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Famous Climate Change Scientist and Policy-Maker Dr. Stephen Schneider of Stanford to speak about “California’s ‘Day After Tomorrow’ – Dealing with Climate Change” at July 9th TBI Event

South Lake Tahoe, CA – International climate change expert Dr. Stephen Schneider will speak at the Tahoe-Baikal Institute’s (TBI) 2004 Annual Event on recent climate change research both in California and across the globe and its possible policy impacts on local and regional resource management efforts. Dr. Schneider is a professor in Stanford’s Department of Biological Sciences, has experience consulting to Federal Agencies and White House staff in the Nixon, Carter, Reagan, Bush Sr., Clinton and Bush Jr. Administrations. The event will also include a brief address from a number of young environmental leaders from Russia, Mongolia, Ukraine and the United States as part of TBI’s 14th annual Summer Environmental Exchange (SEE) program.

“Recent data shows climate change is and will continue to have a significant impact on the Sierra Nevada region’s water supply, and it is not a pretty picture,” said Schneider. “Policy-makers will have to start paying more attention to issues such as reduced snowpack, earlier snowmelt, and increased fire risk in the region,” he added.

Professor Schneider has spent a lifetime addressing climate change issues and has authored or co-authored over 450 scientific papers, proceedings, legislative testimonies, edited books and book chapters and is a frequent contributor to commercial and noncommercial print and broadcast media on climate and environmental issues, e.g., *NOVA*, *Planet Earth*, *Nightline*, *Today Show*, *Tonight Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Dateline*, *Discovery Channel*, *British*, *Canadian and Australian Broadcasting Corporations*, among many others. He was honored in 1992 with a MacArthur Fellowship for his ability to integrate and interpret the results of global climate research through public lectures, seminars, classroom teaching, environmental assessment committees, media appearances, Congressional testimony, and research collaboration with colleagues.

“Climate change is having a real impact on the Sierras,” said TBI’s Executive Director Tony Brunello, “and bringing Professor Schneider to Tahoe will hopefully provide a wakeup call that the issue needs to be addressed at every level of government, especially at Lake Tahoe.”

TBI’s Annual Event will be held at Heavenly Mountain Resort’s Lakeview Lodge at the Top of the Tram on July 9th. A free wine and cheese reception will be held from 5-7 PM with an introduction by SEE participants, and will be followed by a dinner from 7:30-10 featuring Professor Schneider as the guest speaker. Registration for the reception and purchase of tickets for the dinner can be made by contacting the TBI office by phone or e-mail.

About TBI

The Tahoe-Baikal Institute (TBI) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization registered in the United States and the Russian Federation with the mission of “Protecting mountain lake watersheds around the world through environmental inquiry, international exchange, research, and action.” Since 1990, TBI has hosted over 350 international leaders at Lake Tahoe and Lake Baikal (the world’s deepest, largest, and oldest freshwater lake located in Russia), and developed original research, training, exchanges, and partnerships. For more information go to www.tahoebaikal.org