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File Code: 1950
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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

As the Responsible Official, I have directed the preparation of a draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the Restoration of Fire Adapted Ecosystems Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The draft DN/FONSI selects Alternative 2 (Proposed Action), which will restore ecological and hydrological characteristics of the six meadows (Baldwin, Benwood, Freel, Hellhole, Meiss, and Star Meadows) so that these systems are prepared for natural disturbances in the future. Please read the draft DN/FONSI for a complete discussion of my rationale for this decision.

The EA and draft DN /FONSI are available for review at the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 and can be found on the following website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/FireAdaptedEcosystems. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Stephanie Coppeto, Phone (530) 543-2600.

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment periods. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s).

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of the legal notice in the Tahoe Daily Tribune. The date of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer:

Randy Moore, Regional Forester
USDA Forest Service; Attn: Fire Adapted Ecosystems Project – LTBMU
1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592
Email: objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us
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The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections at the Regional Office are: 8:00AM to 4:00PM, Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Electronic objections, in common formats (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt), may be submitted to the email address listed above. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

Sincerely,

JEFF MARSOLAIS
Forest Supervisor