**AGENDA | Field Visit**

**Stakeholder Science and Stakeholder Community Committees**

**Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership**

Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 8 am to 4:45 pm

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**If you are coming from the southern side of the lake:**

* **Meet at 8 am** at Taylor Creek Visitor Center Parking Lot, 35 Visitor Center Road, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**If you are coming from the northern side of the lake:**

* **Meet at 8:35 am** at Meeks Bay Trailhead

**Field Visit Goals**

1. Collectively examine several sites in relation to the concept of *resilience,* and discuss possible management approaches to achieve resilience.
2. Learn about Tribal cultural values and perspectives associated with the landscape.
3. Help each other begin to see the landscape in new and different ways.

| **TIME** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **PRESENTER(S)** |
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| 8:00 am | **Meet at Taylor Creek Visitor Center**  (*Those coming from the southern side only*)  **Quick Welcome and Load into Carpool Vehicles** | **Brian Garrett,** Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) and Interagency Design Team (IADT)  **Sarah Di Vittorio**, Lake Tahoe West Facilitator |
| 8:10 | *Carpools depart for Meeks Bay* | **All** |
| 8:35 | **Meet Remaining SSC Members at Meeks Bay Trailhead**  *Load into Carpool Vehicles* | **All** |
| 8:45 | *Carpools depart for Meeks Meadow Overview Site* | **All** |
| 9:00 | **Stop 1: Meeks Meadow Overview Site** (Intersection of Coveway and Sweetwater Drive in Tahoe Hills)  **Welcome and Agenda Review** (10 min.)  **Meeting Ground Rules and Introductions** (10 min.)  **Review of Field Visit Maps and LRA Indicator Maps** (10 min.)  **Interested Party Comment Period #1**  At this time any interested party may request consideration to place a new item on a future agenda. Individuals will be limited to a three-minute presentation. No action will be taken today as a result of any item presented at this time.  *Objective: Orient participants to the day’s agenda and goals.* | **Sarah Di Vittorio**, Lake Tahoe West Facilitator  **Forest Schaffer**, California Tahoe Conservancy  **All Stakeholders, IADT members** |
| 9:30 | **Cultural Landscape**   * Washoe Tribe connection to the West Shore and Lake Tahoe * Perspectives on landscape resilience   *Objective: Learn about Washoe cultural values and relationship to Lake Tahoe and the West Shore.* | **Chairman Mortimer**, Washoe Tribe |
| 9:45 | **Walk up trail to Meeks Meadow overview site**   * Introductory remarks about Meeks Meadow * Water Team Science: monitoring and modeling * Group discussion:   + What do we see?   + What would this meadow look like if it were in a more resilient condition?   + What management actions might help to achieve a more resilient condition?   + What challenges or conflicts might we anticipate?   Discussion Points:   * + Cultural values   + Ridge line trail. Use for biomass removal? R fire control?   + Pre/post treatment conditions from previous hand thin work   + Treatments on steep slopes   + Legacy roads mid-slope   + Prescribed Fire – pile burning, past treatments – fire scars on south facing slope   + Conifer encroachment in Meeks Meadow   *Objective: Discuss perceptions of landscape resilience and potential treatment options.* | **Brian**  **Devon Eckberg**, University of Nevada, Reno  **Jonathan Long**, Pacific Northwest Research Station  **All Stakeholders, IADT members** |
| 10:25 | *Return to Vehicles. Drive to D.L. Bliss State Park – Group Camp (enter at Main Entrance)* | **All** |
| 10:55 | **Stop 2: D.L. Bliss State Park, Group Camp**   * Introductory remarks about D.L. Bliss * Group discussion   + What do we see?   + What prescribed fire management strategies might we consider, where, and when?   + What challenges or conflicts might we see/anticipate?   Discussion Points   * + Cultural values   + State Parks mission, management, and connection to Lake Tahoe West project   + Prescribed fire – understory landscape burning   *Objective: Discuss perceptions of landscape resilience and potential treatment options.* | **Rich Adams**, California State Parks  **All Stakeholders, IADT members** |
| 11:40 | *Return to Vehicles. Drive to Lester Beach for Lunch* | **All** |
| 11:50 | **LUNCH** |  |
| 12:20 | **Preview Blackwood Canyon: What to look for as we drive to Stop 3**   * Distinct change in stand density at Defense Zone boundary (treatments/PACs closer in versus no treatments farther out) * Yellow Pine, mixed conifer and Red Fir forest ecotypes as we climb elevation * Change in soils from Granitic (stops 1, 2 and 3) to Volcanic in Blackwood | **Brian** |
| 12:30 pm | *Return to**Vehicles. Drive to Stop 3 – Barker Pass Vista Point* | **All** |
| 1:00 | **Stop 3: Barker Pass Vista Point**   * Introductory remarks about Barker Pass * Science Team – Blackwood Canyon Research: Roads * Group discussion   + What do we see?   + What would this landscape look like if in a more resilient condition?   + What management actions/strategy might we take here?   + What challenges or conflicts might we anticipate?   Discussion Points   * + Cultural values   + Red Fir forest, FRI/fire severity characteristics   + Ecological connections, LTW analysis area, wildlife habitat connectivity, fireshed – view into the Tahoe NF / Granite Chief Wilderness   + Treatment on steep slopes/access   + Trails, roads, recreation use   *Objective: Discuss perceptions of landscape resilience and potential treatment options.* | **Brian**  **Randy Striplin,** LTBMU and IADT  **Longxi Cao**, Institute of Soil Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences  **Matthew Lesiecki**, Rocky Mountain Research Station  **Jonathan Long**, Pacific Northwest Research Station  **All Stakeholders, IADT members** |
| 1:50 | *Load into vehicles and travel to OHV staging area*  ***10-minute Bathroom Break at OHV staging area*** | **All** |
| 2:20 | *Load into vehicles and travel to Stop 5 – Aspen Restoration Mechanical Treatment* | **All** |
| 2:30 | **Stop 4: Aspen Restoration Mechanical Treatment**   * Introductory remarks * Group discussion   + What do we see?   + Is this stand in a more resilient condition? Is it in desired condition?   + What management actions/strategy might we take here or in other similar areas?   Discussion Points   * + Cultural values   + Diameter limits   + Use of mechanized equipment in riparian areas   + Road/channel crossings   + Riparian zones / Aquatic systems   *Objective: Discuss perceptions of resilience and potential treatment options.* | **Brian** and **Randy**  **All Stakeholders, IADT members** |
| 3:15 | **Action Items , Next Steps, Closing Remarks**  **Interested Party Comment Period #1**  At this time any interested party may request consideration to place a new item on a future agenda. Individuals will be limited to a three-minute presentation. No action will be taken today as a result of any item presented at this time. | **Sarah**  **TBD** |
| 3:35 | **Adjourn**  *Travel back to Meeks Bay Trailhead* | **All** |
| 4:05 | *Arrive at Meeks Bay Trailhead. Drop off passengers.*  *Depart for Taylor Creek Visitor Center* | **All** |
| 4:45 | *Arrive at Taylor Creek Visitor’s Center* | **All** |

**Standing Ground Rules**

1. Electronics courtesy – please turn all devices to silent or off
2. Be comfortable – take personal breaks if needed, restrooms and refreshments provided
3. Honor time – we need to spend some time with each topic on the agenda, please adhere to the guidance provided
4. Humor is welcome – it just should not be at someone else’s expense
5. Common conversational courtesy – do not interrupt others, use profanity, or make it hard to hear by having third-party conversations at the table
6. All ideas and points of view have value – you do not have to agree with your neighbor; if you do not agree with something, propose an alternative that could meet everyone’s interests
7. Treat each other with respect – everyone cares about the work, and brings unique backgrounds, expertise, and insight to the conversation
8. Avoid editorials – avoid judging other people’s motives or the value of their actions; instead explain what you need for your interests to be met and our work to be a success