



**EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ESCOG)  
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Honorable Jay Obernolte  
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Congressman Obernolte,

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESSOG) representing Mono County, Inyo County, City of Bishop and Town of Mammoth Lakes is pleased to support the Town of Mammoth Lakes Whitmore Park Community Project funding request for Phase 2 development of the Park. Phase 2 development includes the construction of a sports/concession building, paved parking lot, field lighting, a decomposed granite path with fitness stations around the track, an open-air picnic pavilion and related amenities.

This regional project provides expanded recreational opportunities in the Eastern Sierra Region. The Park is open year-round (weather permitting), serving over 23,000 residents from both Mono and Inyo counties that live within 60 minutes of the facility. The build out of phase 2 of Whitmore Park will strengthen the economic vitality of the town and region, while increasing the competitiveness of the destination to host regional tournaments/events or college/national teams in preparation for LA2028 as it serves as a high-altitude training location.

The project was developed through a public process, has completed the environmental review and preliminary designs are ready to proceed to development. This \$3 Million project represents a regional facility with enhanced park facilities for our local communities and visitors.

We are requesting your support for the Town of Mammoth Lakes' funding request for Phase 2 of the Whitmore Track and Sports Field. This phase includes the construction of a sports/concession building, paved parking lot, field lighting, a decomposed granite path with fitness stations around the track, an open-air picnic pavilion and related amenities.

Sincerely,

Karen Schwartz  
Board Chair