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Lake Tahoe Basin Management
Unit

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File Code: 1950

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Subject: Meadow Restoration Project

Dear Interested Parties:

The USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking comments on the enclosed Pre-Decisional Memo for the Meadow Restoration Project. The Meadow Restoration 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 as well as goals from fire and fuels management, which have objectives of actively restoring fire-adapted ecosystems.

The attached Pre-Decisional Memo details project goals, objectives and implementation activities and includes a project area map. As the Meadow Restoration 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 the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) to meet applicable regulations.

How to Comment and Timeframe

For this project, the scoping and comment periods are being combined. We are asking for your comments on this Pre-Decisional Memo. This 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, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of a legal notice in the Tahoe Daily Tribune. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to the Responsible Official: Terri Marceron, Forest Supervisor, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. 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 using Subject: **Meadow Restoration Project**. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
Pre-Decisional Memo and project map