



**Kings Beach State Recreation Area  
General Plan Preferred Alternative  
COMMENT FORM**

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Please review the preferred alternative site design, then provide your feedback on the features of the preferred alternative described below. Please share your comments, ideas, and concerns about any other Kings Beach SRA issues on the last page.

**Pier:** The site design relocates the existing 200 feet long central pier to the eastern side of KBSRA near the end of Coon Street. The rebuilt multi-use pier would be 488 feet long with both fixed pier and floating pier sections. The pier design would provide recreational access for beach users and a universally-accessible landing for motorized and human-powered watercraft that can be used when lake levels are low. It would also avoid conflicts with swimmers by providing a watercraft landing in deeper waters. Interpretive information and benches would be provided on the pier. The pier location was selected because it:

- provides direct pedestrian access to the heart of Kings Beach at Coon Street;
- minimizes navigation barriers for paddlers traveling along the shore by allowing the shortest pier option (West and Central pier alternatives must be about 600 feet long to reach navigable depth);
- opens up the main beach area; and
- minimizes impacts to lake and mountain views from the beach.

**Comments on the pier:**

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**Promenade:** The site design incorporates a non-motorized promenade, or shared-use path, outside the backshore boundary and above the beach. Design features will:

- provide a clear pathway for pedestrians and bicyclists to move through KBSRA;
- incorporate a series of low sand walls to reduce sand blowing into the parking areas;
- provide viewing and gathering areas to maximize views of the lake; and
- increase access to pedestrian/bicycle trails outside KBSRA as proposed by Placer County, providing easier access to and from the park during the peak visitor season.

**Comments on the promenade:**

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**Lake access point:** Boating access to Lake Tahoe will continue through enhancing facilities for human-powered boating. The existing boat ramp at Coon Street would be replaced with a small ramp for hand-carried watercraft access. Due to the area’s shallow lake bed, low water conditions have forced closure of the boat ramp often in the past 20 years. Trailer boat launching has not been available since 2012, and since 2008 the boat ramp has been closed 75% of the time. Climate models suggest future periods of extended low lake levels, making the boat ramp even less functional in the future. Also, since the last time the ramp was functional, community redevelopment has changed the character of the area and severely limited overflow trailer parking opportunities, limiting the ramp’s effective capacity. Other public boat launching facilities are as close as 1 mile from KBSRA, including the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area, Lake Forest Beach, and Sand Harbor. The Coon Street lake access point will:

- focus on human-powered boating, a rapidly growing activity which is better suited to shallow water site conditions;
- provide an easy access point for kayaks, paddleboards, and other hand-carried watercraft directly adjacent to parking and drop-off areas;
- avoid boat trailer overflow parking in neighborhoods; and
- eliminate the need for continuous boat inspection staffing to meet invasive species prevention requirements.

**Comments on the lake access point:**

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**Parking:** The site design includes more efficient parking lots. Design features will:

- provide more drop off/loading and unloading space;
- allow for seasonal ice skating;
- accommodate an electronic payment system with increased flexibility for parking management; and
- reduce the total amount of parking by 12% (22 spaces) to provide more space for recreation activities.

**Comments on parking:**

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**Multi-purpose lawn and event area:** The site design includes a multi-purpose lawn and event area in the center of KBSRA. Design features will:

- provide an open lawn area for games, picnicking, and other uses;
- include a plaza that can host concerts and other events;
- allow for a roll-in stage with integral sound system; and
- allow event attendees to gather either on the lawn facing the lake or on the beach.

**Comments on the multi-purpose lawn and event area:**

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**Playground and basketball court:** The site design relocates and rebuilds the playground and basketball court. Design features will:

- include an interpretive nature play area with Tahoe-themed elements and structures; and
- relocate the half-basketball court away from the lake to allow more picnic space along the lake edge.

**Comments on the playground and basketball court:**

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**Event Center plaza:** The site design includes expanded gathering areas and pedestrian improvements near the North Tahoe Event Center. Design features will:

- upgrade the lakeside patio at the Event Center and incorporate more landscaping;
- upgrade the Event Center pedestrian entrance from the highway to the beach, creating a more visually prominent connection; and
- expand the plaza near the southeast corner of the Event Center to accommodate interpretive displays, public art, and/or other site amenities.

**Comments on the Event Center plaza:**

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**General Comments:** Please provide any other comments on the preferred alternative (site design):

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