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Date: July 24, 2009

Subject: Baldwin Grazing Comment Period

To Interested Parties:

The US Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Baldwin Grazing Allotment Management Project (Baldwin Project). The Baldwin Project is following directives in the LTBMU Land and Resources Management Plan (Forest Plan) as amended by the 2004 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Record of Decision (SNFPA) for management of range allotments, meadow ecosystems and associated species that depend on those systems, water quality maintenance and improvement standards as well as State mandated standards to protect water quality.

The EA details the background information, desired conditions, purpose and need, proposed action and alternatives, the environmental consequences, and includes a project area map. The EA can be reviewed from the LTBMU website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/projects/local/baldwin-graz.shtml> or a copy can be requested by contacting the project manager, Sarah Muskopf, at (530) 543-2835.

How to Comment and Timeframe

This notice is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this project with an opportunity to make their concerns known. The Responsible Official (LTBMU Forest Supervisor) will consider all public comments before making a decision. When submitting comments, please provide specific facts along with supporting reasons that you believe should be considered by the Responsible Official in reaching a decision.

Written, facsimile, hand delivered, oral and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of a Public Notice in the *Tahoe Daily Tribune* (designated newspaper of record). The comment period is anticipated to close on August 24, 2009. However, the publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this EA. Those wishing to comment should not rely on dates or timeframes from any other source.

Written comments must be submitted to: Sarah Muskopf, LTBMU Forest Supervisors Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. 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: **Baldwin Grazing Allotment Management Project**. 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. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

For further information regarding this Proposed Action, contact Sarah Muskopf at (530) 543-2835, email smuskopf@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



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