

2016 Photo Contest

Tahoe National Forest

Rules of the Contest:

First, second and third place winners will be selected this year for the best photos of the Tahoe National Forest.

Any photo(s) submitted to the contest must have been taken in the Tahoe National Forest. Photos can include subjects such as Wilderness, Wildlife and Plants, Recreation, Rivers and Lakes, Lookouts, and Landscape, among others.

Digital image entries may be color or black and white, horizontal or vertical format. Limited image modifications are allowed. The intent and effect of any modification must be to produce a more natural looking and accurate photograph. Images may be taken with a digital camera or taken with a film-based camera and scanned into a digital format. Image quality must be at least 300 dpi JPEG format with one side at least 3000 pixels.

We reserve the right to remove any photo for any reason. Inappropriate photos will be deleted (e.g., anything illegal, feeding or harassing wildlife, swimming in an unsafe area, images showing contradiction of the rules or the family-friendly spirit of the contest, etc.).

Do not submit photos that clearly identify people. This opens multiple legal issues about whether or not the people in the photo have granted permission to have their image used in a public forum. For photos that show people who are unidentifiable, people must demonstrate good stewardship of the forest and enjoy the forest in a manner consistent with the laws, rules, and mission of the Forest Service.

Photos with text, including copyright, watermark, or other text overlays will not be considered in the contest.

We will start accepting submissions on May 28, 2016. The last possible time to submit a photo will be September 30, 2016.

Participants may submit up to 5 photos. Every photo entry received as part of the contest becomes property of the Tahoe National Forest and will be considered as public domain to prevent copyright infringement. The forest will have non-exclusive, unlimited use of the photo(s). Photographs will be accepted only from the original photographer who must be the sole author and owner.

Submissions must include the words "Tahoe National Forest 2016 Photo Contest" in the subject line (not on the photo). This text shows us that you have read and understand these contest rules, intend to have your photo be part of the contest, and understand that by submitting photos to this contest, you agree that the Forest Service has the right to reproduce, prepare derivative works of, distribute or display and use these materials in whole or in part, for government and non-government purposes, in any manner or media (whether now existing or created in the future), in perpetuity, and in all languages throughout the world. Use of this material shall include, but not be limited to, audiovisual programs, museum exhibits, websites, publications, product artwork, and project publicity.

Additionally, you waive the right to inspect or approve any use of the material and any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the material. The forest may also share the photos with other federal agencies, with forest partners, and with the media. Credit is often given for photos submitted to the contest but may not be provided for each use.

Current Tahoe National Forest employees are excluded from participating in this contest.

Winners:

Winning contestants will be named and recognized for first, second and third place. Winning photos will be announced in October and displayed on the Tahoe National Forest webpage and featured in other Forest communications.

How to Submit a Photo:

1. Submit your photo(s) to the Tahoe National Forest general email box: tahoe_nf_comments@fs.fed.us. You must write "Tahoe National Forest 2016 Photo Contest" in the subject line for consideration.
2. Provide a title and location of the photo.
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