

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** September 18, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 4E

**STAFF:** Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator

**REQUEST:** Staff update on activities related to trail projects managed by the Open Space Division.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Attached, please find a memo from Gregg Berggren with updates on multiple trail projects.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No formal action can be taken at this time.



# Memo

**To:** Open Space Advisory Committee  
**From:** Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator  
**cc:** Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator  
**Date:** September 18, 2017  
**Re:** Trails Coordinator Report

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**Capital to Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT)/Lincoln Bypass:** Ann and I met with Megan Mullooney at the U.S. Forest Service (USFS); and I, along with representatives from Eagle Valley Trails Committee (EVTC), met a second time when the District Ranger Irene Davidson attended. The atmosphere was positive. We gave the USFS a map of all desired projects, in addition to the Capital to TRT/Lincoln Bypass. Irene stated she would include our projects in her discussions regarding upcoming projects throughout the District. Also, we requested a Categorical Exclusion for the Lincoln Bypass since a USFS Travel Management Plan for the Clear Creek/Kings Canyon area and accompanying Environmental Assessment already exists. Irene suggested that perhaps they could just do an update to this plan to include our trails in that area. On 8/10/17, we received confirmation from USFS for the following:

- Fiscal Year 2018 (starts October 1, 2017): Lincoln Bypass and Capital to TRT – work on providing a scope of work to Carson City
- Fiscal Year 2019 (starts October 1, 2018): Lincoln Bypass and Capital to TRT – will do the review and process according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Jeff Potter, Lyndsey Boyer, and I hiked the upper alignment of the Capital to TRT through the Nevada State Park land with Josh Rhein (Park Ranger for this area). Josh liked the alignment and agreed to set up a meeting sometime after Labor Day with officials from Nevada State Parks. In June, the botanical survey of the Lincoln Bypass alignment was completed.

**Carson-Tahoe Hospital-Lakeview Trail:** We are sending a request to the Nevada Department of Transportation asking for renewal of permission to construct the single-track trail from the Carson-Tahoe Hospital to Lakeview Estates.

**Centennial Park Trails:** Ann and I met with Victoria Wilkins and Terah Malsam at BLM; and I, along with representatives from EVTC, met a second time. Again, the atmosphere was positive. BLM recognizes the need for bringing user-constructed trails into the system and maintaining them. We provided BLM with the SHAPE files showing existing trails and offered to tour the area with them. Victoria stated she will bring our projects forward for discussion with BLM staff.

Carson City submitted a request and received approval from BLM to amend the existing lease on these lands and allow trail construction, which means we can now move forward with Phase 1 of the Conner

McRae/Muscle Powered proposal for a single-track trail at Centennial Park. This trail will provide a location for the Carson High Senators Mountain Bike Team to host race events. Muscle Powered and the High School will begin work on this project when construction of the Secret Trail is completed.

**Clear Creek Connector to Kings Canyon:** Jeff Potter and I have begun on-site review of alignment possibilities.

**Eagle Valley Trails Committee:** One of the recommendations/outcomes of the impressive trails report was the need to update the Unified Pathways Master Plan (UPMP). At this time, only the relevant single-track trails references and related projects will be updated. I attended the EVTC meeting where they worked on a draft addendum for the UPMP. They are also working on maps for this update. Also, Ann and I met with State Lands to review their properties identified in the EVTC report as having opportunity for trail easements. State Lands would like one single request for all easements. EVTC is finalizing their desired alignments.

**Prison Hill Recreation Area:**

- A Comprehensive Trail Master Plan for Prison Hill is in the works. Some new trails are being planned and existing sustainable trails are being identified.
- The North Loop re-alignment and improvements project was approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Washoe Tribe. Muscle Powered volunteer Paul Sinnott and his crew will begin this project in the fall when the weather cools.
- Mexican Dam – Safe Passage. Ann and I visited Mexican Dam with Ed James and Shane Fryer from the Carson Water Subconservancy District and Courtney Bloomer who represented equestrian interests. We are developing a plan to provide safe passage around the dam for hikers, mountain bikers, runners, horse riders, and kayakers/canoers/rafters. This would enable a longer Aquatic Trail and provide connectivity for the Mexican Ditch Trail to the south end of Prison Hill.
- Motorized area
  - We are in the early stages of developing a plan for this area. I have reached out to the Albuquerque, NM Open Space Division requesting information on how they developed and manage their 744 acre Montessa OHV Park.
  - Colter and I visited the high-point of Prison Hill where OHVs are entering the non-motorized area. They have made a road around the berm. We placed a couple of Carsonite signs for new, but a more durable solution will be part of the OHV planning.

**Secret Trail:** This is a 1.3 mile re-alignment of a non-sustainable use trail in Vicee Canyon, and one that will likely be used by the Carson City Off Road mountain bike race. Muscle Powered began construction in July and expects to be completed with the new trail by this October.

**Signage Master Plan:** The review committee selected Design Workshop as the firm to complete this project. The contract was finalized in August and an all-day tour was conducted to show the consultant a variety of parks, recreational areas, Open Space areas, and trailheads. Design Workshop has scheduled a Design Charrette for September 22, 2017 and about 25 stakeholders have been invited. There will be opportunities for public input. Project completion is projected for the end of 2017 or early 2018.

**Waterfall Trail:** The Great Basin Institute crew did some great trail maintenance and brushing.