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File Code: 1950

Date: June 22, 2012

Subject: Restoration of Fire Adapted Ecosystems

Dear Scoping Respondents and other Individuals, Organizations and Agencies:

The USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking comments on the enclosed Proposed Action for the Restoration of Fire Adapted Ecosystems Project. The Restoration of Fire Adapted Ecosystems Project is following the objectives of the LTBMU Land and Resources Management Plan (Forest Plan) and the 2004 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Record of Decision (SNFPA) for management of aquatic, riparian, and meadow ecosystems and associated species as well as goals from fire and fuels management, which directs management to actively restore fire-adapted ecosystems.

Announcements for this project will be posted on the LTBMU website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/FireAdaptedEcosystems>

As the Restoration of Fire Adapted Ecosystems Project continues through the environmental analysis process, the Forest Service will be lead agency for the NEPA process. The Forest Service will work closely with the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) to meet applicable regulations.

How to Comment and Timeframe

This Project is in the initial (scoping) stage of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. We are asking for your comments on this Proposed Action. This scoping notice is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this project with an opportunity to make their concerns known. If you have information the Forest Service may not be aware of, or feel you have issues regarding potential effects of the Proposed Action, please send your comments to Sarah Muskopf, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Dr., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this project will be most helpful if they are submitted by July 23, 2012. The office business hours for those providing hand-delivered comments are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments may be provided during normal business hours via telephone (530) 543-2835. 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: Restoration of Fire Adapted Ecosystems Project.



If you would like to review the Proposed Action and map, they are posted on the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/projects>. For further information regarding this Proposed Action, contact Sarah Muskopf at (530) 543-2835, email smuskopf@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure