

### Purpose and Need for Action

The Lolo National Forest Plan, 1986, provides overall guidance for land management activities in the project area. The purposes of the Cedar-Thom project are to: (1) Restore vegetative conditions that are resistant to undesirable effects of fire, insects, disease, and drought; (2) Reduce forest fuels in wildland urban interface (WUI) and non-WUI areas and re-establish fire as a disturbance process on the landscape; (3) Improve or maintain big game winter range; (4) Enhance watershed health with improvements to fish habitat and stream function; and (5) Enhance recreation opportunities and establish trail travel management designations consistent with land management objectives.

### Proposed Action

The Cedar-Thom project area of approximately 58,000 acres is located southwest of Superior, Montana within T15N, R27W; T15N, R28W; T16N, R27W; T16N, R28W; T17N, R26W; T 1 7N, R27W, P.M.M. Within this area, the Lolo National Forest proposes the following activities to achieve the purpose and need for the project: (1) Timber harvest on approximately 6758 acres; (2) non-commercial mechanical vegetation treatments on about 2290 acres; (3) Prescribed burning on approximately 9550 acres; (4) temporary road construction (5 miles) and long-term specified road construction (6 miles); (5) Road decommissioning (116 miles), road storage (9 miles), and gate closure (6 miles); (6) Culvert replacements; (7) Restoration of selected stream segments; (8) Riparian vegetation planting; (9) Removal of a 500-foot segment of historic railroad grade that infringes on Cedar Creek; (10) Roadside weed spraying; (11) Development of an 8-mile ATV trail using primarily existing road prisms; (12) Construction of an equestrian trailhead for the Thompson Creek trail (#173); (13) Construction of a non-motorized trail from Mink Peak to Lost Lake; and (14) Change the travel management status on trails that are currently designated as both motorized and non-motorized to non-motorized only.

If, after the completion of the environmental analysis and review of public comments the Responsible Official decides to select an action alternative, implementation could begin in 2012 and would continue for several years.

### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisor will decide whether to implement the proposed

action, take an alternative action that meets the purpose and need, or take no action. The decision may include a site-specific amendment to the Lolo National Forest Plan to allow approximately 215 acres of fuel reduction treatments that would include the removal of commercial-sized trees within Management Area 11, in which the Forest Plan limits tree cutting to that required to eliminate safety hazards or permit trail construction.

### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Information on the proposed action will be posted on the Forest Web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/rl/lolo/projects/>.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Dated: July 31, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet at the Trinity County schools office conference room on August 17, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss proposed projects under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008.

**DATES:** Monday, August 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Trinity County Office of Education, 201 Memorial Drive, Weaverville, CA 96093.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator John Heibel at 530-226-2524 or [jheibel@fs.fed.us](mailto:jheibel@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee.

Dated: July 29, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on August 25, 2009 at The Chateau, 955 Fairway Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held August 25, 2009, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at The Chateau, 955 Fairway Boulevard, Incline Village, NV 89451.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST AN ACCOMMODATION (ONE WEEK PRIOR TO MEETING DATE) CONTACT:** Linda Lind, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2787.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) Discussion of the Tahoe Science Consortium review of capital projects for monitoring and adaptive management opportunities; (2) review of the Erosion Control Program process and priorities; and (3) Public Comment. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer