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Dear Interested Public:

The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Incline Lake Dam project is now available for review. Compliant with the National Environmental Policy Act, a 30-day public comment period will begin on the date that the legal notice is published in the Tahoe Daily Tribune newspaper.

The EA describes and analyzes the environmental effects of the proposed action which was circulated in June 2013 for scoping input, an additional action alternative, and the no-action alternative. Under the Proposed Action the Incline Lake Dams would be completely removed and the topography around the dams and the historic disturbance footprint would be recontoured to match adjacent contours and grades. Under the No-Action alternative the dam would be breached in order to provide water flow but no additional activities would occur. Finally, Alternative 3 responds to comments received through scoping and would construct new dams that are similar in size and configuration of the existing dams.

The EA is available through the LTBMU's website at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/InclineDam>, or at the LTBMU Supervisor's Office during business hours. I encourage you to read the document and provide input including feedback on the alternatives and environmental analysis of their effects. Some questions to consider include:

- Are there any activities that we did not include which you think should be considered for cumulative effects?
- Are there any effects that you believe should be included in the environmental analysis?

How to Comment and Timeframe

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. This project is subject to the objection process (36 CFR 218). Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

The Forest Service will accept comments on this proposal for 30 days following publication of the opportunity to comment legal notice in the Tahoe Daily Tribune, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

Written comments must be submitted to: Nancy Gibson, Forest Supervisor, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Re: Incline Lake Dam Project. 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), portable document format (.pdf) or Word (.doc) to comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us using Subject: Incline Lake Dam Project. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection 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. Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

For additional information, contact Matt Dickinson, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150; (530) 543-2769.

Thank you for your continued involvement with National Forest System lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy J. Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

NANCY J. GIBSON
Forest Supervisor

cc: Anjanette Hoefler, Michael Gabor, Mike LeFevre, Matt Dickinson