

General Recreation

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	In accordance with achievement and maintenance of the environmental threshold carrying capacities, provide a suitable spectrum of high-quality recreational opportunities while sustaining Lake Tahoe's natural setting as an outstanding recreation destination	None	Carrying Capacity: Develop rigorous ecosystem based carrying capacity analysis that assesses recreation impacts on all other threshold standards and establishes maximum capacities that can be allowed without harming other thresholds, or the ecosystem as a whole. The analysis will assess damages, sources, and causes by current uses and evaluates recreation uses on a scale of least impact to greatest impact on the ecosystem.		IMP – Work with the scientific community to determine the impacts of recreational capacity on the Basin's ecological systems impacts on a Basin wide and site specific basis and determine the amount of allowable recreational activity based on this analysis.
			The PAOT system will be replaced with one that relates numbers to ecosystem impacts and is measurable, track-able, accountable and transparent. Recreation uses may be permitted providing the basin's recreation facilities and uses are within the constraints of the environmental threshold standards and the carrying capacity analysis.		IMP—Work with the scientific community to determine the impacts of recreational capacity on ecological impacts on a basin wide and site specific basis and limit the amount of recreational activity based on this analysis. Develop a scientific analysis of the impacts of recreation uses, facilities, activities, construction and maintenance on the Basin ecosystems and prepare and alternative to the PAOT system.
			Create metrics to measure the quality of various recreation in the Basin.		
DEV REC-1 Provide a suitable spectrum of high-quality recreational opportunities while sustaining Lake Tahoe's natural setting as an outstanding recreation destination		REC-1.3 Recreation expansion: Expansion of recreational facilities and opportunities should be in response to regional and community demands, needs and priorities. Support demand projections and needs assessments to assess facility capacity.	REC-1.3 Recreation expansion: Expansion of recreational facilities and opportunities should be in response to regional and community demands, needs and priorities, but should only occur if there minimal impacts to other threshold standards. Support demand projections and needs assessments to assess facility capacity. REC-1.3	Existing measures	

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			<p>Recreation expansion: Expansion of recreational facilities and opportunities need to be in response to regional and community demands, needs and priorities, <i>but any expansion must either by itself, or through mitigation, prevent any new negative impacts on the thresholds.</i> Support demand projections and needs assessments to assess facility capacity. TRPA will proactively encourage environmentally-friendly recreation in the Basin, including activities associated with Eco- and Geo-tourism.</p> <p><i>Recreation facility expansion can only occur if the carrying capacity report determines there is capacity within the achievement of thresholds. Expansion and restoration of open space and natural systems should be the highest priority.</i></p>		
DEV REC-1 Provide a suitable spectrum of high-quality recreational opportunities while sustaining Lake Tahoe's natural setting as an outstanding recreation destination		REC-1.4 Connectivity: provide connectivity between new, redeveloped and existing recreation destinations through alternative and non-automotive means, including transit, bicycle trails, and pedestrian linkages.	Connectivity: provide connectivity between new, redeveloped and existing recreation destinations through alternative and non-automotive means, including transit, bicycle trails, and pedestrian linkages, in compliance with threshold standards.	<p>Rec.Gen.Imp-4: Create a definition for "bike trail or route" that is separate from transportation route.</p> <p>Changed in Factsheet #2 (page15):</p> <p><i>Amend Chapter 18 to add a definition for a new category of recreation facility called 'multi-season resort.</i></p>	DELETE
DEV REC-1 Provide a suitable spectrum of high-quality recreational opportunities while sustaining Lake Tahoe's natural setting as an outstanding recreation destination		REC-1.2 Recreation development: Require that recreation development in the Tahoe region be compatible with other recreation uses and aligned with the special and natural resources of the area.	Recreation development: Require that recreation development in the Tahoe region will lead to achievement of threshold standards be compatible with other recreation uses and aligned with the special and natural resources of the area.	Existing measures	

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GEN REC-2 Provide additional high-quality access where lawful and feasible to natural areas and shorezone consistent with desired resource conditions and user expectations.	In accordance with achievement and maintenance of the environmental threshold carrying capacities, provide additional high-quality access where lawful and feasible to natural areas and shorezone consistent with desired resource conditions and user expectations.	REC-2.1 Recreation structures: design new recreation facilities to be consistent with the setting, to meet the needs of all users, and respond to changing recreational trends and technology.	REC-2.1 Recreation structures: design new recreation facilities to be consistent with the setting, to meet the needs of all users, and respond to changing recreational trends and technology. New or redeveloped recreation facilities must not impede progress towards attainment and maintenance of all thresholds.	Rec.Gen.Imp-2: Code Section 20.3.B(7), Coverage Standards, would be updated to add an accessibility requirement for new and existing recreation facilities	Prioritize the restoration and maintenance of open space, existing facilities and natural systems before building new facilities.
GEN REC-2 Provide additional high-quality access where lawful and feasible to natural areas and shorezone consistent with desired resource conditions and user expectations.		REC-2.2 Public access - land acquisition: provide for public access to recreational opportunities and scenic vistas by facilitating public land acquisition.		Existing measures	
GEN REC-2 Provide additional high-quality access where lawful and feasible to natural areas and shorezone consistent with desired resource conditions and user expectations.		REC-2.3 Public access – impacts: provide adequate access to recreation destinations. The impact on public access shall be a key consideration for any resource management limitation on public use.	Increases to public access will be guided by the carrying capacity study. Low impact access is the highest priority.	Rec.Gen.Imp-3: A separate process for rights-of-way and public easement abandonments to require TRPA approval would be added to Chapter 41, Subdivision and Chapter 53, Shorezone Tolerance Districts. The goal is to preserve public access to the shoreline of Lake Tahoe and other public lands, except when conveyed to a public agency for protection of a natural resource or other overriding public purpose. Factsheet, page 15: <i>Staff proposes to modify the Implementation Measure in question (Rec.Disp.Imp-3) to clarify that including mountain bikes in the Riding and Hiking</i>	

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				Trail definition is only to update the definition and will not result in designation of mountain bike trails or in a map similar to the snowmobile map.	
GOAL REC-1: Provide a suitable spectrum of high-quality recreational opportunities while sustaining Lake Tahoe's natural setting as an outstanding recreation destination		REC-1.5 Develop a comprehensive regional recreation and open space plan, in cooperation with regional and local recreation providers, to provide guidance for planning, design and management of parks, recreation and open space opportunities in the Tahoe basin.	Develop a comprehensive regional recreation and open space plan, in cooperation with regional and local recreation providers, to provide guidance for planning, design and management of parks, recreation and natural open space opportunities in the Tahoe basin.	NONE	Development that increases use must be in compliance with achievement of threshold standards.
			Analyses of recreation impacts will include a compilation and measurement of the indirect and cumulative impacts of all recreation uses, including VMT and energy.	Added in Factsheet, page 14: TRPA proposes to revise Code Chapter 71 for the urban interface area to be consistent with the federal WUI defense zone standard of 1,320 feet. (The current Code provides for a 1,250-foot "urban interface area." check to see if this is supposed to be in this section.	IMP: Define the level of impact of various recreational uses and prepare a table of uses based on overall indirect and cumulative impacts on the ecosystem and on each of the threshold standards. Impacts analyzed will include VMT generation, direct and indirect energy-source use (gasoline, electric, other) and other impacts. This assessment will also include the impacts from the service, maintenance and operation of facilities for outdoor recreation use.
			Compile and measure indirect impacts of all recreation uses, including parking, VMT and energy. Define level of impact of various uses and prepare a table of uses based on overall indirect impacts on the ecosystem and on each of the threshold standards. Assess increased parking, VMTs, direct and indirect energy-source use (gasoline, electric, other) and assign factors for service, maintenance and operation of facilities for the outdoor recreation use.		

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Italics identify policy or implementation that were revised as part of the Milestone process – it is unclear from the documents provided if the changes are in reference to Alt 2 or both Alt 2 and Alt 4.

The Conservation Alternative Policies and Implementation Measures and related code amendments must strengthen and implement restriction without variance procedures, exemptions, exceptions and will require enforcement in a timely manner.