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Dear Interested Party:

The USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the SR-28 Shared Use Path, Parking, Safety and Environmental Improvements Project. This document analyzes proposed improvements to highway safety, infrastructure, summer recreation access, and scenic quality for the State Route-28 (SR-28) Scenic Byway corridor from Sand Harbor to Spooner Junction, including:

- Construction of approximately eight miles of shared-use path with associated facilities;
- Improvements to the highway, including pullouts, signage, safety features, and erosion control measures;
- Expansion of existing, and construction of new parking facilities;
- Relocation of utilities, including effluent pipeline, communications, and electrical;
- Construction of an Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection station;
- Construction of stormwater mitigation features;
- Elimination of highway shoulder parking;
- Issuance of special use permits and DOT easement deeds.

These actions would be implemented on the LTBMU; within the NDOT right-of-way; and, within the Nevada Division of State Park's Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Sand Harbor, and Spooner Lake Management areas. Additionally, the EA complies with Chapter 3 of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Code of Ordinances (Code) (2018) and Article VI of the TRPA Rules of Procedure (2018).

How to Comment and Timeframe

We will accept comments on this Draft EA for 30 calendar days following publication of this legal notice in the Tahoe Daily Tribune, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

To submit a comment electronically, please go to our Forest Project webpage:

<https://go.usa.gov/xmgxT>. Scroll down and click on "SR 28 Corridor Plan". Under the righthand column heading "Get Connected", click on "Comment on Project". Please include: 1) your name, address, phone number, email address, and organization, if any; 2) in the subject line - SR-28 Shared Use Path; 3) where you heard of this project (newspaper, email, word of mouth, etc.); and, 4) specific facts and relevant rationale you feel should be considered. Please note your



comments and contact information will be considered part of the public record and may be available for public inspection. Postal mail and hand delivered comments should go to: Michael Gabor, SR-28 Shared Use Path Project, LTBMU, 35 College Dr., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

You may also sign up for updates to this and other Forest projects by entering your email address at the top of the Projects page above. For further information regarding this project, please contact Mike Gabor, LTBMU Forest Engineer, 530-543-2642.

Sincerely,



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