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**Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes
Launch READY Mono Emergency Preparedness Portal**

Evacuation Exercise Planned for Trails Neighborhood

MONO COUNTY, Calif. (August 2, 2022) – Over the next week, Christopher Mokracek, Interim Director of Emergency Management, is slated to introduce Mono County’s new emergency preparedness and response portal to the Mammoth Lakes Town Council and the Mono County Board of Supervisors. READY Mono (READY.Mono.ca.gov) is designed to provide residents and visitors with emergency readiness, response, and recovery resources, and share real-time information and critical updates before, during, and after an emergency or natural disaster.

“READY Mono is a one-stop shop for timely, accurate information related to local emergencies,” said Director Mokracek. “Whether it be a wildfire, extreme weather event, or a global pandemic, READY Mono is the go-to resource for readiness, response, and recovery.”

Residents and visitors are encouraged to visit the READY Mono portal to:

- **Sign Up for Emergency Alerts:** Mono County utilizes a cloud-based, public alerting and residential safety tool that allows government agencies to send geo-targeted urgent alerts to subscribers.
- **Enable Your Smartphone for IPAWS:** The Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) is the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s integrated wireless emergency alert and warning system.
- **Find Your Zone:** Zonehaven is an interactive app-based software system that provides real-time updates on local emergencies to communicate with targeted communities as it relates to evacuation orders.

The Mono County Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, will be conducting an evacuation exercise in the Trails Neighborhood on Wednesday, August 10, between the hours of 1pm – 5pm. The Trails Neighborhood centers

around Wagon Wheel Rd. off Meridian Blvd on the east end of town. The purpose of the exercise is to utilize public safety communication platforms, respond to and manage a multi-agency incident, and to test in real-time the Zonehaven Evacuation System. Residents of the Trails Neighborhood are being notified of this training exercise via email, hand-delivered letters, and social media.

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