# 129 FALLEN LEAF NORTH

### **PLAN DESIGNATION:**

Land Use Classification RECREATION

Management Strategy MITIGATION

**Special Designation** TDR RECEIVING AREA FOR:

1. Multi-Residential Units

PREFERRED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AREA (USFS Employee Only)

# **DESCRIPTION:**

**Location:** This area extends south of Highway 89 to the northern half of Fallen Leaf Lake. The boundaries of this area are depicted on TRPA maps E-18, E-19, F-18, and F-19.

**Existing Uses:** The uses in the area are mostly recreation. Support facilities for recreation use include summer tract homes, campgrounds, and hiking trails. Other activities include timber management, grazing, and fishing.

There are 139 summer homes in the Spring Creek Tract. Other summer homes are located on the west end of Fallen Leaf Lake, north of Cathedral Creek. Camp Shelly and Camp Concord are summer camps that provide recreational opportunities for the city residents of Concord and Livermore. Facilities associated with Camp Richardson in this Plan Area include a corral and 265 camp units. More than 200 camp units are available at the Fallen Leaf Lake campground. Timber management has been designed to control insects and disease and to enhance the forest for recreation.

**Existing Environment:** This area has significant amounts of both high and low hazard lands. Despite the many intensive uses in this area, it still retains much of its natural character. Dominant plant species include mature stands of fir, lodgepole pine, willow, Basin sagebrush, and greenleaf manzanita. Significant natural features include Taylor Creek, Fallen Leaf Lake and a view of Mt. Tallac. Taylor Creek provides essential spawning habitat for kokanee salmon, brown trout, and other species. Bald eagles also frequent this area during the autumn and winter months. The shorezone is tolerance districts 4 and 6.

<u>PLANNING STATEMENT</u>: This area provides a full range of recreational opportunities and should continue to function as a receiving zone for additional recreational users and uses. Expansion of uses should be consistent with the natural character of the area.

# **PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

- 1. The forest is in an unacceptable condition due to insects and over stocking.
- 2. Access roads lack significant improvements.

- 3. Road maintenance of Cathedral Road is no longer provided by El Dorado County.
- 4. Bank slumping and erosion is extensive along Taylor Creek.
- A few developed facilities are within SEZs.
- Access to Fallen Leaf Lake is limited.
- 7. A Washoe cultural center is proposed near Taylor Creek.
- 8. There are approximately 25 private unimproved parcels in the Tahoe Mt. Road area and a paper subdivision of 11 parcels north of the Spring Creek Tract.
- This area is bordered by Scenic Roadway Unit 2 and within Scenic Resource Evaluation Area 29.
- 10. The Agency Wildlife Map identifies bald eagle and waterfowl habitats in this Plan Area, and the USFS has identified an active goshawk nest site here.

# **SPECIAL POLICIES:**

- Automobile access in the winter months should be discouraged. Removal of snow from dirt roads is prohibited.
- 2. Public access to Fallen Leaf Lake, especially at the north end, should be improved.
- 3. Roads should be upgraded and improved consistent with the rural character of the area to achieve 208 water quality standards.
- 4. Intensive uses in the SEZs should be relocated to higher capability lands.
- Local residents of Fallen Leaf Lake, in cooperation with the USFS, the county, and TRPA, should evaluate the best uses for Fallen Leaf Lake, especially with regard to public boat access and appropriate boat and motor size restrictions.
- 6. This is a suitable area for USFS employee housing.
- 7. Snowmobiles should be allowed only on designated areas or courses.

PERMISSIBLE USES: Pursuant to Chapter 18 PERMISSIBLE USES and if applicable, Chapter 51 PERMISSIBLE USES AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN THE SHOREZONE AND LAKEZONE, the following primary uses may be permitted within all or a portion of the Plan Area. The list indicates if the use is allowed (A) or must be considered under the provisions for a special use (S). Existing uses not listed shall be considered nonconforming uses within this Plan Area. The establishment of new uses not listed shall be prohibited within this Plan Area.

General List: The following list of permissible uses is applicable throughout the Plan Area.

**Residential** Employee housing (S), single family dwelling (S), and

summer homes (S).

Public Service Cultural facilities (S), local public health and safety

facilities (S), pipelines and power transmission (S), transit stations and terminals (S), transmission and receiving facilities (S), and transportation routes (S).

**Recreation** Beach recreation (A), boat launching facilities (S), cross

country skiing courses (S), day use areas (A), riding and hiking trails (A), undeveloped campgrounds (A), participant sports (S), developed campgrounds (A), outdoor recreation concessions (A), rural sports, (S)

group facilities (S), and snowmobile courses (S).

#### **Resource Management**

Reforestation (A), regeneration harvest (A), sanitation salvage cut (A), selection cut (A), special cut (A), thinning (A), timber stand improvement (A), tree farms (S), early successional stage vegetation management (A), nonstructural fish habitat management (A), structural fish habitat management (A), structural fish habitat management (A), structural wildlife habitat management (A), farm/ranch accessory structures (S), grazing (S), range pasture management (S), range improvement (A), fire detection and suppression (A), fuels treatment (A), insect and disease suppression (A), prescribed fire management (A), sensitive plant management (A), uncommon plant community management (A), erosion control (A), runoff control (A) and SEZ restoration (A).

**Shorezone:** Within the specified shorezone tolerance district, the following primary uses may be permitted in the backshore, nearshore, and foreshore. Accessory structures shall be regulated pursuant to the regulations applicable to the primary use upon which they are dependent in accordance with Chapter 18. The following structures may be permitted in the shorezone as an allowed (A) or special (S) use only if they are accessory to an existing, allowed use located on the same or adjoining littoral parcel.

# **Tolerance Districts 4 and 6**

**Primary Uses**Beach recreation (A), boat launching facilities (A),

salvage operations (A), and water borne transit (S).

Accessory Structure Boat ramps (A), buoys (A), fences (S), floating docks

and platforms (A), piers (A), shorezone protective

structures (S), and water intake lines (A).

**MAXIMUM DENSITIES:** Pursuant to Chapter 21 DENSITY, the following list establishes the maximum allowable densities that may be permitted for any parcel located within the Plan Area. The actual development permitted may be further limited by transfer of development rights limitations, residential density incentive program, special use determinations, allocation limitations and general site development standards.

USE	MAXIMUM DENSITY
Residential	
Employee Housing	25 units for USFS employee housing
Single Family Dwelling	1 unit per parcel
Summer Home	1 unit per parcel or lease site
Recreation	
Developed Campgrounds	8 sites per acre
Group Facilities	25 persons per acre

**MAXIMUM COMMUNITY NOISE EQUIVALENT LEVEL:**. The maximum community noise equivalent level for this Plan Area is 55 CNEL.

ADDITIONAL DEVELOPED OUTDOOR RECREATION: The following are the targets and limits for additional developed outdoor recreation facilities specified in Chapter 13 to be located within this Plan Area. Specific projects and their timing are addressed in the TRPA Five-Year Recreation Program pursuant to Chapter 33 Allocation of Development. The following additional capacities allowed are measured in persons at one time.

SUMMER DAY USES 0 PAOT WINTER DAY USES 0 PAOT OVERNIGHT USES 1020 PAOT

OTHER: Trailhead and four miles of trail.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS:** The capital improvement and other improvement programs required by the Regional Goals and Policies Plan and Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP) for this area shall be implemented.§

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