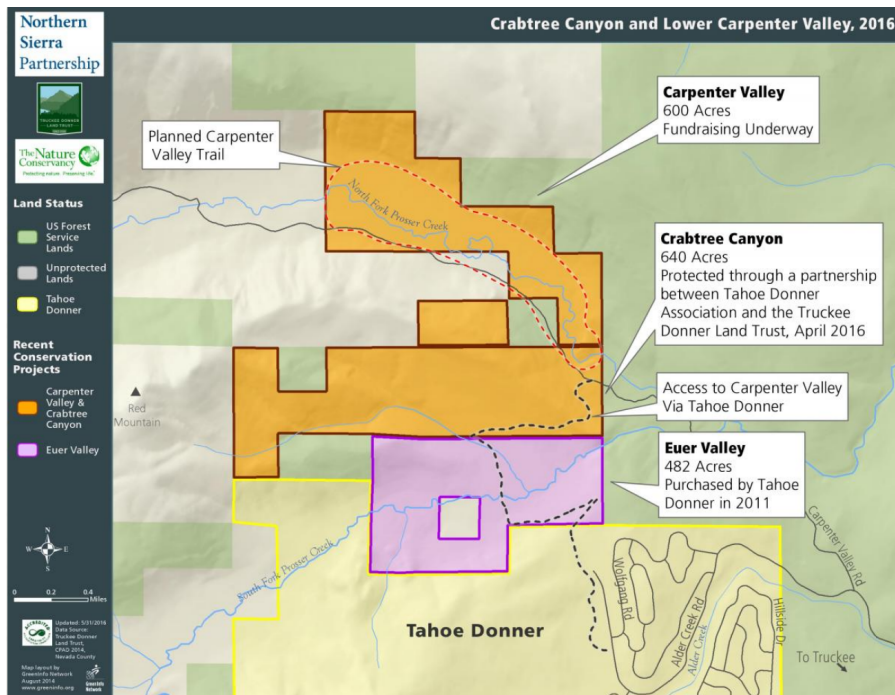


Sharing the beauty of Carpenter Valley



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The 600 acres of Carpenter Valley were purchased in July, and the Truckee Donner Land Trust is offering docent-led hikes so people can experience the beauty and ecology of this newly acquired gem.

There was a crowd of 40 people gathered around volunteer docents Andrew Terry and Bob Bowles when I joined a recent guided hike to the valley. Leslie Benson, also one of the docents, was the sweep on this tour and trailed behind the group.

The wildflowers were mostly finished blooming, but aster, Indian paintbrush and goldenrod dotted the area.

Working with the Nature Conservancy and the Northern Sierra Partnership, the Truckee Donner Land Trust's mission is to protect the area's ecological gems.

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