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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RTCA GRANT UPDATE

The first of several CVTA Public Land Agency planning meetings was held in January at the historic Douglas County Courthouse in Minden. The meeting was facilitated by Deb Reardon, an outdoor recreation planner from the National Park Service's RTCA (Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance) program. As part of a RTCA technical assistance grant, Deb will work with CVTA to plan team meetings, develop outreach materials, provide research and facilitate and/or support landowner outreach meetings as needed.

CVTA was represented at the meeting by Kerstin Wolle, Jeremy Vlcan, Phil Brisack, Dan Aynesworth, Bill Hay and Barb Wilson. Also present were individuals representing a number of CVTA partners, including the Bureau of Land Management (Arthur Callan), Carson City Open Space (Juan Guzman), Douglas County (Mimi Moss and Scott Morgan), U.S. Forest Service (Rene Mabe and Steve Hale), the Nevada Land Conservancy (Chuck Pope), Terra Firma (Dominique Etchegoyhen, Jacques Etchegoyhen) and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (Rob Beltramo).

After introductions were made, the group agreed on these goals:

- Connect segments of new and existing trail to provide a loop trail near each Carson Valley residential community;
- Connect these community loop trails with the Carson Valley Trail, an approximate 100-mile loop trail around the Carson Valley, with connections to the Tahoe Rim Trail, the Pony Express National Historic Trail and adjacent federal lands;
- Implement Douglas County's Comprehensive Trails Plan within the Carson Valley;
- Conduct outreach to landowners to identify trail opportunities, issues and solutions for connecting trail segments.

Next, the group identified current baseline trail information. Using a large trail map divided into existing and proposed trail segments, the group identified authorized uses (hiking, biking, equestrian, etc.), existing trail conditions, opportunities for and obstacles preventing construction of new trails for each segment and the next steps for implementing new trails. The group then discussed outreach strategies for approaching landowners when it is beneficial for a trail connection to cross private land.

A small landowner outreach team was formed to initiate meetings with certain individual private landowners. During these meetings, CVTA will share information about trail opportunities for connectivity and potential benefits, including tax advantages. Although providing trail access on private property is completely voluntary, it is hoped that landowners will consider this a great opportunity to be a part of the Carson Valley Trail system.

When the meetings with individual private landowners are completed, the planning team will meet again to discuss and address landowner concerns, identify alternative alignments as needed and identify the next steps. Updates on this ongoing planning process will be included in future issues of CVTA News.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kerstin Wolle

Thank you, everyone, for attending our Annual Meeting and Social on February 11. We counted 120 people in the audience. The interest and enthusiasm exhibited by all in attendance was truly rewarding.

Setting up the Genoa Town Hall for the meeting was a job in itself. Yet without prodding, 12 CVTA board members arrived two hours before the meeting began and transformed the hall into a beautiful trails venue. One of my friends, a new CVTA member, exclaimed, "I can't believe how organized you (CVTA) are and how much you accomplish!" Thanks to all of you dedicated and passionate board members for achieving 100% attendance at the meeting!

And, thank you to our many partners in the community. Lisa Granahan, assistant to the Douglas County Manager, was present at the meeting. Quoted in "Partnership' county's watchword for 2010," an article in the February 10 issue of *The Record Courier*, Lisa said (referring to CVTA), "The organization has such tremendous capability of fundraising, grant writing and grant applications. They developed the specifics of the trail. They've seen Jobs Peak Trail finished and now they're actively seeking funding of the Genoa Foothill Trail. They deserve a lot of credit."

Other CVTA partners represented at the meeting were the U.S. Forest Service, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Tahoe Rim Trail Association and The Nature Conservancy. In addition, a staff member representing Senator Harry Reid was at the meeting. Mark Kimbrough, from the Tahoe Rim Trail Association won the 50-50 raffle drawing and generously donated his winnings back to CVTA. Thank you, Mark! Also, special thanks to Tahoe Ridge Winery for providing the libations.

Looking for some good fun and hiking? Come to our Hike for Health Auction and Trails Challenge kick-off event at the Genoa Town Hall on April 22. You can help our fundraising effort by bidding on terrific live and silent auction items and/or by registering for our Hike for Health Trails Challenge. Many exciting hiking and trail experiences are planned for Trails Challenge participants.

Our mission is to connect the communities in our valley to nature through a system of trails and to work with our partners to make this trail become a reality, not just for us, but for our children and grandchildren, in perpetuity. It is a truly an exemplary undertaking for the Carson Valley, and you help with your memberships, donations and volunteer assistance on the trails.

TRAILS UPDATE by Jeremy Vlcan

Fay-Luther Interpretive Signs: Interpretive signs will be installed approximately mid-late May along the Interpretive Loop Trail on the Fay-Luther Trail System. Come learn about the wildlife and plants that are found here; find out who Fay and Luther were; discover the landscape forces that have shaped the area; and walk through the different ecosystems that are located here. Thanks to everyone involved in the review of these signs over the past year.

Adams Canyon Trailhead: Engineering plans and permits are being finalized for the Adams Canyon Trailhead near Genoa. This project is a cooperative effort between CVTA, Douglas County, Nevada Division of State Lands, U.S. Forest Service and Eagle Ridge Development. Trailhead construction is expected to begin in late spring and be open to the public next year. The trailhead will provide access to the Genoa Foothill Trail System.

Genoa Foothill Trail System: Environmental studies will continue this spring along the Genoa Foothill Trail System and the Jacks Valley/Clear Creek Trail System. Through ongoing donations to CVTA, all of the environmental studies have been paid for. Approximately \$72,000 in donations is still needed for eventual trail construction. Your continued donations will allow these project areas to be built within the same general time frame, beginning in 2011.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE by Joyce Richardson

The trail maintenance committee is now almost fully staffed, with a volunteer for every day except Wednesdays. Recruiting alternate volunteers to help with cleanup on the Fay-Luther and Jobs Peak Ranch trails when a regular volunteer is unable to work on a scheduled day is an ongoing task. Just an hour of your time, once in a while, will make a huge contribution to a valuable trails beautification activity. When you're out on the trails, you can help by "gently reminding" dog-owner trail users to clean up after their dogs when it appears they aren't planning to do so.

CVTA would like to thank the Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital for assisting us with our ongoing trail clean-up efforts. They have kindly agreed to let us dispose of our trail waste can contents in their dumpster. I make a weekly trip to the dumpster, usually on Friday. On Tuesdays, Amy and Steve Delius collect the waste can contents again and dispose of them in their weekly trash pick-up. Danna Meyer, who is in charge of Jobs Peak Ranch Trail cleanup, also disposes of that trail's waste independently. CVTA is fortunate to have these people as our partners.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Joyce at 775-783-8462 or jlrnev@charter.net.

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HIKE FOR HEALTH SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

**Thursday, April 22, 5 to 8 pm
at the Genoa Town Hall**

**Entertainment, refreshments, no-host bar
Free—bring a friend!
(Cash or check only for auction purchases)**

PROGRAM

- 5 pm Check in; silent auction begins
- 6:10 Welcome
Trails Challenge announcements
- 6:15 Live auction
Charles Wolle, auctioneer
- 7 pm Silent auction closes
- 7:10 50/50 raffle drawing
- 7:20 Pay for and pick up items
- 8 pm Program concludes

Donated items for the silent or live auction are still being accepted. In addition, volunteers are needed to help out at the event. To donate an item or to volunteer, contact Melissa Granat, 775-783-1764, or Nancy Downey 775-782-6882.

The Carson Valley Trails Association is a nonprofit, volunteer based organization working with partners to provide access to public lands through a recreational trail system for present and future generations to enjoy.

PARTIAL LIST OF AUCTION ITEMS

(Confirmed as of March 9. Some items will be combined for the live and silent auction packages.)

- Chesapeake Bay Farm Get-away (Betsy & David Lewis)
- Golf for 4 (Edgewood Golf Course)
- 2 nights in Reno plus dinner (Peppermill Hotel/Casino)
- Season Ski Pass (Kirkwood)
- Golf for 4 at Genoa Lakes G.C. (Dan & Jackie Aynesworth)
- Lake Tahoe Sail (Jim & Jamie Casey)
- Gourmet dinner for 8 (Ron Benedetti, Genoa Country Store)
- Golf for 2 at Genoa Lakes G.C. (Genoa Lakes G.C.)
- Lake Tahoe Sail (Vincent D'Ascoli)
- A Night at the Wild Rose Inn (Sue Knight)
- Day spa package (Focus Salon)
- Framed poster—"Night Lights" (Dick Morissette)
- Acupuncture session (Dr. Maggie Tracey)
- 4 gift passes (Montaña Fitness Center)
- Bike tune-up (Big Daddy's Bike Shop)
- Bike tune-up (Bike Habitat)
- Flycasting lesson (Angler's Edge)
- Equestrian items (Laxague Feed and Tack)
- Horseshoeing (Straight Arrow Horseshoeing)
- Killer Salsa basket (Killer Salsa)
- Gift certificates from:
 - Hope Valley Café (\$20)
 - Firkin & Fox (\$20)
 - Carson Valley Garden & Ranch Center (\$25)
 - It's All About Me Fine Clothing (\$50)
 - La Ferme (\$100)
 - Carson Valley Veterinary Clinic (\$100)
 - Antoci's at Genoa Lakes Golf Club (\$100)
- 1-hour golf lesson (Kevin Sommerfield, Genoa Lakes G.C.)
- Wildflower seeds (Comstock Seed)
- Hand-knitted hats & scarves (Kerstin Wolle, Melissa Granat)
- Hypnotherapy session (Dr. Judie Brierly)
- Framed painting (Heartstrings Gallery)
- Lithograph "Almost Spring" (Lady Jill's Fine Arts)
- Traverse aluminum trekking poles (REI)
- Sake basket (Paula Lorenz)
- Homemade gourmet truffles, chutney & confit (Lucie Johnson)
- Gift basket (The Nature Conservancy)
- Theatre tickets (Teri Levy, The Dakota Organization)
- 4 hours home plumbing repair (Joe the Plumber)
- Gourmet coffee baskets (Starbucks)
- 5 free visits (Petsitters Plus)
- Gluten-free dinner for 4 (Melissa Granat)
- Viennese fresh pastry basket (Donna Laveck)

...and more coming in every day!

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If you are currently a CVTA member, your renewal date is printed on the mailing label for this issue of CVTA NEWS. If it's time to renew your membership, visit the CVTA website to download and print a membership application. If you have membership questions, contact Nick Pchelkin at 775-782-6406 or npchelkin@pyramid.net.

BENTLY-KIRMAN RANCH TRAIL SYSTEM
 by Anne Thomas

A ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 30 will mark the official opening of the Bently-Kirman Ranch Trail System. The 3.7-mile trail was made possible through partnerships between Bently Agrowdynamics, The Nature Conservancy, CVTA and Boy Scout Troop 495. The trail provides access to the Carson River's riparian habitat and wetlands, and stunning panoramic Carson Valley and mountain views.

The trail is designed to allow public access while preserving wildlife habitat and ongoing agricultural operations. Two trail loops traverse through sage and rabbit brush into willow thickets, emerging at four sand bar beaches as the Carson River winds its way through the Kirman Field property. This is a wonderful trail opportunity for those who enjoy hiking on a flat grade or trail running. Use is limited to hiking only. Dogs, horses, and motorized vehicles are not permitted.

For more information about the Bently-Kirman Ranch Trail, visit the CVTA website. For details about The Nature Conservancy's Carson River Project and Kirman Field, go to www.nature.org/carson and click on "Bently-Kirman Ranch".



2010 HIKE FOR HEALTH TRAILS CHALLENGE

Thursday, April 22: Silent & Live Auction
 5 to 8 pm at the Genoa Town Hall, **FREE!!!**
 Refreshments and no-host bar will be provided.
 Cash or checks only for auction purchases.

April 22—May 23: Trails Challenge
 Sign up to hike, walk, jog, run or ride. Help raise funds for the Genoa Foothill Trail System project and do something healthy for yourself. Weekly guided hikes and activities for participants.

Sunday, May 23: Grand Finale Celebration & Family BBQ
 11 am to 2:30 pm at Lampe Park in Gardnerville
 Live music! Foothill Road
 Tickets: \$10/adults; \$6/children

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