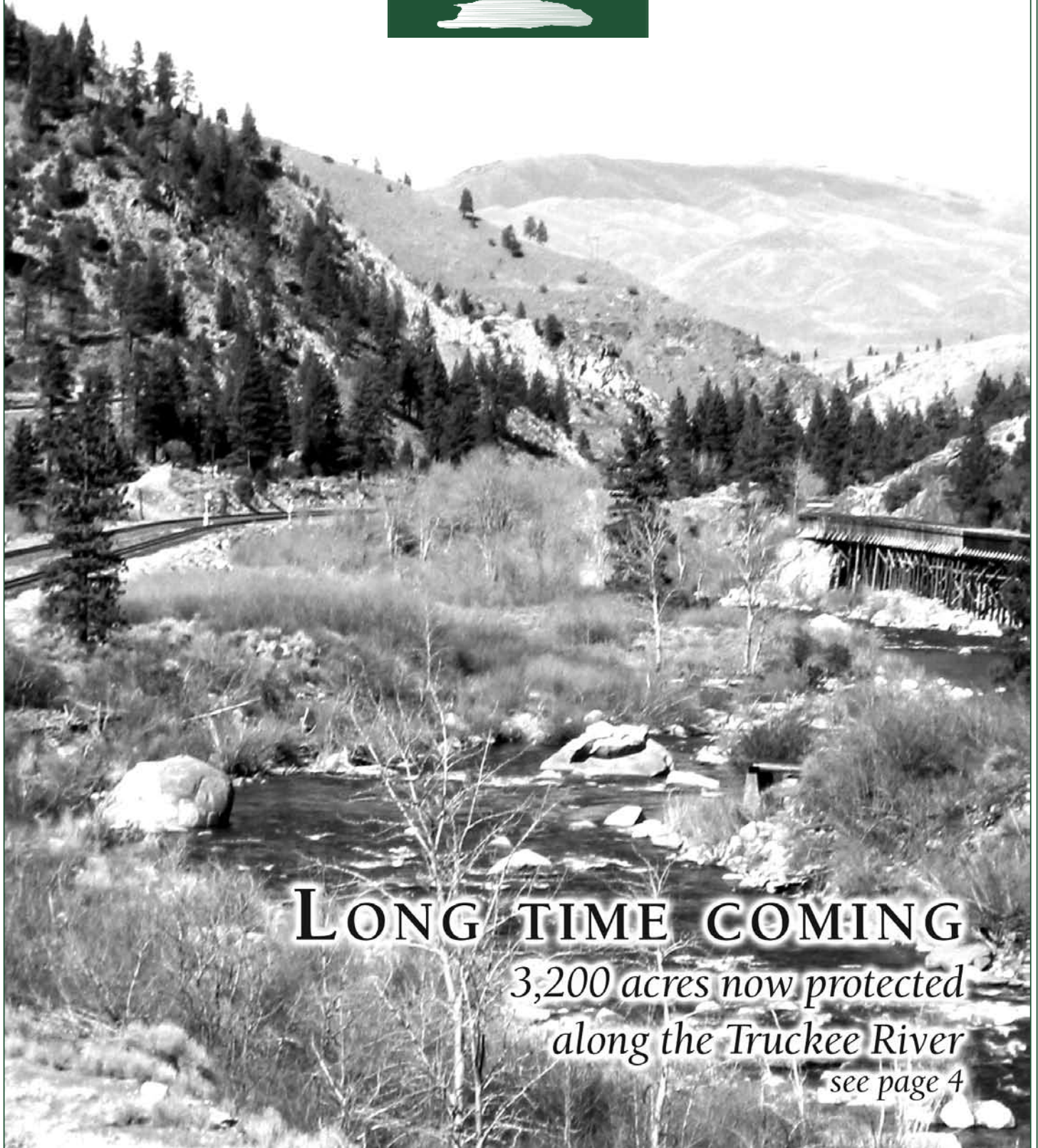


TRUCKEE DONNER LAND TRUST

Preserving and protecting important historic, recreational and scenic open spaces in the greater Truckee region.



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LONG TIME COMING

*3,200 acres now protected
along the Truckee River
see page 4*



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FRONT COVER PHOTO:
Truckee River Corridor

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

Maybe it's a sign of the times or just plain dumb luck, but whatever the reason, there sure seems to be a lot of important acreage for sale right now.

Properties the Land Trust has eyed for years are now suddenly for sale. So many in fact, we questioned our capacity to fund them all. But in the end, Board and staff concluded that all of these lands are simply too important not to protect. We'd be remiss of our mission not to try; future generations will not easily forgive us if these lands are lost to development. To paraphrase Will Rodgers about our natural landscape, "land, they're not making it anymore."



An inholding the Land Trust is pursuing.

As much as I'd like to be more specific about these properties, it's in the seller's and the Land Trust's interests to keep our discussions confidential. More than one land trust has lost a deal when another buyer with intentions to develop learns of the transaction and makes a more lucrative offer. And sellers tend to want to keep their discussions with a conservation group confidential, lest their property suddenly be earmarked as open space in the minds of the public and elected officials. Most of the Land Trust's transactions involve non-disclosure agreements.



I can however, talk in generalities. The lands we are pursuing and "have not gone public with" have a combined value of over \$40,000,000. They total over 6,000 acres.

Most of these properties are of significant acreage with names on a USGS map that you'd readily recognize. Many have familiar landmarks that you'd recall

from your adventures hiking or biking, some of these landmarks are breathtaking. The properties are important for a number of reasons including habitat, recreation, water quality and connectivity to public lands. All of these lands are irreplaceable and treasured places.

The passage of Proposition 84 in November was very good news for the Sierra. It puts \$54 million for conservation into the newly formed Sierra Conservancy. But even with continued bond funding, if the Land Trust is going to seize the incredible opportunities available today, we'll need to raise significant money from donors like you. I hope we can count on your generous support and continued concern for the greater Truckee region.

Warm regards,

Perry Norris, Executive Director

DONNER LAKE RIM TRAIL UPDATE

Stunning new section completed on Donner Summit

The 2006 Donner Lake Rim Trail building season has been a remarkable success. Although delayed by heavy snows until July, 150 volunteers completed a new and stunning section of trail across the southern flank of Castle Peak on Donner Summit.

The new two-mile section extends from the Summit Lake/Warren Lake intersection north of I-80 to Castle Valley Road. The trail meanders through a mature and majestic Red Fir forest, crosses several small creeks flowing from Castle Peak and passes through fields of bleach-white granite. It is a gorgeous trail.

The trail also provides an important link to the popular Hole-in-the-Ground trail that can now be accessed from Tahoe Donner or Negro Canyon via the Donner Lake Rim Trail.

Jim Zellers, a long-time resident of Truckee, and professional mountain biker, said of the trail, "it is impressive when a trail through familiar terrain is made interesting."

The Land Trust hosted numerous volunteer work weeks for American Hiking Society and Sierra Club members. Numerous businesses and recreation groups came out and volunteered to build the new section, and triumphed to completion.

We think you'll agree that this is one of the most spectacular trails on Donner Summit. The Land Trust welcomes you to explore this new trail.



Castle Peak beyond the new two-plus mile section south of Castle Peak.

"This trail is exciting and technical, and a crucial link to the surrounding trails."

– Jim Zellers

Meet our new Rim Trail Coordinator



"The Donner Lake Rim Trail is becoming a treasured asset to our community. I'm proud to be part of it."

– John Svahn

John Svahn is an active member of the trails and mountain biking community in Truckee and North Tahoe. He is an International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) trails advocate and is involved in local trail planning commissions. John and his wife Heather have made Truckee their home for eight years.

Boys & Girls Club volunteer on the Rim Trail

Thanks in part to a generous grant from the Teichert Foundation, members of Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe joined the Land Trust on the newly completed section of the Donner Lake Rim Trail for a day of trail work, environmental education and a whole lot of fun. We would like to thank Jaime Alvarez, Francisco Villalobos, Jorge Zamora, John Baker, and Lu Lucero for joining us.



Volunteers from Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe.

Adopt a Bridge

Your generous donations enable the Land Trust to build bridges on the Donner Lake Rim Trail. Please call the Land Trust at 530-582-4711 for bridge adoption information.

LONG TIME

Land Trust inks protection of over 3,200



Sierra Pacific Power Co. acquisitions includes over 3,200 acres of wild upland habitat.

Shortly after wrapping-up the 2,000-acre Schallenberger Ridge acquisition in 2002, tripling the size of Donner Memorial State Park, the Truckee Donner Land Trust received a call from Sierra Pacific Power (SPP) inquiring if the Land Trust was interested in purchasing several thousand acres in the Truckee River Canyon.

An emergency meeting of the Land Trust Board was called, the vote was unanimous, champagne was poured, and the Land Trust was onto its next big project.

“It’s rare to have opportunities for conservation of this size and of such biological significance.”

– Sara Taddo, Land Conservation Director

SPP has owned the property since the 1880’s and looks favorably on the idea of their lands being permanently protected by selling to a conservation buyer.



The acquisitions include 93 acres of conservation easement on riparian habitat and over seven miles of river frontage.

About the same time SPP contacted the Land Trust, they also called The Nature Conservancy. A conservation partnership was formed.

Earlier this month, after four years of hard work, a deal was signed.

What took so long?

“As acquisitions go, this was a near perfect storm. A number of very complex issues were all transecting,” explained Mike Conner of The Nature Conservancy. “There were a number of issues well beyond price and terms.”

The transaction includes acquiring 3,139 acres in fee title and another 93 acres under a conservation and public access easement. The Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy also have an option to purchase additional lands along the Truckee River that SPP at this time is not prepared to part with.

COMING . . .

acres in the Truckee River Corridor



Tributaries to the Truckee River host the endangered Lahonton Cutthroat Trout populations. Photo by Larry Prosser.

In most instances, raising the funds to complete a transaction is the heavy lifting of a land trust's work. "With the Truckee River Canyon Project, the funds were in place years before we signed a contract," said Perry Norris, the Land Trust's Executive Director. "We owe a huge thank you to Mike Conner for his tenacity."

"The conservation values of these acquisitions are so tremendous it immediately caught the State's attention," Conner added. The acquisitions include 7.5 miles of Truckee River frontage, heretofore technically closed to the public, and over 3,100 acres of upland habitat.

The majority of the funding comes from a Prop 40 River Parkway grant and the balance from a bequest The Nature Conservancy received restricted to conservation in Nevada County.

The acquisitions include most of the land between Floriston and Stateline on the Northwest side of I-80. "Before crossing the river on I-80 at Floriston, the acquisitions include everything you see up to Boca Ridge," Norris said. "The scale of these acquisitions, the lands they encompass, is mind boggling."

"It is rare to find opportunities for conservation and open space protection of this size and of such biological importance," Sara Taddo, the Land Trust's Land Conservation Director said.

Lisa Wallace of the Truckee Watershed Council commented that "The benefits to the Town are numerous. Dramatic sections of the scenic I-80 corridor are permanently protected. For those heading west, this is the gateway to Sierra and California."

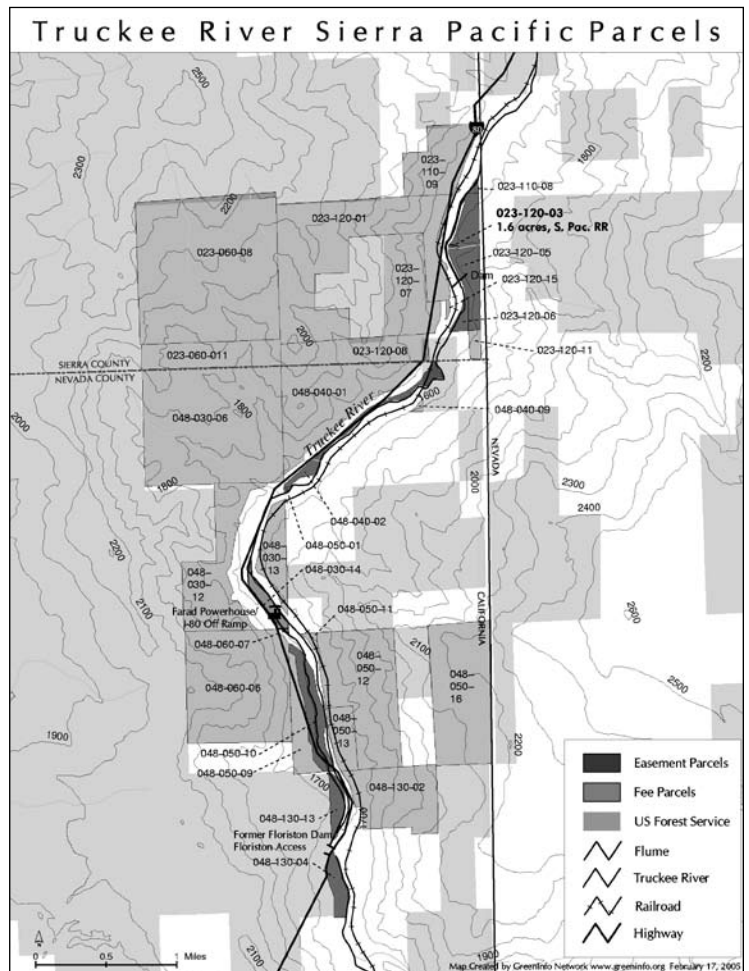
"Public access to the river for recreation and enjoyment will be vastly improved. The Watershed Council commends the Land Trust's efforts to protect and preserve water quality and riparian and aquatic habitat in the Truckee River."

Besides the multiple recreational opportunities in the Canyon, the acquisitions protect important natural resources. The

riparian area provides outstanding habitat for fisheries and birds. The uplands provide critical wintering habitat for the beleaguered Loyalton deer herd and other large mammals. (See biological side bar page 15.)

The acquisitions also include an important section of the Lake to Lake Trail, a planned 116-mile trail along the Truckee River between Lake Tahoe, and Pyramid Lake.

Please see page 15 for more on the acquisitions' biological importance.



Sierra Pacific Power Co. parcels acquired for protection.

PROGRAM UPDATES & LAND TRUST NEWS

Over \$4,650,000 in grants received this year

Martis Valley -

For over a year, the Land Trust and our partners at The Trust for Public Land, have been in discussions with the owners of nearly 1,500 acres in the Martis Valley. The property is one of the residential resort developments entitled under the Martis Valley Community Plan. Its entitlements include as many as 1,200 new residences. In September, the Land Trust received a \$2,000,000 grant from the Sierra Nevada Cascade Grant Program administered by the State's Department of Resources for this important acquisition.



Old stock fences in the Martis Valley. Mt. Rose Wilderness beyond the Valley. Photo by Olof Carmel.



The view across Billy Mack Canyon to Negro Canyon – Gregory Creek watershed.

Negro Canyon -

The Land Trust also received a \$650,000 grant from the Sierra Nevada Cascade Grant Program for 280-acres it currently holds under option. The Land Trust will close on this \$1,000,000 acquisition by the end of the year. For mountain bikers, hikers and equestrians, the southern end of the the property immediately off of Interstate-80 is a popular point for accessing the Donner Lake Rim Trail from the bottom of the Canyon. Plans are to eventually convey the property to the Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District.

Sierra Nevada Checkerboard -

The Land Trust, with it partners at the Truckee River Watershed Council, received a \$2,000,000 grant from the State Water Board for a 983 acre acquisition that includes 2.5 miles of river frontage on the Little Truckee River. The Land Trust is also in discussions to acquire 680-acres surrounded by the proposed Castle Peak Wilderness Area.



A lush, spring-fed meadow in the Sierra Nevada Checkerboard.

“You can count on the Land Trust to continue to be aggressive in working with property owners to conserve significant ecological resources, open space and recreational lands.”

Scott Ryan, Chairman, Truckee Donner Land Trust Lands Committee



Schallenberger Ridge and the Donner Lake Basin.

Donner Memorial State Park -

The Land Trust is in the process of conveying six parcels totaling 300 acres to the Park. The properties are on Schallenberger Ridge, acquired by the Land Trust and The Trust for Public Land in 2002, and in Emigrant Canyon.

Billy Mack Canyon -

We're working on two acquisitions that border lands the Land Trust acquired in the past year. Long term, our goal is to protect as much of the land as we can west of Truckee's town limits to Donner Summit between Donner Peak and Interstate-80.



The volcanic Castle Peak beyond the Billy Mack batholith cliffs.



The Pacific Crest Trail travels through a property the Land Trust is pursuing west of Frog Creek above Billy Mack Canyon.

Another potential acquisition

THANKS TO OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS



Hans Wain and Roxanne Duffield.

Hans Wain and Roxanne Duffield have happily called Truckee their home for almost twenty years. They were both drawn to the area for the same reasons we all love Truckee... scenic beauty, outdoor recreation and the small town feeling that makes Truckee so charming. Hans established an outdoor products company in 1989 and now owns Offroute.com, offering wholesale and retail mapping and navigational equipment. For the past 18 years, Roxanne has owned the State Farm Insurance office in Tahoe City.

Hans and Roxanne, accompanied by their two spoiled dogs, ski, mountain bike, trail run, and whitewater kayak in the open spaces available to them. In fact, Hans and Roxanne enjoy just about anything they can do outside. That is why they decided to partner with the Truckee Donner Land Trust in protecting the valuable recreational wild lands in the area.

Hans and Roxanne are proud to be part of the Land Trust because, "Good people are there running things and we feel proud to be a part of such an organization."

The Truckee Donner Land Trust could not accomplish its goals without partnerships with folks like Hans Wain and Roxanne Duffield.

"The Land Trust is one organization that we feel accomplishes the same goals we have: conserving open space and the smaller town feel of Truckee."

– Hans Wain

Business and Buck for Open Space Partners provide us with the reliable funding that we need to pursue large-scale projects, like the Truckee River Corridor Project.

To find out more about becoming a Business Partner, please call Kellie Wright at 530-582-4711 or kellie@tdlandtrust.org.

Thank You Business Partners

The following businesses have supported the Truckee Donner Land Trust by becoming Business Partners. When you're out and about in the Truckee Donner area, please do business with them as a way of saying "Thank You".

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| Advanced Framework | Los Gatos Construction Co., Inc. |
| Andrea's Tahoe Rentals | Northstar-at-Tahoe |
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Council |
| | Truckee Tahoe Lumber |

THE THIRD ANNUAL TRAILS AND VISTAS: “ORIGINS AND ELEMENTS”



A poet recites her work near the Pacific Crest Trail.

Over 400 people enjoyed an art walk on Donner Summit with over twenty talented performers collaborating together to offer a wonderful experience in the environment through the arts.

The 3rd annual event, Trails and Vistas: “Origins and Elements” was co-sponsored by the Truckee



A dancer interprets Middle-Eastern music.

Donner Land Trust, InnerRhythms Dance Theatre, and Arts for the Schools. The event is an original art production that involves dance, music, and installation art on a hike through the landscape of the Sierra.

This year’s performances included singing Tibetan bowls, the sounds of Arabic music, interpretive dancers and actors, poetry recitals, an ice sculpture from Bano’s Iceworks, and the movement and music of Native American artists.

The featured guest artist, Chief Red Hawk, combined Native flute with the folkloric storytelling tradition of his Native American roots.

Trail leaders informed the hikers about wildlife, history, and conservation efforts pertaining to the land surrounding Donner Summit. The spectacular views enjoyed by the hikers were largely protected by the Land Trust.

Thank you for participating and making “Origins & Elements” such a wonderful event.

Visit www.trailsandvistas.com for information about next year’s event. We look forward to seeing you at Trails and Vistas 2007!

We would like to thank the following:

**Creative Director:
Nancy Lopez**

Choreographers: Elizabeth Archer, Cathee van Rossem St. Clair

**Arts for Schools
Big Wave Burritos
Capital Beverage Co.
Choozi Entertainment
Donner Ski Ranch
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InnerRhythms
Cesar Lopez
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Moonshine Ink**

**Nevada Arts Council
North Lake Tahoe Resort Association
Sierra Sun**

**Silverleaf Studio
Tahoe Mountain Resorts
The Cedar House
Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce**

And a special thanks to all the artists and volunteers for making this year’s Trails and Vistas a great success!

A SUMMER OF LAND STEWARDSHIP



Land Trust Forester, Scott Wall, and Associate Director, Stan Wingate, inspect a revegetated skid trail in Billy Mack Canyon.

The Land Trust owns and manages over 5,000 acres in the Truckee Donner region. Much of this acreage we intend to eventually convey to public entities such as the U.S. Forest Service, State Parks and Fish and Game. In the meantime, stewardship of these lands is a high priority for the Land Trust. In 2006, we addressed a number of issues.

We value your time and expertise!

We are looking for volunteers to help in the office, assist at events or work on the Donner Lake Rim Trail. Sign-up at www.tdlandtrust.org or call for more information. If you have special skills, please let us know.

Independence Lake: The Land Trust owns 2,000 acres in the Independence Lake watershed. These acquisitions were funded in part by a foundation concerned about the impacts of snowmobiling in the watershed. The Land Trust will be working with the U.S. Forest Service and the snowmobiling community to find a solution

acceptable to all parties.

Truckee River Corridor: With the closing of this 3,200 acre acquisition, the Land Trust is hard at work gathering baseline documentation and creating management plans for the river frontage easement.

Martis Valley: Negotiations in the Martis Valley brought forth numerous site visits to the vernal



A cougar print in the Martis Valley.

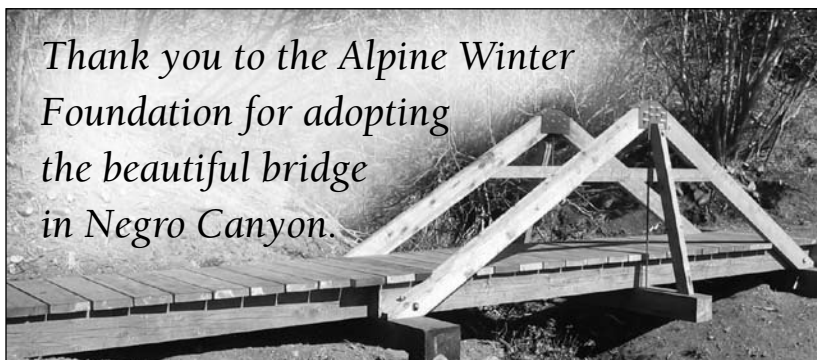
poools and Eastside Pine Forests. Along one visit, a rare flowering plant was positively identified, the Plumas Mousetail plant (*Ivesia sericoleuca*). The leaf structure is soft to the touch and resembles the common Yarrow, but this plant has a five-petal flower that extends from the fernlike leaflet

Hippie Hill-Sierra College Campus Site: Land Trust staff worked closely with project managers at the future campus site during the planning of the timber harvest and road construction. Best management practices are in place to ensure water quality and erosion control.

Wintercreek Wetland: In early spring, the Land Trust staff worked with Nevada County officials to monitor the mosquito populations on this wetland that is across from the Regional Park. Luckily, there was no hazard of West Nile Virus carrying populations, and pesticide use was avoided.

Negro Canyon: With the Land Trust soon to own the property in fee title, there are a host of issues including erosion gullies, Rim Trail access and public access that we are addressing.

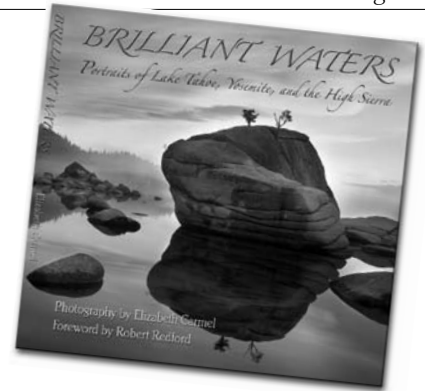
Jackass Ridge Conservation Easement: Squatters are a continuing problem on the property and create a fire hazard. A group of Land Trust volunteers removed fire rings and literally removed a truck-load of garbage.



Thank you to the Alpine Winter Foundation for adopting the beautiful bridge in Negro Canyon.

THANK YOU TO ELIZABETH AND OLOF CARMEL

“Brilliant Waters” Book Launch Event



Long-time Land Trust members and generous supporters, Elizabeth and Olof Carmel hosted the “Brilliant Waters, Portraits of Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, and the High Sierra” book launch party at the Lodge at Tahoe Donner. Elizabeth donated half the book sales from the evening to the Land Trust. The event was a great success with over 200 books sold in just two hours.

“Brilliant Waters” is an amazing collection of Elizabeth’s exceptional photographic work capturing the

interaction of light and water in our natural environment. In addition to Elizabeth’s photos and inspiring poems, “Brilliant Waters” resonates with a conservation and preservation message. It is an enduring testament to the accomplishments of previous generations who have worked to protect the Sierra Nevada. It is also a reminder of what is at stake as we strive to protect the natural world for future generations.

The Land Trust would like to thank The Lodge at Tahoe Donner, Holliday Development Company, musicians Bob Greenwood and Bob Moskal, Jonathan Hurt from Trefethen Vineyards, and Merle Fajans for her extraordinary help with the astounding amount of book sales!

TAHOE DONNER TOAST TO THE TRAILS EVENT

Thanks to the Tahoe Donner Association, The Lodge at Tahoe Donner, the talented artists, and all who attended the Toast to the Trails event on June 18. The afternoon highlighted art, wine, music, and the importance of the Donner Lake Rim Trail by bringing people together to explore new tastes while discovering new trails.

A portion of the proceeds from art sales was donated for building and maintaining the Donner Lake Rim Trail. Due to the generosity of the local artists and the support of the Tahoe Donner Association, the Donner Lake Rim Trail was greatly expanded this summer and will be well maintained in the future!

Thank you to the following for hosting such a great event:



Enjoying art, wine and sunshine for trails.

*Bill Houdyschell
Darren Shaw
Heather Harrison
Monica Spear*

Buck for Open Space

Preserving open space in the greater Truckee area is simply good business.

Please welcome Sierra Pet Clinic, Alpine Meadows and Boreal to the program.

We would like to thank the following conservation-minded businesses for participating in the Buck for Open Space program.

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| Alpine Meadows | Inn at Truckee |
| Best Western Truckee | Isabella O. |
| Tahoe Inn | Jackass Ridge |
| Boreal | Pacific Crest |
| Cabonas | Pianeta Ristorante |
| Cottonwood | Sierra Pet Clinic |
| Donner Truckee | The Village Bistro |
| Veterinary Hospital | West End Bistro |
| Dragonfly | |

We hope you will consider adding a \$1 or more to your bill for open space and trails. It’s a small investment but important. Here’s why: The greater Truckee region is booming and the wild open spaces we cherish are disappearing at an alarming rate. And, of course, what is open space without trails? We would like to thank the businesses and their customers listed above and encourage you to give them your business.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE TRUCKEE DONNER LAND TRUST

The Land Trust's work is more urgent than ever. In addition to your annual membership, there are a variety of ways to support our work.

Stock Gifts – Gifts of long-term appreciated stock and mutual fund shares are an easy way to make a lasting contribution.

Gift & Honorary Memberships – Choose a meaningful way to both honor your loved ones and conserve the open spaces you cherish. Give a gift membership for birthdays, Christmas, weddings or other special occasions. We'll send your recipient a beautiful picture showcasing a special place

that your donation has helped to protect.

Memorial Gifts – Honor the memory of a friend or loved one who treasured the open spaces and wild lands of our area.

Employer Matching & Workplace Giving – One of the simplest and most efficient ways of donating is through your workplace. It's also a great way to double or triple your gift if your employer has a program to match your donations. Please pick up a matching gift form from your employer, fill it out, and send it to us.

Donner Lake Rim Trail Adopt-A-Quarter-Mile – Enjoy the stunning views of Donner Lake, Mount Rose or Castle Peak on your own portion of the Donner Lake Rim Trail. Contribute \$1,000 or more to the Donner Lake Rim Trail and we'll recognize your gift on a plaque at one of the trailheads. This is a great way to create a legacy that will benefit the entire community.

Planned Giving – Leave a legacy and help us protect open spaces for future generations by including the Truckee Donner Land Trust in your will or other estate plans.

Leaving a bequest is simple and gives you the freedom to make a significant difference. To make a bequest, consult with your legal advisor or contact our office.

Please call Kellie Wright at (530) 582-4711 for more information on any of these programs.



Camas lilies bloom in the alpine meadows in spring.



Looking for the perfect gift for someone who seems to have everything?

Give the gift of open space for the Holidays.

An honorary gift is a thoughtful way to show your friends and family how much you care about them and the environment.

Call the Land Trust 530-582-4711 for more information.



Leave a Legacy of Open Space

The Land Under Our Feet...
Hiking Schallenberger Ridge,
Skiing Coldstream Canyon,
Or simply enjoying the stunning views
of the surrounding peaks from the
Donner Lake Rim Trail.

Consider including the Truckee Donner
Land Trust in your will or estate plan
and leave a legacy that your children
and grandchildren can hike, bike and
experience under their feet forever.

Please call the Land Trust
(530-582-4711) to find out more
about planned giving.

New changes in the federal tax law make it easier to make a tax-free charitable gift. Under the new law, by giving directly from your IRA to charity, the money is not included for income tax purposes and – most importantly – is not taxed, preserving the full amount for charitable purposes. However, the contribution will not provide an income tax deduction. Of course, please consult your tax advisor.



In Memory

**SUSAN
REICHERT
GORTNER**

December 23, 1932 –
September 13, 2006

Susan, a renowned researcher and former associate dean of the UCSF School of Nursing, loved hiking and fly-fishing in the Sierra. She also enjoyed riding Tennessee walking horses. After retiring to Serene Lakes, she added cross-country skiing to her already considerable skills in alpine skiing. Susan was a good friend of the Truckee Donner Land Trust and to numerous people throughout this country. She will be missed.

– Bill Thauvette, neighbor and friend

The Land Trust understands that donors expect their contributions will be put to good use. We're proud of running...

A LEAN AND EFFICIENT SHIP

- TO DATE 11,500 ACRES OF LAND HAVE BEEN CONSERVED.
- THE VALUE OF THESE LANDS IS OVER \$20,000,000.
- FOR THE FIVE YEARS ENDED 12/31/05 THE RATIO OF MANAGEMENT, GENERAL, AND FUNDRAISING EXPENSES TO THE VALUE OF LANDS CONSERVED WAS LESS THAN 5%.

Thank you for volunteering on the Donner Lake Rim Trail

We rely on services from supportive businesses and our many stalwart volunteers, who offer time, expertise, and passion for the Donner Lake Rim Trail. Thank you to our wonderful Rim Trail volunteers and businesses.

Sophie Aaron	Bob Hamilton	Robin Preston
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The Land Trust would not be able to accomplish our goals on the Rim Trail without the incredible financial support of foundations.

Thank you to the following foundations for your support in funding the Rim Trail.

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2006 SUMMER HIKES Our Most Popular Ever

Summers in the Truckee area are meant to be enjoyed outdoors. The Land Trust helps get people outside every summer by leading an impressive list of summer hikes and walks. More folks attended this year's hikes than ever before. Each one was filled to capacity, brimming with amazing scenery, and the camaraderie shared by people who love open space.

*Special thanks to our
fearless Hike Leaders.*

Elizabeth & John Eaton
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The Fund adopted the
boardwalk in Negro Canyon.*

UNDERSTANDING THE TRUCKEE RIVER CORRIDOR'S BIOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

The 3,236 acres being acquired by the Truckee Donner Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy in fee and easement in the Truckee River Corridor is of enormous biological importance. The acquisitions' connectivity to lands already in public ownership, the length of river frontage, nearly 7.5 miles along the Truckee River, and its geographic position in a transitional zone between alpine and desert environments, make it truly unique and significant.

The acquisitions contain outstanding cottonwood-willow riparian habitat and excellent instream habitat. Cottonwood trees are able to reproduce well along this reach of the Lower Truckee River, due primarily to natural high water events, which is the usual mechanism by which cottonwood seeds are dispersed.

There is adequate water on this stretch of river to promote germination and growth, and thus a healthy, multi-story cottonwood habitat exists. This riparian habitat provides excellent breeding habitat for riparian dependent birds such as yellow warbler and warbling vireo. Riparian vegetation is not only found along the banks of the Truckee, but also along approximately seven miles of the perennial creeks that drain into the Truckee. The aquatic habitat supports Lahontan basin native fishes.

Despite the manmade barriers, I-80 and the railroad, the Truckee River Canyon provides important movement corridors and connections to protected land for a variety of mammals.

Both sides of the river have been designated by the Department of Fish and Game as major migration corridors for the Verdi subunit of the Loyalton-Truckee mule deer herd. In addition, the eastern section of these acquisitions (downstream from Farad) are within an area cited as critical winter range for mule deer.

During the spring migration, mule deer leave this critical winter range and move in a southwesterly direction along the canyon toward critical fawning areas on their summer range throughout the Martis Valley. This cycle is reversed every fall as the herd migrates back to critical wintering range downstream from Farad.

Besides heavy mule deer use, The Nature Conservancy biologists have identified mountain lion, bobcat, and coyote as well as gray fox and bear in Canyons 23 and 24 near Mystic. Such corridors connect thousands of acres of public land in the Humbolt-Toiyabe National Forest (including the Mount Rose Wilderness Area) to thousands of acres of public land in the Tahoe National Forest.



The uplands provide habitat for a number of large mammals.

Biological Importance




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The Board and staff of your Land Trust hope you share our pride in what we have accomplished. We hope you believe we merit your continued and generous support. You can count on us to leverage your support to make multi-million dollar conservation efforts happen.

For more details on the Land Trust's projects , see updates on page six.

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