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Dear Interested Individuals, Organizations, and Agencies:

The USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking public comment on the Proposed Action for the West Shore Wildland Urban Interface Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Project (West Shore WUI Project). The project proposes approximately 4,875 acres of fuels reduction and thinning treatments on the west shore of Lake Tahoe extending from Emerald Bay in the south, to Burton Creek State Park in the north, in Placer and El Dorado counties. The purpose of the proposed treatments is to reduce the risk of a catastrophic wildland fire and its impacts to commercial, private and public infrastructure, as well as the ecological values along the west shore of Lake Tahoe.

Project implementation would begin with mechanical and hand thinning and prescribed burning would follow. The West Shore WUI Project proposed activities are consistent with the objectives and management direction of the LTBMU Forest Plan as amended, and the Lake Tahoe Basin Multi -Jurisdictional Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Strategy. This project would mark the completion of initial Forest Service WUI treatments in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

A summary of the proposed West Shore WUI project is enclosed. This information is also available on the LTBMU website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/WestShoreWUI>. Future announcements regarding this project will also be posted on the LTBMU website and will be provided to media outlets.

For further information regarding this proposed action and to request a hardcopy of the proposed action, contact Project Team Leader Kyle Jacobson at (530) 543-2658 kjacobson@fs.fed.us or Denise Downie at (530) 543-2683 dedownie@fs.fed.us.

The environmental analysis will be completed and mailed to those who have submitted comments, and to those who have requested to be included on the project mailing list.

How to Comment and Timeframe

This public comment period is the scoping stage under the NEPA process. This scoping notice is intended to provide those interested in, or affected by this project with an opportunity to make their concerns known. We encourage the participation of interested persons, state and local governments now and throughout the process. We invite your comments on the potential effects of this proposed action and encourage you to be as specific as possible.



Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral and electronic comments concerning this project will be most helpful if they are submitted by May 9, 2016, which is the end of the public scoping period.

In person -8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

By telephone -8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays at (530) 543-2600 or in person.

By email -Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc or .docx) to comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us using subject: West Shore WUI Project.

Comments in written, hand delivered or facsimile forms can be submitted to Kyle Jacobson, Project Team Leader, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Dr., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, 530-543-2693 (FAX).

We encourage you to review and comment on the proposal provided in the attached summary. We appreciate your interest in the management of National Forest System lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Sincerely,



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