

East Carson River Strategy

The U.S. Forest Service and the Carson Water Subconservancy are inviting public comment on future management of the Upper East Carson River. The agencies are developing a joint strategy for management of a 40 mile stretch of the river from its headwaters in the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness to Ruhenstroth Dam south of Gardnerville, Nevada (Map). The strategy is intended to lay out a solid plan of action for improving management of Forest Service lands along the Carson River. It will present recommendations for enhancing recreational experiences, protecting riparian and wildlife habitat, controlling noxious weeds, addressing wild and scenic river status, and improving watershed conditions.

The public is invited to review information on the river's use and natural resources and share their ideas about future management of the river at public workshops on Tuesday, June 27 at Turtle Rock Park near Markleeville, California from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm and on Thursday, June 29 at Western Nevada Community College, Douglas Campus (1685 Bently Parkway South), Room 107 in Minden, Nevada from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

"This is a great opportunity for folks to learn more about this important stretch of the Carson River," said David Loomis, Forest Service Project Manager. "We'd like to hear ideas about how the public would like the river to be managed," added Loomis. Agency staff will be present to answer questions and to provide information on the river and its resources.

Project Summary:

Who: Cooperative effort between Forest Service and the Carson River Subconservancy. Others, such as the Alpine Watershed Council, Washoe Tribe, Alpine County, Douglas County, are also welcome to participate.

What: The Strategy will lay out a solid plan of action for improving management of Forest Service lands along the Carson River. It will present recommendations for enhancing recreational experiences, protecting riparian and wildlife habitat, controlling noxious weeds, addressing wild and scenic river status, and improving watershed conditions. It will provide information for site specific decisions, set priorities for management actions, and identify special situations needing attention. While it will contain specific recommendations, it will not include final decisions. Any site specific decision stemming from the recommendations will

require compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act that will include an environmental analysis and opportunities for public involvement.

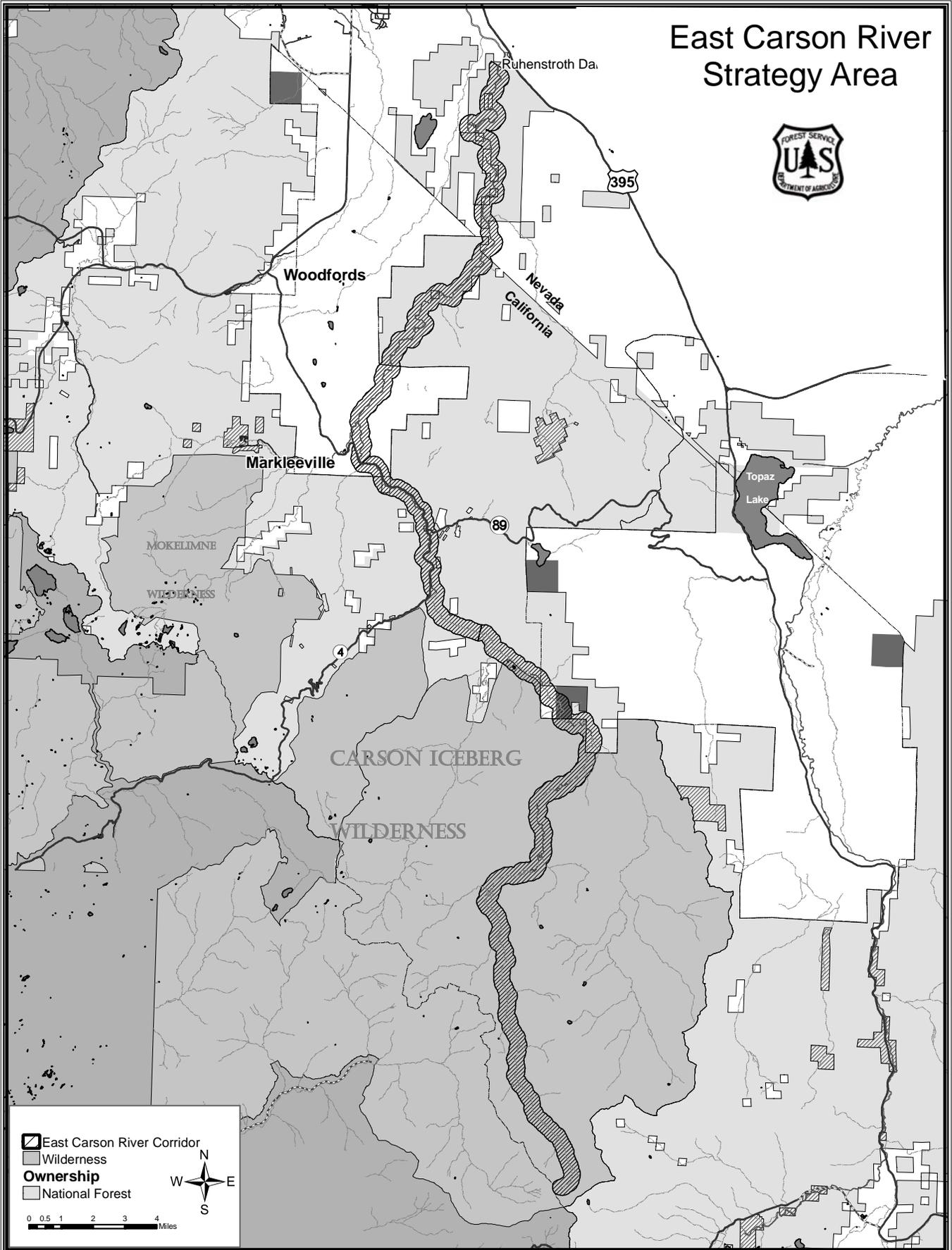
When: Planning for the Strategy was initiated in March, 2006 and will be completed by October, 2006. Public meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 at Turtle Rock Park near Markleeville, California from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm and on Thursday, June 29 at Western Nevada Community College, Douglas Campus (1685 Bently Parkway South), Room 107 in Minden, Nevada from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

Where: The main stem of the East Carson River from its headwaters to Ruhenstroth Dam. The Strategy will focus on an area of about ¼ mile on either side of the river.

Why: Increasing recreation and OHV use is threatening watershed conditions along the river. The river has been determined to be eligible for designation as wild and scenic, and is therefore managed as a wild and scenic river until a suitability determination is made. The strategy is needed to improve recreation management, protect watershed and riparian values, and address the wild and scenic river issue.

For more information on this project, please call Forest Planner Dave Loomis at 775-884-8132, Public Affairs Specialist Franklin Pemberton at 775-884-8150, or visit our website at: www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf.

East Carson River Strategy Area



East Carson River Corridor
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