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Dear Reader:

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is available for the 60-day pre-decisional objection filing period. This is the culmination of many years of work for the Forest Service and reflects many of the ideas and views expressed by members of the public and other agencies and groups. The analysis in the FEIS incorporates new information described in the comments, and responds to the Science Consistency Review conducted by the Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station.

It is available for review, either by viewing on our Forest Plan Revision website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lbmu/ForestPlanRevision>, on compact disk, or as a printed copy.

We have identified Alternative E as the Agency Preferred Alternative. Alternative E incorporates elements of other alternatives and responds to comments we received on the DEIS. Alternative E was selected based on feedback from the public, analysis of the alternatives, and what the Forest Service thinks is a reasonable resolution of issues.

The FEIS includes a Draft Record of Decision. The final Record of Decision will be issued at the close of the Objection Resolution Period. During the Objection Filing Period we will hold public meetings to assist you with understanding the documents. An advance notice of the time and location for these meetings will be advertised in local newspapers, via letter or email, and on the Forest Plan Revision website listed above.

The Notice of Objection Filing Period published in the Sacramento Bee and the Federal Register initiates a 60-day public review and objection period. During this period, objections may be submitted using one of the following methods:

A written notice of objection, including attachments, must be submitted (regular mail, fax, e-mail, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) within 60 days after the date of publication of the legal notice in the Sacramento Bee, Sacramento, CA (36 CFR 219.56). The written notice of objection must be submitted to Chief of the Forest Service, Tom Tidwell, who is the Objection Reviewing Officer, at:



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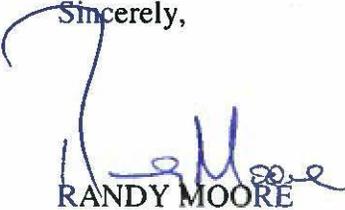
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The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. We will also accept electronically filed objections. Please send such objections to "objections-chief@fs.fed.us" (dash, not underscore). Electronically mailed objections must be in WORD, WordPerfect, PDF, or Rich Text Format (.rtf) file formats. For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgment from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgment of the receipt of the objection, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record (The Sacramento Bee) is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection (36 CFR 219.56 (b)). Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Under 36 CFR 219.53(a), only those individuals or organizations who participated in the planning process through the submission of written comments may file an objection. A signature or other verification of authorship is required (a scanned signature when filing electronically is acceptable). In addition, objections must meet content requirements of 36 CFR 219.13(b).

For additional information concerning this decision or the Forest Service objection process, contact Theresa Corless, Regional Appeals Coordinator, Pacific Southwest Region at (707) 562-8768.

Sincerely,



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