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**Community Workshop #3:
Strategies for Success
July 20, 2006**

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PUBLIC LANDS

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Emerging Place-Based Themes
- Place-based summaries
- BREAKOUT TEAMS
 - Concept discussion
 - Implementation considerations
 - BIG strategies
- Summary and next steps

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What is Pathway 2007?

The Partners
TRPA
US Forest Service
Lahontan
Nevada Dept of Environmental Protection

- TRPA Regional Plan Update
- USFS Forest Plan Vision Document
- Lahontan Basin Plan Update/TMDL
- NDEP TMDL

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Dimensions of Regenerative Planning Framework

Healthy ecology has:

- An evolutionary capacity to heal itself
- A complex, sensitive growth system of life and death cycles
- Community, engineered ecological systems evolving together

Adapted from diagrams from
Ray Cole, University of British Columbia and
William Reed of Thompson Design Collaborative

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What we've heard so far ...

- **Workshop #1**
 - Important Places
 - Opportunities
- **Workshop #2**
 - Access and capacity
 - Recreation and restoration

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Major Themes for public lands and waterways

- Improve existing facilities and add new facilities to preserve and enhance the **quality of the recreational experience**.
- Provide site-specific **access** consistent with the desired recreation experience.
- Promote the **diversity of recreational opportunities**.
- **Restore** and manage **public lands and waterways** to the highest environmental standards while maintaining a quality user experience.
- Pursue **flexible land management** to maintain the quality experience and health of the natural environment of the Tahoe Basin.
- Provide **education** for visitors and residents about the importance of public lands and waterways for recreation, environmental protection, and long-term quality of life.

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Places

Public lands and waterways are strewn throughout the entire region and we are focusing on the four shores as sub-regions. Access, capacity, recreation and restoration will be considered in these areas.

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Public lands and waterways background

- **Lake Access.** 1971 - 18% of the shoreline was in public ownership. 2001 - more than 44% of the shoreline was in public ownership. (Actual points of access.)
- **Capacity.** LTBMU has an average of 19.7 visitors per acre in the summer months, the highest concentration of any National Forest in the country.

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Public lands and waterways background

- **Recreation.** In surveys of both visitors and residents, beaches rate as the highest priority facilities. To acquire new public shoreline today costs at least \$40,000 a linear foot.
- **Restoration.** A substantial portion of EIP funds are for ecological restoration. Also, an estimated \$123 million will be used for implementation of fuels reduction and forest health projects.

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1988 Forest Plan Mgt. Areas

East Shore Desired Condition: Maintain the existing Opportunity for non-motorized recreation in a semi-primitive environment, while developing facilities Necessary to protect the environment and to expand opportunities. Existing visual problems along Hwy 28 will be corrected. Vegetation will be managed to maintain health and diversity, acceptable fire hazard, and a safe recreation environment.

Heavenly Desired Condition: A quality ski resort with ski runs and other disturbed areas stabilized to reduce the potential for soil erosion. Some improvements in the visual quality of the area will be noticeable.

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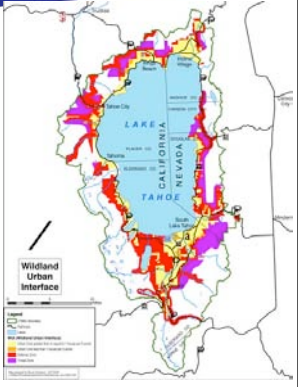
Recreation Facility Master Plan

Theme: Dispersed high country and shore-line recreation.
Setting, special places and values: State Scenic Hwy 89 through thick forest and older neighborhoods with steep canyons draining into Lake Tahoe.
Key activities/experiences: Scenic driving, bicycling and hiking accesses summer and winter recreation opportunities. Destination OHV trail, dispersed camping.
Management challenges: Unmanaged OHV recreation, limited public shoreline access.

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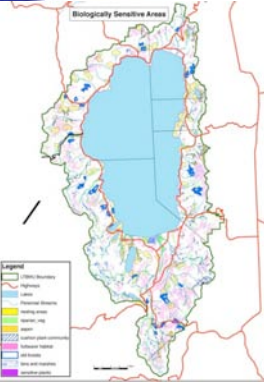
Wildland Urban Interface

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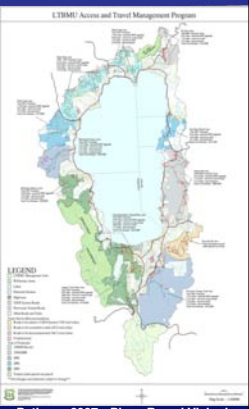
Biologically Sensitive Areas

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Access & Travel Management Plans

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Restoration 2007


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Themes for the Public Lands sub-regions:

North Shore

- Recreation is diverse, year-round and located in appropriate areas. (OHV and non-motorized)
- Restoration of trails and additional public access to the lake is a priority.
- Improve facilities and restrooms at developed recreation sites.
- Fire danger is reduced in the urban-interface area.




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Themes for the Public Lands sub-regions:


East Shore (East Shore Beaches Transect)

- Dispersed day use beaches and shoreline access.
- Maintain secluded character.
- Maximize transit opportunities.
- Reduce erosion and protect forest health and diversity.



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West Shore

Themes for the Public Lands sub-regions:
West Shore and Wilderness (Emerald Bay/Blackwood Transects)

- Improve highcountry and shoreline recreation opportunities including camping facilities.
- Manage OHV recreation in appropriate areas while protecting wilderness values and providing non-motorized opportunities.
- Enhance environmental restoration through habitat and water quality improvements.

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South Shore


Themes for the Public Lands sub-regions:
South Shore (Ski Run Marina to Heavenly, Baldwin to Camp Rich Transects)

- "Backyard" recreation, Heavenly Ski Resort, and backcountry access.
- Enhance scenic vista and access to area lakes and Lake Tahoe.
- Improve facilities at developed recreation sites.
- Reduce fire danger and manage urban lots.
- Upper Truckee River watershed is restored and protected.

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Assignment 1: Regional Setting and Recreational Setting



IMPROVING THE FRAMEWORK

STRATEGIES

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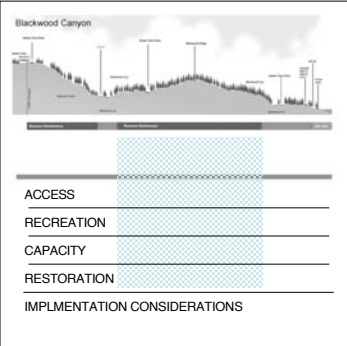
Assignment 1: Regional Setting and Recreational Setting

- **REGIONAL SETTING:** Read the Basin-wide maps and the draft "Recreation Settings" for the areas in your sub-region. Now, read the Place-Based Desired Conditions for Management Areas.
- **REGIONAL ACCESS CONCEPTS:** Looking at the map, add notes to how connections and transit strategies can be improved to serve public lands.
- **IMPROVING THE REGIONAL FRAMEWORK:** Write on the upper left corner the three ways the regional framework diagram can be improved to serve public lands and waterways.

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Assignment #2: Sub-regional Concepts



Blackwood Canyon

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| ACCESS | |
| RECREATION | |
| CAPACITY | |
| RESTORATION | |
| IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS | |

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Assignment #2: Sub-regional Concepts

- **CONCEPTS:** Using the transect, add notes that identify access, recreation, capacity and restoration concepts for the various public lands and waterways environments.
- **MAPPING CONCEPTS:** Transfer your notes on the transects to the sub-regional maps. Identify important connections and recreational ideas. Note where there are capacity issues and how you can safeguard the visitor experience.
- **IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS:** Under each environment on the transect, add implementation notes.

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Assignment #3: Implementation Strategies

- UPDATING RECREATIONAL SETTINGS: Review the “Recreational Settings” language and offer recommendations on how they should be modified based on your sub-regional concepts.
- BIG STRATEGIES: List three BIG strategies in the upper right hand corner of the regional framework map. These are things you are PREPARED TO DO to implement your concepts for public land and waterways.



Bonus Question

- **20 years from now—for the entire Basin ...**
- **What is the single most important management improvement that will make the Basin a better PLACE for your children?**



Summary and Next Steps

- Forum Workshop #2
- Vision Summary
- Draft themes and organization of Goals and Policies document and USFS Forest Plan Vision Document
- Planning Working Group meetings to review draft themes and policies
- Governing Board Presentation
- Starting PHASE 2: Incorporating themes into Goals and Policies document and USFS Forest Plan Vision Document