

# *Lake Tahoe*

## *Federal Advisory Committee*

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Honorable Delegation Members:

Following careful deliberation, the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC) is pleased to present for your review and consideration the Preliminary Recommendation Package for capital projects and related funding priorities for Lake Tahoe Restoration projects under Round 8 of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA). The enclosed Capital Project List includes a Primary List that totals \$42.475 million, and a Secondary List that totals \$2.09 million. Science and research themes total \$3.75 million.

Projects proposed by sponsoring federal agencies for potential inclusion on the Round 8 list met the following minimum criteria:

- 1) Be the responsibility of the federal government in the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program; and,
- 2) Have a willing and ready federal sponsor.

Proposals that met these two basic criteria underwent further scrutiny by several committees before their inclusion into the Preliminary Recommendation Package. The committees, along with some of their key tasks, are listed below:

#### Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee

- Brought political and public concerns into the process
- Resolved project-specific issues
- Deliberated and made recommendations collaboratively
- Reviewed, discussed, and endorsed the final list
- Advised the federal partnership on ways to improve the process

#### Tahoe Working Group (TWG)

- Developed funding allocations
- Resolved technical issues related to project proposals
- Coordinated with, and provided direction to, various committees involved

#### Lake Tahoe Basin Executives (LTBEC)

- Provided oversight direction and guidance
- Clarified agency projects and related programs
- Coordinated among agencies and among the committees
- Prioritized Capital projects and adjusted funding amounts

#### Partnership Coordination Team (PCT – composed of the federal agencies and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency)

- Vetted initial project proposals
- Incorporated science reviews, agency priorities, and LTFAC/TWG direction
- Created the initial draft Primary List
- Developed a ranked Secondary Capital List
- Suggested funding allocations

#### Tahoe Science Consortium (TSC)

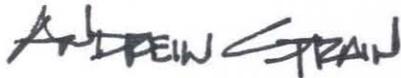
- Recommended science & research projects by theme area within the \$3.75 million funding target amount

The LTFAC met on March 29, 2007 to review and approve the Preliminary Recommendation Package. The Package has been posted on the SNPLMA Tahoe website for public review and comment [www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/local/snplma](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/local/snplma). A formal

public hearing on the Package will be held by the LTFAC on April 12, 2007. We welcome your participation, and appreciate your input by April 11, 2007.

On behalf of the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee, we are honored to have the opportunity to be of service and provide recommendations for restoration efforts at Lake Tahoe. The success and commitment of the ongoing federal effort is recognized and deeply appreciated. Should you or any member of your respective staffs have questions or comments regarding LTFAC's Preliminary Recommendation Package, please contact me as shown below.

Warmest Personal Regards,



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Attachments: Preliminary Recommendation Package

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