



File Code: 1950-1

Date: August 22, 2008

Subject: Aspen Community Restoration Project.

Dear Scoping Respondents and other Individuals, Organizations and Agencies:

The USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking comments on the enclosed Proposed Action for the Aspen Community Restoration Project. The proposed project would follow management direction from the LTBMU Land and Resources Management Plan (Forest Plan) and the 2004 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment, Record of Decision (SNFPA) in restoring aspen stands on forest system lands within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (see enclosed project area map).

The Forest Service plans to host a public meeting to encourage education and comment on our Aspen Community Restoration Project Proposed Action. Announcements will be posted on the LTBMU website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/projects> and in the Tahoe Daily Tribune.

As the Aspen Community Restoration Project continues through the environmental analysis process, the Forest Service will be lead agency for the NEPA process. The Forest Service will work closely with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) to meet applicable regulations.

How to Comment and Timeframe

This Project is in the initial (scoping) stage of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. We are asking for your comments on this Proposed Action. This scoping notice is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this project with an opportunity to make their concerns known. If you have information the Forest Service may not be aware of, or feel you have issues regarding potential effects of the Proposed Action, please send your comments to Victor Lyon, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Dr., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this project will be most helpful if they are submitted by **October 7, 2008**. The office business hours for those providing hand-delivered comments are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments may be provided during normal business hours via telephone (530) 543-2749 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e., public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us using subject: Aspen Community Restoration Project.



If you would like to review the Proposed Action and map, they are posted on the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lbmu/projects>. For further information regarding this Proposed Action, contact Victor Lyon, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at (530) 543-2749, email vlyon@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terri Marceron
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