



EARLY NOTIFICATION

Request for Proposals to Provide National Environmental Policy Act Services

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

Caldor Fire Restoration Project (EA)

January, 2024

The Great Basin Institute (GBI) is seeking proposals from qualified entities for the Caldor Fire Restoration Project National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) and a future / possible Recreation Site Insect and Disease Project NEPA Categorical Exclusion / Environmental Assessment (CE / EA).

The current Restoration Project is being planned within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) boundary. The project area includes all National Forest System (NFS) land within and around the LTBMU Caldor fire burned area (see Fig. 1), including locations where roads and fuel treatments extend outside the burn perimeter. The current project will address the need to implement post fire recovery actions to restore watershed health, reduce ladder and surface fuels, and reforest areas impacted by the fire.

The Caldor Fire started on August 14, 2021 and burned for 69 days before it was declared 100 percent contained on October 21, 2021. The fire ignited in the lower elevations (1,840 feet) of the Middle Fork Cosumnes River canyon on the Eldorado National Forest (ENF) and eventually burned over Echo Summit at 9,800 feet into the LTBMU. The Caldor Fire encompassed 221,835 acres total, including 10,000 acres within the LTBMU (the subject of the current project).

Should the Forest Service and the GBI find subcontractor performance on the Caldor Fire Restoration Project successful, there will be opportunity to continue on to the NEPA document for the Recreation Site Insect and Disease Project. The project area for the Rec Site project will be limited to recreation areas in the LTBMU that have been adversely affected by insect and disease that has resulted in tree mortality. Recreational sites shall be assessed for treatments to increase public safety, reduce wildfire risk, and promote forest resiliency.

The GBI will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) in February, posting the announcement on the GBI website (<https://www.thegreatbasininstitute.org/>) and also release through vendor email list serve. The GBI also will hold a virtual pre-proposal information meeting prior to submission deadline to answer questions regarding scope of work.

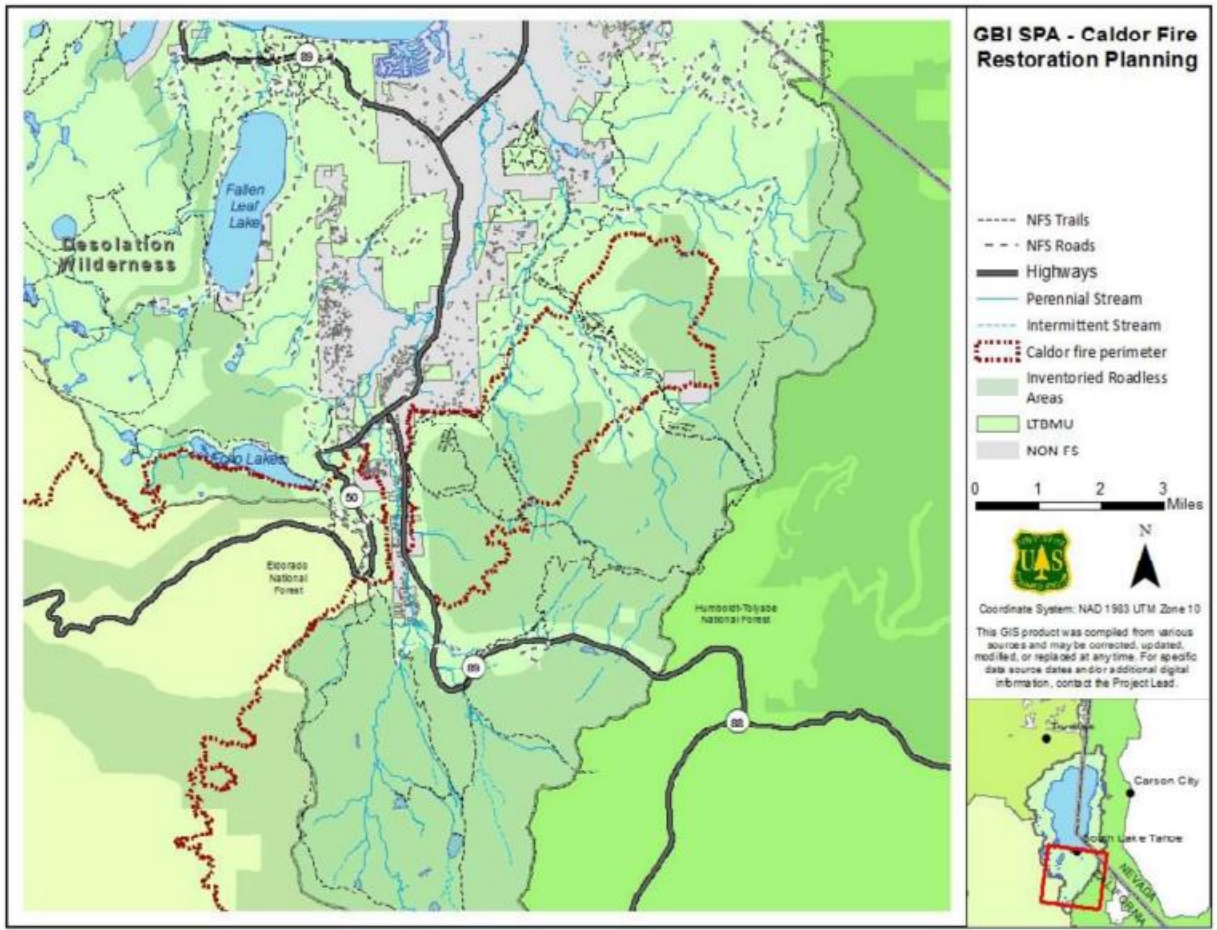


Figure 1. Caldor Fire Perimeter and Project Vicinity Map Within the LTBMU (September 2023)