

SNPLMA – Lake Tahoe

Forest Service
Presenting on Behalf
of the
Federal Interagency Partnership

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Summary of Closed/Closing Projects (Rounds 5 -12)

	<u>07/11</u>	<u>07/12</u>
■ Total Number of Projects (Includes Hazardous Fuels & Excludes Science/PSW)	246	270*
■ Projects Closed	68	91
■ Projects in Closing Process	59	45
■ Total Closed or Closing	127	136

* 24 Projects Approved in Round 12



Forest Service – Projects of Concern (from 2011)



UPDATE

Project	Title	Round	Status
F071	Incline Lakes Dam Restoration	6	Settlement Complete & NEPA Started
F034, 067, 088, 110	Erosion Control Grants	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	R5,6,7 Closed/Closing (9/12), Focus on R8 thru 11
F091	FS Facilities – BMP Water Quality Retrofit (Tallac Site BMP)	7	NEPA Ongoing - Expected Construction FY13
F101	Meeks Bay Highway Corridor BMPs	7	NEPA Complete – Contract Awarded
F002	South Shore Hazardous Fuels Project	8	NEPA Complete & Project Started (2000-2400 ac. in FY12)
F004	Basin-Wide HF Reduction / Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Carnelian)	8	NEPA Completion Summer of FY12 – Contract Award 10/12
F008	Lake Tahoe Urban Forest Restoration / Fuels Reduction	9	Implementation Ongoing FY12 – Pile Burning in FY15*



BOR & FHWA Projects of Concern (from 2011)



UPDATE

Project	Title	Round	Status
B003	Restoration of the Lake Valley Reach of the Upper Truckee River	7	Litigated; negotiations near completion
B006	Upper Truckee River Restoration – Middle Reaches 1 & 2	10	<i>Not Currently Listed As Project of Concern</i>
H004	Kings Beach Commercial Core Transportation Facilities Improvement	6	<i>Not Currently Listed As Project of Concern</i>
H005	Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvements	7	<i>Not Currently Listed As Project of Concern</i>



SNPLMA Successes and Accomplishments

- Restored geomorphic function to 4 miles of stream channel and 190 acres of floodplain, in 4 separate projects.
- Reduced fuels in approximately 26,000 acres of vegetation/fuels treatments.
- Decommissioned 11.6 miles of trails and 7 miles of road.
- Brought 31 miles of trails and 58 miles of roads, up to current USFS standards to protect resources, and constructed 6 miles of new trail.
- Leveraged funding to upgrade five USFS developed public facilities to current USFS /TRPA standards to protect water quality.



Big Meadow Creek / Cookhouse Meadow Restoration Projects



Before



After

Accomplishments include:

- 25 acres restored @ Cookhouse
- 0.5 miles stream restored @ Cookhouse
- 100 Acres Restored @ Big Meadow



Blackwood Creek Reach 6 Restoration



Accomplishments include:

- 40 acres SEZ restored
- 1 mile hydrologic function restored
- Trout spawning habitat created



Spooner Fuels Reduction Project



Before

Accomplishments include:

- 1400 acres fuels treatment
- 620 acres under contract 07/12
- Additional 1400 acres planned
- Pile Burning begin Fall 2012



After

South Shore Fuels Reduction Project (July 2012)



Before

Accomplishments include:

- NEPA complete (01/12) – 10,200 ac.
- 205 acres mechanical harvest
- 712 acres hand thinning (07/12)
- 1500 acres of additional mechanical & hand treatments (FY12)
- Anticipated \$4M in FY12 contracts



After





East Shore Beach Trails Improvements (Thunderbird Trail)

Before

Accomplishments include:

- 6 miles trail reconstructed with BMPs implemented to protect sediment run-off
- Public access provided to high quality public recreation sites at Lake Tahoe

After



Water Quality Protection BMPS at USFS Facilities



*Shallow sediment basin at
Nevada Beach Campground*

New impervious pavers at Meeks Bay Resort

Accomplishments include:

- 150 acres implemented across 8 public facilities
- 100 acres ready for implementation
- South Shore Sustainable Recreation Planning Framework
- Leveraged SNPLMA funds for universal access and infrastructure (\$3M+)



Lessons Learned and Challenges Faced

- Capacity Building and Organizational Development
 - Challenges for program start-up and conclusion
- Building Relationships with Partners
- Accountability Focus
 - ID Staff and Assign Responsibility
 - Maintain Training and Credentials in Grant Mgt.
 - Host Training for Federal and Local Partners
 - Establish Program Coordination Position



What is working well, what has improved, and where is there room for improvement

- Outstanding BLM Program Management Staff providing advice, guidance, and direction on program implementation issues
- We share capacity with BLM for project management and oversight for the Federal Interagency Partnership at Lake Tahoe
 - We worked with BLM on many of the changes and improvements PRIOR to June 2011
 - We partner actively to improve project management and closing reviews (including site visits)
- Increased accountability through the BLM process improvements (better clarification of SNPLMA business rules)
- Quarterly reporting process has technical challenges due to database management (partially related to FS security rules)



Questions ?

