

USFS seeks comments on Incline land

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit is seeking comments on the Incline management plan project.

The purpose of the project is to incorporate the land acquired in 2011 into the LTBMU Forest Plan and assign it to the appropriate management area. The purpose of this planning effort is also to plan project-specific activities to bring the land up to USFS standards for stream and habitat management, recreation management, and road and trails standards.

According to the Forest Service, the preliminary need to amend and change the Forest Plan is to designate approximately 400 acres of the project area (west of Third Creek) as the backcountry management area to protect water quality, improve habitat, and provide dispersed recreation opportunities. The remainder of the site would remain designated as general conservation (general forest).

No change to the management area description in the Forest Plan is proposed, only the geographic distribution of the land designated as backcountry management area within the project area.

The proposed action and maps, as well as any project updates, are posted **online**.

This project is in the scoping stage of National Environmental Policy Act analysis. Send comments to Ashley Sibr, Re: Incline Management Plan Project, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Comments are due Jan. 5.