

Dispersed Recreation

TRPA Staff Proposed Goal	Suggested Goal Language	TRPA Staff Proposed Policy *	Suggested Policy Language **	TRPA Staff Proposed Implementation Measure	Suggested Implementation Measure
Goal REC-3: Dispersed recreation activities shall be encouraged when consistent with environmental values and protection of the natural resources	In accordance with achievement and maintenance of the environmental carrying capacities and protection of natural resources, dispersed recreation activities shall be encouraged.	REC-3.1 Provide low intensity recreational experiences along undeveloped shorelines and other natural areas, consistent with the tolerance capabilities and character of such areas.	<p>Low density recreational experiences may be provided along undeveloped shorelines and other natural areas, consistent with the carrying capacity study, character of such areas, and attainment of threshold standards.</p> <p>Historic hiking trails will be protected from higher speed activities that damage the hiking experience.</p>	Rec.Disp.Imp-1: Allow dispersed recreation in all transect districts. The transect zoning system would describe the form of the natural and built environment for each district.	<p>Provide transit service that reduces emissions per person per mile to and among recreational areas.</p> <p>Provide transit service to low density recreational area. No expansion of parking at dispersed recreation areas, but increase access through mass transit opportunities.</p>
				Added in 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 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.</i>	
Goal REC-3: Dispersed recreation activities shall be encouraged when consistent with environmental values and protection of the natural resources		REC-3.2: Regulate areas selected for nature study and wildlife observation to prevent unacceptable disturbance of wildlife and its habitat. Encourage interpretation and educational information for these areas to further protection.	SAME	Rec.Disp.Imp-7: Designate permissible uses in wilderness and backcountry (formerly Roadless) areas within the proposed Plan Area Statements. Limited roads may be present and off-highway vehicle use will be authorized if so designated in backcountry areas. USFS boundaries and terminology for wilderness and backcountry areas will be incorporated into the Regional Plan maps and documents.	Restrict permissible uses in wilderness and backcountry (formerly Roadless) areas within the proposed Plan Area Statements. In order to protect wildlife observation, nature study and prevent disturbance of wildlife habitat restore legacy roads and restrict uses to reduce disturbances.
Goal REC-3: Dispersed recreation activities shall be encouraged when consistent with environmental values and protection of the natural resources		REC-3.3 Create a comprehensive trail network linking public lands with appropriate support facilities by upgrading existing trails, providing new and expanded linkages with major regional or interstate trails, and supporting planning efforts to create the network.	Create a comprehensive trail network linking public lands within the constraints of the carrying capacity of the public land.	Existing measures	Evaluate all proposed trail extensions, improvements, expansions and other services, to assure protection of the carrying capacity of the land and prohibit indirect impact such as new parking facilities.

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Goal REC-3: Dispersed recreation activities shall be encouraged when consistent with environmental values and protection of the natural resources		REC-3-4 Manage trail networks to provide a high quality recreation experience while minimizing and mitigating environmental impacts.	Consolidate trail networks, especially neighborhood trails, and manage within the boundaries of the carrying capacity, to reduce impacts and attain and maintain threshold standards..	Rec.Disp.Imp-8: Within the Plan Area Statement System, include mountain biking in the Chapter 18 definition of "Riding and Hiking Trails" as a recognized use allowed only on roads and trails designated for that use.	IMP – ensure that trails are effectively maintained to prevent erosion and appropriate maintenance schedules are followed. Limit or close trail use on high maintenance trails when funding and or staff for maintenance are not available. For example unmaintained water bars create more erosion than trails that never had the water bars installed. Stream crossings have less of an impact on erosion/diversion when maintained. Use seasonal closures to protect natural resources.
Goal REC-3: Dispersed recreation activities shall be encouraged when consistent with environmental values and protection of the natural resources		REC-3.6: Off-highway vehicles are permissible on specified roads, trails, or designated areas where the environmental impacts can be mitigated.	Off-highway vehicles are permissible only on specified roads, trails, or designated areas where the environmental impacts can be completely controlled.	Rec.Disp.Imp-7. Rec.Disp.Imp-9: Within the Plan Area Statement System, change use definitions to replace "off-road vehicle course" with "off-highway use" in Chapters 2 and 18 to reflect current terminology and usage.	IMP – Roads and trails that allow OHV must be maintained and have a frequent maintenance schedule in order to prevent trail erosion, water diversion and erosion occurring at stream crossings. Stabilization at all stream crossings is required to avoid impacts from OHV use. All OHVs must have air quality emissions certificates to assure exhaust is compatible with air quality standards. All OHV must be compliant with attaining threshold standards.
Goal REC-3: Dispersed recreation activities shall be encouraged when consistent with environmental values and protection of the natural resources		REC-3.7 Manage wilderness and inventoried, undeveloped roadless areas for low-intensity use.		Rec.Disp.Imp-7	
Goal REC-3: Dispersed recreation activities shall be encouraged when consistent with environmental values and protection of the natural resources		REC-3.5: Dispersed winter activities such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are allowed throughout the basin. Motorized winter activities such as snowmobiling are permitted within areas designated for such use.	Dispersed winter activities such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are encouraged throughout the Basin. Motorized winter activities such as snowmobiling are only permitted within areas designated for motorized winter use and where use will not negatively effect threshold attainment and maintenance. Limits on number of motorized vehicles per day may be applied when the potential to violate air quality or noise thresholds exists.	Rec.Disp.Imp-10: Establish appropriate use areas for snowmobile uses within the Plan Areas on private recreation land, in addition to uses established by the US Forest Service and State Parks.	IMP – Prohibit two-stroke OHVs (including winter use) in the Tahoe region by 2012, in order to attain threshold standards for both noise and air quality. All OHVs must meet Best Available Technology standards. Coordinate with public land agencies and private entities to educate users about etiquette to reduce user conflict. Promote stewardship among high impact users. Use TRPA public relations staff and resources to educate users and promote stewardship.

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Goal REC-3: Dispersed recreation activities shall be encouraged when consistent with environmental values and protection of the natural resources		REC-3.8 Locate near shore and foreshore structures to minimize impacts to recreational boating and top line fishing.		Existing measures	
				Changed in Factsheet FollowUp, page 2: <i>Establish appropriate use areas for snowmobiling within the transect districts and match use areas established by the using U.S. Forest Service and State Parks' maps to inform the development of TRPA use maps.</i>	
			Coordinate with the U.S. Forest Service to implement a human waste pack-out program in Desolation Wilderness to protect ecosystems, water quality and wildlife.		Seek grants or funding re-distribution to Desolation Wilderness for educational materials, outreach, and bags.
			Coordinate with public land agencies to reduce all human and animal waste on public lands.		Seek grants to provide education and outreach and bags and trash cans for pet owners to dispose of pet waste Require horse diaper/manure bags. Prohibit new facilities for horses in the Tahoe Basin including trails and horse trailer parking.

**Alternative 4 policy statements were prepared with the best publically available information from the TRPA and some of the information may be out-of-date. Additionally, according to TRPA staff, some details are lacking in Alternative 4 that may have been fully developed in Alternative 2.

**Similar to any RPU alternative, the Conservation Alternative needs to be subjected to the same rigorous environmental analysis to determine if its policies and implementation measures are sufficient for ETCC achievement and maintenance.

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.

*** OHV includes snowmobiles and motorized watercraft.

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.