



File Code: 1950

Date: May 29, 2008

Subject: Meeks Meadow Washoe Restoration Project

Dear Scoping Respondents and other Individuals, Organizations and Agencies:

The USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) in cooperation with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California is seeking comments on the enclosed Proposed Action for the Meeks Meadow Washoe Restoration Project. The Meeks Meadow Washoe Restoration Project is following the objectives of the LTBMU Land and Resources Management Plan (Forest Plan) and the 2004 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Record of Decision (SNFPA) for restoration of stream and meadow areas within the Meeks Creek watershed. The project area encompasses six plots totaling approximately 10 acres in the lower Meeks Meadow (see enclosed project area map).

As the Meeks Meadow Washoe 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 Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, 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 Stephanie Heller, Hydrologist, 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 **June 23, 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) 543-2838 or in person. 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: Meeks Meadow Washoe Restoration Project.



For further information regarding this Proposed Action, contact Stephanie Heller at (530) 543-2838, email sheller@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terri Marceron
TERRI MARCERON
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures:
Summary of Proposed Action
Project Area Maps