

Opportunity to Comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Integrated Management and Use of Roads, Trails, and Facilities Project

The USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the *Integrated Management and Use of Roads, Trails, and Facilities Project*. The draft EA analyzes the No Action, and the Proposed Action's four components: 1) maintenance and management of roads, trails and facilities; 2) authorization of outfitter guide activities; 3) authorization of events and; 4) authorization of special use permits for recreational uses, on National Forest System lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The proposed action identifies specific criteria and design features to establish thresholds on activities which may proceed under the proposed project.

The EA is available for review at the LTBMU Forest Supervisor's Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, and can be found on the following website:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/IntegratedMgmt>

Additional information regarding this project may be obtained from Daniel Cressy or Mike LeFevre, Phone (530) 543-2694.

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. This project is subject to the objection process (36 CFR 218). Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

How to Comment and Timeframe

The Forest Service will accept comments on this draft EA for 30 days following publication of the opportunity to comment legal notice in the Tahoe Daily Tribune, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

Written comments must be submitted to: Jeff Marsolais, Forest Supervisor, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Re: Integrated Management and Use of Roads, Trails, and Facilities Project EA. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (530) 543-2600 or in person.

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: Integrated Management and Use of Roads, Trails, and Facilities Project EA. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act.