



US Forest Service  
Pacific Southwest Region  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit



Proposed Action for the  
Baldwin Beach Toilet Replacement Project  
El Dorado County, California

**BACKGROUND:**

The Baldwin Beach Toilet Replacement Project is located on National Forest System (NFS) lands on Lake Tahoe's south shore, east of the mouth of Tallac Creek within El Dorado County, California. The site is accessed from Highway 89 through Forest Service Road 1305 (See Figure 1). The existing restroom in the western parking area is more than 35 years old and has substantial maintenance needs (See Figure 2).

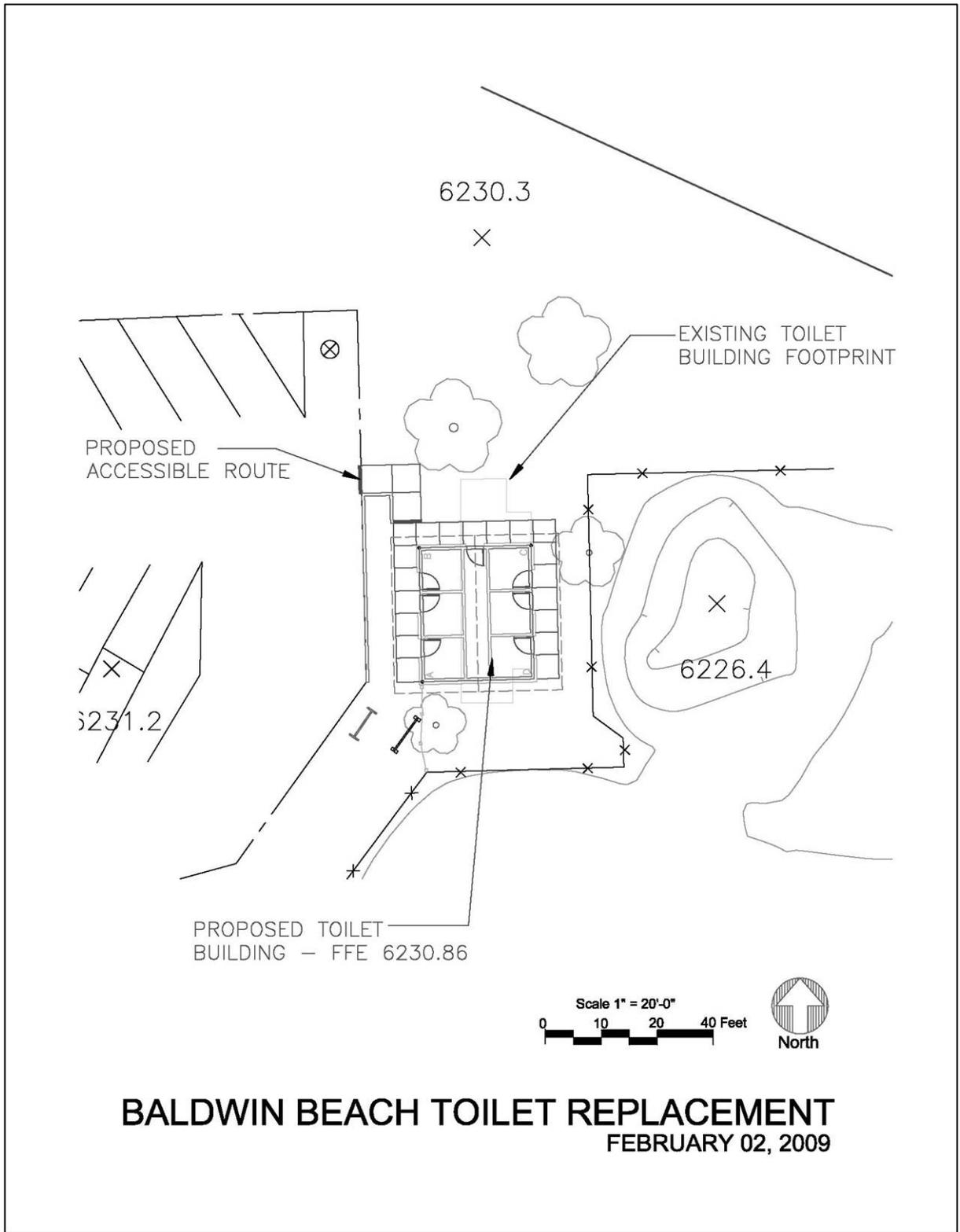
**PURPOSE AND NEED:**

The purpose of the project is to provide a universally accessible restroom at Baldwin Beach and to address needed maintenance. The existing restroom at Baldwin Beach's western parking area does not meet Forest Service Outdoor Recreation Accessibility Guideline (FSORAG) standards for providing access for people with disabilities to public amenities.

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

This project will remove the existing flush toilet restroom building and parking lot edge barriers and construct a new universally accessible restroom building, drinking fountain, and accessible path of travel from the parking area to the restroom. The new restroom building will be similar to the six unit restrooms that were recently constructed at Pope Beach and at Baldwin Beach's eastern parking area.

The following figure shows the existing building footprint and the proposed building replacement and proposed accessible route.



## **PROJECT DESIGN FEATURES:**

Project design features are elements of the project that are applied in treatment areas. These features are developed based on Forest Plan direction and site specific evaluations in order to reduce or avoid negative environmental impacts of the proposed action. Project design features associated with this project include the following:

### Soil Design Features

1. Erosion control and prevention of sediment transport for this project will be implemented in accordance with; *UDSA, Water Quality Management for Forest System Lands in California - Best Management Practices* (USDA 2000). This project will also be included in the Region 5, Best Management Practices Evaluation Program (BMPEP) monitoring sample pool and will be subject to temporary BMP (TBMP) monitoring evaluations while construction is ongoing.
2. Project activities will occur within the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) grading ordinance season (May 01 – Oct 15). If grading or movement outside of this window becomes necessary (i.e. to finish BMPs, etc.) a standard grading exception permit request will be submitted to the TRPA and Lahontan Water Quality Control Board (LWQCB) for approval. During periods of inclement weather, operations would be shut down until conditions are sufficiently dry and stable to allow construction to continue without the threat of substantial erosion, sedimentation, or offsite sediment transport.

### Biological Design Features

1. No project activities will be allowed within the Tahoe yellow cress (TYC) fenced area.
2. No material grading (soil, rocks etc.) will occur within 2 feet of the existing TYC fence. This is to prohibit any materials from entering the fenced area.
3. Demolition of the existing toilet will occur directionally away (from east to west) from the TYC fence. This is to prohibit any materials from entering the fenced area.
4. There will be no material storage, material stockpiling, or equipment storage between the restroom and TYC fence.
5. All construction and earth-moving equipment are required to be weed-free. All off-road equipment used on this project shall be free of soil, seeds, vegetative material, or other debris that could contain or hold seeds of noxious weeds. "Off-road equipment" includes all construction equipment; it does not include, service vehicles, pickup trucks, and similar vehicles not intended for off-road use.

6. All gravel, fill, or other materials are required to be weed-free. Obtain certified weed-free materials from gravel pits and fill sources that have been certified weed free or approved by the LTBMU Botany Department.
7. Minimize the amount of ground and vegetation disturbance in the construction areas.
8. Staging areas for equipment, materials, or crews will not be sited in weed infested areas.
9. After the project is completed all disturbed project areas would be monitored to ensure additional weed species do not become established in the areas affected by the project.
10. Any sightings of threatened, endangered, candidate, sensitive, management indicator, or special interest species would be reported to the project biologist. These species would be protected as directed by standards and guidelines in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Forest Plan (LTBMU FP), Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment (SNFPA), and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) code of ordinances.

#### Heritage Design Features

1. If any previously unrecorded cultural resources are discovered during this project, all project related activities must cease immediately and the consultation process as outlined in Section 800.13 of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations 36 CFR 800 must be initiated.

#### Recreation Design Features

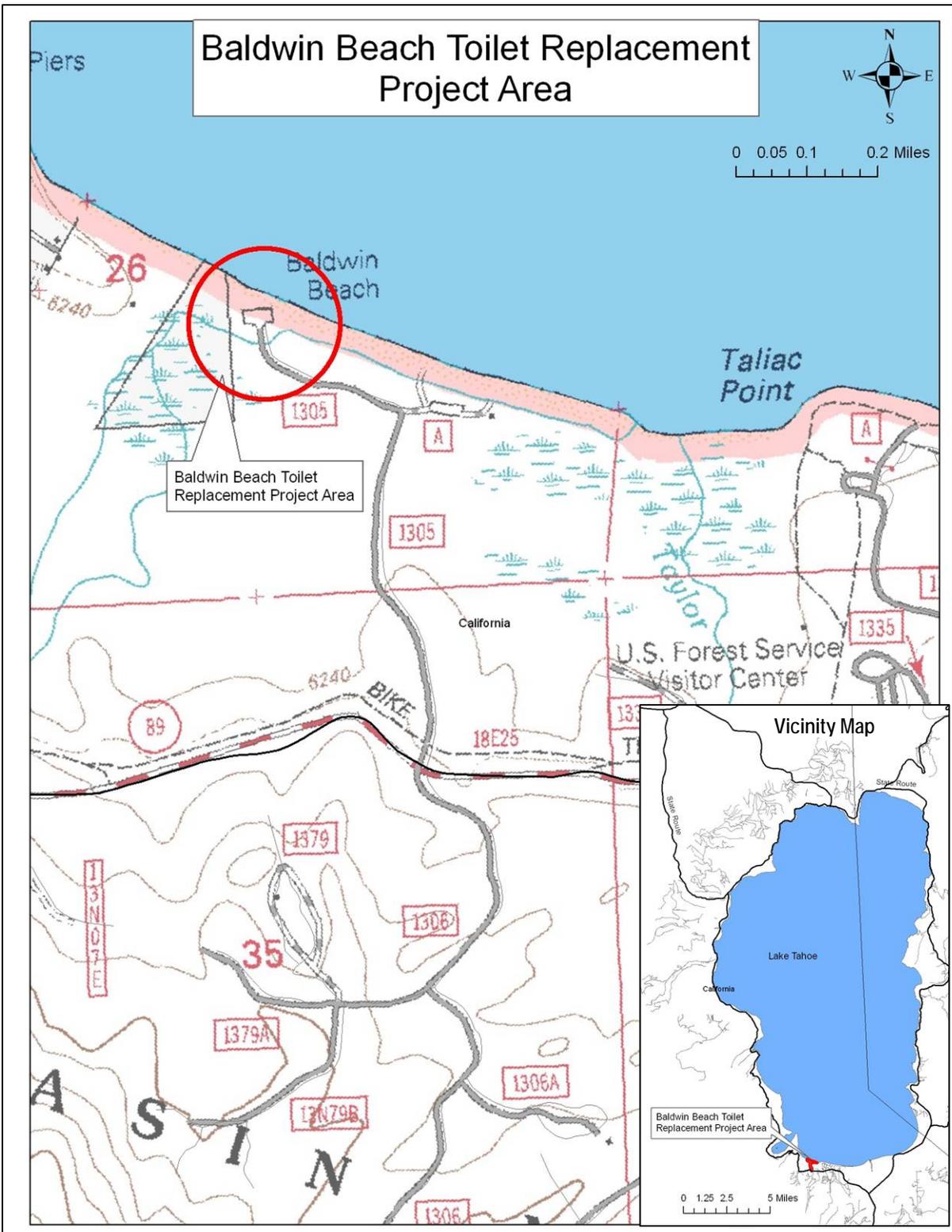
1. Temporary portable toilet facilities would be provided during facility construction while the site is open to the public.
2. Limit construction activity to week days, and non-holidays to minimize impacts to the recreating public.
3. Provide a safety buffer around construction site (e.g. temporary fencing).
4. Install signs warning recreation visitors to be aware of construction activities.
5. Manage construction traffic to maintain clear traffic routes during construction periods and follow posted recreation site speed limits.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:**

The planned implementation date for the Baldwin Beach toilet replacement is July, 2009.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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**Figure 1. Project Area Map**



**Figure 2. Existing Restroom Building**