

Lake Tahoe

Federal Advisory Committee

March 31, 2009

I invite you to review the Preliminary Recommendation Package for capital projects and related funding priorities for Lake Tahoe Restoration projects under Round 10 of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA). Instructions for providing input to the preliminary package are shown below.

As a result of the federal 2000 Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, the federal government has pledged to invest \$300,000,000 over an eight-year period in order to implement its share of the adopted Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program. In addition, the states of California and Nevada, local governments and the private sector have made similar commitments to invest in the restoration of Lake Tahoe and the surrounding watershed.

This year represents the sixth year of federal investment based on land sales in Southern Nevada made available under the SNMPLA. Because land sales are not an infinite source of funding, it is critically important to make wise investment priorities in recommending restoration projects for federal funding. Over \$36,000,000 in projects were initially proposed by the federal agencies participating in Round 10.

The Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC) has deliberated over the period of several months and has prepared the Preliminary Recommendation Package for public comment. The Preliminary Recommendation Package includes a total of \$23,641,285 in capital projects and \$3,750,000 in science themes.

The preliminary recommendation package is posted on the SNPLMA Lake Tahoe website for public review and comment at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/local/snplma/round-10/prelimrecommendations.shtml>

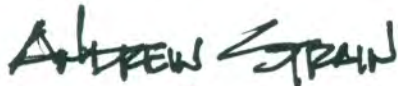
Please review the preliminary recommendation package and submit comments at comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us no later than close of business on April 28, 2009. Written comments may be submitted by regular mail to Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Attn: Linda Lind, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 96150.

The Committee will review your submitted comments at our next meeting on May 5 beginning at 1200 noon at the Tahoe Regional Planning Office located at 128 Market Street, Stateline, NV. Once public comments are reviewed and discussed, the LTFAC will prepare a final recommendation package for consideration and approval by the U.S. Secretary of Interior. Funding for Round 10 projects is expected to be available in late 2009 or early 2010 based on the approval of the Secretary.

To request hard copy material, or material in alternative formats, contact Linda Lind of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at (530) 543-2787, or TTY (530) 543-0956.

On behalf of the members of the LTFAC, thank you for your interest and participation. We look forward to your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ANDREW STRAIN". The letters are written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Strain
Chairperson, Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee