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## MONO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Honorable Judge Stan Eller Presiding Judge, Mono County Superior Court 100 Thompson Way Post Office Box 1037 Mammoth Lakes, California 93546

Re: Response to the Mono County Grand Jury 2014-2015 Report, Jail Inspection

## Dear Judge Eller:

I am writing in response to the Mono County Grand Jury 2014-2015 Report, relating to the examination of the Mono County Jail. The Grand Jury requested the Sheriff's Office respond to Findings and Recommendations 1 and 3. I will respond to each Finding and Recommendation separately.

## Findings and Recommendations

Finding 1: Creating a relief cook position for the jail would avoid the unnecessary expenditure of overtime to cover vacation time usage, as well as any potential illness/injury absences. Also at issue is the prospect of one employee having to work seven days a week for whatever period of time, which is an unnecessary hardship on that person.

Recommendation 1: While budget constraints are a fact of life for many aspects of Mono County government, the Grand Jury once again recommends the creation of a relief jail cook position, and the filling of same.

Sheriff's Response: I agree with the Finding. The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but the Sheriff's Office will do what it can to request and facilitate implementation during the 2015-16 fiscal year. Specifically, the Sheriff's Office will request the Board of Supervisors' creation of an additional jail cook position, either full or part time, to relieve the burden on the two current jail cooks.

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Finding 3: The Mammoth courthouse prisoner holding facility is unused because of poor design.

Recommendation 3: The Sheriff's Department should again approach the Judicial Council and any other participating agency to speak again about fixes that could be made to the prisoner holding facility in the Mammoth Courthouse to make it useable.

Sheriff's Response: I agree with the Finding. The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the 2015-16 fiscal year. Specifically, the Sheriff's Office will engage in a discussion with the Judicial Council to determine how the Mammoth Courthouse prisoner holding facility could be improved.

Respectfully submitted,

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