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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Section 108 Third and Incline Creeks Restoration Project, Phase II, Washoe County, Nevada, are now available for your information. This proposed restoration is consistent with, and has been identified as a priority of, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Environmental Improvement Program. The Corps is the Federal lead agency, and the Incline Village General Improvement District is the local sponsor.

The proposed project would consist of restoring fish passage, as well as aquatic and riparian habitats and functions, to benefit fish and wildlife found in and along the lower section of Third and Incline Creeks in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The combined fish passage, instream, and planting work would restore approximately 4,700 linear feet of aquatic habitat and one acre of riparian habitat in the adjacent stream environment zone (SEZ). The restoration has been designed to restore fish passage at three existing culvert road crossings; expand the flood plain at selected locations on Third and Incline Creeks to reduce erosion, which results in the loss of habitat; and increase habitat diversity and use by fish and wildlife. Restoration of the SEZ would also contribute to reducing the high amount of fine sediment flowing into Lake Tahoe, thereby improving water quality conditions in the lake and also benefitting its nearshore flora and fauna.

The EA concluded that there would be no significant effects and that no mitigation beyond the use of best management practices would be required. These conclusions have been coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, and Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer.

The public review period for the draft EA ended on July 2, 2010. All comments received were considered and incorporated into the final EA, as appropriate. If you would like a copy of the final document, please contact Mr. Mario Parker, Environmental Manager, at (916) 557-6701 or email: [Mario.G.Parker@usace.army.mil](mailto:Mario.G.Parker@usace.army.mil). Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alicia E. Kirchner".

Alicia E. Kirchner  
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