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File Code: 2600

Date: November 3, 2008

Subject: Big Meadow Creek Watershed Fire Regime Restoration Project

Dear Interested Parties:

The USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is seeking comments on the enclosed Proposed Action for the Big Meadow Creek Watershed Fire Regime Restoration Project. The proposed project would follow management direction from the LTBMU Land and Resources Management Plan (Forest Plan) in restoring stream and meadow ecosystems on National Forest System (NFS) lands managed by the LTBMU (see enclosed project area map and proposed action for specific project details).

As the Big Meadow Creek Watershed Fire Regime Restoration Project continues through the environmental analysis process, the Forest Service will be lead agency for the NEPA process. The Forest Service will work closely with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) to meet applicable regulations.

How to Comment and Timeframe

This Project is in the initial (scoping) stage of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. We are asking for your comments on this Proposed Action. This scoping notice is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this project with an opportunity to make their concerns known. If you have information the Forest Service may not be aware of, or feel you have issues regarding potential effects of the Proposed Action, please send your comments to Raul Sanchez, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Dr., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this project will be most helpful if they are submitted by December 3, 2008. The office business hours for those providing hand-delivered comments are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments may be provided 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. 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* with the following subject line: "Big Meadow Creek Watershed Fire Regime Restoration Project."



If you would like to review the Proposed Action and map, they are posted on the LTBMU website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lbmu/projects>. For further information regarding this Proposed Action, contact Raul Sanchez, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at (530) 543-2679, email rsanchez@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:
Summary of Proposed Action
Project Area Maps