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HIGH SIERRA ENERGY FOUNDATION SPONSORS GEOTHERMAL DISCUSSION

MAMMOTH LAKES, CA – The High Sierra Energy Foundation sponsored a visit on August 23 by Magnús B Jóhannesson, Chief Executive Officer of Iceland America and Chief Operating Officer of Enex, a geothermal engineering and construction firm based in Reykjavik, Iceland. Accompanying Mr. Jóhannesson were four other corporate officers, including California-based Jack Wood, Chief Operating Officer of Iceland America.

Iceland relies on geothermal energy for almost all of their heating needs and has the most sophisticated geothermal district heating system in the world. Following a brief history of geothermal heating possibilities in Mono County and Mammoth Lakes by Dan Lyster, Mono County Director of Economic Development, Magnus presented a summary of Iceland's geothermal experience entitled "Kicking the Oil Habit with Geothermal Energy." A copy of that presentation is available through a link on the website of the High Sierra Energy Foundation – www.highsierraenergy.org.

Rick Phelps, Executive Director, of the Foundation then took the visitors on a tour of Mammoth Lakes concluding with lunch at Juniper Springs, near the site of Mammoth Mountain's proposed Eagle Lodge, which is planning to utilize geothermal heating. Town Manager Rob Clark and Sam Walker, Treasurer of the High Sierra Energy Foundation, and several other community members joined the group at lunch. All agreed that the geothermal heating potential in Mammoth Lakes is significant and that the High Sierra Energy Foundation serves a valuable role in facilitating discussions.

The High Sierra Energy Foundation is a nonprofit corporation supported by local individuals and businesses and the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The mission of the Foundation is to develop and showcase energy efficiency and renewable resources in Mammoth Lakes and the High Sierra. To contact the Foundation, visit the website at www.highsierraenergy.org.

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