



# *Lake Tahoe*

## *Federal Advisory Committee*

**To: Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC) Members**

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**Subject: SNPLMA Funding Overview for Round 8**

### **Implementation Agreement Background**

Legislative authority: SNPLMA of 1998, Public Law 105-263 (as amended)

Federal Environmental Restoration projects under section 6 and 7 of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (erosion control grants), Environmental Improvement Payments under section 2(g) of Public Law 96-586, and any Federal environmental restoration project included in the environmental improvement program adopted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in February 1998 (as amended) “*in an amount equal to the cumulative amounts authorized to be appropriated for such projects under those Acts*” as directed in Appropriation Bill 108-108, Section 341 & 342 (2003); (6/7/06 Implementation Agreement, p. 8)

As noted above, Appropriation Bill 108-108, Section 341 & 342 (2003), authorizes the Secretary of Interior to transfer funds to the Secretary of Agriculture, or if the Secretary of Agriculture enters into a cooperative agreement with another Federal agency, the head of the Federal agency, for Federal environmental restoration projects under sections 6 and 7 of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (114 Stat. 2354), environmental improvement payments under section 2(g) of Public law 96-586 (94 Stat. 3382) and any Federal environmental restoration projects included in the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) adopted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in February 1998 (as amended). The amount of funds shall be “*in an amount equal to the cumulative amounts authorized to be appropriated for such projects under those Acts.*” (6/7/06 Implementation Agreement, p. 9)

The anticipated amount for funding recommendations from the SNPLMA Special Account for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects is expected to be approximately \$37.5 million annually until the amount allocated in accordance with section 342 of P.L. 108-108 is expended. In allocating each round of funding among Federal agencies for Lake Tahoe, if available, the Forest Service receives a minimum allocation of \$20 million, which includes any congressional earmarks, but would be in addition to fund allocations for Santini-Burton land acquisition and erosion control purposes to other Federal agencies. (6/7/06 Implementation Agreement, p.36)

TSC Allocation: Of the amount recommended for approval for Lake Tahoe, a general guideline of approximately 10% of the overall funding for Lake Tahoe projects in a given round will be directed towards monitoring and analysis of the effectiveness of restoration projects and attainment of environmental threshold standards. The amount of funding necessary for monitoring and analysis may vary from year to year, dependent upon the current state of the science within the Tahoe Basin and the types of proposed projects. Of the amount recommended for approval for Lake Tahoe, funds for each project may be reserved as contingency funding for unexpected project cost overruns. (6/7/06 Implementation Agreement, p.35)

### **SNPLMA Funding Status Through 3 Rounds**

SNPLMA Round	Amount Awarded (Source: BLM)
5	\$37,084,900
6	\$44,762,000
7	\$48,111,065
Total Awarded:	\$129,957,965 of \$300,000,000
5 Round Balance: Rounds 8 thru 12	\$170,042,035  (includes \$150 million set aside approved in Round 6 for future projects)
Per Round Allocation per (Implementation Agreement)	\$10 million – FS Erosion Control Grants (LTRA) \$20 million – FS EIP \$3.75 million – TSC (~10%)