FY18/19 AIR SERVICE SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION

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Agenda

Situational Analysis Media Strategies & Objectives Planning Parameters Sample Partners & Messaging Considerations Flighting & Budget Recommendation Next Steps & Timing

Situational Analysis

- Air Service support continues to grow in priority for the Town of Mammoth Lakes
- Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) supports Air Service Awareness and Consideration within its seasonal paid media budgets; the percentage of the budget used to support Air Service is determined by seasonal campaign budget and media placement rotation availability
- FY18/19 utilized this standard allocation process, however, post-Board approval, additional Winter service was secured to Denver and Orange County, and new air carriers will serve existing markets in LA and possibly San Diego
- With the additional service secured, the Board has requested to set its
 Air Service program up for sustainable success, to which MLT is recommending
 to focus on Air Service as its own holistic, year-round paid media program, including
 the exploration of airline and cooperative opportunities with stakeholder partners
 to maximize dollars
- In order to implement this new path for the Air Service program, incremental funds are required to ensure proper support for FY18/19, which will now be allocated by seasonal campaign length and number of markets/routes by season to ensure budget matches the opportunity to convert flights
- The following communicates how MLT plans to support Air Service for FY18/19, including Brand creative integration to grow Awareness and dedicated support pieces to encourage Consideration and Intent to utilize Air Service



Paid Media Strategies & Objectives

BUSINESS	MARKETING	MEDIA	MEDIA
GOAL	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES	OBJECTIVES
Make Mammoth Lakes a strong year-round destination	Increase visitation through Air Service while maintaining costs	Maximize reach and impact of flight messaging by targeting a qualified audience in nonstop flight accessible DMAs Partner with Air Service providers to serve/retarget with the most appropriate messaging/offers along the consumer journey Cooperative opportunities with stakeholder partners	 (1) Increase Awareness of Mammoth Lakes Air Service through Seasonal Brand Campaign messaging integration (2) Increase Consideration to use Air Service through MLT site traffic to educate on and encourage flight bookings (3) Increase Intent to use Air Service through direct booking paths with partner service providers

Planning Parameters

FALL 2018	WINTER 2018-2019	SUMMER 2019
Timing: Aug-Oct 2018	Timing: Oct 2018-Mar 2019	Timing: Mar-Jun 2019
Audience: Outdoor Actives without Kids (Passive focus)	Audiences: Snowsporter Families,Snowsporters without Kids	Audiences: Outdoor Active Families, Outdoor Actives without Kids
Age & HHI: A30-64; \$100K+	Age & HHI: A25-54; \$100K+	: Age & HHI: A25-54; \$100K+
Target Market: Los Angeles	Target Markets: Los Angeles (LAX, BUR), Orange County, San Francisco (SFO), Denver & tentatively San Diego	Target Market: Los Angeles

Sample Partners & Messaging Considerations

OBJECTIVE 1

Increase Awareness of Mammoth Lakes
Air Service through Seasonal Brand
Campaign messaging integration/rotation

Social Media







Units: Facebook & Instagram: Carousel & Canvas Units; Pinterest: Promoted Pins

Targeting: Broad using Target Audience(s) strategically determined by season

KPIs: Click Through Rate (CTR), Time On Site (TOS), Sessions

Creative: Woven into Seasonal Brand Creative

Landing Page: Seasonal Landing Page featuring Air Service











SAMPLE CREATIVE; MLT AIR SERVICE CREATIVE TO BE DEVELOPED ON APPROVAL

Native Display



Units: Responsive Ads

Targeting: Broad using Target Audience(s) strategically determined by season

KPIs: Click Through Rate (CTR), Time On Site (TOS), Sessions

Creative: Woven into Seasonal Brand Creative

Landing Page: Seasonal Landing Page featuring Air Service



Getting to Mammoth Lakes

Why drive to Mammoth Lakes when you can fly? Less travel time means more adventure time.

Visit Mammoth Lakes





This is the Easiest Way to Get from Reality to the Unreal in Mammoth Lakes

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<u>Video</u>

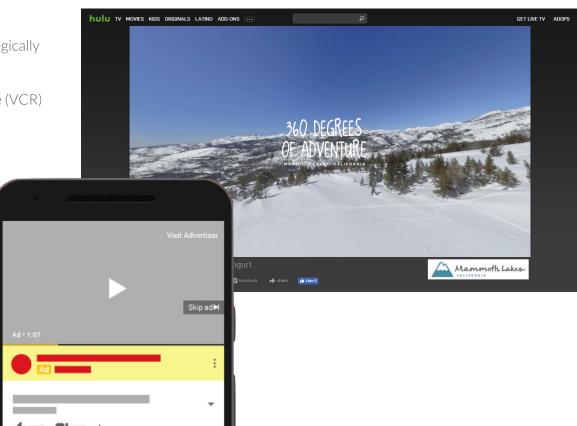


Units::30 Video

Targeting: Broad using Target Audience(s) strategically determined by season

KPIs: Impressions, Views, Video Completion Rate (VCR)

Creative: 2D *360 Degrees of Adventure* with Air Service end card bumper



OBJECTIVE 2

Increase Consideration to use Air Service through MLT site traffic to educate on and encourage flight bookings

Display Banners

Units: Standard Display Banner Sizes, including 728x90, 300x250, 300x600, 160x600

Targeting: Target users showing signs of consideration for traveling to Mammoth Lakes in markets and surrounding areas offering nonstop Air Service

KPIs: Click Through Rate (CTR), Time On Site (TOS), Sessions

Creative: A/B testing creative that incorporates airplane and destination imagery with price point and Learn More CTA leading to educational content on air service offering(s); rapid optimizations to best performing creative

Landing Page: Flights Page



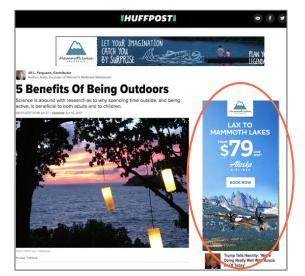
















Search Engine Marketing



Units: PPC Search Ads

Targeting: Target users showing signs of consideration for traveling to Mammoth Lakes in markets and surrounding areas offering nonstop Air Service

KPIs: Click Through Rate (CTR), Time On Site (TOS), Sessions

Creative: General Fly to Mammoth Lakes messaging that highlights the benefits of flying leading to educational content on air service offering(s)

Landing Page: Flights Page



OBJECTIVE 3

Increase Intent to use Air Service through direct booking paths with partner service providers

Display Banners







DEPENDANT ON CARRIER PARTICIPATION

Units: Standard Display Banner Sizes, including 728x90, 300x250, 300x600, 160x600

Targeting: Target users showing intent to visit or fly to Mammoth Lakes in markets and surrounding areas offering nonstop Air Service

KPIs: Click Through Rate (CTR), Bookings

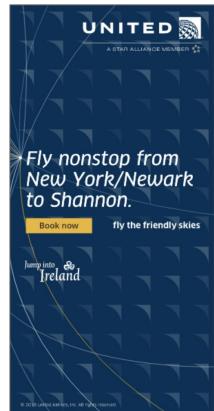
Creative: Co-Op Air Service Brand with price point and Book Now CTA

Landing Page: United or JetSuiteX Booking Pages





SAMPLE CREATIVE: MLT AIR SERVICE CREATIVE TO BE DEVELOPED ON APPROVAL





Social Media





DEPENDANT ON CARRIER PARTICIPATION

Units: Single Image Ads

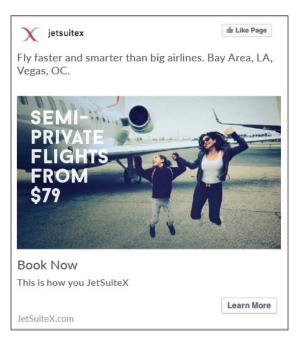
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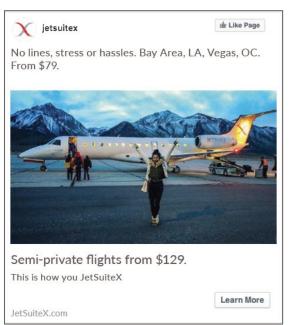
KPIs: Click Through Rate (CTR), Bookings

Creative: Direct booking messaging that highlights the route, carrier, price point, and Book Now CTA

Landing Page: United or JetSuiteX

Booking Pages





Search Engine Marketing



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Creative: Co-Op Air Service Brand with price point and Book Now CTA

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Flighting & Budget Recommendation

Flighting Recommendation

- Target audience(s) and flight Air Service paid media support in tandem with seasonal campaigns
- Season-to-season overlap for seamless transition of Air Service promotion; this ensures Always On support of service, as well as continuously seed for the upcoming season when flights are loaded and can be booked online

FY18/19

AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
FALL AIR SERVICE										
	LAUNCH	DENVER								
		WINTER AIR SERVICE								
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Budget Recommendation

- FY18/19 funding to be pulled from two places:
 - o Brand Advertising Budget to support Awareness of service
 - o Dedicated Air Service Budget (Incremental Request) to support Consideration & Intent layers
- An additional \$400,000 is requested from the Board for FY18/19 to ensure proper paid media support across the Consumer Journey
- Moving forward, the Annual Budget will be planned with Air Service as its own paid media line item
- Beginning in 19/20, request the Board's consideration to include an ongoing +\$250,000 YOY investment to support the Air Service line item to increase Consideration & Intent layer support, understanding portions of the seasonal campaign budgets will continue to promote Air Service Awareness

FY18/19	AD BUDGET	INCREMENTAL	TOTAL
FALL	\$75,536.96	\$31,250	\$106,786.96
WINTER	~\$100,000	\$337,500 Includes \$110K Denver Launch Support	\$437,500
SUMMER	~\$75,000	\$31,250	\$106,250
TOTAL	\$250,536.96	\$400,000	\$650,536.96

Next Steps & Timing

Approval of Incremental Budget Request **9/11**

Secure Potential Air Service Co-Op Partnerships **9/14**

Media Planning **9/12-9/26**

Plan Approval 9/28

Rolling Launch Date 10/22

Note: Fall campaign live through 10/21



Thank you.