

## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Amy Hill <amylenitahome@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 7:21 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Fwd: Time Sensitive: Lily Lake Trail Agenda Item Regarding Retroactive Permit Proposal  
**Attachments:** Lily Lake Permit Public Notice.pdf

Dear TRPA:

I read the below with great alarm. As a long-time visitor to, and current co-home owner at, Fallen Leaf Lake, I have decades of experience witnessing the gradual degradation of the area. When I used to hike the Tamarack Trail as a child, we could drink out of the many waterfalls dotting the mountainside without getting ill. The idea of mountain bikes on any of the Desolation Trails would have been anathema. Of course change is inevitable, but to flagrantly violate your own rules by granting a "retroactive permit" feels not only dishonest and wrong, but frightening, as it would set a very dangerous precedent. Obviously the pro bike community was betting on your complicity and assuming that the larger community would not support the building of the so-called "mixed use" trail. Nowhere along the way has there been opportunity for public comment. I very strongly urge you and the Agency to do the right thing by NOT granting this permit and instead designating the trail as hiker only.

Thank you for your attention -

Amy Hill

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**From:** **FallenLeaf Directory** <[flldirectory@gmail.com](mailto:flldirectory@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 2:33 PM  
**Subject:** Time Sensitive: Lily Lake Trail Agenda Item Regarding Retroactive Permit Proposal  
**To:** FallenLeaf Directory <[flldirectory@gmail.com](mailto:flldirectory@gmail.com)>

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Please, before Sunday send [sfriedman@trpa.gov](mailto:sfriedman@trpa.gov) an email to express your thoughts regarding the **proposed** Lily Lake Trail retroactive permit.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ruth Rich  
Board President  
Fallen Leaf Basin Protection Coalition

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**From:** Anthony - Tahoe Backcountry Alliance <anthony@tahoebackcountryalliance.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 3:07 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Support for the Lily Lake Trail

Hello Shannon,

I'm writing to voice my strong support for the Lily Lake Trail receiving an EIP Permit and for it to be officially approved.

As you know, the trail was build incredibly well (in a difficult area) and now provides a host of opportunities to a true range of users. I've seen hikers, trail runners and mountain bikers all enjoying this trail.

But, ultimately, this is about access to public lands. This area offers amazing recreational opportunities and incredible scenery. These should not be limited to those fortunate enough to live in the Fallen Leaf Lake area.

Below is a link to photos of my family, including my sister and brother-in-law who were visiting from Chicago at the time. The experience we had of hiking out to the benches to enjoy a dinner we brought with us is one we'll cherish forever. And, I don't want to see that opportunity taken away from anyone in the future: <https://firsttracks.smugmug.com/8-5-21-CnB/>

Please let me know if you have any questions. Happy to chat more about this at your convenience.

Thank you!  
anthony

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Anthony Cupaiuolo  
Executive Director  
[Tahoe Backcountry Alliance](#)  
530.545.9665

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**From:** Barbara Elkus <belkus@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 7:07 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Oppose Retroactive Approval for Lily Lake Trail

To Tahoe Regional Planning Agency:

I am writing to oppose the retroactive approval for the Lily Lake Trail. I have been hiking around Lily Lake, Angora Lakes and Desolation Wilderness for over 65 years.

The building 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. I am particularly concerned that the USFS did not do an environmental review – and that they might take other actions with appropriate environmental review in the future. Specifically:

- Retroactive permit approval violates USFS/TRPA trail construction agreements
- USFS built the trail without a permit, setting a disastrous precedence that they may continue to take action without oversight of environmental or safety issues
- USFS action without a permit eliminated the opportunity for public comment, especially from the affected people in the Fallen Leaf Community.
- The trail traverses very steep slopes, yet there was no evaluation of possible negative impacts such as extreme erosion.
- The trail has a mixed-use designation for bikers and hikers. This will lead to even more erosion on a steep hillside. The trail should be designated as hiker only.

Once again, allowing the USFS to build such trails without the appropriate permits, environmental review, and opportunity for public comment should not be allowed. This will set an unfortunate precedent and I oppose granting the retroactive permit.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment.

Barbara Elkus  
Long-Elkus Cabin, Stanford Hill #1871  
2025 Legation Street NW  
Washington, DC 20015

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**From:** Boris Guenebaut <boris.guenebaut@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 11:05 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail user feedback

Hi Shannon,

I have been living in Meyers for 3 years and I just wanted to share my appreciation of this recently added trail.

I have used it a few times this past summer while trail running as a connector between North Upper Truckee Road and Desolation Wilderness trails. I really appreciate not to have to drive to the Glen Alpine parking via the tight bumpy road anymore thanks to this scenic connection.

I have also brought my visiting friends on a hike there to show them the stunning view of Fallen Leaf Lake and Lake Tahoe from the crafty bench in the middle of the trail.

In short, this is a phenomenal addition and I appreciate all the hardwork put into it by the various collaborative organizations.

Thank you,

Boris Guenebaut

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**From:** Carol Blaisdell <cadol@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 4:03 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Fw: Time Sensitive: Lily Lake Trail Agenda Item Regarding Retroactive Permit Proposal  
**Attachments:** Lily Lake Permit Public Notice.pdf

Dear Mr Friedman

I am distressed to learn the proposal to prioritize bikers over hikers on the beautiful Lily Lake trail in the Fallen Leaf and Lake Tahoe region

I support the Coalition positions stated below and hope you will take seriously our views that this region must stay protected for hikers NOT bikers.

The area needs to be safe and enjoyable for all of us who thrive on nature and use these trails.

There are other venues more appropriate for bikers but not around Fallen Leaf Lake nor on this particular trail

thank you for listening

Carol Blaisdell  
500 Fallen Leaf Lake Rd

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Begin forwarded message:

On Thursday, January 19, 2023, 5:33 PM, FallenLeaf Directory <flldirectory@gmail.com> wrote:

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Board President  
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**From:** Chris <cbotsford@mindspring.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 10:53 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** upcoming TRPA meeting re Lily Lake Trail

Dear Ms. Friedman,

My wife and I, both 60-year summer residents of Fall Leaf Lake, are dumbfounded over the apparent complicity between the US Forest Service (USFS) and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and their effort, now, to put to rest the controversy surrounding the recently constructed Lily Lake Trail between the Angora Lakes parking lot and Lily Lake. We understand the trail was illegally modified by the USFS without a permit. There was little or no oversight by either TRPA or the USFS, as required by their Memorandum of Understanding, and now we hear that TRPA aims to retroactively approve the permit for the trail construction

How can this be? We've often hiked remnants of the steep trail over the years, and find it hard to believe that improvements were needed, especially to accommodate e-bikes, which the Forest Service only proposed well after environmental assessment was made. E-bikes have no place on this especially rugged trail. It should remain "hikers only," or simply returned to nature. While we're happy for the many recent e-bike trails added in the South Tahoe region, we strongly think e-biking on the Fallen Leaf Road should only gain approval after substantial improvements have been implemented, such as separate parts of the road for vehicles and bikes. As for the Lily Lake area, parking is overloaded, and bikers with cars only exacerbate an already untenable situation. Prohibiting e-bikes from the Lily Lake trail would invariably lessen the congestion, particularly on the weekends.

The situation brought to the fore by these failings on the part of both TRPA and the USFS should never have happened. The USFS shouldn't be able to indiscriminately build whatever it wants without TRPA oversight, and then merely ask TRPA for a retroactive permit after the fact. Had the USFS honored the USFA/TRPA MOU from the beginning, and had they met the required environmental review, protections, and compliance before and during the construction (as normally required by TRPA), the present Lily Lake Trail project might have looked vastly different.

Due to the brazen derelictions of both the USFS and TRPA, we strongly request that TRPA's retroactive approval of the Lily Lake Trail project's construction as a mountain biking (e-bike) mixed-use trail be **denied**.

Respectfully,

Christopher and Jane Botsford  
649 Lemmon Lane



Fallen Leaf, CA 96150

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**From:** Cynthia LeBlanc <caleblanc55@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 2:57 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Objection to Lily Lake Trail

I would like to place my objection on record to the Lily Lake trail on a number of issues.

1. The trail that existed prior was meant for foot traffic only. It was through some environmentally sensitive areas and even with the single person width trail, it was very easy to slide off trail or over rocks. The area is sensitive to land slides. Damage to the area would be exasperated by any new trail deviations/routes.
2. I am not aware that any permits or environmental impact studies were done/obtained before it was made into a mountain bike & foot traffic trail. Permits and environmental reports **should not be applied for and retroactively permitted.**
3. I am not aware of any public interest meetings for the Fallen Leaf Lake community to provide input, other than notice of possible bike trail along Fallen Leaf Road from 89.
4. Neither end of the trail supports additional parking for people wishing to use the trail. This is already an issue along Fallen Leaf Road where people wanting to explore simply create pull outs, which over time become enlarged by repeated/multiple vehicle parking without any regard to the land. Without additional management support for waste removal, trash left behind is a issue for hikers and wildlife.
5. Fallen Leaf Lake Road is not designed for additional car traffic, let alone day-use bicyclists. I have witnessed quite a few near-collisions between bicyclist unfamiliar with the narrow road and cars. At best, the potholes on the road are hazard to all who use the road.

I would like to request that the trail remain a hike only designated trail and any of the current “improvements” be remediated back to a natural state.

Best,  
Cynthia LeBlanc  
Fallen Leaf Lake resident

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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**From:** David Caputo <Dcaputo@vailresorts.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 11:46 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail Permitting & Letter of Support

Shannon,

I am writing to express my strong personal support for the Lily Lake Trail. I have worked and lived in South Lake Tahoe for 15-years, have owned a home in the Meyers North Upper Truckee neighborhood since 2016, and have noted the positive impact to the area with the addition of the Lily Lake trail. The local trail network provides mountain bikers like myself the ability to pedal from the house and create a loop with varying terrain and incredible views. The Lily Lake trail gives us access to post card worthy views on sustainably built singletrack, which from my perspective, provides something for everyone. The distance and quality of the build, not only gives access to mountain bikers, but also hikers and other users.

The trail in question has been a passion project for many local trail builders and benefits our local and tourist communities alike, bringing people together outdoors accessing the beauty of our home in a responsible way. I would strongly urge you to approve this trail as currently constructed. I appreciate your consideration in advance and would be happy to answer any questions as it relates to my perspective.

Cheers,

David Caputo  
Heavenly Competition Teams, Team Lead

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**From:** Deanne <dm.clark@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 5:32 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Proposed Lily Lake Trail retroactive permit  
**Attachments:** Lily Lake Permit Public Notice.pdf

To Whom it May Concern-

I received the attached email from a family member, who received the original from the Board President of the Fallen Leaf Basin Protection Coalition. Our family has owned a cabin in the Fallen Leaf area from the 1940s, and since then many generations have been able to visit and enjoy the area. No doubt, over the years, more and more people are visiting and enjoying the area, and it is hard to watch the "progress". Thankfully, this group can be a watchdog for activities in the area, and bring them to the attention of all. A year ago, I disagreed with the building of the trail, and did submit an email to the Forest Service, and the TRPA, however, it appears that without any permit, the trail was built. I guess with the intention of wink, wink, ask forgiveness later. Surely you must have some feelings for the beauty and uniqueness of this area, and you know what the impact just whitewashing this retroactive permission, will cause. Please reconsider any thoughts of letting this permit go through.

Thank you for your time.

Deanne Clark  
210 Drayton Island Rd.  
Georgetown, Fl. 32139  
Townley cabin

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sarah Marx <[sarah.marx13@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.marx13@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd:  
**Date:** January 19, 2023 at 5:44:05 PM EST  
**To:** Sarah Marx <[sarah.marx13@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.marx13@gmail.com)>

Hey FLL family and friends,

In the event you are not in the FL Directory, I am forwarding this message (see below) about an important public meeting on the 25th regarding the Lily Lake Trail. Please do read the below and send your comments in to TRPA (email address provided in the body of the below email) if you feel so inclined.

Best,  
Sarah

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**From:** **FallenLeaf Directory** <[flldirectory@gmail.com](mailto:flldirectory@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 2:34 PM  
**Subject:**  
**To:** FallenLeaf Directory <[flldirectory@gmail.com](mailto:flldirectory@gmail.com)>

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**From:** J Scott Chapman <info@tahoehelps.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 4:33 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** The New Lily Lake Trail

The trails in Tahoe are awesome. I wanted to reach out and tell you how grateful for the new Lily Lake Trail. I enjoy the views and the fact that I don't have to drive Glen Alpine to park and all the loop options that are now available. Thank you!

J Scott Chapman

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**From:** James Thompson <thompsonjv@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 9:06 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake trail developmenr

I and my family are long time residents of Lily Lake and Glen Alpine area of the Fallen Leaf Basin. I can trace my family back to John Gilmore. The Lily Lake Trailhead is currently far too developed. In my opinion there currently is far too much bicycle traffic, further development can only encourage increased traffic and traffic in this geologically sensitive area.

Please do not continue to develop this region.

Sincerely,

James Thompson  
Emigrant Road

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** Janet Summers <jflsum@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 1:56 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail/January 25 TRPA meeting

Dear Ms Friedman,

I am dismayed & alarmed that TRPA, after working to hold the line on many environmental issues in the Tahoe Basin, would consider retroactively approving the Lily Lake Trail—a trail which was clearly constructed without permits, environmental review or compliance with TRPA requirements. This sets a very risky precedent for future projects, with little control or oversight & a dangerous disregard for environmental health. TRPA plays a key role in the protection of the Tahoe Basin—the USFS needs to be held accountable & follow the rules in order to prevent further infractions of this nature.

Thank you.

Janet Landis Summers

Long time Fallen Leaf resident & hiker

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Christine Brooks <borntocruise40@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 11:06 AM  
**To:** Jill Romano  
**Cc:** Shannon Friedman; caroline@leonorgreyl-usa.com; Tom  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to the retroactive approval of the Forsest Services application : permit to construct the Lily Lake trail

Well said thanks!

On Jan 22, 2023, at 11:00 AM, Jill Romano <jill@dimensionsintravel.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Friedman,

As a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation homeowners on Emigrant Road, Fallen Leaf Lake, I/we write today to state our objection to the retroactive approval of the Forest Service's application for a permit to construct the Lily Lake trail.

For decades we have followed the mandates and policies of the Forest Service and TRPA to maintain the balance in our fragile corner of the Tahoe basin.

I/We object to the following:

1. The Forest Service trail was constructed and completed without a permit from TRPA, a retroactive permit will simply condone the Forest Service's avoidance TRPA rules and environmental review of the project prior to its construction.
2. 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.
3. Major sections of the trail cross environmentally sensitive areas that should be reviewed.
4. The trail is constructed on a slop steepness 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.
5. Fallen Leaf Lake Road, which we use and live near 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.
6. The trail should be designated hiker only or returned to nature.

Best regards,

Jill Romano, Caroline Brooks, Tom Brooks and Christine Brooks  
861 Emigrant Road, Fallen Leaf Lake

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**From:** James Storey <jamesbstorey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 10:32 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake to Angora Trail

I have a few objections to the proposed approval of the Lily Lake to Angora Trail:

I find the idea of retroactively approving something that has already been partially completed to be a very dangerous precedent. My understanding is that this trail has been designed and partially completed without the proper environmental studies having been made. Before it is considered for approval, those studies should be made and environmental regulations should be adhered to. I feel that the steep switchbacks indicated on the map would be unsustainable in the long term from the rigors of mountain bikes.

Many bikers would be transporting their bikes to the trailheads with cars. I don't know much about the parking facilities at Angora, but the parking lot and the road leading to it at Lily Lake are already extremely congested and having more cars bringing bicycles to that area would make the problem worse. Oftentimes the road up to Lily Lake has so many cars poorly parked alongside it that emergency vehicles would be unable to get through. We don't need to encourage more cars coming to that area.

There already is a hiking trail to Angora from near the Fire Station. Why make a new one? I think that the Lily Lake to Angora trail should be reverted to a natural state, or if not that, should just be another hiking trail. Bicycles and hikers on the same trail is not a great idea.

Thank you for your attention to my thoughts.

Jim Storey  
Lot 7, Alpine Falls Tract  
Fallen Leaf Lake

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**From:** Cheryl Brad Alden <baldenandccarter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 11:26 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Cc:** balden@direct.ca  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail considerations

Dear Sirs:

I am a property owner at Fallen Leaf Lake, being a partial owner of the Alden cabin at 476 Fallen Leaf Road. We have owned the property since the early 1920's.

I am now in my 8th decade of life and have spent much of it fully present in the matters of Fallen Leaf Lake and our property. I have also spent incalculable hours hiking the perimeter of, and surrounding mountainside's of Lily Lake; including swimming, paddling an inflatable and casting the odd line into it. I know it well.

I can understand why TRPA and USFS might consider the construction of a multi-use mountain biking trail at Lily Lake, particularly given my knowledge of the lobbying pressures regularly and continually exerted upon planning and regulatory agencies by the biking and mountain biking communities.

I frankly cannot conceive of TRPA, given its rigorous standards for permit qualification, granting a Lily Lake Trail permit even if applied for in a timely and appropriate manner. But, if it is to be, let the application process at least be equitable in its consideration vis-a-vis others of similar type and nature.

I strongly object to the retroactive granting of this permit, which thereby bypasses and dishonors the USFS/TRPA MOU, and thus actually creates an absence of permitting and the required environmental review, protections and compliance as required by TRPA. What gives?

It seems obvious that the TRPA staff who are prepared to advance a recommendation for a retroactive permit for Lily Lake Trail to the Governing Board are blind to, at an absolute minimum, the following:

- the coincidental pressure that evolutionary visitor growth has placed on the naturally closed system that Fallen Leaf Road and the Desolation Valley entrance is
- consideration for the ecological situations and unfavorable conditions that climate change has wreaked upon the geological footing and terrain and particularly the flora and fauna surrounding Lily Lake
- the capacity and condition of Fallen Leaf Road to absorb traffic created by the proposed Trail's destination (whether bike or vehicle)
- the parking conditions and capacity nearby Lily Lake that are ostensibly provided for hikers into Desolation Valley and day use for families hiking and picnicking around Lily Lake

Please, consider this situation dispassionately, logically and bring the application back to square one so that TRPA can do the preliminary and ongoing work it was created to achieve. It would be a travesty to disregard the value of protection the USFS/TRPA MOU gives to all associated parties and the precedent that would be set by ignoring it.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and please bring the Lily Lake Trail application back to an initial stage where objectively it belongs.

Kind regards,  
John B. Alden (Brad)

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** joshua hutchens <joshua.hutchens@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** In support of Lily Lake

January 22, 2023,

Dear TRPA Governing Board,

I've been visiting Tahoe for 46 years and living here for 10. I visited for the lake and the mountains. But I made this my home and decided to raise a family here because of the people. Building and maintaining trails are among the most powerful tools to unite this community. Trails create sustainable ways to get people outside, AND their building and maintenance create a shared sense of meaning and purpose. Tahoe lacks iconic downtown areas. Instead, we have more dispersed "town squares" at events, shared projects, on the trails, and all the other public spaces we are fortunate to have.

The Lily Lake Trail is the perfect example of this.

This trail brought together a half dozen agencies/organizations, hundreds of volunteers and now serves thousands of residents and 2nd homeowners/visitors. It brings at least three major benefits to The Basin:

### **Reduced Car Trips**

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Sincerely, Joshua Hutchens

## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Lori Knoll Harrenstien <iceturtles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 4:57 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Cc:** mambler@trpa.com  
**Subject:** Retroactive Permit for the proposed Lily Lake Trail

TRPA,

Our family are cabin owners at Fallen Leaf Lake. We are committed to protecting the entire Tahoe Basin in the face of all that threaten it, no matter what.

The USFS seems determined to exploit the Tahoe Basin rather than preserve this gem of wilderness and wildlife. We no longer have any trust in their motivations for the Tahoe Forests. More and more it feels like they want to turn it into a Disneyland of the North in the worst way.

Any trust and legitimacy TRPA still holds with the citizens of Tahoe will be irreparably shattered in the face of the USFS retroactively asking for a permit for the proposed Angora to Lily Lake Trail. It nullifies USFS's agreement with TRPA that all USFS development first needs to be processed, reviewed and approved through TRPA.

If this is the standard that is set, break the rules and ask for approval after, it sets a very dangerous line which will continued to be crossed and abused to the detriment of our wilderness and the complete distrust of its citizens, us included.

We'd like to make changes to our property, I suppose we just go ahead and build it and then apologize and ask for a "retroactive permit" after the fact, impacts to the road and surrounding environment/community be damned. This will be the precedent set if this trail is retroactively permitted.

It is a privilege to enter the forests, not an entitlement with our man made machines ripping up its integrity and **degrading what is actually a critical and sensitive watershed for Lake Tahoe in this specific area.** According to what has happened, **this proposed trail never went through environmental review to assess the watershed in the first place.** Shameful, jaw dropping --lawsuit in the making?

If the USFS cannot abide by the rules and agreements set forth for the health of the entire basin, why should anyone else feel compelled to follow the rules too? This appears to be a complete unravelling of our societal norms and ethics and it smells of "insider trading" in the worst possible way. Please, do not retroactively permit the Angora to Lily Lake bike trail or TRPA runs a very real risk of completely delegitimizing their entire reason for existing along with harming this highly sensitive terrain. The rules and agreements need to apply to ALL ENTITIES at ALL TIMES.

Ken and Lori Harrenstien  
Fallen Leaf Lake.

## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Kenneth Price <kprice2@unl.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 6:08 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Time Sensitive: Lily Lake Trail Agenda Item Regarding Retroactive Permit Proposal

Dear S. Friedman and the TRPA Governing Board,

I have learned that at your next meeting you will be voting on permitting the Lily Lake Trail. I am deeply troubled that this is a retroactive approval—this trail should never have been undertaken without a TRPA permit, without opportunity for public comment, and without consideration of environmental issues. The people who built this trail showed an appalling selfishness and arrogance.

I would favor telling them to restore the landscape to its original condition to the extent possible. I hope also that TRPA will designate the trail hiker only, to reduce the severe impact of mountain biking on this steep slope.

Signaling to the Forest Service that they need to get permits in advance is important for ensuring future USFS projects are environmentally studied and receive community input.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth M. Price  
955 Emigrant Road  
South Lake Tahoe



January 22, 2023

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Board of Governors  
128 Market Street  
Stateline, NV 89449

Re: Item VIII.C on the January 25, 2023 Agenda:  
Retroactive Permit for the Lily Lake Multi-use Trail; TRPA File Number EIPC2021-0011;  
Environmental Improvement Program Project Number 03.02.02.0082

Dear Governing Board Members,

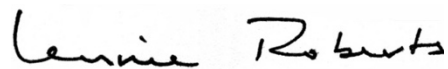
I write as one of 38 cabin owners of the former Fallen Leaf Lodge property at the southern end of Fallen Leaf Lake. I am also an environmental advocate for a regional environmental organization in the San Francisco Bay Area. In this latter capacity I have reviewed and commented on numerous projects involving trails and other public access amenities in the Santa Cruz Mountains and along the San Mateo County coast over the past 50 years.

I strongly urge you to deny the proposed Retroactive Permit for the Lily Lake Trail. As detailed in the letter from the Fallen Leaf Basin Protection Coalition, this unpermitted project has already created major impacts on steep slopes above Lily Lake, and is not in compliance with the Fallen Leaf Lake Trail Access and Trail Management Plan (FLLATM).

There is significant potential for mountain biking activities (including but not limited to: high downhill speeding, jumping, skidding out, short-cutting, etc.) to increase erosion with attendant sedimentation and impacts to water quality in Glen Alpine Creek, Fallen Leaf Lake, Taylor Creek, and ultimately, Lake Tahoe. Yet no analysis of these impacts has been done, nor have any BMPs or required mitigation measures been adopted. Additional concerns include the potential for "Recreational Displacement" of many visitors who are seeking a more contemplative experience in nature while walking/hiking, and observing/photographing along this trail, who will suddenly find themselves having to jump out of the way of unexpected fast-moving mountain bikes. With the huge increase in the popularity of e-bikes, and difficulty in enforcing restrictions, analysis of the impacts of greater speeds from e-bikes is also necessary.

Please deny the USFS Retroactive Permit request, as after-the-fact multi-use is inconsistent with TRPA environmental protections. In order to consider allowing multi-use, TRPA should require full evaluation of impacts to the environment as well as to the visitor experience.

Sincerely,



Lennie Roberts  
339 La Cuesta Drive,  
Portola Valley, CA 94028

January 22, 2023,

To the TRPA Governing Board,

I am writing in support of the Lily Lake Trail. My reasoning stems from several factors.

I have been visiting Tahoe for 37 years and living here for 21. I first visited for the lake and the mountains. But I made this my home and decided to raise a family here because of the people and the community they create. Among the most powerful tools that unite this community is the building and maintenance of trails. Trails create sustainable ways to get people outside, with their building and maintenance, and create a shared sense of meaning and purpose. Tahoe lacks iconic downtown areas. Instead, we have dispersed "town squares" at events and shared projects linked to the trails and the other public spaces we are fortunate to have.

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In contrast, I grew up in the Bay Area, where hiker and biker relations are toxic. I am so glad that in Tahoe, we have not let that non-inclusive trail culture take hold. Tahoe embraces multi-use trails, embracing inclusivity, not exclusivity. Many user groups share almost every non-wilderness trail in The Basin. For the most part, we all get along. That is one of my favorite aspects of living in Tahoe. Rather than suing each other and treating trails as a zero-sum game for each user group to win or lose, we share.

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See you on the trails!

Chris McNamara

## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Ardeth Lobet <ardeth@gosail.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 3:47 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake trail

To Whom it May Concern:

I am overseas and regret not hearing of this issue sooner, but I wish to add a strongly protesting voice to the proposal.

My grandmother Barbara Alden and her husband Raymond M. Alden bought property at Fallen Leaf in the early 1900s, later built a cabin where I spent all my childhood summers and where my children and grandchildren spend vacations still. My father worked at the Stanford Lodge while at university and often went out at night on rescue patrols to help lost or injured hikers. We've hiked to Angora and Lily lakes over all those years, and I cannot imagine what it would be like to have mountain bikes on or near those trails.

We, like so many others, go to the mountains for peace and quiet and healthy exercise. Just as jet skies disturb that peace, so would mountain bikers, not to mention the danger to hikers and climbers - and the rescues required for injured riders.

I strongly support the position of the coalition, believe that the unpermitted trail must be either returned to its natural state or designated hiker only, and am appalled that the FL Community was not notified and consulted. It is also shocking to me that there was no environmental oversight to this plan.

Very truly yours,

Ardeth Alden Lobet

## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Barbara Danneo <bdanneo@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 7:09 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to share my objections to further development of the Lily Lake project. To enable a mixed trail in a VERY sensitive and relatively narrow area is dangerous and not needed.

Fallen Leaf and its surrounding areas have been used for hiking and enjoyment of the local area. Disruption of this sensitive area, in a relatively boxed canyon, is NOT necessary and our family believes dangerous for visitors, hikers and folks who want to enjoy a peaceful experience in the back country.

The Lily Lake area has a small parking area. As a result of allowing mountain bikers and too many folks at a time, there is a large increase of car traffic and folks parking wherever they please. This has increased traffic on the Fallen Leaf Road and neighbors parking areas.

There are a GREAT many bike trails already in the Tahoe Basin. Why this area and why now?! Special interests and their funds keep pushing and pushing in every space they can. IF one is riding a bike either up or down in this area, close ATTENTION must be maintained in this area. It is dangerous for others to have bikes coming at them.

Last year, working with TRPA and other agencies, the Fallen leaf Basin Coalition was established to work with other organizations about issues in the Fallen leaf lake Basin. Where are your staff in this process of working with this organization? this potential project violates agreements with the FLL coalition.

The work done in the past should NOT have happened. It was done quietly and quickly without knowledge of affected parties. USFS allowed the initial trail to be done without permits or notices.

The slopes are TOO steep - how will they be sustained? There is NO oversight of environmental issues or safety.

This area should be designated as a hiker ONLY and the current trail should be returned to its natural state.

With actions and projects like this suggestion, what will lake Tahoe and the Southwest quadrant be in 15 years let alone 50? The long term effects of allowing mountain bikes and in turn, motorized bikes as invention increases be disastrous in this sensitive area.

Please keep this corner of the Basin in the natural state that has always existed. Thank you.

Barbara D'Anneo  
1721 Andorra Drive  
Carson City, NV 89703

## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Donald Lauer <donlauer@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 2:28 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lilly Lake trail

I would like to express my disapproval of the Lilly Lake trail, and retroactive approval. This trail was built without any input from the community, it's too technical for the general mountain biking public, and future trails cannot be built in this manner.

This trail was built for a specific group of individuals. The "Church" trail was already in place and is a superior hiking trail. I have been riding mountain bikes for years, but only expert mountain bikers are capable of riding this trail. Visual scars on the mountain will be visible for centuries.

Retroactive approval is likely to mobilize local homeowners against the USFS and TRPA as fears of additional unapproved trails mount.

Both the East and West sides of Fallen Leaf Lake are extremely scenic and avalanche prone. No more trails should be built without community input.

Don Lauer

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## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Eamonn Kerley <eamkerl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 1:03 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail

Hi Shannon,

This email is in response to the Lily Lake final TRPA permit.

As a runner and biker who lives near the Angora Burn area, the Lily Lake trail has increased the amount of running and biking trails accessible without needing to drive to trail heads. The trail is extremely well built for hikers, bikers, and runners. It has ample room for users to share the trail safely and effectively. It has made it possible to now access fallen leaf lake without the need to drive down Fallen Leaf lake road and increased the number of high quality trails that can ultimately be accessed without driving for myself and the entire neighborhood.

We need to continue building trails like Lily Lake that provide access to areas that are typically only accessible via cars and roads.

Eamonn Kerley

## Marja Ambler

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**From:** bayblu3@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 1:07 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail

To: Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Re: Lily Lake Trail

I am totally opposed to the development of the Lily Lake Trail. I am an owner of a Fallen Leaf cabin that has been in my family since 1948. The first trail I hiked as a child was the Tamarack Trail, now threatened by the proposed Lily Lake Trail. The map showing the "approximate route" of the new trail appears to either align with or be closely adjacent to the Tamarack. This proposed trail would probably destroy the Tamarack Trail as one friendly to families (and most hikers, as well).

Another appalling aspect of this proposal is the allowing of electric bikes on the trail, which I understand to be part of the plan. Mountain bikes alone are destroyers of trails and habitats, and ebikes will compound this problem.

Finally, if, as I understand to be the case, ebikes are not allowed on Highway 89, ebike riders who wish to use the proposed trail would have to drive cars or trucks carrying their bikes to one or another terminus of the trail in order to use it. The traffic and parking congestion on Glen Alpine Road presently is at times unbelievable, and vehicles carrying bikes for this proposed trail would only compound the problem.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Storey (Lot 8, Alpine Falls Tract)



## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Franz MacMaster <franzmacmaster0@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 11:13 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Subject: my "Public Comment" on the upcoming Wed. Jan. 25 TRPA meeting on whether to recommend to their Governing Board to retroactively approve the permit for the trail construction as a mountain biking, mixed-use trail from Angora to Lily Lake

### Major Issue

- Retroactive permit approval

- Forest Service built the trail without a permit

- The trail traverses very steep slopes

- Mixed-use designation for bikers and hikers

### My Position

*Violates USFS/TRPA trail  
Construction agreement*

*No oversight of environmental or  
safety issues*

*Negatively impacts  
environmental sustainability*

*Designate as hiker only or return  
trail to natural state*

Franz MacMaster  
SLT resident

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## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Keefer Charneau <kefer.charneau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 12:44 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake trail hike

To whom it may concern,

I live in NYC, but when my wife and I came to visit my brother and his wife in South Lake Tahoe, they took us on the Lily Lake trail, which was absolutely amazing! We love to hike loop trails and the Lily Lake trail was one of our favorites! It offers really amazing lake views and scenery for locals and visitors like my wife and I. We love this trail and it would be a shame not to have access to it during our next visit.

Sincerely yours,  
Keefer Charneau

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**From:** Julie McCullough <jmctsuda@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 2:44 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail

I am a homeowner in the Fallen Leaf Basin and am concerned about the environmental quality of the Basin and its natural resources.

I am concerned that there was no environmental review of the Lily Lake Trail prior to construction. My understanding is that Fallen Leaf Lake is one of the major contributors of sediment into Lake Tahoe. With projects being built without environmental consideration, this will continue to increase.

The fact that the USFS and TAMBA were able to construct this without approvals is now hoping to get a retroactive permit is very concerning. What will keep them or other agencies/organizations from continuing these actions in the future.

In addition, circumventing input from the Fallen Leaf community, who is full of many scientists, researchers, outdoorsman, and old timers with historical knowledge, will keep TRPA from having important background that will help to protect the lake.

Please do better. The process TRPA put in place and spent so much time developing should be followed. Projects that are constructed with the "ask for forgiveness" approach should be penalized to prevent others from doing the same.

Thank you for your time and service.

Julie McCullough

## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Hodgen/Clark <mclark@jps.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 10:10 AM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail

Had it received a proper review, the Lily Lake Trail would have been rejected as a bicycle/hiking trail, because it is too narrow to safely accommodate both hikers and bikers.

Now that it has illegitimately been built, it should not be retroactively approved, but rather restricted to foot traffic only. Failing that, e-bikes should absolutely be prohibited.

Malcolm Clark  
Stanford Hill

I have enjoyed biking on Tahoe Basin roads and bike trails for decades. But I also am a hiker.

## Marja Ambler

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**From:** Marilyn P <mttallac@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 6:02 PM  
**To:** Shannon Friedman  
**Subject:** Lily Lake Trail

Dear Ms Friedman,

As a cabin owner at Fallen Leaf Lake, I 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 condones the Forest Service's avoidance of TRPA rules and environmental review of the project prior to its construction.

The trail is constructed on a steep slope that does not support mountain biking, and is definitely not safe for mountain biking and hiking. TRPA would have determined if the trail was conducive to slope stability and sustainability had the trail project been assessed by TRPA prior to the trail construction. This is most concerning, to think the Forest Service can sidestep TRPA and make their own rules to construct a trail prior to any review by TRPA.

Fallen Leaf Lake Road, which we use and live near, is already overburdened with immense traffic and cannot handle this additional traffic that would be created by this trail. Mountain bikers require pick up and support at the lodge and other facilities at the end of Fallen Leaf Lake Road, thus increasing the traffic even further.

The Lily Lake Trail should be designated as a hiking trail only, or return the trail to its natural origins.

Thank you,  
Marilyn Pajari