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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

2       There is hereby designated in the States of California  
3 and Nevada the Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest to be  
4 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a unit of  
5 the National Forest System subject to the laws, rules, and  
6 regulations applicable to the National Forest System.

7 **SEC. 2. BOUNDARIES.**

8       (a) The Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest shall  
9 comprise those lands designated as the Lake Tahoe Basin  
10 Management Unit in the Federal Register notice dated  
11 January 13, 1978 (43 F.R. 1971) and any lands subse-  
12 quently added to the Unit.

13       (b) For the purposes of section 7 of the Land and  
14 Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–9), the  
15 exterior boundary of the Lake Tahoe Basin National For-  
16 est established by this Act shall be treated as if it were  
17 the boundary as of January 1, 1965.

18       (c) The boundaries of the Tahoe, Eldorado, Toiyabe  
19 National Forests are hereby modified to exclude those  
20 lands within the boundaries of the Lake Tahoe Basin Na-  
21 tional Forest.

22       (d) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to  
23 made corrections or adjustments in the boundaries of the  
24 Tahoe, Eldorado, Toiyabe, and Lake Tahoe Basin Na-  
25 tional Forests for administrative purposes.

1 **SEC. 3. LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING.**

2 (a) The Land and Resource Management Plan for  
3 the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit dated December  
4 2, 1988, shall constitute the land management plan re-  
5 quired by section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renew-  
6 able Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the  
7 National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C.  
8 1604).

9 (b) Nothing in this Act shall require the Forest Serv-  
10 ice to amend or revise—

11 (1) the land and resource management plan  
12 dated December 2, 1988, or its associated environ-  
13 mental impact statement, or to prepare a new plan  
14 or associated environmental impact statement; or

15 (2) any draft or final land and resource man-  
16 agement plan or associated environmental impact  
17 statement for the Tahoe, Eldorado or Toiyabe Na-  
18 tional Forests.

19 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

20 (a) Any reference to the Lake Tahoe Basin Manage-  
21 ment Unit in any existing statute, regulation, manual,  
22 handbook, or otherwise shall be deemed a reference to the  
23 Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest.

24 (b) Nothing in this Act shall affect—

1           (1) any provisions of Public Law 96–551 (94  
2           Stat. 3233), giving Congressional consent to the  
3           Tahoe Planning Compact;

4           (2) any provisions of Public Law 96–586 (94  
5           Stat. 3381), an Act to provide disposal of certain  
6           Federal lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin, commonly  
7           called the Burton-Santini Act; or

8           (3) valid existing rights of persons holding any  
9           authorization, permit, option or other form of con-  
10          tract existing on the date of enactment of this Act.

11          (c) Notwithstanding the distribution requirements of  
12          payments under the Act of May 23, 1908 (Ch. 192, 35  
13          Stat. 251, as amended), distribution of receipts from the  
14          Eldorado, Tahoe, Toiyabe, and Lake Tahoe Basin Na-  
15          tional Forests shall be based upon the National Forest  
16          boundaries that existed prior to enactment of this Act, as  
17          though the Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest does not  
18          exist.

          Passed the House of Representatives September 4,  
1996.

Attest:

*Clerk.*