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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Section 108 Upper Truckee River - Sunset Stables Restoration Project in El Dorado County, California, is now available for review. 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 California Tahoe Conservancy is the local sponsor.

The proposed project would consist of restoring aquatic and riparian habitats and functions to benefit fish and wildlife found in and along the Upper Truckee River in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Combined instream and planting work would restore approximately 4,900 linear feet of aquatic habitat, enhance 57 acres of wetland habitat, and create 12 acres of willow/riparian habitat in the adjacent stream environment zone (SEZ). The new channel would be a sinuous, single-thread channel with irregular meanders consisting of pools and riffles. The restoration has been designed to reduce high rates of erosion, which result 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 public review period for the draft EA will end on March 11, 2011. An electronic copy of the EA is available for review at www.nvwetlands.com, and the document is also available on CD at the South Lake Tahoe Library, 1000 Rufus Allen Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, California. Please send any comments to the above address, Attn: Mr. Mario Parker (CESPK-PD-R), or by email: mario.g.parker@usace.army.mil. If you have any questions or wish to have a hard copy of the document, please contact Mr. Parker, Environmental Manager, at (916) 557-6701.

Sincerely,

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

Alicia E. Kirchner
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