

Opportunity to Comment on the Burke Creek Highway 50 Crossing and Realignment Project, EA

The USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) Action for the Burke Creek Highway 50 Crossing and Realignment Project, Phases I & II. The Proposed Action is to implement the Project in order to: restore ecological function and processes within the Burke Creek channel and its adjacent floodplain, reduce pollutant loading to Lake Tahoe, and improve public safety on Highway 50 related to flooding.

The EA is 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/BurkeCreek>

Additional information regarding this proposal can be obtained from Barbara Shanley, Phone: (530) 543-2657, email: bshanley@fs.fed.us.

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 proposal 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: Burke Creek 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: Burke Creek 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.