

# Public Workshop

## Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park General Management Plan Update





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# Welcome!

- Introductions
  - Nevada State Parks Staff
    - Jay Howard (Primary Contact)
    - Jennifer Scanland (Planning Contact)
    - David Morrow (Administrator)
    - Bill Champion
    - Dale Conner
    - Todd Anderson



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# Welcome!

- Introductions (cont'd)
  - Ascent Environmental, Inc. Team
    - Curtis Alling, AICP (Project Director)
    - Mike Parker, AICP (Project Manager)
    - Mark Kimbrough (Trails and Operations Planner)
    - Steve Henderson (Biologist)
  - Roland Shaw (Nevada Division of Forestry)
  - Dave Catalano (Nevada Division of Wildlife)



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## Purpose of Tonight's Workshop

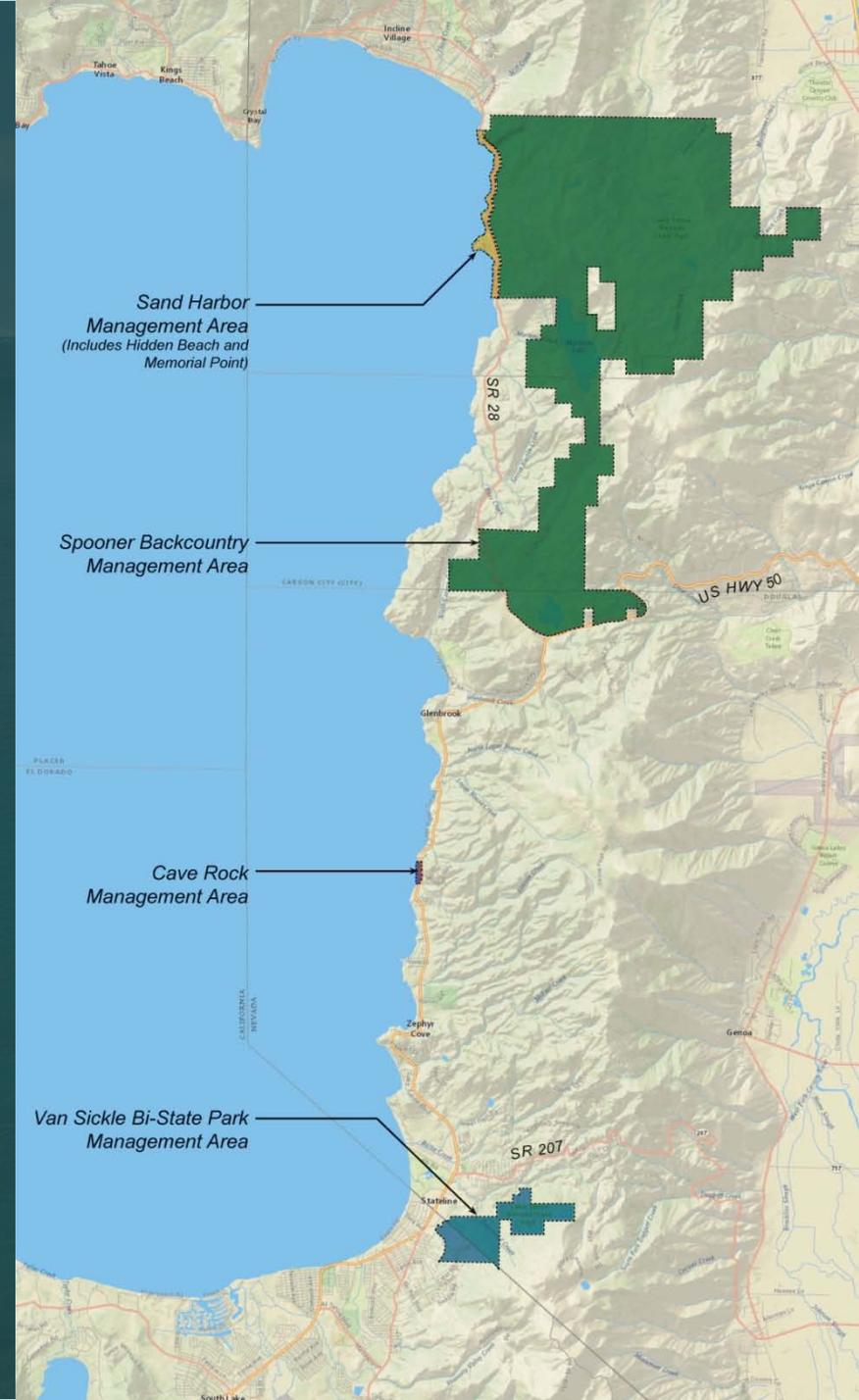
- Introduce NDSP staff and the Park to the public.
- Provide an orientation to the planning process.
- Identify the planning framework: *Guiding Principles*
- Share resource information, planning issues, and development or management opportunities
- Gather information and ideas from the public
  - Specific issues to be addressed in the plan
  - Ideas for improvements in the Park



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# Existing Park – Four Management Areas

- Sand Harbor
  - Hidden Beach
  - Memorial Point
  - Sand Harbor
- Spooner Backcountry
  - Spooner Lake
  - Marlette-Hobart Backcountry
- Cave Rock
- Van Sickle Bi-State Park





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# Sand Harbor

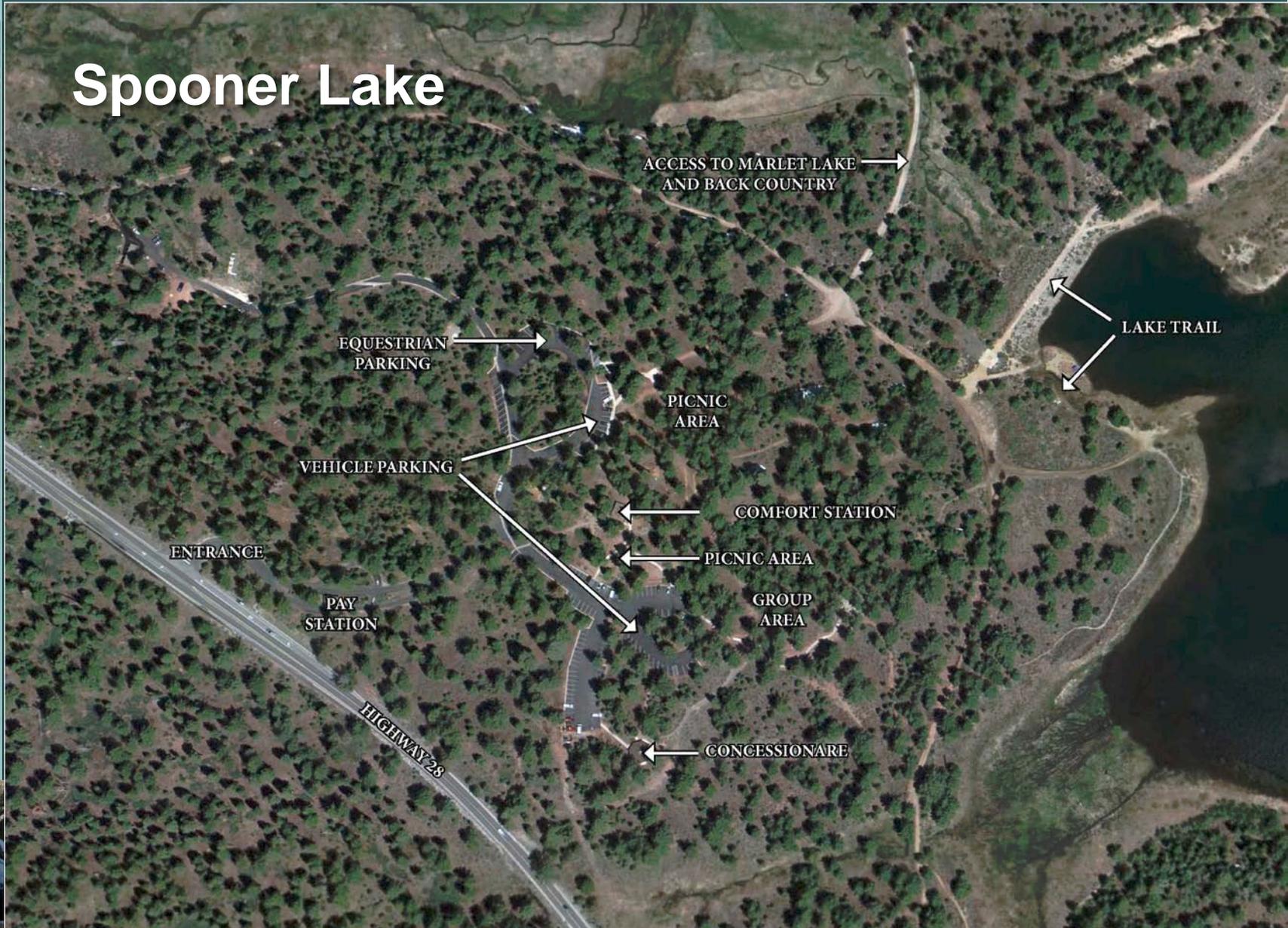




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# Spooner Lake

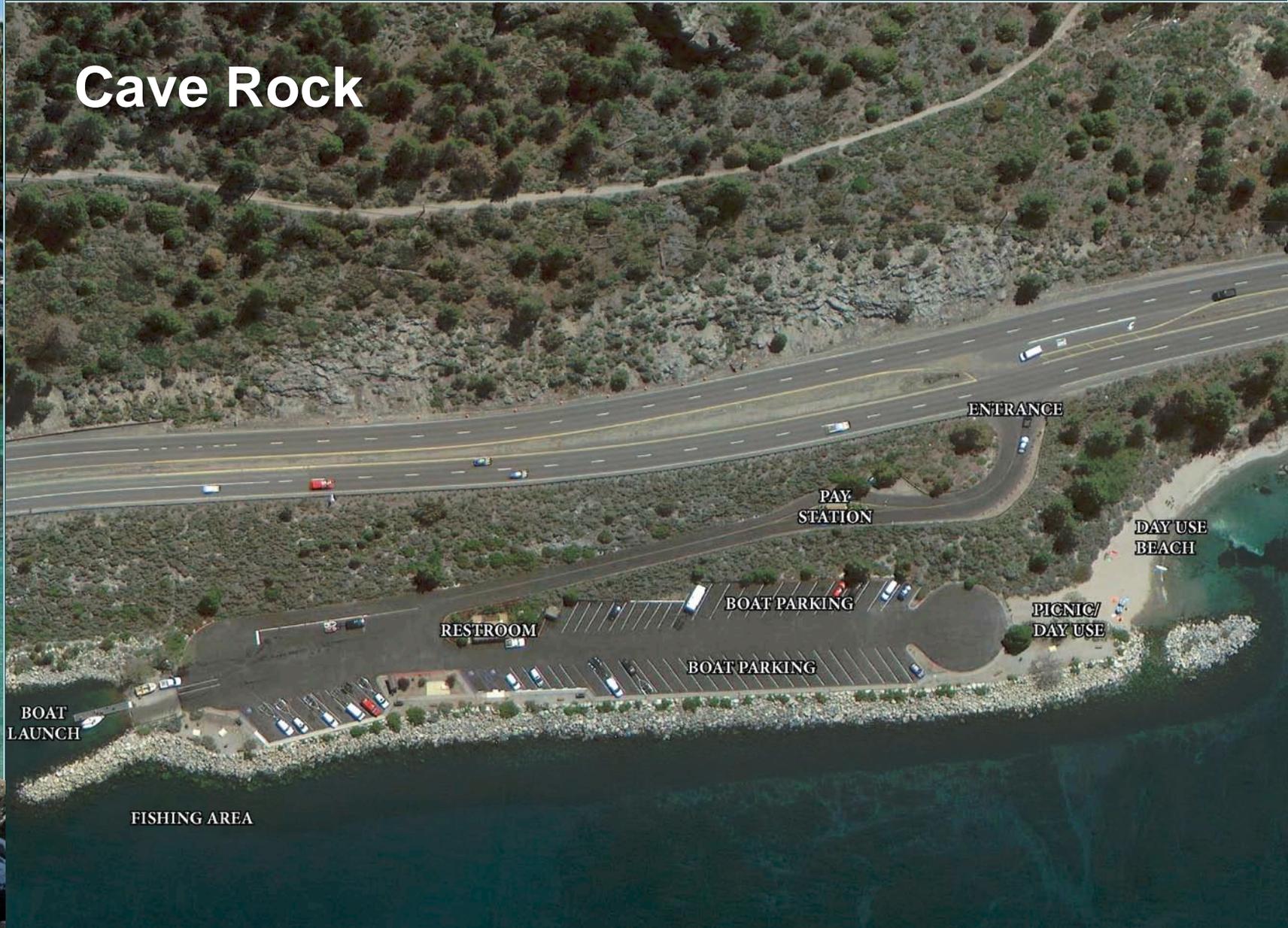




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# Cave Rock





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# Van Sickle



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COMFORT STATION

TRAILHEAD

RIM TRAIL CONNECTION

ENTRANCE

DAY USE AREA

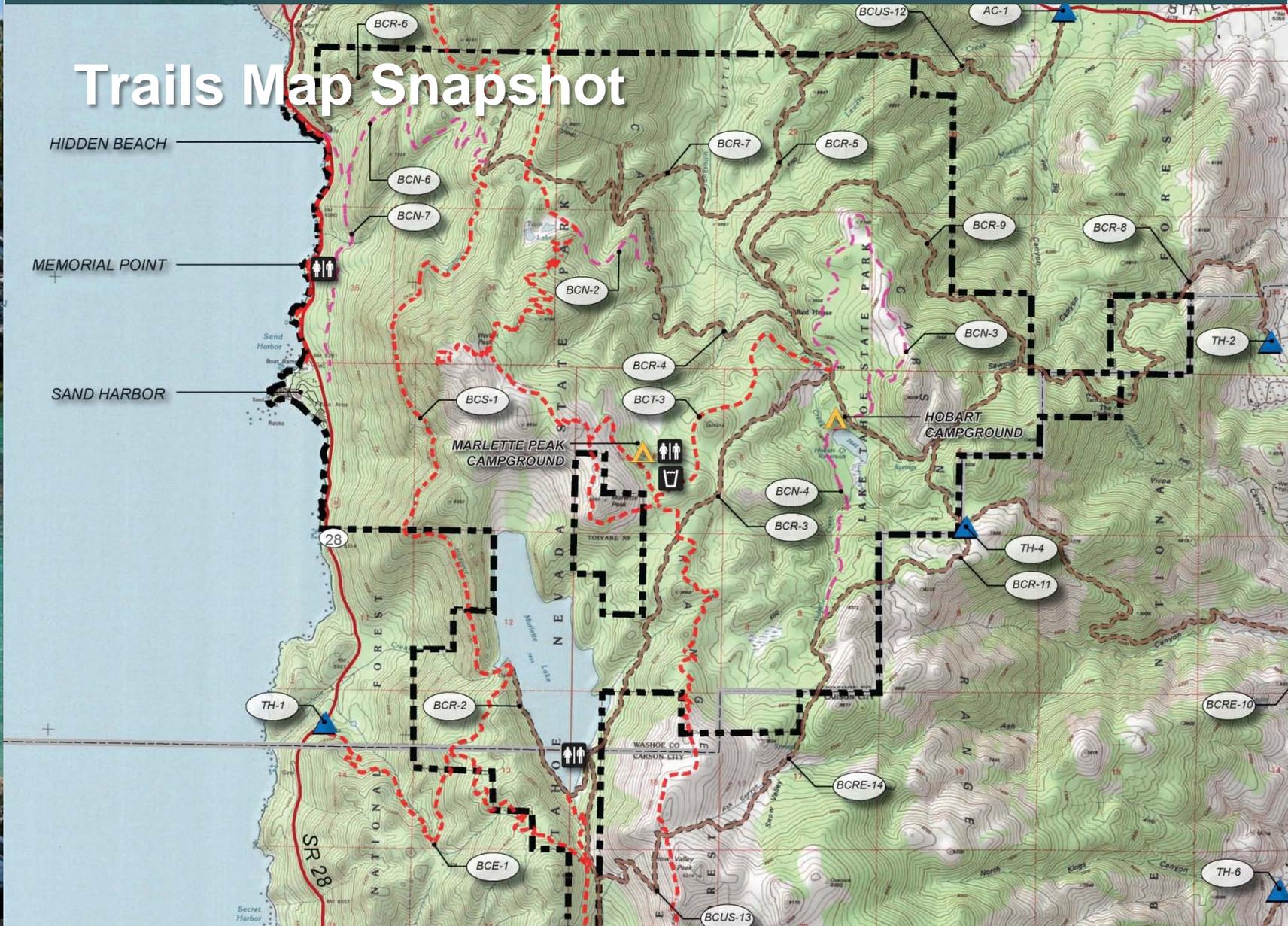
BARN & STABLE



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# Trails Map Snapshot





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## What is a GMP?

- A long-range park management and development strategy
- Based on current and projected visitation, needs, resource sensitivities, and Park conditions
- Provides the basic principles for use, resources management, and operation of the Park



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# Planning Process

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- Existing resources, user needs, and known planning issues
- Opportunities for improvement
- Challenges for improvements (constraints)
- Guiding Principles

## 2. Public participation

## 3. Formulate GMP Alternatives

## 4. Public participation

## 5. Select preferred Alternative



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## Planning Process (cont'd)

5. Prepare Draft GMP
6. Public review process
7. Prepare Final GMP
8. Adopt Final GMP



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## Guiding Principles

- 1. Encourage a positive and memorable visitor experience by providing excellent customer service, rich and varied recreational opportunities, and improved facilities.**
- 2. Foster environmental stewardship and regional leadership by maintaining a proper balance of resource protection/enhancement and sustainable public use.**
- 3. Develop park-specific revenue generating and cost-saving strategies, and promote public-private partnerships to this end.**



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## Guiding Principles (cont'd)

- 4. Create a strong park identity reflecting the natural and cultural resources of the area, enhanced through meaningful and cohesive facilities design.**
- 5. Develop a stronger role within the Lake Tahoe Community through shared goal identification, joint planning efforts, and shared use of resources.**
- 6. Increase staffing to meet visitor demand, provide for public safety, and increase interpretive opportunities. Support the development of well-trained, involved, dedicated and productive employees.**



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## Challenges and Opportunities (examples)

### • Challenges

- Staffing levels
- Capacity issues
- Funding
- Maintenance
- Resource protection
- Forest health
- Parking/circulation

### • Opportunities

- Interpretive programs
- Veg. management
- Invasive species control
- Concessions
- New trails
- Reconfigured circulation



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## Your input is **NEEDED AND VALUABLE!**

- Public input at this meeting is needed to:
  - ensure understanding of all needs, issues, and challenges;
  - identify additional opportunities for improvements;
  - gain the park user and community perspective;
  - inform the development of alternatives.
- This is the first of two public workshops.
- The public will have opportunity to review and comment on the Draft GMP.



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## How the workshop “works.”

- Five staffed information tables
  - Table 1: Natural Resources
  - Table 2: Sand Harbor
  - Table 3: Cave Rock
  - Table 4: Spooner Backcountry
  - Table 5: Trails
  - (Also, please be sure to visit the unstaffed Van Sickle table.)
- Talk to staff about the issues the GMP should address.
- Ask questions and provide input.



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## How the workshop “works.” (cont’d)

- Offer ideas for improvement of the Park.
- Please be sure to visit all tables.
  - Gives everyone a chance to participate with staff
  - Provides opportunity to learn about all management areas
- Please write down your comments on a comment card and give the card to any staff.
- Or provide comments to a note taker.

# Thank you!

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