



File Code: 1950-1

Date: December 29, 2010

Dear Interested Parties:

The US Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Road Decommissioning and Upgrade Angora/Twin Peaks Transportationshed. The project is proposing to implement road decommissioning and upgrades for the Angora/Twin Peaks area as part of the LTBMU Access and Travel Management (ATM) Plan. The proposed action includes decommissioning classified roads, restoration of unclassified roads and road features, implementing water quality upgrades on system roads, implementing seasonal gate closures, and system conversion of roads to trails in the Angora/Twin Peaks project area.

The EA evaluates two alternatives:

Alternative 1 – Proposed action

- BOULDER MOUNTAIN DRIVE-- If El Dorado County does not assume management of Boulder Mountain Drive then the LTBMU will begin restoration following May 1, 2011. Restoration of the road will consist of using standard construction equipment to remove asphalt pavement and road surface, ripping to decompact soil and revegetating. Grade will be left at current form to allow access for utility infrastructure maintenance. Access to the closed road will be controlled by installing gates at each end of the closed road segment.
- RAINBOW TRACT-Replace existing culvert in Rainbow Recreation Residence Tract on FS road 12N07 with a 36-inch squash pipe with standard construction equipment.
- ECHO SUMMIT -Install gates and implement winter seasonal gate closures between December 1 and May 15 on average, depending on snow pack, temperature and soil moisture each season, on the following:
 - Atwood Road (11N02) for winter seasonal closure (see below) of 0.5 miles of FS native surfaced road.
 - Echo Lakes Road (11N05) for winter seasonal closure of 0.8 miles of FS native surfaced roads and 1.2 miles of surfaced road.
 - Install two gates at each end of 11N04 road for winter seasonal closure of 1.0 miles of FS native surfaced road.
 - Road 11N06A for winter seasonal closure of 0.2 miles of FS native surfaced road.
 - Road 11N03 for winter seasonal closure of 0.4 miles of FS aggregate based road.



- **GRASS LAKE** -Remove two 36-inch culverts and install a crossing such that water flow and fish passage will not be obstructed on FS road 11N13.
- **OSGOOD SWAMP** -Convert FS road 12N20C to non-motorized use system trail by reclassifying within the Forest Service road system.

Alternative 2 – No Action

- Current management direction would continue and no water quality improvement or access travel management activities would occur.

The EA is available for review at the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 and online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/AngoraTwinPeaksATM>. Additional information regarding this proposal can be obtained from Mike Gabor at phone # (530) 543-2642.

This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Forest Supervisor. Those who provide comments or otherwise express interest in the proposal by the close of the comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

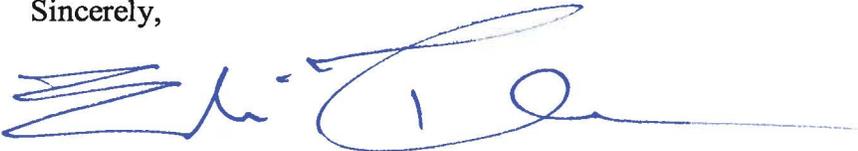
How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Tahoe Daily Tribune. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to: Eli Ilano, Acting Forest Supervisor, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. 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 Forest Supervisor's office during normal business hours via telephone (530) 543-2600 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. No further public meetings are planned at this time. 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: Road Decommissioning and Upgrade Angora/Twin Peaks Transportationshed. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal 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 appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eli Ilano', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ELI ILANO
Acting Forest Supervisor