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Interested Party

Dear Interested Party:

The Forest Service is soliciting comments on a proposal submitted by Homewood Mountain Resort to offer guided snowcat skiing/snowboarding tours in the Ellis Peak area during the winter of 2014-2015. The proposed area of use is identified in the current Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) Snowmobile Guide as open for motorized use.

If approved, the guided snow cat tours would begin on private land within Homewood Mountain Resort near the top of the Old Homewood Express lift. From that location, a snow cat with a passenger cabin would transport 10-12 participants along a southwesterly route, across National Forest System lands into the Ellis Peak area. Participants and guides would ski from the designated drop-off point back to Homewood Mountain Resort via existing open glades, bowls, and treed terrain. Homewood Mountain Resort hopes to provide roughly 6-8 trips per day, 3 days per week, depending on weather and snow conditions. If the proposed action is approved, the Forest Service will issue a temporary special use permit, and will evaluate the operation to determine the viability and appropriateness of the use for future seasons.

The project is in the initial scoping stage of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. This scoping notice is intended to provide interested or affected parties an opportunity to express any comments or concerns.

We welcome your comments on this proposed action. Submit written, hand-delivered, or electronic comments to Jonathan Cook-Fisher, Special Uses Program Manager, LTBMU, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA., 96150; jcfisher@fs.fed.us.

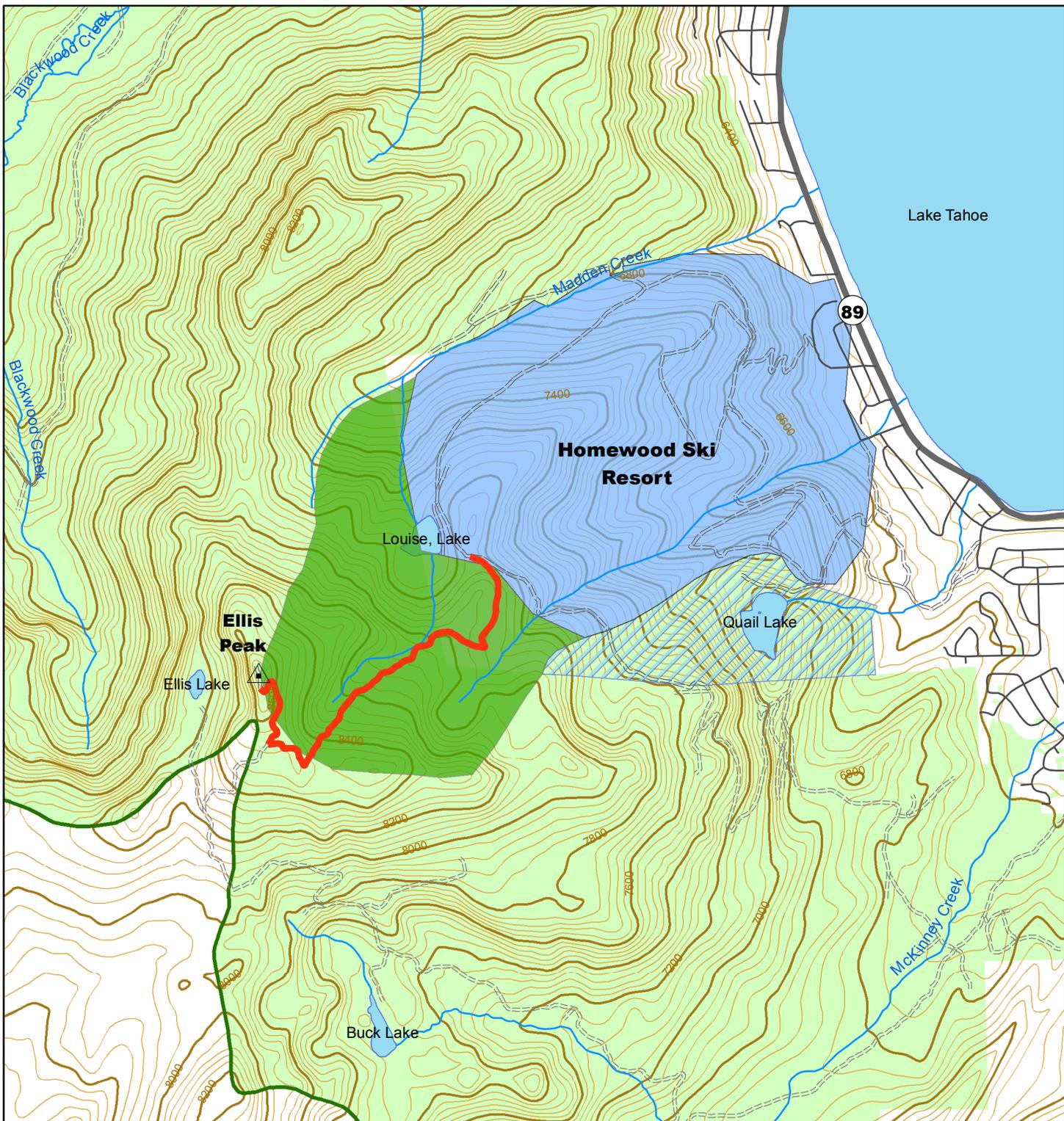
Submit comments by **October 31, 2014**. For further information, contact Jonathan Cook-Fisher at (530) 543-2741.

Sincerely,

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Homewood Ski Resort Proposed Snowcat Tours



- Proposed SnowCat Tour Route
- Proposed Snowcat Tour Area
- Homewood Ski Resort - Operational
- Homewood Ski Resort - Operational - Permitted
- Highways
- Local Road
- Road
- Perennial Stream/River
- Lake
- LTBMU Boundary
- National Forest System Land

