

Marja Ambler

From: Wanda Kownacki Kownacki <wandakownacki@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 1:54 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail retroactive approval

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Wanda Kownacki. I own a cabin at 544 Fallen Leaf Lake Road and am writing to express my deep concern about the potential retroactive approval of the Lily Lake Trail.

The execution of the trail, **specifically the absence of permitting and required environmental review, protections, and compliance** as required by TRPA prior to the construction and throughout construction, has implications for all future public recreational use projects in the Fallen Leaf Basin and the greater Tahoe Basin as well.

My understanding is that the USFS did not honor the USFS/TRPA MOU, an existing agreement that puts reasonable environmental constraints on USFS projects throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin, in building this trail. The USFS should NOT be allowed to build whatever the organization wants without TRPA oversight and then simply ask for a retroactive permit after construction. The Lily Lake trail is built on a very steep slope which poses serious safety and environmental issues especially in the case of mountain bike use which can erode the trail and cause danger to hikers due to lack of room on the trail and the steep slope impeding ability to reduce bike speed. I have hiked this trail myself and saw first hand the issues that this trail poses to this potentially unstable slope in a delicate environment that cannot withstand aggressive bicycle traffic or any kind of heavy use. I implore TRPA to protect our beautiful and scenic Lake Tahoe and Fallen Leaf Lake Basins as you are mandated to do.

I urge TRPA to not approve this trail and either designate it as hiker only or even better require it to be returned to its natural state. In the future I hope that TRPA will not allow any future trail construction without requiring serious and thoughtful review of environmental and safety issues. I thank you in advance for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,
Wanda Kownacki
408-309-6500

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From: Sarah Clark <sarahm.clark@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 11:35 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

As a believer in following the rules, I find it very troubling that TRPA, or any other agency, would recommend approving something retroactively. That might be necessary in an emergency, but this in no way qualifies. I did see bikes on that trail the last time we were at Fallen Leaf Lake and was surprised that they were allowed. As a long-time hiker in the area, I have always enjoyed passing other hikers, but would not appreciate having to step out of the way for bikers. It's unclear from the picture if the lower part of the trail ties into the trail that starts behind the church at the lake. That is a very steep trail going to the top and seems unsuitable to bikes. To me, a safer and more appropriate way for them to get to Angora Lakes is to go via the road going past the fire station. I am opposed to the way this project has been at least partly completed and then asked for approval.

Sincerely,
Sarah Mitchell Clark

From: Marylu Weisheimer <maryluweiz@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:12 PM

To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>

Subject: Lily Lake Trail

Regarding the upcoming decision regarding the proposed retroactive issuance of a permit for work done on the Lily Lake Trail, I am in complete disagreement that a permit should be issued. I was stunned to hear that the USFS built the trail in the first place, without a permit, without the required environmental review, without any oversight of environmental &/or safety issues. A permit should not be issued retroactively for work that didn't go through the proper channels in the first place.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the community, something the USFS did not bother to do.

Sincerely,

Marylu Weisheimer

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From: KATE MAWSON <kate.mawson@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 11:22 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lilly Lake Trail

I spend Springs, Summers, and Falls in the Fallen Leaf Lake Basin. I am opposed to granting approval retroactively to the Lilly Lake Trail. The needed permits should be approved before the work is done. Thank you, Kate Mawson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Edward Rowe <eddier@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:06 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Cc: Edward Rowe <eddier@hotmail.com>
Subject: Concerns with the Lilly Lake Trail

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It is my contention at the FOREST SERVICE that they have an obligation to comply with the environmental concerns of the residence of the lake Tahoe basin, and it is unconscionable that the fourth service feels that they can do whatever they want and then ask for forgiveness retroactively this is inexcusable and it's not the way democracy is designed to work, and therefore I oppose this project vehemently

**Edward Rowe
Resident west side of FALLEN LEAF LAKE**

Please excuse any errors due to dictation

Bruce Eisner
Sandy Hill
1770 Skyline Drive
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

January 20, 2023

Re: Assessor's Parcel/File Number: 580-000-00 / EIPC2021-0011; Lily Lake Trail

Dear TRPA Board:

My wife and I have been avid hikers for 35 years in South Lake Tahoe. The Lily Lake Trail connecting Angora Lakes parking with the Glen Alpine Trailhead at Lily Lake is an excellent example of how to build a trail and lessen impacts on the Fallen Leaf Lake community. The Lily Lake Trail allows the user to connect between the two points without descending down to Fallen Leaf Lake Road by the fire station, thereby removing some interface with the Fallen Leaf Lake residents.

One of our favorite hikes is to park at the Glen Alpine Springs/Lily Lake TH and ascend the Tamarack Trail towards Triangle Lake, then follow use trails to Echo Peak and down to Angora Lakes (for lemonade and a swim on a hot summer day), before hiking down to our car. Prior to constructing the Lily Lake trail, we had to know there was a trail between Angora Lakes parking and the Chapel (next to the fire station) on Fallen Leaf Lake Road. We don't remember any trail signs on either end. From there we ascended the substandard, pot-holed road from the Fire Station back up to our car- taking hikers off this narrow road is a minor safety improvement.

With respect to mountain biking, I personally find the lower "rock portion" descending the final meters to Lily Lake beyond my comfort zone, but I know others who are up for the challenge. For a round trip some mountain bikers then ride Fallen Leaf Lake Road to connect with Tahoe Mountain Road. I presume there is an incremental increase in MTB traffic on Fallen Leaf Lake Road after constructing the Lily Lake Trail. However, during the summer season there have always been people riding bicycles of one kind or another along Fallen Leaf Lake Road to visit one of the most scenic locations at Lake Tahoe.

In conclusion, we urge you to approve the trail as currently constructed.

Thank you,

Bruce Eisner and Sandy Hill

From: alexandra derby <alixderby@gmail.com>
Sent: 1/19/2023 9:35:06 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Lily Lake Trail Bike Path - NO NO NO

Hello....I wish to seriously register my concerns about the Lily Lake bike trail project. As a life long Fallen Leafer It is abhorrent to me that this bike trail along Lily would be allowed to go forward. It is NOT in keeping with the spirit and use of our bucolic spaces around Lily and Fallen Leaf. Please include my severe blockage of this project.

Alexandra Clifton Boyd Derby – Juniper Ledge – Stanford Hill – Fallen Leaf

From: Breed, Chett <cbreed@truman.edu>
Sent: 1/19/2023 7:19:25 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Proposed Retroactive permitting

This is an outrage against the understanding throughout the Tahoe basin that major projects require thoughtful advance planning and deliberation.

Especially this is a shock for the Angora Lakes, Lily Lake and Fallen Leaf Lake communities. A bicycle trail that grows incrementally, segment by segment, without the whole vision being considered and determined...it's just so backward an approach.

If there's a requirement somewhere in the planning of the already-built and permitted "Angora Ridge" bicycle trail, that it eventually returns bicyclists to pavement...then turn the trail the other direction and build it down the slope to Upper Truckee Road and the roads developed on the "Meyers" side of the mountain? That too is all National Forest but unlike our side, it won't risk such outsized impacts.

Fortunately the steep slope that the already-built but unpermitted trail traverses from Angora saddle down to the Lily Lake pavement will be able to revert quickly because of its inherent instability. There are probably a few segments traversing brush and woods that may not be so easily returned, but they're isolated. So the fact that the horse is already out of the barn is not really a reason to ignore closing the gate even now.

Chett and Suanna Breed
133 Waterhouse Road
Fallen Leaf

302 S 9th St
Fairfield, IA 52556

From: manddcarey@aol.com <manddcarey@aol.com>
Sent: 1/19/2023 7:16:20 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Cc: cmcarey104@gmail.com <cmcarey104@gmail.com>; mccadobe@aol.com <mccadobe@aol.com>; flldirectory@gmail.com <flldirectory@gmail.com>; daleblehman@comcast.net <daleblehman@comcast.net>;
Subject: Lily Lake Bike Trail-Community Input

Dear TRPA,

I am writing as a Fallen Leaf Lake property owner to voice my concerns about the mixed use trail constructed without a permit from Angora to Lily Lake. As a member of a longtime Fallen Leaf family with strong ties to the environment and hiking, I was not pleased to find this new trail already built along the rocky moraine above many of the cabins. The trail traverses very steep slopes, and mountain biking negatively impacts the landscape in so many ways....from compacting the soil; to scaring the wildlife; to causing ruts that lead to erosion/landslides; to public safety. I used to mountain bike myself, and understand the fun, but the sport has evolved to be seriously dangerous to hikers using the same trail; and honestly, mountain bikers have lots of other places to play. The lands around Fallen Leaf have always been treasured for their beauty and unspoiled condition. It would seem that the USFS is determined to turn them into an over-used OHV type park. They have already opened up the north side of the lake to what might be considered by some to be over-use. I think the Lily Lake bike trail project negatively impacts environmental sustainability and should be either designated as a hiker only trail, or better yet, abandoned and restored to nature. I vote no.

Sincerely,
Debra Carey

From: Dennis L Bark <dennis.l.bark@stanford.edu>
Sent: 1/20/2023 9:39:00 AM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Cc: John A Kleppe <kleppe@unr.edu>; ruth.d.rich@gmail.com <ruth.d.rich@gmail.com>;
Subject: Lily Lake trail proposal an meeting

Mr. Friedman:

My wife and I fully subscribe to and agree with the points raised in Peter Thieriot's email to you dated January 20,2023.

France and Dennis Bark
981 Fallen Leaf Road

From: John C Mitchell <John.Mitchell@stanford.edu>
Sent: 1/19/2023 4:38:19 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: FW: Lilly Lake Trail
Attachments: [Lily Lake Permit Public Notice.pdf](#)

I am a Forrest Service permit holder with many years of happy hiking in the Fallen Leaf and Desolation Wilderness areas. My personal opinion of the new trail is that is well designed and beautifully executed. It opens up new views of the area and appears, from my personal experience, to be much appreciated by hikers who have taken it. While I could not have predicted whether it would be successful prior to its construction, I now believe that this trail should be approved and its current mixed use should be allowed to continue.

Best,
John Mitchell

From: FallenLeaf Directory <flldirectory@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 2:34 PM
To: FallenLeaf Directory <flldirectory@gmail.com>
Subject: <no subject>

Dear Fallen Leaf Community:

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Thank you for your consideration,

Ruth Rich
Board President
Fallen Leaf Basin Protection Coalition



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Location of Subject Property: Lily Lake Trail, El Dorado County, California

Assessor's Parcel/File Number: 580-000-00 / EIPC2021-0011

Applicant: United States Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

This item has been placed on both the Environmental Improvement Program, Transportation, and Public Outreach (EIPTPO) Committee and Governing Board agendas.

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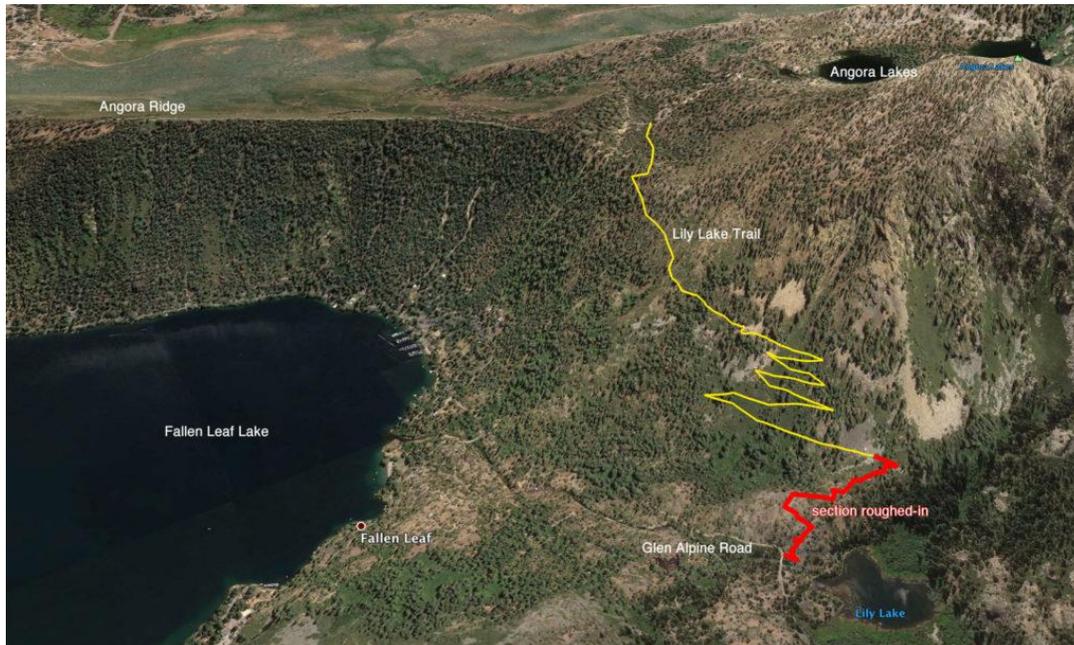
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Shannon Friedman

By: _____ Date: 1/11/2023

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From: Karen Sipprell <karen@sipprell.com>
Sent: 1/19/2023 4:23:50 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Cc: Karen Sipprell <karen@sipprell.com>;
Subject: Thoughts on proposed retroactive permit for Lily Lake Trail

Hello,

I am a homeowner at Fallen Leaf Lake, writing to you to express my serious concern about the possibility that TRPA would issue a retroactive permit for the recently constructed Lily Lake Trail.

The execution of the trail, **specifically the absence of permitting and required environmental review, protections, and compliance** as required by TRPA prior to the construction (and throughout construction) has serious implications for all future public recreational use projects in the Fallen Leaf Basin and the greater Tahoe Basin as well. If TRPA were to issue a retroactive permit, it would send the signal that it's just fine to ignore the rules and "beg for forgiveness" later. This action would set a terrible precedent and encourage more aberrant behavior from other groups.

Frankly, I'm more than disappointed that the USFS did not honor the USFS/TRPA MOU, an existing agreement that puts reasonable environmental constraints on USFS projects throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin, in building this trail. Why, exactly, did that happen? The USFS should not be allowed to build whatever they want without TRPA oversight and then simply ask for a retroactive permit after construction. The outcome of the Lily Lake Trail development is what the USFS/TRPA MOU is intended to protect.

Now that the trail is built, I believe it would create even more problems to tear it out (as I know some people are advocating). Rather, I would advocate for designating it as "hiker only" to limit traffic, and adding signage which explicitly states the trail is not permitted. I also believe that a fine should be levied on the group that created it without a permit. I've heard that the trail was built by volunteers from the Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association. I can imagine that denying them access and assessing a penalty will seem terribly unfair to them. To that I say "too bad." It will serve as a cautionary tale for other groups that do not follow the appropriate process.

Thank you for your attention to my message. Please do the right thing and withhold a retroactive permit for the Lily Lake Trail.

Karen

Karen Sipprell
365 Fallen Leaf Road

From: Kim Zvik <kimzvik@gmail.com>
Sent: 1/19/2023 2:42:43 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: horses would like to use Lily Lake trail
Attachments: [Lily Lake Permit Public Notice.pdf](#)

I have ridden the western states trail and in no way is this new Lily trail any harder or more dangerous. I have also ridden the Tahoe Rim trail and this is also more technical.

We have horse access to Angora Ridge so it seems reasonable to allow horses here.

It is a terrible precedent to begin to exclude horses anywhere.

Kim
510 525 3141

Sent from my "dumb" phone

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **FallenLeaf Directory** <fllldirectory@gmail.com>
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From: charles marx <charlesmarx13@gmail.com>
Sent: 1/20/2023 1:37:31 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

Good Afternoon:

I would like to share a few thoughts about the proposal to issue a permit retroactively for the construction of the Lily Lake Trail by the USFS.

First, my personal background. I am a long-time resident of El Dorado County, and my family has had a cabin at Fallen Leaf Lake for almost 100 years. I have seen many changes in the Tahoe Basin in my 62 years, and I very much appreciate the critical role that TRPA plays in the Tahoe basin's conservation.

As for the proposed retroactive permit, I do wonder how this approval squares with TRPA's mission of leading the cooperative effort to preserve, restore, and enhance the unique natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe Region? Where is the cooperative effort when TRPA is presented with a fait accompli?

Also, what would TRPA's response be if a private landowner in the basin had undertaken a project similar in size to the Lily Lake Trail, all without permits from TRPA? I very much doubt that TRPA would be discussing retroactive permits.

I do not know if TRPA has ever encountered something like this in the past. My fear is that without any consequences for the parties involved that undertook a major development without permits (and all of the oversight that entails), we will see a repeat of this in the future. Thus, at a minimum, the requested permit should be denied.

Sincerely,

Charles Marx

From: Don Houghton <d42houghton@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: 1/19/2023 7:05:32 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Lily Lake trail

Ms. Friedman

As homeowners living near Fallen Leaf Lake we object to the retroactive approval of the Forest Service's application for a permit to construct the Lily Lake trail.

- The Forest Service trail was constructed and completed without a permit from TRPA, a retroactive permit will simply condone the Forest Service's avoidance of TRPA rules and environmental review of the project prior to its construction.
- TRPA Staff will present a case to the Governing Board, hopeful to gain retroactive approval of the Lily Lake Trail, side-stepping their internal rules, including the USFS/TRPA MOU trail build compliance and required environmental review for mountain biking usage.
- Major sections of the trail cross environmentally sensitive areas that should be reviewed.
- The trail is constructed on a steep slope that does not support mountain biking, nor is it safe for mixed uses. It is also not conducive to slope stability and sustainability, all of which would have been determined had a TRPA project number been applied for and assessed prior to trail construction.
- Fallen Leaf Lake Road, which we use and live on is already woefully overburdened with traffic and cannot handle the additional traffic created by this trail. Mountain bikers typically go down the trail, thus requiring pick up and support at the lodge and other facilities at the end of the Fallen Leaf Lake Road. Attracting more traffic to the road make an untenable situation even worse.
- The trail should be designated hiker only or returned to nature.

Don Houghton and Mary Jane de Luchi
1000 Fallen Leaf Road

From: Ginnie Long <ginnielong@gmail.com>
Sent: 1/19/2023 8:06:38 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

I am vehemently opposed to any changes to the Lily Lake trail I own a cabin on Stanford Hill road - 1871 Stanford Hill road which has been in our family since the late 1940's. There are not that many natural trails in the Tahoe basin anymore - they should not be making more accessible to the general public to over run Fallen Leaf Lake.
Thanks. Ginnie Long

From: gfbryan@aol.com <gfbryan@aol.com>
Sent: 1/19/2023 5:46:42 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

Ms. Friedman:

As a hiker in and around the Fallen leaf Lake watershed, I strenuously disapprove of the current initiative to make the Lily Lake Trail a mixed-use trail for bicyclists and hikers. This trail is not appropriate for bicyclists and hikers due to its narrowness and steepness.

I also disapprove of the hasty manner in which the approval, permitting and public comment processes have transpired.

Please do not cave to the biker coalition - keep the trail a hiker only attraction.

Greg Bryan - 980 Fallen Leaf Road.

From: Joyce Fish <newjoyce31@gmail.com>
Sent: 1/19/2023 8:53:14 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

The Forest Service broke rules and requirements by not getting a permit or allowing for public comment. A trail built for joint use by bikers and hikers would cause the serious possibility of accidents. As a hiker, I would be very concerned about sharing a trail with mountain bikers.

Joyce Fish

From: William Boezinger <whboezinger@gmail.com>
Sent: 1/19/2023 4:37:51 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

This trail should never have been built! The old Angora Lake trail that we all have used for the last 80 years is totally adequate. The Lily Lake Trail should be returned to nature. Bill and Shirley

From: Patrice Taylor <pattytaylor@comcast.net>
Sent: 1/20/2023 8:56:55 AM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: [BULK] Lily Lake Trail Comment

Dear Friends,

The TRPA is "considering the approval of an EIR for the Lily Lake Trail? I ask a simple question...to get approval for a project means you do just that-get approval **before** going ahead with your plans, which TAMBA in cahoots with the USFS did not do!

This **illegal** Lily Lake trail was put in by a volunteer renegade extreme mountain bike organization (TAMBA) with NO TRPA approval, permits or EIR, the USFS knew about it and let them do it anyway! It is an environmentally sensitive area, very steep mountainside. They have carved and torn out native erosion controlling underbrush, taken out trees, and moved massive boulders. I am a longtime cabin owner of Stanford Hill who looks directly out on that hill. It is now scared with a long crisscrossing switchback illegal trail. **This type of under the table unauthorized activity sets a VERY bad precedent to the entire Lake Tahoe Basin. Rules are rules, no tooperson, group or organization is above the law.**

Dangerous to the public: I can tell you from personal experience, innocent people are going to get seriously hurt. The level of mt bikers who go on this treacherous trail are "extreme" fast and furious types. They come off the trail and speed down Lily Lake and FLL Road of which there are curves. When out for a walk, I saw a biker coming down Lily Lake Road at an extreme speed, many families and dogs on leash are walking along that road for recreation to get to Lily and Desolation trails. The biker came around a bend and very narrowly missed getting clothes lined by a dog on a leash, swerved and then missed hitting a 4 year old child by inches. The family and those who witnessed the near miss were horrified. This is NO place for extreme mt biking, there are too many visitors who come to slow down, enjoy nature, and walk and hiking the area.

On so many levels, this trail needs to be hiking only or returned back to its natural state.

Thank you. Please do the right thing, now, and for the future of the fragile Tahoe Basin.

Brian and Patrice Taylor
Stanford Hill

From: Peter Thieriot <pthieriot@gmail.com>
Sent: 1/20/2023 9:27:18 AM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Cc: kleppe@unr.edu <kleppe@unr.edu>; ruth.d.rich@gmail.com <ruth.d.rich@gmail.com>;
Subject: Lily Lake trail meeting Jan 25

Mr. Friedman:

For the TRPA to approve a permit to construct a trail retroactively is to emasculate the notion of filing for a permit in the first place. It denies TRPA its authority to oversee the construction of such trail and denies its authority to administer the construction such that it adheres to the agreements already in place between TRPA and USFS.

Moreover, I have been on the trail and there's little doubt that its very steep slopes negatively affect the environmental quality of the area. In addition, its use by mountain bikers is an outrage: they whiz down that trail so fast that it's a serious threat to the safety of hikers who may not be able to get out of the way of the bike in time to avoid a collision. This is not to overlook the possible greater disaster of a speeding mountain bike encountering an equestrian; a horse frightened by a speeding bike could throw its rider onto the rocks causing a serious injury.

The Lily Lake trail should be designated as a trail for hikers and equestrians only...period.

And most importantly, USFS should be forced to conform to the USFS-TRPA agreement that requires USFS to obtain a permit BEFORE the start of any construction project in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Thanks for your attention in this matter.
With best wishes for the New Year,
Peter Thieriot
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From: Rich Blaisdell <blaisdell1955@hotmail.com>
Sent: 1/20/2023 7:36:11 AM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

To Whom it May Concern.

Please do not issue a retroactive permit for the Lily Lake Trail. On a hike during summer of 2022, we encountered a biker heading down one of the steeper slopes of the trail, when they almost ran I off the trail endangering both the rider and our hiking group. This trail should not be and was not designed for bikes!

Sincerely,

Rich Blaisdell
500 Fallen Leaf Road

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Richard Godfrey <richgodfrey77@gmail.com>
Sent: 1/19/2023 7:32:19 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Desolation Wilderness Trail

As a huge bike advocate I completely reject the idea of mountain bike access to Lily Lake. Please protect nature and hikers! There are more than enough bike trails in the Tahoe region.

Thank you, Richard Godfrey

From: Robert Blaisdell <Robert.Blaisdell@kbcc.cuny.edu>
Sent: 1/20/2023 7:51:20 AM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

Dear Tahoe Regional Planning Agency,
Please deny the use of mountain-biking on the Lily Lake Trail.
Hiking it at my age or any age is difficult enough without having to worry about bikers racing down at me.
Sincerely,
--Bob Blaisdell

500 Fallen Leaf Rd.

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From: Robert Drewes <bob@drewes.net>
Sent: 1/19/2023 4:02:18 PM
To: Shannon Friedman <sfriedman@trpa.gov>
Cc: Dr. Robert C. Drewes <rdrewes@calacademy.org>; Richard Livermore <liverrc@gmail.com>; Kit Boyd <mzungu@wyoming.com>;
Subject: Illegal bike trail

I wish to express my anger at the stealthy construction of the bike trail from Angora to Lily Lake, and my consternation that it was constructed without permit. I am against the issuance of a retroactive permit and In addition, I must express my absolute resistance to continuous rumors of a proposed continuation of this trail around the west shore of Fallen Leaf.
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Robert C. Drewes, PhD
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