

Forest Service meeting to explain Fallen Leaf Lake trail plans

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit will host a meeting Sept. 19 to explain answer questions about its plan for trails in the Fallen Leaf Lake area.

The Fallen Leaf Lake Access and Travel Management Plan seeks to improve the recreation experience for residents and visitors, while protecting its natural, cultural and historic resources. LTBMU is asking for public input on the plan and alternatives developed in response to public comment.

Under the plan, the LTBMU would expand and improve public parking and access and install water quality best management practices at existing and proposed parking sites. The project would improve the trail system to provide access to popular destinations, while reducing congestion and user conflict.

Many trails would receive BMP upgrades to meet current Forest Service standards, while others are proposed for decommissioning. A primary difference among the six alternatives is how they would address the existing bridge over Fallen Leaf Lake dam and the Taylor Creek stream crossings, the issue that drew the most public comment.

The meeting will be from 6-8pm at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe.

The draft environmental assessment is available online or call (530) 543.2694. The Forest Service will accept comments through Oct. 12.