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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD OF A DRAFT EIR/EIS/EIS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND HEARINGS

August 22, 2014

To: California State Clearinghouse
California Responsible and Trustee Agencies
Interested Parties and Organizations
Nevada State Clearinghouse
Cooperating Agencies
Affected Property Owners (within 300')

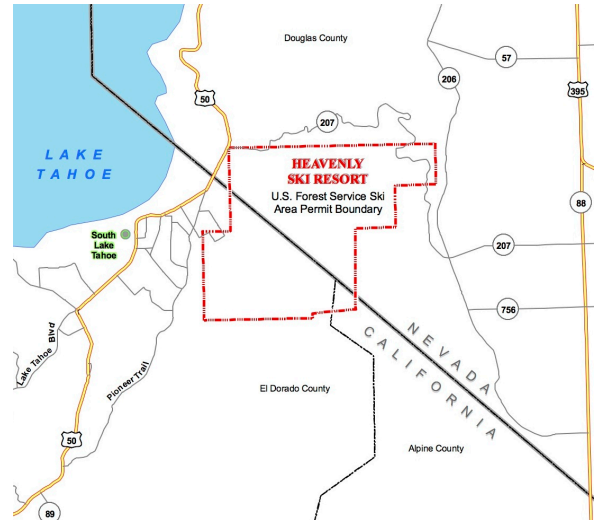
Action: Heavenly Mountain Resort (Heavenly) Epic Discovery Project (California State Clearinghouse #2013112051, Nevada State Clearinghouse Notice E2014-054, TRPA project file #ERSP2013-0490, and TRPA EIS file #ENVR2013-0001)

Project Summary: The US Forest Service (USFS), Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU); the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA); and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Lahontan Region (Lahontan) have directed the preparation of a joint environmental document for the Heavenly Epic Discovery Project. The document is an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the LTBMU prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); an EIS for TRPA pursuant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, Code of Ordinances, and Rules of Procedure; and an environmental impact report (EIR) for Lahontan pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Epic Discovery Project is intended to enhance summer activities in response to the USDA Forest Service Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011. Heavenly proposes to improve year-round recreation opportunities within the developed portions of the ski area on National Forest System lands using existing facilities and infrastructure to meet the expanding needs and expectations of visitors to Lake Tahoe, better support the year-round local economy of the South Lake Tahoe area, and connect a diverse group of visitors to our national forest with recreation and educational opportunities to further inspire passion and excitement for the outdoors. The summer activities are designed to suit a wide range of visitors from the casual sightseer to the avid mountain adventurer. The Project EIR/EIS/EIS will use information taken where appropriate from the Heavenly Mountain Resort Master Plan Amendment Final EIR/EIS/EIS certified in 2007. The TRPA Governing Board will use the EIR/EIS/EIS when they consider the amendment of the existing Ski Area Master Plan (that is also considered an amendment to the Regional Plan) to add the Epic Discovery projects.

The project is located at Heavenly within El Dorado and Alpine Counties, CA and Douglas County, NV. The base of the gondola is located within the City of South Lake Tahoe.

Public Review and Comment: The Draft EIR/EIS/EIS is available for public review and comment until October 21, 2014. The document is available at the following locations: the offices of the U.S. Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA); the offices of TRPA (128 Market Street, Stateline, NV); and the offices of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Lahontan Region (2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA). In addition, the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS is available for public review at the El Dorado County Library, South Lake Tahoe Branch (1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.) and the Douglas County Library, Lake Tahoe Branch (233 Warrior Way, Zephyr Cove, NV).



The Draft EIR/EIS/EIS can also be found at the following websites:

- <http://www.trpa.org/get-involved/major-projects/>
- <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lbmu/HeavenlyEpicProject>
- <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/>

Public Hearings: Public Hearings are scheduled to solicit comments on the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS as follows:

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Meeting Begins at 9:30 AM

TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Hearing
TRPA Board Room
128 Market Street
Stateline, NV 89449

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Meeting Begins at 9:30 AM

TRPA Governing Board Hearing
TRPA Board Room
128 Market Street
Stateline, NV 89449

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Meeting Begins at 4:00 PM

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
Lahontan Water Board Annex, Hearing Room
971 Silver Dollar Avenue
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Comments: Any comments submitted at these public hearings, or in writing to any of the responsible agencies, will be distributed to each lead agency (USFS, TRPA, and Lahontan) and will be considered in the EIR/EIS/EIS process. Comments need not be repeated to each lead agency. TRPA has been identified as the primary point of contact to address questions and collect comments. If you have any questions or would like to submit written comments, please contact David Landry, TRPA Senior Planner, (775) 589-5214, dlandry@trpa.org.

Written comments on the Epic Discovery Project are due no later than October 21, 2014.