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**To:** Open Space Advisory Committee  
**From:** Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator  
**cc:** Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator  
**Date:** February 26, 2018  
**Re:** Trails Coordinator Report

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## **Capital to Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park Trail / Lincoln Bypass:**

- USFS is working on a scope of work that they will require in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). They are aware that we are requesting the scope before spring of 2018 so that we can complete the field work and cultural surveys in the spring and summer of 2018.
- Meeting was conducted with consultants who will perform this work and they are ready to begin as soon as we receive the scope from USFS.

## **Hospital Trail:**

- A professional survey is scheduled for the upper portion of the trail so that we are certain of the property lines.
- The alignment was mapped and flagged in November, but can be altered if necessary following the survey.
- We are working with Carson Tahoe Regional Health and the Green House Project for a landscaped site plan for the trailhead area next to the Cancer Center.
- We have requested a proposal from a contractor for rough construction of the trail using a mini dozer and mini-X.
- Plans are to complete the project on National Trails Day – June 2, 2018

## **Centennial Park Trails:**

- Muscle Powered and the Carson Senators Mountain Bike Team have plans to begin construction of Phase 1 of this project in the spring. Phase 1 is the section on our leased R&PP lands which will provide a sustainable section of trail for hikers, runners, equestrians, mountain bikers, and most significantly, it will provide the Carson High Mountain Bike Team with a location to hold competitions.
- Phase 2 of the Centennial Park Trails will be on BLM land. We are working trying to coordinate with BLM on this.

## **Clear Creek Connector to Kings Canyon:**

- A rough proposed alignment has been mapped.
- Ann is talking with landowners.

- An important component of this project will be an adequate trailhead at the Golf Club Drive underpass on Highway 50 because this will essentially be an access point for three trails (the Clear Creek Trail to Gold Club Drive, the recently approved extension of the Clear Creek Trail to the Tahoe Rim Trail, and our proposed Clear Creek to Kings Canyon Trail). Ann is working with several parties to develop a satisfactory solution.

#### **Eagle Valley Trails Committee/UPMP Updates:**

- Updates to the UPMP which include single-track, non-motorized opportunities, was approved by OSAC and PRC in December. Presentation to the Planning Commission is scheduled for February 28, 2018.

#### **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 is nearly complete. Due to the unseasonably nice weather, Muscle Powered volunteer Paul Sinnott and his crew resumed work on February 6, 2018.
- Mexican Dam – Mexican Ditch Inlet Safe Passage. An engineering plan is being developed for the design of an enhanced and safe passage around the dam for hikers, mountain bikers, runners, horse riders, and kayakers/canoers/rafters. This will enable a longer Aquatic Trail and provide connectivity for the Mexican Ditch Trail to the south end of Prison Hill.
- Motorized area. We were successful in receiving a NOHV (Nevada Off Highway Vehicle) Grant which we applied for in collaboration with NOHVCC (National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council). Work will begin very soon on development of a comprehensive trail inventory and management plan. The Prison Hill Recreation Area has about 900 acres which are open to motorized vehicles. Carson City is one of relatively few municipalities in the western U.S. that manages an OHV area, and we need a comprehensive strategy to effectively guide our management of this area into the future.
- Abandoned Mine Closure. We are working with the Nevada Bureau of Minerals to close two identified abandoned mines. The Nevada Department of Wildlife has given their approval.
- Fifth Street Trailhead. Part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Trailhead project is to realign the unsustainable portions of the Prison Hill access trails, and decommission portions that are causing erosion. A new alignment has been located and surveyed and Public Works is working on the proposal and contract bidding. Also, a Bay Scout is working on a portion of this project as his Eagle Scout project. He will present his project at the February OSAC meeting.

#### **Secret Trail:**

- This is a 1.3 mile re-alignment of an unsustainable use trail in Vicee Canyon. Muscle Powered began construction in July, and will resume construction very soon. They expect to complete this new trail in the spring of 2018, in time for the Carson City Off Road mountain bike race which will likely utilize this trail.

#### **Signage Master Plan:**

- OSAC and PRC approved the new plan in December. Our consultant is finalizing details and we will begin implementation of this exciting project this spring.

### **Aquatic Trail Map:**

- This is a joint project with the CTA, PROS, our AmeriCorps graphic designer (Chaja Hogeweg), and others, to develop a new Aquatic Trail Map.
- The new map design is complete, and it shows a dramatic increase in Carson City managed river-corridor lands since the first edition.
- Working on text for the map which will include cultural, natural, and geological history.
- CTA expects to publish in time for the spring season.

### **Trail Mapping:**

- CTA is working on an on-line, inter-active trail map. We have been assisting Public Works in the production of a comprehensive data base for CTA to utilize. In addition to locations, this new map will provide various attributes like distances, difficulty rating, and links to photos and additional information.

### **East Silver Saddle Ranch:**

- Staff is working with a consultant on a plan for this area. We want to:
  - Fulfill recommendations and goals in the Carson River Management Plan.
  - Address local concerns and issues regarding crime.
  - Protect the natural resources and restore damaged riparian areas.
  - Develop educational opportunities.
  - Provide a river access that is more attractive to our residents.
- An Open House Workshop for nearby residents is scheduled for February 13, 2018.

### **Ambrose Natural Area:**

- A site visit was conducted recently with Donna Inversin and Park Ranger John Costello to look at condition of the trails and view evidence of incursions by vehicles.
- A trail plan is needed, and will be a future project following completion of the Prison Hill trail plan.
- The Biology Trail is in bad shape. Possibility to work with the Carson High School AP Biology class for new interpretive plan which could be produced as part of our new signage master plan.