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LEGAL NOTICE
East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project
30 Day Comment Period
TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST
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The Tahoe National Forest Supervisor, Eli Ilano, the responsible official, seeking comments during a 30-day comment period on the East Zone Connectivity and Restoration project Preliminary Environmental Assessme The project proposes motorized trails and watershed improvement management actions on National Forest System lands in and around Truck CA. The purpose of the East Zone Connectivity and Restoration project is reduce impacts to natural and cultural resources, reduce trail maintenan needs, and maintain or enhance motorized recreation opportunities on roa and trails in the project areas. Actions are needed due to increased dema for trail riding opportunities, erosion and sedimentation, impacts to natu and cultural resources, ongoing trail maintenance requirements, poor tr drainage, fragmented trails, and public safety concerns.

The project is located northwest and southeast of Truckee, CA, within Neva Placer, and Sierra Counties. The detailed scoping letter, comment period letter, draft proposed action, Preliminary Environmental Assessment, a 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 wit wet weather operating plan; constructing 71 miles of motorized single tra trail; making changes to the National Forest Transportation System (NFTS) including designating approximately 35.5 miles of existing non-motorized tra as open for Class 1 e-bikes, rerouting approximately 2 miles of existing roa and trails, adding approximately 1.7 miles of existing unauthorized routes the NFTS, changing maintenance levels on approximately 3.7 miles, a decommissioning 9 road segments (approximately 5.3 miles); adding approximately 115 acres of open use area; treating 38 acres for invasive pl infestation; obliterating and restoring 42 miles of unauthorized user creat road and trail; installing or improving five gates; and improving or developi 11 staging areas for recreation.

This project is subject to the pre-decisional administrative review (objectio process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who subr timely and project-specific written comments during a designated opportun for public comment period are eligible to file a subsequent objection. Individuals or representatives from an entity submitting timely and project-specific written comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request. To be eligible to submit an objection, individuals and entities m have provided the following during the designated scoping period or the comment period: (i) Name and postal address. Email address in addition recommended but not required. (ii) Title of the proposed project or activity. Specific written comments as defined in § 218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity, along with supporting reasons (. 218.25 (3)).

The Forest Service will accept comments on this proposal for 30 days following publication of this opportunity to comment legal notice in *The Uni* newspaper, the newspaper of record, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure that their comments are received by the Forest Service in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.25).

Electronic comments, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, etc.) formats, may submitted via email to: comments-pacificsouthwest-tahoe-truckee@fs.fed.u with Subject: **East Zone Connect.** Written comments should be submitted Truckee Ranger District; Attn: East Zone Connectivity and Restoration project; 10811 Stockrest Springs Road, Truckee, CA 96161; telephone (5 587-3558. Comments may be submitted by FAX (530) 587-6914 or by hand-delivery to the address shown above during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm).

Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedo of Information Act.

For questions about the project or for more information, contact John Broka Truckee Ranger District OHV Program Manager and Project Interdisciplina Team Leader; john.brokaw@usda.gov (530) 587-3558, Ext 241

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