MEMORANDUM

TO: Service Vendors
FROM: Great Basin Institute
RE: Wrights Lake Recreation and Tourism Improvements Project (Eldo SA – 12)
DATE: 8/22/2025

Please note the Great Basin Institute has posted the RFB ELDO SA - 12: Wrights Lake Recreation and Tourism Improvements Project.

This RFB is posted as well as other attachments for this project are on the Institute's website and can be located using the following link: https://thegreatbasininstitute.org/2025/07/24/enf-wrights-lake-recreation-and-tourism-improvements-project/

There have been updated to the RFB and other documents since it was posted on 7/22/2025.

This project lies entirely within the Crystal Basin area on the Pacific Ranger District of the Eldorado National Forest. GBI is implementing this project under a Supplemental Project Agreement pursuant to a Master Stewardship Agreement between GBI and the U.S. Forest Service.

The recreation infrastructure and amenities at Wrights Lake were constructed several decades ago and since then, have experienced winter heavy snow and spring thaws. The high demands of present-day visitor use have impacted existing structures and amenities. The purpose of the Wrights Lake Recreation and Tourism Improvement Project, hereinafter "Project" proposed herein is to modernize and enhance the recreation infrastructure and experience of visitors and residents alike with improvements to parking safety, information kiosks, fee stations, trail access, restrooms, water spigots, campsites and accessibility features commensurate with present-day usage. The Project will also regrade damaged areas of the mani roadway and implement critical traffic control features to increase visitor safety and access.

The west side of the Wrights Lake Recreation Area consists of one family campground, a picnic area, and a boat ramp. Eight new gates (plus one replace in-kind) would be installed to deter public from camping in the campground when it is closed for the season or for administrative purposes. The public would still be able to access the day use area and boat ramp if these gates are used to close the campground. Cabin owners will also be able to access their summer homes if the gates are closed.