



File Code: 1950-1

Date: March 7, 2008

Subject: High Meadows Forest Plan Designation; Ecosystem Restoration; and Access Travel Management Project.

Dear Scoping Respondents and other Individuals, Organizations and Agencies:

The USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking comments on the enclosed Proposed Action for the High Meadows Forest Plan Designation; Ecosystem Restoration; and Access Travel Management Project (High Meadows Project). The High Meadows 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 and dispersed recreational trail opportunities in the South Lake Tahoe areas. The project area encompasses the 2003 High Meadows Land Acquisition (see enclosed project area maps).

The Forest Service plans to host a public meeting on **March 20, 2008** to encourage education and comment on our High Meadows Project Proposed Action. Announcements will be posted on the LTBMU website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/projects> and in the Tahoe Daily Tribune.

As the High Meadows 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 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 Matt Dickinson, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, 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 **April 7, 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) 543-2769 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: High Meadows Project.

If you would like to review the Proposed Action and map, they are posted on the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/projects>. For further information regarding this Proposed Action, contact Matt Dickinson at (530) 543-2769, or email mattdickinson@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Marceron". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

TERRI MARCERON
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Garrett Villanueva, Stephanie A Heller, Matt Dickinson