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Dear Interested Parties:

The US Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Heavenly Mountain Resort 2010 Capital Projects. These projects are intended to accomplish Heavenly's objectives of improving existing facilities and infrastructure for more efficient and enjoyable use by the recreating public.

The EA evaluates two alternatives:

Alternative 1 – *No Action*

- The No Action Alternative reflects a continuation of existing management practices without changes, additions, or upgrades. As such, no new trails, infrastructure, facilities, or snowmaking lines would be implemented as a result of the No Alternative.

Alternative 2 – *Proposed action*

The Proposed Action includes:

- A new day lodge with approximately 488 indoor seats located near the top of the gondola.
- Relocation of the Umbrella Bar from the top of the Gondola to Snow Beach.
- Reduction of natural obstacles (defined as the "Easy Street Run Hazard Reduction Prescription") on a segment of the *California Trail* to minimize the amount of natural snow and snowmaking needed to provide adequate coverage.
- Improvements to the Galaxy pod, including:
  - Replace the Galaxy fixed-grip double chairlift with a high-speed detachable quad.
  - Construct four new trails (U3, U4, 14 and 15), with below-ground snowmaking.
  - Add below-ground snowmaking to existing trails U1 and U2 in the Galaxy pod.

The EA is available for review at the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 and online at http://bit.ly/Heavenly2010. Additional information regarding this proposal can be obtained from Matt Dickinson at (530) 543-2769.

This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Forest Supervisor. Those who provide comments or otherwise express interest in the proposal by the

close of the comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

How to Comment and Timeframe
Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Tahoe Daily Tribune. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to: Terri Marceron, Forest Supervisor, Re: Heavenly Projects, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Forest Supervisor's office 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. No public meetings are planned at this time. 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 using Subject: Heavenly Projects. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

Sincerely,

Terri Marceron

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Forest Supervisor