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Date: February 9, 2009

Subject: Baldwin Grazing Allotment Management Project

Dear Interested Parties:

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking scoping comments on the enclosed Proposed Action for the: Baldwin Grazing Allotment Management Project. The Baldwin Grazing Allotment Management Project is following directives in the LTBMU Land and Resources Management Plan (Forest Plan) and the 2004 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Record of Decision (SNFPA) for management of meadow ecosystems and associated species that depend on those systems, range allotment and pasture management, water quality maintenance and improvement standards as well as State mandated standards to protect water quality.

The attached Proposed Action details the background information, purpose and need, desired conditions and includes a project area map. As the Baldwin Grazing Allotment Management Project continues through the environmental analysis process, the Forest Service will be the lead agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning process. The Forest Service will work closely with Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) to meet applicable regulations.

#### How to Comment and Timeframe

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 us your comments.

Written comments must be submitted to: Sarah Muskopf, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 by **March 9, 2009**. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (530) 543-2600 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](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us) using Subject: **Baldwin Grazing Allotment Management Project**.



For further information regarding this Proposed Action, contact Sarah Muskopf, Project Leader, at (530) 543-2835, email [smuskopf@fs.fed.us](mailto:smuskopf@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:  
Proposed Action and project map