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I'd like to share an update on the Shoreline Management Plan. PG&E is still in the initial drafting phase and we hope that a draft will be available to the public by mid-December. I know that many cabin owners are eager to comment on the plan. While the normal FERC process for such plans does not include a public comment period, the Forest Service has requested that in this case PG&E include time for a formal comment period after the plan is released. PG&E has agreed to this.

The initial draft plan that we hope will be released in December will incorporate comments received from a public meeting which was held on August 10, 2010 (attended by approximately 200 people), comments received through multiple stakeholder meetings, and letters that the Forest Service and PG&E have received on the plan. We appreciate the perspective of cabin owners, campers and day users and anticipate that we will receive additional valuable public input when the draft is released. The final plan is due to FERC for its review and approval on April 24th, 2012.

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NOTE:

FERC (the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) did request full NEPA (public hearings with 'alternatives') prior to any constructions by PG&E of the 'Traffic, Parking & Circulation Plan'. It is accurate that the 'normal' process does not include a public comment but in this case your letters to FERC and legislators has influenced to an opportunity for greater input.