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Dear Interested Party:

I am pleased to announce that Regional Forester Randy Moore has signed the Record of Decision approving the revised Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) Land Management Plan (LMP). The revised plan becomes effective 30 days after publication of the notice of plan approval in the Federal Register. This plan will guide projects and activities on the LTBMU for the next 15 years. It replaces the 1988 LMP along with all amendments including the 2004 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment for the LTBMU.

Overall, the 2016 LMP continues management of the LTBMU on a balanced path similar to the 1988 LMP but with the application of contemporary science, recognition of a changing climate and a more streamlined approach. The plan emphasizes restoration of ecosystem health and natural ecosystem processes while providing a broad range of recreation opportunities and protecting the spectacular scenic character so highly valued by residents and visitors.

Notable changes include designation of the new Stanford Rock Backcountry Management Area between Ward and Blackwood Creeks, and a finding that segments of Eagle Creek, Glen Alpine Creek, and Taylor Creek have outstandingly remarkable values that make them eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The Land Management Plan, Record of Decision, and associated environmental analysis documents are available on our website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lbmu/ForestPlanRevision>. You may request a paper copy or CD by email at comments-pacificsouthwest-lbmu@fs.fed.us, by calling 530 543-2600, or by sending a request to our office or stopping by 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

The revised plan was developed with extensive public involvement, and once again, I would like to express my gratitude to all who participated, and invite you to remain active participants as we move forward with new projects and activities.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

