

Dear Placer County Board of Supervisors:

I am opposed to the proposed changes to the Tahoe Basin Area Plan. The changes will dramatically reshape the basin in an adverse way by increasing the population and density. I ask that you reject the plan outright or return it to County staff for a new EIR/S analysis to address the following:

1. Increased regional traffic congestion. Many roadways, particularly in the town centers have constant congestion. Increased density will only exacerbate the problems, which were not accounted for in TRPA's last regional analysis in 2012.
2. Reduced fire evacuation safety: More people, more cars, more wildfire, hampered emergency response! These need to be studied on a street by street basis in light of the devastating Maui fire, Camp Fire in Paradise, CA, and other fast-moving fires. The South Shore had advance notice for evacuation in advance of the Caldor Fire, while visitation was low due to the unhealthy smoke at that time, yet roads were still clogged. Imagine if the fire were rushing in the Basin with little advance notice as happened in the Camp Fire!
3. Increased densification of Tahoe City and Kings Beach: Developers will build more luxury housing because that is what will make them the most profit. We do not need more high-end housing and these amendments do nothing to stop it.
4. Less public participation: The amendment reduced the noticing for certain projects and cuts the public out of the process. This is not acceptable!

Do not approved the flawed plan! A new EIR/S must be issued to identify, analyze and mitigate impacts **based on current 2023 conditions**. There have been significant changes since the last comprehensive analysis was done by TRPA in 2012.

Sincerely,
