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PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Media Partners

From: Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: It's time for the Annual Eastern Sierra Fishing Opener

It is that time of year! Spring has fully arrived in the Eastern Sierra and you know what that means! Fishing season is upon us with opening day set for Saturday, April 25th, 2015. With the large number of fishing enthusiasts anticipated to be recreating on and off the waterways of Mono County, the Mono County Sheriff's Office would like to remind boaters, float tubers, fishermen on shore, etc. to think safety first while enjoying their fishing activities.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office continues to operate our Boating Law Enforcement Program under grant funding from the State of California and the Department of Boating and Waterways. The department operates patrol boats across all the major waterways throughout the county, and will be enforcing boating laws and ensuring everyone's safety throughout opening weekend. Please remember to use caution and common sense when operating any type of watercraft for your safety and for the safety of those around you.

Since boating isn't the only way to access and enjoy the many lakes around the Eastern Sierra, the Mono County Sheriff's Office will also be patrolling via ATV the many off-road trails that are currently accessible throughout Mono County. Our Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Patrol Program operates under grant funding from the State of California and focuses on current registration, helmet law enforcement, and the safety of our residents and visitors. The patrol program will also enforce wilderness intrusions and alcohol consumption while off-road recreating. Please be safe when you are enjoying the open spaces of Mono County.

Also, as a reminder to visitors and residents alike, always be prepared for changing weather conditions along with hazardous conditions on some of our lakes. Even though our winter is not what most would've called heavy, some lakes are softening up due to the recent warm weather. Be aware and use caution around any lakes that still may be covered with ice as they may be dangerous to walk on. Anytime you are experiencing our beautiful county, make sure someone knows where you are headed and be prepared for rain, snow, freezing temperatures, or that perfect blue bird sunny day.

Enjoy yourself this opening weekend and good luck catching the "Big One!"

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