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Community Workshop #2: Alternative Futures

May 24, 2006

PUBLIC LANDS

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Why are we here tonight?

- Identify important new opportunities for Tahoe's public lands & waterways.
- Consider alternatives for the next 20 years
- Begin to discuss priorities for improvements on public lands and waterways.

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Community Workshop #2: Alternative Futures

- Planning process update
- March workshop highlights
- Exploring opportunities
- Summary and next steps

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Who are the partners?

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How is this important?

- The primary goals of these agencies are to conserve and manage natural/cultural resources and provide access to public lands and waterways.
- This is the first time these agencies have worked together at this level, to gather public input and incorporate it into their respective plans, as a part of the Pathway 2007 process.

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Public Visioning Phase

Step 1 - Planning Working Groups Kickoff	March 27-30
Step 1 - Framework of Opportunities Workshop WK	Done
Step 1 - Planning Team Working Week	
Step 2 - Alternative Futures Workshop Week	May 22-25
Step 2 - Planning Team Working Week	
Step 3 - Action Plan Workshop Week	July 17-21
Step 3 - Planning Team Working Week #1	
Step 3 - Planning Team Working Week #2	
Next Steps - Code of Ordinances & Plan Area Statements	

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Status of Public Lands Planning

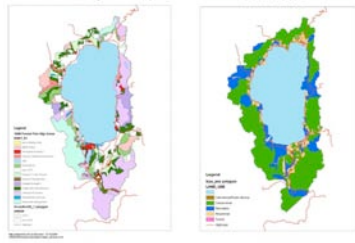


- The Forest Service Land and Resource Management Plan, adopted in 1988, will be updated through the Pathway 2007 process
- TRPA's Regional Plan, adopted in 1987, is also being updated through the Pathway 2007 process
 - TRPA regulates primarily private lands, whereas Forest Service manages the majority of public lands in the Tahoe Basin
- CA/NV State Parks develop specific park plans and amendments.
- CTC/NDSL prioritize funding for various projects.

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How the Public Lands Planning Process will Influence Final Land Management Plans

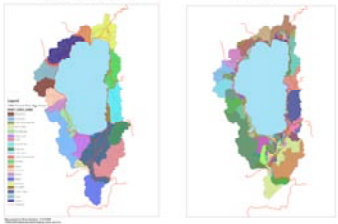


- Defining the critical issues for land management
- Applying issues geographically
- Creating management areas that complement TRPA's plan areas
- Forest plan will guide decision-making regarding management, resource allocation and uses

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Current Plan Areas



16 different geographic management areas
Recreational facilities and the primary focus in each specific recreation setting area
Next step is to incorporate the natural resource issues into these geographical areas
GOAL: Create management strategies for specific geographic areas

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Tahoe Planning Areas



- Infrastructure/Access
- Land-use areas
- Ecosystem-based management

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What we learned from the first Public Lands & Waterways Workshop

- Valued places that identify Tahoe:**
The Lake (shoreline and beaches), Mountains and Emerald Bay
- Favorite Places:**
The Backcountry, Beaches and Lake
- Areas of Opportunity:**
Watershed Restoration/Shoreline (for Lake clarity, quality and habitat) and Alternative Transportation (for access concerns)
- Greatest Opportunities:**
Upper Truckee River Watershed Restoration (headwaters), Beaches (reduce erosion) and Alternative Transportation (access)

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Public Lands Background



- About 88% of the Basin's land is public-managed
- Shore Zone Access
 - 34 of the 72 miles of shore is in public ownership
- Population Living within a 4-Hour Drive
 - 2004 11.3 million residents
 - 2020 14.5 million residents
 - * 28.3% ↑
- Estimated current visits/year = 3 to 5 million
 - 4th most visited Forest Service lands in California
- 72-Day Summer Peak Season
- 30-Day Winter Peak Season

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Recreation Trends

The top activities for residents, repeat visitors and new visitors are:

- Alpine skiing/snowboarding (winter)
- Beach activities (summer)
- Sightseeing

- From 2000 to 2005 the number of residents recreating with children increased about 22% and visitor's recreating with children increased by about 45%, while adult groups with no children declined by 33 percent and 49 percent respectively.



- Residents recreating in the summer are younger (under the age of 35) while visitors recreating in the summer are older (over the age of 55).



Demographic Highlights

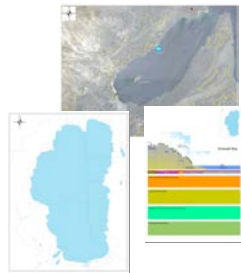
- Visitors
 - 3 to 5 Million Visitors Annually, Increasing each year
- Residents
 - 62,000 (-0.4% annual growth - well below surrounding communities)
- Lifestyles
 - Outdoor oriented, winter and summer seasons
- Economies
 - \$1.5 Billion Visitor Spending, 36,100 (73%) Visitor-generated Jobs, 49,500 Total Jobs
- Marketing
 - Local, State, National and International Efforts



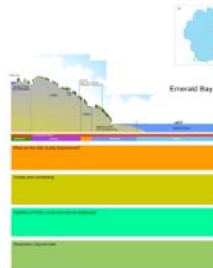
Opportunity Areas

These areas demonstrate where some of the common issues and challenges are for public lands.

- Specifically,
- Blackwood Canyon
 - Burton Creek
 - Camp Richardson to Baldwin Beach
 - East Shore Beaches
 - Emerald Bay
 - Upper Truckee



What are "transects?"



- Conceptual tools to help visualize resources and uses on actual, known parts of the landscape.
- The transects cross jurisdictional and issue boundaries.
- Memorializes input.



Organizing Ideas: Exercise #1



- Describe high-quality experiences on public lands and waterways.
- Identify areas on your map where these already exist and what you would like to see improved.



Access and Connectivity: Exercise #2



- Where are the primary access points on your map?
- Where are opportunities for better connection?
- Where are opportunities to disperse crowds?



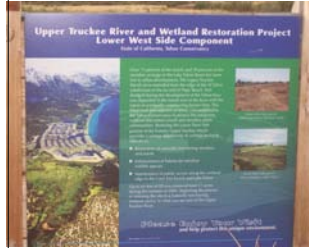
Facilities: Exercise #3



- Identify areas on your map where there are high-quality facilities.
- Identify where there are opportunities for new or improved facilities.
- Prioritize if needed.



Restoration: Exercise #4



- Identify the areas where ecological, historical, and/or cultural site restoration should happen.
- Prioritize if needed.



Community Action Plans Workshop July 20, 2006

- Location: S. Tahoe Middle School
Hwy 50 and Al Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe
- Time: 6:00-9:00 PM



Media and Outreach



- List of groups and individuals to contact
 - Local newsletters
 - Websites
 - Other
- www.pathway2007.org