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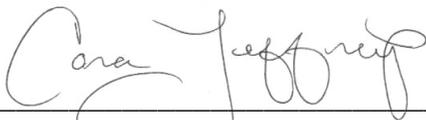
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Opportunity to Comment on the Heavenly Mountain Resort Epic Discovery Project Draft EIR/EIS/EIS

The US Forest Service (USFS), Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU); the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA); and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region (Lahontan) have directed the preparation of a joint environmental document for the Heavenly Epic Discovery Project. The document is an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the LTBMU prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); an EIS for TRPA pursuant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, Code of Ordinances, and Rules of Procedure; and an environmental impact report (EIR) for Lahontan pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Epic Discovery Project is intended to enhance summer activities in response to the USDA Forest Service Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011. Heavenly proposes to improve year-round recreation opportunities within the developed portions of the ski area on National Forest System lands using existing facilities and infrastructure to meet the expanding needs and expectations of visitors to Lake Tahoe, better support the year-round local economy of the South Lake Tahoe area, and connect a diverse group of visitors to our national forest with recreation and educational opportunities to further inspire passion and excitement for the outdoors. The summer activities are designed to suit a wide range of visitors from the casual sightseer to the avid mountain adventurer. The Project EIR/EIS/EIS will use information taken where appropriate from the Heavenly Mountain Resort Master Plan Amendment Final EIR/EIS/EIS certified in 2007. The TRPA Governing Board will use the EIR/EIS/EIS when they consider the amendment of the existing Ski Area Master Plan (that is also considered an amendment to the Regional Plan) to add the Epic Discovery projects.

The project is located at Heavenly within El Dorado and Alpine Counties, CA and Douglas County, NV. The base of the gondola is located within the City of South Lake Tahoe.

The Draft EIR/EIS/EIS is available for public review and comment until October 27, 2014. The document is available at the following locations: the offices of the U.S. Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA); the offices of TRPA (128 Market Street, Stateline, NV); and the offices of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Lahontan Region (2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA). In addition, the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS is available for public review at the El Dorado County Library, South Lake Tahoe Branch (1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.) and the Douglas County Library, Lake Tahoe Branch (233 Warrior Way, Zephyr Cove, NV).

The Draft EIR/EIS/EIS can also be found on the following websites:

<http://www.trpa.org/get-involved/major-projects/>
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lbmu/HeavenlyEpicProject>
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/>

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.

How to Comment and Timeframe

The Environmental Protection Agency published a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIS in the Federal Register on September 3, 2014.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted until October 27, 2014. The responsible official has decided to extend the comment period in order to line up with partner agency regulations, as allowed in 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(ii).

TRPA has been identified as the primary point of contact to collect comments. Comments can be submitted to TRPA Senior Planner David Landry at (775) 589-5214 or dlandry@trpa.org. Comments submitted to TRPA will be considered by the Forest Service. 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. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218.25.

Public Hearings are scheduled to solicit comments on the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS as follows:

Wednesday, September 10, 2014
Meeting Begins at 9:30 AM
TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Hearing
TRPA Board Room
128 Market Street
Stateline, NV 89449

Wednesday, September 24, 2014
Meeting begins at 9:30 AM
TRPA Governing Board Hearing
TRPA Board Room
128 Market Street
Stateline, NV 89449

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Meeting Begins at 4:00 PM
Lahontan Board Annex
971 Silver Dollar Avenue, Hearing Room
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

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