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File Code: 1950

Date: November 23, 2011

Interested Individuals, Organizations and Agencies

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Subject: Fallen Leaf Lake Trail Access and Travel Management Project

Dear Interested Parties:

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking comments on the enclosed Proposed Action for the Fallen Leaf Lake Trail Access and Travel Management (Fallen Leaf Lake Trail ATM) Project. The desired condition is a planned system in the Fallen Leaf ATM area of interconnected, environmentally sustainable trails to serve the entire spectrum of non-motorized recreational and commuting users. Measures to achieve this desired condition include reducing sediment loads, reducing and controlling storm water runoff, and constructing and/or adopting trail segments to provide trail connections to features and destinations.

The project follows the objectives of the LTBMU Land and Resources Management Plan (Forest Plan) for management of roads and trails. The project area encompasses approximately 12,960 acres and includes roughly 41.8 miles of existing trails, both authorized and user-created. The proposed action includes the following activities: adopt/upgrade 9.4 miles of trail, decommission 14.4 miles of trail, reconstruct to standard 8.4 miles of trail, newly construct 12.9 miles of trail, and construct 1 new bridge over Taylor Creek. A detailed description of the Proposed Action is enclosed.

Additional information is available on the LTBMU website

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/FallenLeafLakeATM>

How to Comment and Timeframe

This Project is in the initial (scoping) stage of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. The LTBMU is requesting comments on this Proposed Action. This scoping notice is intended to provide an opportunity for affected or interested parties to express their concerns regarding the Proposed Action. If you have information the Forest Service may not be aware of, or believe you have issues regarding potential effects of this Proposed Action, please send your comments to Jacob Quinn, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 or call 530-543-2609. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this project should be submitted by **January 13th, 2012**.



The office business hours for those providing hand-delivered or oral comments are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. 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: Fallen Leaf Lake Trail ATM Project.

For further information regarding this Proposed Action, contact Jacob Quinn at (530) 543-2609, email jmquinn@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures: (1) Proposed Action
(2) Project Area Map

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