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East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project
Public Scoping
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The Forest Service is seeking comments during a 30-day public scoping period on the East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project. The Project proposes motorized trails and watershed improvement management actions on National Forest System lands in and around Truckee, CA. The purpose of the East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project is to reduce impacts to natural and cultural resources, reduce trail maintenance needs, and maintain or enhance motorized recreation opportunities on roads and trails in the project areas. Actions are needed due to increased demand for trail riding opportunities, erosion and sedimentation, impacts to natural and cultural resources, ongoing trail maintenance requirements, poor trail drainage, fragmented trails, and public safety concerns.

The Project is located northwest and southeast of Truckee, CA, within Nevada, Placer, and Sierra Counties. The detailed scoping letter, draft proposed action, and maps for this Project are available online at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57704 . Proposed actions include: replacing fixed wet weather seasonal closures in the Verdi Ridge area with a wet weather operating plan; constructing 70 miles of motorized single track trail; making changes to the National Forest Transportation System (NFTS) including rerouting rerouting approximately 2 miles of existing roads and trails, adding approximately 1.6 miles of existing unauthorized routes to the NFTS, changing maintenance levels on approximately 3.7 miles, and decommissioning 9 road segments (approximately 5.3 miles); treating 25 acres for invasive plant infestation; obliterating and restoring 41 miles of unauthorized user created road and trail; and improving or developing 11 staging areas for recreation.

The Tahoe National Forest is seeking public input on this proposal. If you have information you believe the Forest Service may not be aware of or have issues (points of dispute, debate or disagreement) regarding potential effects of the proposed action, please submit those comments in writing to: Eli Ilano, Forest Supervisor, C/O Jonathan Cook-Fisher, Truckee Ranger District, 10811 Stockrest Springs Road, Truckee, California, 96161; FAX (530) 587-6914. The Truckee Ranger District office business hours for hand-delivered written comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. 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-tahoe-truckee@fs.fed.us

The Responsible Official intends to use an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze potential environmental impacts. As such, this project will be subject to 36 CFR 218 Project-level Predecisional Administrative Review Process (Parts A and B). Individuals and entities who submit timely, specific written comments regarding this proposed project during any designated opportunity for public comment (including this 30-day period) may file an objection. For objection eligibility each individual or entity submitting comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection. Comments will be addressed in the environmental document that the Interdisciplinary Team will be developing over the next several months.

Scoping is an open process to determine the scope of issues (40 CFR 1501.7). While the scoping process is open during the planning of this project, we would like comments to be received within 30 days after the publication date of this legal notice to allow time for issues to be addressed. This 30-day scoping period provides a designated opportunity for public comment, pursuant to 36 CFR 218.5(a). For more information, contact John Brokaw, Truckee Ranger District OHV Program Manager and Project Interdisciplinary Team Leader; (530) 587-3558, Ext 241

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