



NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: California State Clearinghouse
Nevada State Clearinghouse
Cooperating Agencies
Responsible and Trustee Agencies
Interested Parties and Organizations

Subject: Extension of public comment period for Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/EIS for the Upper Truckee River Restoration and Golf Course Relocation Project, Lake Valley State Recreation Area and Washoe Meadows State Park, Meyers, CA

California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) are pursuing a restoration project along the reach of the Upper Truckee River that extends from its upstream entry point at the southern boundary of Washoe Meadows State Park (WMSP) to that point just west of U.S. Highway 50 (U.S. 50) where the river exits Lake Valley State Recreation Area (LVSRA). To restore the river and adjacent floodplain, the project may include relocation of part of the golf course currently on state park land within LVSRA to WMSP, and would involve an exchange of land and boundaries between the two park units. The portion of the golf course near the river in the LVSRA would be relocated, as much as is feasible, to uplands in WMSP, and the area along the river would be restored to riparian floodplain and meadow. The boundaries of the LVSRA would be adjusted to encompass just the golf course, and restored riparian areas would be reclassified as State Park.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and TRPA's Compact and Chapter 5 of the TRPA Code of Ordinance, a NOP of a joint EIR/EIS/EIS for the Upper Truckee River Restoration and Golf Course Relocation Project on September 5, 2006. The NOP remains available for public and agency review at the State Clearinghouse and at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=981. Additionally, copies of the NOP are available upon request to State Parks. To request a paper copy of the NOP contact Mr. Paul Nielsen, Project Manager, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, by phone at (775) 588-4547 x249, or send a written request to: Mr. Paul Nielsen, Project Manager, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, at P.O. Box 5310, Stateline, Nevada or email at utproject@trpa.org. The Notice of Intent (NOI) filed with the Department of the Interior can be accessed through the Federal Register: www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html

Due to community and agency input received at the project scoping meetings, the NOP public comment period will be extended to October 20, 2006. Please mail written responses to Mr. Paul Nielsen, Project Manager, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, at P.O. Box 5310, Stateline, Nevada or email at utproject@trpa.org to be received no later than **October 20, 2006**. Please note that a website for the project is under development and should be operating in mid-October: www.restoreuppertruckee.net will be the address. This site will have information on the project, upcoming meetings, and documents available for download