

# **USFS looking for ideas regarding trail maintenance**

The public is being asked to help identify trails that the U.S. Forest Service will address regarding maintenance.

Nationwide, the Forest Service will select nine to 15 priority areas among its nine regions where a backlog in trail maintenance has contributed to reduced access, potential harm to natural resources or trail users and/or has the potential for increased future deferred maintenance costs.

Region 5 manages more than 16,000 miles of trails.

To provide ideas and suggestions on potential priority areas and approaches for incorporating increased trail maintenance assistance from partners and volunteers, contact the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Mike Gabor or Jacob Quinn at 530.543.2600, by April 7.

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## **Meeting to highlight construction of Hwy. 28 path**

An update on construction of the Highway 28 shared-use path and highway safety, accessibility and water quality enhancement project will be provided on March 30 by NDOT.

The multi-year project that started last year includes a three-plus mile shared-use path from the south end of Incline Village to Sand Harbor State Park. The public meeting will provide project updates and schedules for this summer's construction, and offer virtual reality tours of the future

path.

Last year, crews excavated approximately 10,000 cubic yards of material to construct an underpass near the Flume Trail. Work also began on three parking areas located near the Ponderosa Ranch and Tunnel Creek Café to provide safer options for the 1 million recreationists who visit the area each year. In addition, a sewer pipe was relocated near Hidden Beach.

The next phases of construction will include initial path construction, retaining wall, and water quality and erosion control improvements.

The public meeting will be from 4-7pm at the Chateau, 955 Fairway Blvd. in Incline Village, with an informational presentation at 5:30pm.

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## Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- Homewood Mountain Resort will be closing April 16. Nevada Division of Tourism has hired Susan Mowers as art director, and promoted Teri Laursen to director of sales and industry partners.
- Nevada Department of Transportation has just launched a redesigned **website**.
- The Douglas County Public Library is hosting the live action movie "Alice in Wonderland" (rated PG) on April 1 at 2pm in the Minden Library meeting room. The movie and popcorn are free.
- Washoe County Sheriff's Office issued 150 speeding citations and 61 citations for cell phone use during a two-week, multi-agency Joining Forces traffic safety campaign in

early March.

- Nevada County Transportation Commission has hired LSC Transportation Consultants Inc. to study public transit in the Truckee/Donner Summit area. The community survey is available **online**.

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## **Community dance party at Harrah's**

Tahoe Arts Project is presenting Audio Threat on March 31.

This all ages dance party will be at the Harrah's South Shore Room beginning at 7pm. Audio Threat features Tahoe native Nikki Grant, Jared Hren and disc jockey Dyna "Mic" Duo.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Doors open at 6:30 and admission will be at the door.

Audio Threat will be performing in the South Shore schools the week of March 27-31.

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## **Snippets about Lake Tahoe**

- South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County elected officials are hosting a meeting April 13 at 2pm to identify the future needs of the senior center. It will be at the senior center.

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accounting firm has again pledged a gift of \$4,000 to the senior center in the valley.

- Nevada's population is expected to top 3 million people next year.

- Kenny Loggins will be at TJ's Corral at the Carson Valley Inn on June 9.

- Truckee's Linchpin Structural Engineering, led by senior principal Douglas Gadow, has been awarded a three-year contract by the California's State Parks to be the on-call historic structural engineer for the Northern Service Center—the expert when it comes to addressing structural issues in famous buildings from Lake Tahoe's Vikingsholm to Hearst Castle on the coast.

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## Carbon dioxide subject of talk at SNC

Ben Houlton, director of the John Muir Institute of the Environment at UC Davis, will give a talk April 20 about the current state of carbon sinks, their vulnerability to future changes, and how global climate policies are susceptible to the sustainability of natural carbon dioxide uptake.

Humans produce carbon pollution. All around the world, habitats called carbon sinks have absorbed approximately 25 percent of this carbon pollution reducing the risk of global warming impacts without imposing a monetary cost on society.

**Registration** for this event is required.

The program will begin at 6pm, with refreshments and no-host

bar from 5:30-6pm at on the campus of Sierra Nevada College. Seating is open at 5:30pm to guests who have pre-registered, open seating starts at 5:50pm. A \$5 suggested donation will be collected at the door.

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## **History club for South Shore youth**

Lake Tahoe Historical Society has created the history club as a way for children to experience activities from the past, learn a new skill, play a game, and use their imagination.

Due to limited class size, reservations are required. The cost is \$20 per child.

The club will meet April 8 from 1-3:30pm at the museum in South Lake Tahoe.

To register or for more info, call 530.541.5458.

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## **Snippets about Lake Tahoe**

- Aaron Abrams and Michael Adlard will continue to be the food concessionaire for Lakeview Commons in South Lake Tahoe, and Chris Brackett will operate the non-motorized boat operations.

- Jack Johnson will now be at Harveys in Lake Tahoe on

July 28 and July 29.

- The Bicycle Advisory Committee of the South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities Joint Powers Authority will meet April 5 from 9-11am in the downstairs conference room at Lake Tahoe Airport.

- Diamond Peak ski resort is extending its ski season to April 23.

- Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce is putting on a workshop designed to take business's social media presence to the next level. It will be April 19 from noon-1:30pm in the chamber's conference room in Stateline. Cost is \$10 for members, \$20 for others. Bring a bag lunch.

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## **Sierra gardening expert, author to give talk**

Gary Romano, owner of Sierra Valley Farms, presents his newest book "July & Winter: Growing Food in the Sierra" next month.

Romano will divulge his knowledge from decades of experience growing food in the Sierra Nevada. Despite the challenging mountain climate and soil, he has successfully grown food on his 65-acre organic farm.

He will share hard-earned tips essential for home gardeners and small farmers.

The free talk is presented in partnership with the Friends of the South Lake Tahoe Library and the UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe.

It will be April 8, 2pm at the library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.

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## Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- Zephyr Cove Elementary School is having a food drive March 27-31 for the Backpack Buddies Program.
- Plans are under way to build a new lodge at Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area in Tahoe City.
- Reno Philharmonic will be at Sand Harbor on July 17 at 7:30pm. Tickets range from \$60-\$130. For more info, call 800.747.4697.
- ElectroSwing Burlesque dance revue returns to The Loft in South Lake Tahoe on March 29 from 8-10pm.