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## ***Proposed Action for Camp Richardson Resort Permit Project***

### **Purpose and Need:**

There is a need to issue a special use permit for operation of Camp Richardson Resort, a Forest-Service owned facility, because the current permit will expire. The purpose of this project is to issue a special use permit for operation of Camp Richardson Resort in order to continue providing public recreation access and environmental stewardship.

### **Location:**

Camp Richardson Resort is located adjacent to California State Route 89, approximately 2 miles northwest of the City of South Lake Tahoe. The resort is bounded by Pope Beach Road to the east, the Tallac Historic site to the west, Lake Tahoe to the north, and general forest area to the south. Camp Richardson Resort includes approximately 120 acres of National Forest System lands (Refer to Figures 1 and 2). The legal description for the area is: Southeast Quarter, Section 12 and Northeast Quarter, Section 13, Township 12 North, Range 18 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (South Lake Tahoe Quadrangle Map).

### **Proposed Action:**

The Proposed Action is to issue a special use permit to Camp Richardson Resort, Inc. for five years, to bring the total permit time to a 20-year term. The permit would authorize activity and use consistent with current operations; no new activity or development is proposed associated with the Proposed Action. The proposed permit would expire December 31, 2021.

Existing activity and operations that would be re-authorized under the project include day use and overnight recreation use, as well as administrative activity to support this use, at Forest Service-owned facilities including:

- Three campgrounds
- General Store
- Ice Cream Shop
- Coffee Shop
- Bike/cross-country ski rental





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- Hotel
- Cabins
- Beacon Restaurant
- Motel
- Day use and overnight parking

The proposed special use permit will incorporate the latest Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address water quality, soil erosion concerns, and noxious weed management along with measures for threatened and endangered species (TES) management.

Private facilities and operations in proximity to the Resort are not altered by this Proposed Action. These include Camp Richardson Marina and Pier, Camp Richardson Marina Boathouse, and Jameson Beach Property Owners' Association homes. Adjacent Forest Service –owned facilities that are also not changed by this Proposed Action include Pope Beach, and the Tallac Historic Site. The Camp Richardson Corral – a privately owned facility operated on National Forest System lands under terms of a special use permit – is not altered by this Proposed Action.

**Background:**

Camp Richardson Resort has provided recreation access near the shore of Lake Tahoe since the 1930's and was acquired by the Forest Service in 1965. Portions of the Resort have been determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The resort has been operated by a number of private partners under the terms of special use permits since 1965. The current permit was issued in 2000 for a term of 15 years. A one-year extension to the permit term was issued by the Forest Supervisor based on impacts and temporary facility closures associated with implementation of water quality retrofit improvements.

The Resort is a popular year-round recreation destination. Numerous facility improvement have been made in recent years to improve water quality, accessibility, congestion during peak use periods, and overall public recreation experience. Current operations are in compliance with existing permit conditions and requirements.





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**Anticipated Level of NEPA & Decision to be Made:**

The proposed project is consistent with a category of projects which can be excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, as determined by the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ):

*“Issuance of a new special use permit authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization when the only changes are administrative, there are not changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities, and the applicant or holder is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the special use authorization”. 36 CFR 220.6(e)(15)*

Environmental analysis would be documented in a project file.

Pending the results of public input received and environmental analysis, the Forest Supervisor plans to document the decision to implement the Proposed Action in a Decision Memo consistent with the Categorical Exclusion.





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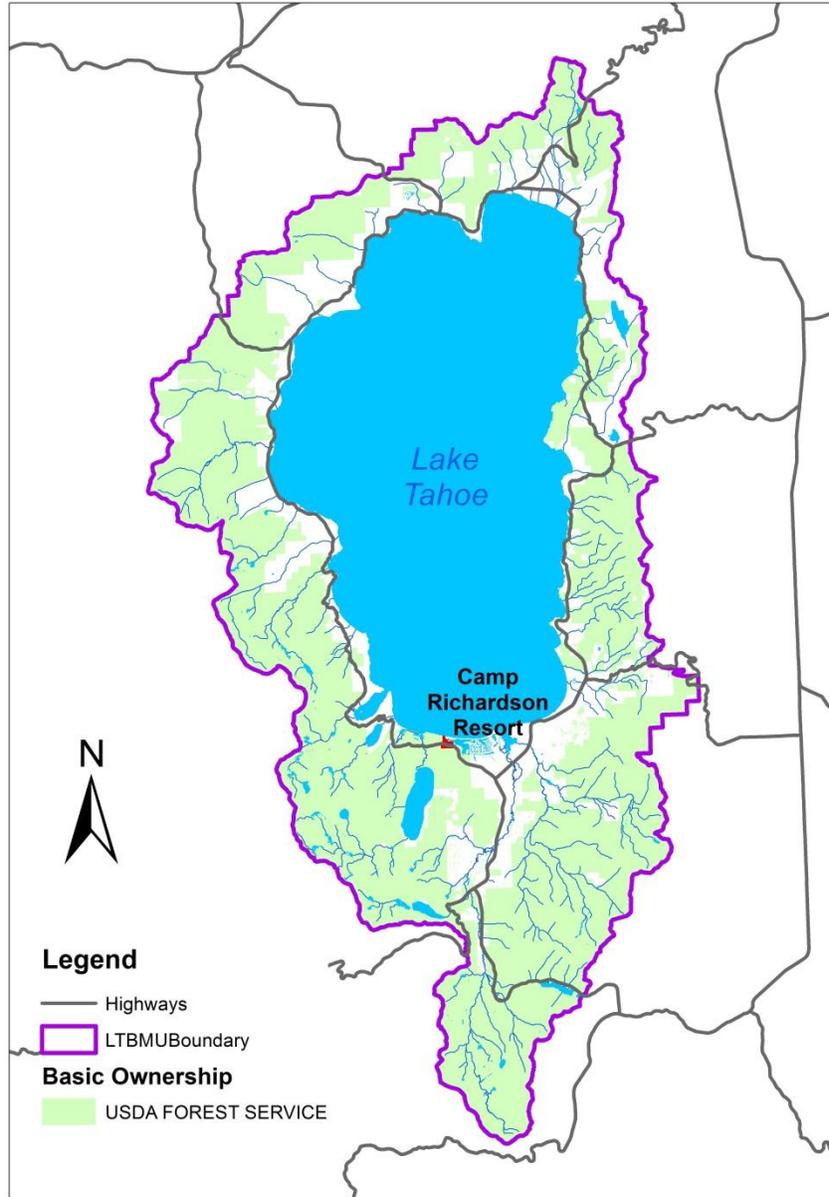


Figure 1





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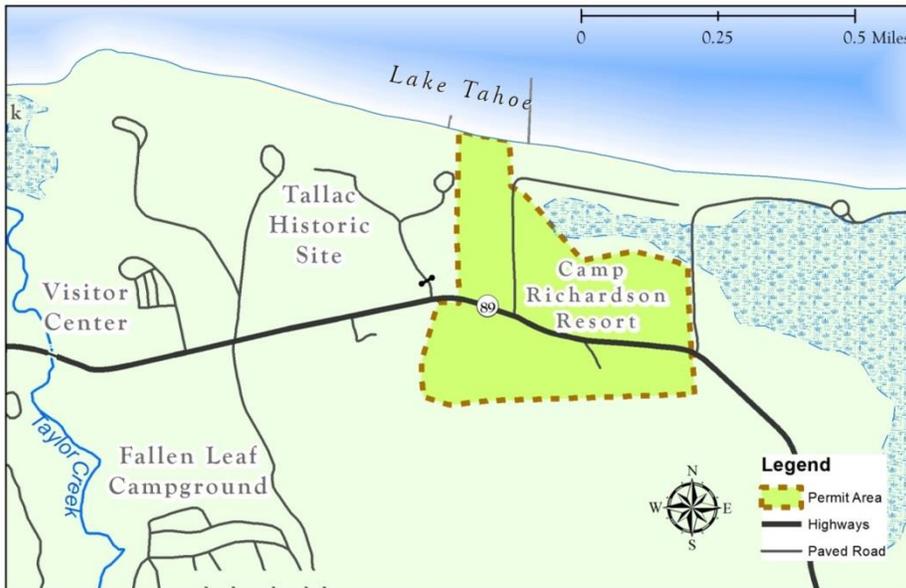


Figure 2

