

# **Vegetation Management in Sensitive Areas of the Lake Tahoe Basin: A Workshop to Evaluate Risks and Advance Existing Strategies and Practices**

**February 20-22, 2008  
Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences  
291 Country Club Drive  
Incline Village, Nevada**

## Workshop Purpose:

The purpose of this workshop is to explore the state of knowledge and current practices used by government agencies in the planning, review, and implementation of vegetation management projects in SEZ and steep slope areas in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Information and results provided at the workshop will be used to: 1) clarify the state of knowledge, 2) identify areas of uncertainty regarding environmental risk, and 3) develop recommendations to advance the strategies and practices of vegetation management available to government agencies in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

## **DAY ONE: February 20, 2008**

**0830 -- Welcome – Zach Hymanson (TSC)**

**0845 -- Review Workshop Purpose, Agenda, and Products – Zach Hymanson (TSC)**

**0900 -- Overview of Sensitive Areas in the Tahoe Basin – Tim Hagen (TRPA), Doug Smith (LRWQCB), and Denise Downie (LTBMU)**

### **I. Case Studies: Recent Experience with Vegetation Management Projects in Lake Tahoe Basin Sensitive Areas – Project Planning, Permitting, and Implementation**

**0930 – Incline Village General Improvement District: 30 minute Presentation; 30 minutes Review Panel-speaker Q&A**

This will demonstrate how projects are planned, permitted and implemented in Nevada.

#### Participants:

- North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District – **Norb Szczurek (Lead)**
- Incline Village General Improvement District
- Nevada Division of Forestry – Roland Shaw
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency – Mike Vollmer

**1030 – Break**

**1100 – Homewood Ski Area Steep Slope Project: 30 minute Presentation followed by 30 minutes Review Panel-Speaker Q&A**

This case study will demonstrate mechanical treatment of steep slopes.

#### Participants:

- Lahontan Water Board – **Andrea Stanley (Co-Lead)**
- Integrated Environmental – **Michael Hogan (Co-Lead)**
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency – Tim Hagen

**DAY ONE CONTINUED: February 20, 2008**

**1200 – Lunch**

**1330 – California Parks Riparian Hardwoods Project: 30 minute Presentation followed by 30 minutes Review Panel-Speaker Q&A**

This case study demonstrates an environmental restoration project in SEZs.

Participants:

- California State Parks – **Rich Adams & Tamara Sasaki (Leads)**
- Lahontan Water Board – Doug Cushman
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency – Tim Hagen

**1430 – Heavenly Valley SEZ Demonstration Project & SEZ Sensitivity Analysis: 30 minute Presentation followed by 30 minutes Review Panel-Speaker Q&A**

This case study demonstrates an innovative use of mechanized equipment in an SEZ.

Participants:

- LTBMU – **Sue Norman (Lead)**
- Lahontan Water Board – Andrea Stanley
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency – Tim Hagen

**1530 – Break**

**1600 – Audience Questions**

**1645 - Adjourn**

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## **DAY TWO: February 21, 2008**

**0900 – Welcome and Program Review for Day Two**

**0915 – Case Study Issue Review – Ed Smith (UNCE) and Susie Kocher (UCCE)**

**0945 – Review Panel and Agency Q&A and issue clarification**

**1015 – Audience Q&A**

**1030 – Break**

## **II. Review of Harvesting Systems Used In Tahoe and Elsewhere**

**1100 – Harvesting Systems used in the Tahoe Basin: Challenges and Opportunities – Jeff Holland (CTL) (Invited)**

**1130 – Celio Ranch Fuel Reduction Project – Martin Goldberg (LVFD)**

**1200 – Lunch**

**1330 – Harvesting Systems that Minimize Impacts on Sensitive Areas – New Technologies and uses occurring outside the Basin – Steve Rheinberger (USFS)**

**1415 – Q & A between panel, agency representative, and harvesting experts**

**1500 – Audience Q&A**

**1530 - Adjourn**

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## **DAY THREE: February 22, 2008**

**1030 – Welcome and Program Review for Day Three**

**1040 – Overview of issues identified from case studies – Susie Kocher (UCCE)**

### **III. Agency presentation(s) that identify options that satisfy mutual and separate interests for planning, permitting, and implementing vegetation management projects in sensitive areas**

**1100 – Agency consensus presentation, Participants include:**

- CalFire – Mary Huggins (invited)
- TRPA-- Mike Vollmer
- CDPR – Ken Anderson
- Local Fire Districts – Martin Goldberg (LVFD) & Norb Szczurek (NLTFD)
- CTC – Rick Robinson (invited)
- LRWQCB – Laurie Kemper
- LTBMU – Sue Norman
- NDOF – Roland Shaw

**1230 -- Lunch Break**

**1330 -- Technical Panel Q&A with agency representatives**

**1430 – Audience Questions**

**1530 – Next Steps**

**1545 - Adjourn**

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