

Mammoth Lakes, CA – There are new regulations in Mammoth Lakes that prohibit all wood-burning on No-Burn days. Since 1990 the Town of Mammoth Lakes has had ground-breaking requirements in place to ensure that Mammoth’s clean air stays as clean as possible. For over 15 years the Town has monitored air quality and, if conditions are such that smoke emissions from wood stoves threatened to cause the Town’s air quality to exceed health-based standards, the Town called “No-Burn days” to limit smoke emissions. On No-Burn days only EPA-certified wood stoves and pellet stoves could be operated. The regulations also require that non-certified wood stoves be upgraded to certified stoves when a property was sold.

It is estimated that about 90 percent of the stoves and fireplaces have been upgraded to EPA-certified units, but Mammoth still experiences more than two dozen days per winter when State particulate matter standards are exceeded. In order to continue to make progress toward meeting all air quality standards, the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District recently adopted new Mammoth wood smoke regulations that apply to nearly all wood stoves on No-Burn days. On No-Burn days the only solid fuel burning devices that may be operated are pellet stoves. All other wood stoves in Mammoth are now prohibited from operating on No-Burn days.

When air quality in Mammoth begins to deteriorate, the Town calls a No-Burn day and notifies local radio and TV stations. All rental units in Town with wood stoves and fireplaces are also required to post notices explaining the No-Burn day information and to include the information in all rental agreements.

Violations of the No-Burn day requirements may result in fines of \$50 for the first violation to as high as \$500 after multiple violations.

For more information on the new No-Burn day regulations in Mammoth Lakes call the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District at 760-872-8211.