

Marja Ambler

From: Alex Hoag <awhmobile@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 12:15 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail Issues

Hello,

I am writing to express concern regarding the really ill-advised TRPA staff recommendation to retroactively approve the mixed use trail at Lilly Lake. The construction violates the TRPA/USFS agreements concerning trail construction rendering all such agreements unreliable and moot. Worse, the USFS somehow felt they were authorized to build a trail without a permit, which staggers the imagination and makes anyone going through the permit process somewhat of a fool for obeying regulations that governmental agencies seem free to selectively ignore. Even worse, the process so far is identical to a process that cynically circumvents input from the community most affected by the construction. For the TRPA to retroactively approve a project that was created with flagrant disregard for the TRPA renders the agency ineffective and diminished.

The terrain is very steep , where a mixed use trail nearly guarantees erosion where custodians of the public interest should be making effective efforts to prevent that degradation, and damages the environment when there is no compelling need to be served. But perhaps worst of all is a proposal to encourage offroad bicycling, which stirs dust, presents a hazard for hikers, and increases the wear and tear on the trail. If this illegal trail is not allowed to return to nature, it should be limited to the least impactful use: hiker only.

I am surprised and a bit staggered that given the unauthorized origins of the trail through steep, fragile terrain there is debate about making the environmental impact greater, Please restore some sanity to management of a rare and fragile environment and let the lapse of official judgement die a quiet and deserved death.

Alexander Hoag
732 Fallen Leaf Road, South Lake Tahoe

January 24, 2023

Shannon Friedman, Senior Planner
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
sfriedman@trpa.gov

Re: Support for Lily Lake Trail (EIP # 03.02.02.0092)

Dear Shannon and Members of the TRPA Governing Board:

The Lily Lake Trail is a work of art, beautifully built in harmony with the landscape. It provides essential non-vehicular connections from Angora Ridge and Angora Lakes to Fallen Leaf Lake. In larger context it provides trail connections that tie into the neighborhoods of North Upper Truckee, Tahoe Mountain, and the Y in South Lake Tahoe.

The vision for the trail was part of a collaborative planning process that started after the devastating 2007 Angora Fire. In that fire many of the old legacy trails were destroyed and subsequently the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit engaged the community over the course of at least 3 years with public notices, public meetings, and workshops. The result was two Access and Travel Management Plans issued by Forest Service that outlined a connected trail system “for a diverse group of users by designating an environmentally sustainable system of authorized trails in the Fallen Leaf Lake area.”

The description in the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impacts signed by the Forest Supervisor on 9/18/2013 states:

“The desired condition of the Fallen Leaf trail system is a planned network of shared-use, interconnected, environmentally sustainable trails to serve the entire spectrum of non-motorized recreational and commuting users. Implementation of this project will increase the quality, safety, and accessibility of the recreation experience for all visitors to the Fallen Leaf area trail system and help protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the area.”

The Lily Lake Trail was then built with the support of the Forest Service, Tahoe Fund, Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association and more than 100 community volunteers over the course of a few years. A true partnership and legacy for all residents and visitors to Lake Tahoe for generations to come. I have lived in South Lake Tahoe for 20 years, raising a family here and have seen the improvements to our quality of life by the improved trail system over the last two decades. My son helped build Lily Lake Trail when he was 10 years old, my parents have shown up to trail days and hiked the trail once complete. Three generations of our family have enjoyed the Lily Lake Trail and we look forward to seeing more multi-generational enjoyment of the trail.

I understand the concerns from some residents about the steady growth of participants of outdoor recreation, including the use of trails. As a professional landscape architect, I have worked on trail planning and park projects around the country where the common theme is being able to upgrade facilities to properly accommodate and educate users. New trail projects are an essential piece of this puzzle to allow non-vehicular access to public lands, dispersing people and allowing connections to neighborhoods and destinations without the use of a car. When I use the Lily Lake Trail it is usually as a loop from my house in the Bijou neighborhood, riding across town on various trails, sometimes stopping for lunch on my bike along the way. This is why we live, work, and play in Tahoe; this is why I want to raise a family here. Thank you for retroactively approving the permit for the Lily Lake Trail and supporting future projects that improve the health and quality of life for everyone who lives in and visits Lake Tahoe.

Sincerely,



Ben Fish
South Lake Tahoe, CA

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

Marja Ambler

From: Carina H <carina.hessmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 2:22 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: We love the Lily Trail!

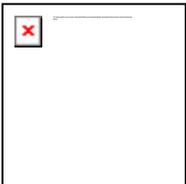
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PO Box 5310
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Dear TRPA Governing Board,

I am writing to you regarding the Lily Lake Trail and would like to share my sincere gratitude to you all supporting this trail. I love to ride the trail with my family and friends. What a masterpiece!

I am a huge supporter of it and am hopeful for more trails like this in the future. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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Marja Ambler

From: morgancooper <morgancooper@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:10 AM
To: Benjamin Cooper; Shannon Friedman; Thomas Cooper
Subject: Re: Angora to Lily Lake Trail (mountain bike and hike)

Tom,

Thanks for your input here. I've yet to try the Angora - Lily Lake trail.
I agree with you concerning a trail that would cross Cathedral from Lily to or near the Stanford Camp.

Chris Cooper

On Jan 24, 2023 at 8:45 AM, Thomas Cooper <tomcooper@stanfordalumni.org> wrote:

Dear TRPA,

I understand that correct procedure and review may not have been followed in building this trail which you are considering approving 1/25/23, and that you are inviting public comment.

However, I have hiked it a couple of times and am very impressed with its construction and am in favor of approving it.

I understand another trail is contemplated to go from the Lily Lake area on the slopes of Cathedral uphill west of or maybe to the Stanford Camp. As there are potable water sources in this area, I believe environmental review should be conducted before such a trail is built.

Sincerely,

Thomas Cooper
Forest Service Permittee
Stanford Tract, Fallen Leaf
tomcooper@stanfordalumni.org

Marja Ambler

From: Christopher Cool <cbrucec13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 7:20 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Input on Proposed Approval of Trail retroactively from Cool Family at Lily Lake Cabin 5

To Whom it concerns,

We have been at Lily Lake since 1972 and supported many efforts that made sense for the environment and community - this is NOT one of them At all!!!!

And to try and do it retroactively defies all logic and common sense in addition to ethical questions for the environment and people who are affected.

I have been to our cabin every year since 1972 and this trail goes behind our cabin and the egress/ingress location has been problematic to my family several times in terms of safety and noise. The people whom we have experienced do not care for the environment nor the fact that there are cabins with people in them adjacent to the trail versus the hikers we've experienced over the years who are respectful, caring and quiet. The forest service makes it clear what we have to do in following the laws and rules and honor them in terms of safety (fire and otherwise) and respect for the wildlife and I find it shocking they would ever have approved anything like this effort which apparently just went on with someone's support to date.

But i want to reiterate that the following 5 actions are reason enough NOT to approve this and to stop this now and reverse the actions taken to date.

Major Issue

- Retroactive permit approval
- USFS built the trail without a permit
- Nullified opportunity for public comment
- The trail traverses very steep slopes
- Mixed-use designation for bikers and hikers

Coalition Position

- Violates USFS/TRPA trail construction agreements*
- No oversight of environmental or safety issues*
- Circumvented input from the Fallen Leaf Community*
- Negatively impacts environmental sustainability*
- Designate as hiker only or restore to nature*

We strongly are against the approval of this permit now or at any time in the future and support the coalition in fighting this effort.

Christopher Cool

David Orr
Board Member: Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association
Co-Founder of Cowork Tahoe & Untethered Workspace
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Jan 24, 2023

TRPA
PO Box 5310
Stateline, NV 89449

Dear TRPA Governing Board:

As a TAMBA board member and passionate mountain biker, I'm writing to you today to express my full support for the Lily Lake trail.

The Lily Lake trail isn't your average trail. It's one of the most beautiful trails I've ridden in the basin. From the views, to the thousands of man hours that went into creating it, it is a masterpiece that both hikers and bikers can enjoy. Public access to federal lands is something near and dear to my heart. The cooperation of the USDA Forest Service to allow such a beautiful trail to be built gives the South Lake Tahoe community, as well as tourists carless access to an absolutely stunning area. It's no secret that the Tahoe Basin is a popular place to recreate. TAMBA exists for this exact reason, to give people much needed access, and choice in their recreation options.

This project was done under the supervision of the USDA Forest Service where they oversaw the design and approval ensuring that the trail was built in a manner that fit with the USDA standards for sustainable trail building. The Lily Lake trail was built to allow water to easily drain into the soil, improving water runoff issues in the area. This trail was the culmination of thousands of volunteer hours overseen by USDA Forest Service trained trail builders. For a few more complicated sections a professional trail crew were brought in to complete work to ensure the trail was completed to the standards of the UDSA Forest service.

The trail is curved in its design where the grade changes to allow water to seep into the soil, rather than just flow down hill.

More importantly this particular trail creates a point of access from other trail networks to the Glen Alpine and Lily Lake Trailhead. I often find myself riding from my house up Mule Deer Connector over to Angora ridge for a lemonade, and then back down Lily Lake, only to head home via Rock Garden Trail. I

find that the design of the trail prevents user conflicts, in that its technical features and many switchbacks creates a low speed situation. I'm always in control and able to yield to uphill traffic. I have never had a bad interaction on the trail with other bikers or hikers.

Lily Lake is an important addition to the trail network here in the Tahoe Basin. As Tahoe's popularity increases as an outdoor recreation capital, this trail offers carless access to a beautiful trail that is well built and up to the standards of the USDA Forestry Service and TRPA rules and regulations for trail building. This trail also offers access for all members of our community to amazing vistas that Tahoe provides, that they couldn't have without.

Thank you for your support in creating this amazing trail!

Sincerely,

David Orr

Board Member: Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association

Co-Founder of Untethered Workspace and Cowork Tahoe

Marja Ambler

From: Debra Sabino <revdebra.oursaviour@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:42 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Fallen Leaf Basin

Dear TRPA,

I would like to speak against the proposed Lily Lake trail retroactive permit. It is imperative that the Lily Lake Trail, and any other project, be held to permitting, environmental review, protections, and compliance. It should be obvious that the USFS should not be allowed to obtain a retroactive permit.

Thank you

Debra Warwick-sabino



*The Rev Debra+ Warwick-Sabino
Chaplain St Francis at Fallen Leaf Lake
& Rector, Church of Our Saviour
Placerville, CA 95667*

Marja Ambler

From: George Tanner <WisTanner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:59 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: trap meeting re:Lilly Lake Trail

It is apparent if applying for a retroactive permit that the Lily Lake trail was built without a permit and without oversight as should be expected for a project of this magnitude. The parking area at Lily Lake is already overwhelmed and the front side of the lake is over run. Please consider making this a hiking trail only, or returning it to its natural condition.

George Tanner
Fallen Leaf Lake cabin occupant

Marja Ambler

From: Jackie Johnson <royandjackie@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 9:25 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Multi-use trail from Angora to Fallen Leaf

From personal experience I can say that downhill mountain bike speed and hikers and picnics do not do well together!

We have been run off the trail with no warning by bicycles. They yelled no "on your left" and we barely missed being run over. They were going code 3 and huffing like locomotives!

Another day we were picnicking off the trail and two bikes came by us almost out of control. Again, no warning. They were skidding and yelling. They were racing.

I am a 5th generation Fallen Leaffer. Someone is going to get hurt. The bikes need to go somewhere else! The trail is too steep. It should be for hiking. It is a wonderful hiking trail and will be great for access between Angora and Fallen Leaf.

Thank You,
Jackie Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

Marja Ambler

From: Jenna Langer <jennalanger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 3:46 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Support for Lily Lake Trail

Hello Shannon and the TRPA Governing Board,

As a full-time resident and community member of South Lake Tahoe, I am writing in support of the Lily Lake Trail. It is a beautiful multi-use trail that highlights some of the best things about Lake Tahoe. Whenever people visit, I like to take them on the trail by bike or foot to highlight our community and natural surroundings. The locals of Lake Tahoe volunteered to help build the trail, with oversight from LTBMU, and are proud to be expanding our world-class trail network.

One of the great parts of the trail is that it gives access to the Lily Lake and Glen Alpine Falls area without increasing car traffic around Fallen Leaf Lake. It provides a critical connection to neighborhoods and other trails without having to increase the number of cars on the road. Increased bike traffic in the area should be celebrated as people are being healthy and reducing their environmental impact.

I support the approval of The Lily Lake Trail as it is currently constructed. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Jenna Langer

Marja Ambler

From: JL Morris-Williams <jlmorriswilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:36 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail - a problem

Hello,

I would like to say that I think it is wrong for TRPA to retroactively issue permitting to the USFS for the Lily Lake Trail.

At the very least some sort of traffic impact report should be undertaken for the effect on the Fallen Leaf Basin. There is only one road in to the Lily Lake parking lot and that road is treacherous in parts. The number of additional cars and tourists this will bring to a road that is not meant to carry so many cars should be evaluated. Residents have all been there when fire trucks are trying to get past cars and people on the road. More cars is a huge problem for emergency vehicles and general emergencies.

This new trail is going to impact the Angora and Fallen Leaf roads dramatically as many people will take this trail route one way and be picked up at the Lily Lake parking lot which already can not accommodate all the people trying to park for hikes into the desolation wilderness.

It seems to me that there is no way the forest service was unaware of the rules in place regarding trail building. Or, they have some staff members who aren't doing appropriate due diligence. They should not be just given a pass on this.

Please consider not giving approval. Secondly, at least allow for more community engagement on this issue and observe and respect the permit rules agreed to and in place.

Sincerely,
JL Morris-Williams
1075 Fallen Leaf Rd

1/23/23

Dear TRPA Governing Board,

I am writing in support of approval of the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) project for the Lily Lake Trail. I have been a resident of the Lake Tahoe Basin since 1995 and spent 4 summers as a volunteer and then seasonal employee of the Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department while I was attending paramedic school. I have also been an avid trail user as a hiker, runner, mountain biker, and backcountry skier of the Fallen Leaf and adjacent region throughout that entire time. I have seen firsthand the importance and ever-growing need for sustainable, multi-use trails that provide access to everyone while enhancing connectivity to the greater region. This trail is yet another outstanding example of a volunteer driven effort that achieves these goals on public lands that everyone is entitled to enjoy.

As a long-time supporter of trail groups throughout California I applaud TAMBA's continued collaborative effort with our land managers and urge you to approve this project as model of trails that are vital to improving the entire community's commitment to sustainable outdoor recreation.

Sincerely,

John Drum

Marja Ambler

From: Kurt Gensheimer <genshammer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:40 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: In Support of Lily Lake Trail

To the TRPA Governing Board,

I am writing in support of the Lily Lake Trail. As an avid trail builder, trails advocate and daily trail user who lives in Verdi, Nevada and frequents Tahoe regularly, I believe trails are one of the most important pieces of public infrastructure a community can have, as trails provide recreational access and a way for people to get outside and be healthier both physically and mentally. Compared to other public infrastructure, trails cost little to build and maintain, providing an excellent return on investment for communities.

Trails also help people get out of their cars more, enabling both residents and visitors to walk or ride a bicycle instead of driving, reducing traffic. The Lake Tahoe region is blessed with an extensive network of world class trails, open for a wide range of multi-user groups. The Lily Lake trail represents a very important connector trail in the grander vision of creating a bicycle legal singletrack route around the entire lake, which would make for one of the most iconic mountain bike trails in America, if not the world.

Then consider the efforts of groups like the Tahoe Rim Trail Association and the Tahoe Area Mountain Bike Association, our region is fortunate to have two world class trails organizations who go above and beyond to build and maintain the highest quality trail user experience possible.

Thanks for your consideration in helping further the inclusive trails community we have in the Lake Tahoe region by supporting the Lily Lake Trail project.

Sincerely,

Kurt Gensheimer
Verdi, NV

Larry F. Hoffman
974 Cathedral Road
Fallen Leaf Lake, California

23 January 2023

EIPTPO, Governing Board
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Re: Environmental Improvement Program, Lily Lake Trail

The purpose of this letter is to express **strong opposition** to the proposed approval of the Environmental Improvement Program project for the Lily Lake Trail (trail), which is under discussion by TRPA's Environmental Improvement Program, Transportation, and Public Outreach Committee (EIPTPO) and Governing Board. As a member of the Fallen Leaf community since 1977, and now President of the Fallen Leaf Tract Association, I have a deep and sincere interest in the Fallen Leaf environment. As such, the modifications that were completed to the Lily Lake Trail has been of heightened and active interest for the past three years. During that time, I led a group of interested citizens of the Fallen Leaf community in discussions with the USFS trail supervisor regarding the trail's construction and requisite oversight. It is through this action that I became aware of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provides clear guidance for such modifications. Therefore, my brief comments below come from the perspectives of deep concern for the Fallen Leaf basin environment and communities and direct interaction with the USFS on this specific issue.

By virtue of the fact that this issue is even under consideration at this time is clear testimony that the trail modifications, apparently classified as "environmental improvement", **required TRPA oversight**. Therefore, the USFS and special interests that participated in the trail modifications were in clear violation of the MOU. The public **entrusts** oversight of such projects to TRPA as a critical component of the checks and balances ensuring that modifications are done in the broad *public and environmental* interests. There are certainly factions of special interests that are prone to usurp and violate the public trust through a failure to seek appropriate approvals from those with such requisite authority. This generally falls under the euphemism *better to seek forgiveness than permission*. To grant retroactive approval of this project is in direct support of such violations of the public trust and throws TRPA's oversight authority to the whim of those governed only by the euphemism cited above. Is the EIPTPO and Governing Board willing to capitulate their oversight responsibilities for the sake of a small special interest faction? The long-term damage to this authority will be forever compromised.

A group of concerned citizens from the Fallen Leaf communities met with a USFS trail supervisor in the summer of 2020 with the express intent of learning his involvement and oversight of the project. It was clear at that time that the USFS involvement and oversight was minimal to completely absent (by the supervisor's own admission). Furthermore, it was clearly stated by the USFS supervisor that the trail project *did not require TRPA approval* (sic). As noted above, this position was in egregious error evidenced by the mere fact that this action is under present discussion. Retroactive approval at this time reflects tantamount support for such misunderstanding of those in the position to know better and be equipped with the required understanding of project oversight.

Rather than grant retroactive approval at this time, it would appear that a better course of action by TRPA would be to uphold the tenets of their very existence and use this discussion as a very public rebuke of those who defer to violating the public trust in this way. Therefore, I strongly recommend that the EIPTPO and Governing Board **firmly reject** the request to approve the EIP project for the Lily Lake Trail. The public demands more respect for the guidance and oversight process, particularly when it comes to the Fallen Leaf and South Lake Tahoe environments that depend upon all the protections in place in support of the public good.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry F. Hoffman

Marja Ambler

From: Todd Rose <toddrose73@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 8:57 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lilly Lake Trail

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to offer my support for the continued access to the Lily Lake Trail between Angora Lakes and Glen Alpine. As an avid trail runner and occasional mountain biker it allows me to run/ride from the North Upper Truckee area up and over to Desolation without needing to drive along the narrow road at Fallen Leaf Lake and trying to snag a parking spot at Glen Alpine. Not to mention it has one of the most stunning views in the entire basin.

I am extremely happy with all of the work that the Forest Service, TRPA and TAMBA have done to link trail systems around the basin and reducing the need to get in a car to drive to a trailhead or shuttle cars back and forth because there isn't a way to make a loop.

Sincerely,
Todd Rose

TRPA
PO Box 5310
Stateline, NV 89449

Dear TRPA Governing Board,

I am writing to you regarding the Lily Lake Trail and would like to express my dearest gratitude to you all for approving this trail and letting Tamba build it. I wholeheartedly support this trail as it is a fantastic loop from Angora Ridge that I love to ride with my family and friends. It really is a masterpiece in its creation and provides excellent access to this beautiful part of the lake.

I would hate for any action to be taken against the trail, TAMBA, or you all for allowing this trail to be built. If anything, we should have more trails like this, built with thoughtful planning and coordination as the more trails we can build the more space people have to get out, spread out, and enjoy the natural wonder that Tahoe has to offer.

Just wanted to say how thankful I am for the Lily Lake Trail. I am a huge supporter of it and hopeful for more trails like this in the future. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Viktoria McNamara
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707.845.8892

Marja Ambler

From: Chuck Hawley <hawley.chuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 11:08 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail?

I am an owner of a family-owned cabin on Stanford Hill. I am really confused about the conditions under which the Lily Lake Trail was built. I have hiked the trail numerous times, and while I am not necessarily opposed to its construction, it appears that it was built without the proper oversight.

I know that everything I do to my cabin gets a lot of scrutiny from the Forest Service, with very little input or opportunity for a discussion from me. How is it possible that a trail of this type was constructed without the permitting process?

Thank you for your consideration.

Chuck Hawley
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South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151

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Don't throw away your shot: get vaccinated.
Be skeptical but trust the scientific process.
Voters' rights are fundamental to democracy.
Navigare necesse est.

Marja Ambler

From: Craig Working <cw5351@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 2:56 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Cc: Lyle Wilen
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

Regarding the Lily lake Trail - I have a summer cabin on the Stanford Hill above Fallen Leaf Lake and the Stanford Camp.

This is the first time I am hearing about this trail and that concerns me. The road that goes up Stanford Hill is very narrow.

Any Increase in traffic, whether it is foot, bicycle or car will have a major impact on the community that spends the summer on the hill.

None of the roads that go up Stanford Hill connect with Lily Lake. There are a couple of trails but they are narrow, are in very

close proximity to cabins, less then 10 feet. Users of the trail have to navigate two very marshy areas and a road which has a significant pool

of water on it throughout the summer.

The main concern is the lack of outreach to the community.

Respectfully,

Craig Working
1891 Stanford Hill
Fallen Leaf Lake.

Marja Ambler

From: Harrison Brown <harrisonbrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:11 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

Hi Shannon,

The Lily lake trail is a great addition to our community. It is well built and will last many years without maintenance. The trail is a great multi use trail for all abilities. I have walked it with my parents and biked it with friends. This trail has a positive fiscal impact on our community by creating a fantastic experience for visitors. This trail will decrease traffic on fallen leaf lake road as it is a connector trail for accessing other hiking trails. The addition of another connector trail in the area would create a loop for the cycling network and eliminate the need for cyclists to bike on fallen leaf lake road or drive on it.

I have talked to people I know who own the expensive houses on fallen leaf lake and some who have had cabins there for ever. Their main concern is having more people on "their" road. I have expressed to them that I have not seen in the last two years anyone driving "their" road to do Lily lake trail, but rather access desolation wilderness as people always have. Perhaps a parking area outside of "their" road would encourage pedestrian traffic on the road and discourage vehicle traffic which would help everyone out

Thank you,
Harrison

Marja Ambler

From: Jason Owings <jason.owings@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 11:49 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

January 24, 2023

To the TRPA Governing Board,

I am writing you today in a matter that, to be honest I am surprised that I need to write this, in support of the recently completed Lily Lake Trail.

When I was first made aware of the need to write a letter in support of keeping quite possibly one of the most beautiful trails I have seen in the south end of the Lake Tahoe basin, I was both confused as to how we got here and sad to hear that there are people that are literally complaining that this trail exists.

As a resident of the local South Lake Tahoe community, and a Fitness coach to a number of top level athletes that live in the basin as well as the average local mountain athlete, I find myself in a unique situation. You see, as a person, I don't simply use the trails for mountain biking, trail running, or hiking. I do all 3, I train people that do all 3. These trails provide an escape from the busy streets and roads and the Lily Lake Trail specifically provides a vital link to the outdoors and keeping bike/car/runner user conflict off the narrow, poorly maintained roads of Fallen Leaf Lake to a minimum.

Having trails like the Lily Lake Trail is important to not only myself and my clients, but also the community as a whole. You see, when my wife and I first moved to the Tahoe Basin back in 2018 we did so because of its access to the outdoors. In fact, some of our earliest pictures as a couple were taken at Glen Alpine Falls. But the drive out there, the hassle of parking in an area that was both legal and safe proved to be a challenge, not to mention the challenge of driving the narrow, poorly maintained and downright dangerous road out there was sometimes just too much. Now, having this trail allows us as a family to take our kids on an adventure through the outdoors, taking in stunning scenery and finishing at not only an amazing waterfall, but also enjoying some ice cream along the way.

While I fully understand that we can't simply have trails everywhere, I do think that responsible cooperation between local trail stewards such as TAMBA and the Forest Service will continue to allow the responsible development of our trail network, providing important links such as the Lily Lake Trail, for the community and visitors to have low impact access to the outdoors in the basin. And based off the reports and findings from the application for the permit done by the TRPA this trail meets and exceeds all requirements set forth by the TRPA itself. Therefore we shouldn't allow a particular group to dictate what the management plan is for the basin because they simply don't like something.

I beg you on behalf of myself, my family, friends, clients, and other community members that aren't even aware of this meeting to do the right thing and officially approve the trail.

Jason Owings

Marja Ambler

From: Jonathan Hester <hester.jonathan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 11:01 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily lake trail
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I heard you're taking public comments on the lily lake trail. Please don't remove this trail! This gives great access from the Angora lakes area to Glen Alpine trailheads. I hiked this trail with my son a couple times this summer.

Jonathan Hester
Zephyr Cove

Marja Ambler

From: Josh Thieriot <josh@chroniclecap.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 2:16 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

Mr. Friedman-

I have lived and worked in the Tahoe basin my entire life and have seen an enormous amount of change to the basin, both good and bad. Regardless of what side of a project you are on there has always been a process for gaining approval of a project which will impact the residents, visitors, and the basin. The permitting process is not always easy but is intended to control change, maximize value, and minimize impact. For a trail to be created without a permit bastardizes the process moving forward, discredits authority, and further encourages asking for forgiveness rather than permission. A trail creates a long-term invasive impact on the land as all parties involved should be aware of and creating a trail should be done after the application process is properly completed and a permit is issued.

I appreciate your time and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Josh Thieriot
1001 Fallen Leaf Rd.

Marja Ambler

From: Robert Cathcart <rjmikecathcart@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:21 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail

PLEASE enforce the legal and regulatory requirements related to the Lily Lake Trail project!

TRPA has the jurisdictional and U S Constitutional duty and obligation as an Interstate compact to make the USFS obey the laws requiring valid permits and environmental reviews PRIOR to undertaking such an invasive and impacting project as this, and TRPA needs to do its duty and meet its obligations to the public and to the environment!

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and compliance with applicable rules, regulations and laws!

Sincerely,

Robert J. (Mike) Cathcart
President of the Board of Directors
Fallen Leaf Lake Community Service District

Marja Ambler

From: Lyda Hayes <lyda9@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:09 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Request to REJECT retroactive approval of permit for trail construction on Lily Lake Trail

Dear Ms. Friedman,

I am appealing to your role as a gatekeeper and steward of the Tahoe Basin.

The Lily Lake Trail was not built in accordance with USFS and TRPA construction agreements. There was no oversight, which allowed the trail to violate environmental and safety issues. It is steep, slick and mountain bike centric. This is not a multi-use trail. This is an X-treme trail. TAMBAtahoe posted the attached in July 2020. This creates a grave danger to hikers and pedestrians on the trail.



There is already poor road access to the trailhead. The parking is already problematic and bathroom and trash receptacles are overtaxed. This will create a demand for recreation support we do not have.

X-treme mountain biking is not in the Master Plan. It WILL increase the demand for more parking and public facilities. It has been made into a single-use trail, an x-treme mountain biking trail, that doesn't serve the public or protect the land.

Please do not approve the Lily Lake Trail permit.

Thank you,

Lyda Hayes

545 Rontoni, Fallen Leaf Lake, CA

Marja Ambler

From: Jane Phillips Widroe <jpwidroe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 2:48 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Retroactive approval of Lily Lake Trail

Dear Mr. Friedman,

I am extremely concerned about the board's potential granting of a retroactive approval for the Lily Lake Trail. This after-the-fact approval establishes a dangerous precedent in the Tahoe basin. A "beg for forgiveness" approach to development would create potential negative impacts for all stakeholders in the Tahoe area.

"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.

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 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. "

I strongly discourage a retroactive approval of the Lily Lake Trail.

Best wishes,
Jane Widroe
754 Price Lane, South Lake Tahoe/ FLL

Marja Ambler

From: Lyle Wilen <lywilen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:39 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Cc: Craig Working
Subject: Comments for discussion of proposed Lily Lake Permit retroactive permit

Dear Shannon Friedman,

I am a cabin owner on Stanford Hill at Fallen Leaf Lake and was confused when I was hiking two summers ago on the Tamarack Trail and discovered trail work in progress at the intersection of the Lily Lake trail and the Tamarack Trail. No one was there working and I had not heard of any major projects. What was happening? We are an active, involved community and news often spreads fast when there are points of interest, good or bad, to share. It wasn't until the following year, when the trail was completed, that I learned about the building and purpose of the trail.

I was dismayed that a new trail would be built without prior TRPA approval as required and that it would be built without any notification to our community. Requiring TRPA approval ensures environmental concerns of proposed developments are addressed and that all stakeholders have a chance to provide input. Bypassing this permit process circumvented informing the Fallen Leaf Lake community and seeking their input. Such actions create an environment of suspicion and distrust and work against the reality that the regulating entities, our community and other stakeholders all have common interests in protecting and using the land. There are sure to be new projects that will be addressed in the future. Should the Fallen Leaf Lake community prepare for future fights expecting that we will be excluded from future project planning as well? Or can we expect rules that guarantee thoughtful consideration of all parties to be followed and guide our future developments? Many of us have ties to the area that go back 100 years. We have invested in the community, nurtured the forest, worked on the trails, and fought to preserve the water quality. It is such a desirable place to visit, in part, because of the vision and work of the Fallen Leaf Lake community. Now is not the time to start disregarding our input.

Approving the permit retroactively condones the behavior of disregarding the rules in favor of a desired outcome for specific stakeholders. It represents the philosophy of "It is better to ask for forgiveness than permission." I believe the permit should not be approved retroactively and that the mixed use designation should be changed to "hiker only". Bicyclists will only use this trail going down hill. Returning to their cars on the ridge will put them on the Fallen Leaf Lake Road, which already has traffic problems, or require others to come pick them up, which again adds to traffic on the Fallen Leaf Lake Road. Fallen Leaf Lake is a transition area to the wilderness, and therein lies its appeal. Let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,
Lyle Wilen

Marja Ambler

From: Matt McCone <McConM@stancounty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 11:39 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Cc: Paul D'Anneo
Subject: Lily Lake Trail Dev.

Hello to the Powers that be here.....

As a part of a 5th Generation FLL family, I would like to comment on Lily Lake Trail- It is astounding to learn that anything built in the Tahoe Basin, especially in this "Day and Age", has not gone through the appropriate channels as pertaining to Environmental impact-what a dangerous precedent to set in this Pristine Basin:-l

Was the USFS, and its existence, not at its core designed to Protect this Pristine Basin? What is the rationale for developing the USFS/TRPA MOU, if the USFS does not Honor this existing Checks and Balancing Pact?....A Pact that puts REASONABLE ENVIRONMENTAL constraints on USFS projects throughout this Pristine Basin.

Matthew McCone
Turlock. Ca.

Michael and Jeanie Casey

January 23, 2023

Ms. S. Friedman
TRPA

Dear Ms. Friedman

My wife, Jeanie, and I have been summer residents at Fallen Leaf Lake for the past fifty years, and during that half century we have worked with both TRPA and the USFS on many matters of community interest, a number of which, like the AIS prevention effort, remain ongoing and active. Our address at the lake is 655 Lemmon Lane.

This letter is submitted in opposition to the agendized request by the United States Forest Service (USFS) for a retroactive permit to approve the design and construction of a mixed-use trail along the edge of Fallen Leaf Lake and over to Lily Lake. That trail has been completed and was seemingly built in silence and in a manner which enabled them to avoid detection by Fallen Leaf residents and others who would have objected vehemently had they known of it. It was, we understand, also built without any permits and without notice to neighbors or others who would have, at the very least, insisted on mitigation measures which might have lessened its impact and reduced the danger to hikers and other foot traffic.

By way of very brief background of the facts as we understand them, a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was negotiated during the decade of the 1980s by and between TRPA and USFS by which TRPA was given the power to oversee any uses of Lake Tahoe and its surroundings which contained risk of harming the environment within the Tahoe Basin. That original MOU has been amended but, as amended, it continues to require review and permitting by TRPA of USFS projects which contain risk of adverse environmental impacts. Subsequently, USFS, which had earlier agreed to apply to TRPA for permits for its non-exempt projects, remains subject to that oversight up to the present day and well beyond. The Fallen Leaf Lake watershed is very much a part of the Lake Tahoe basin, and the Lily Lake trail, which is built within that same watershed, therefore falls within the scope of the language of Appendix E to the MOU'

Appendix E of the MOU provides in part that, unless specifically exempted, USFS projects are expected and required (by the 1989 Amendment to the MOU) to be bound by the same rules, ordinances, and laws that apply to every person, company, agency of government, and anyone else. More specifically, Appendix E to the original MOU as amended, makes clear that USFS is required to "provide TRPA with complete applications for review of those activities that are not exempt from review by this MOU. It also requires the USFS, just as any other applicant, to provide to TRPA such environmental documents, maps,

drawings, and other information as requested by TRPA. Subsection (II)(5) of Appendix E goes on to state that, in addition to the foregoing, USFS shall “make application to the TRPA... for a permit for any activity...not otherwise exempt from TRPA review.” (appendix E)(II)(4) and (5)).

Exempt activities” are described in section III of that same Appendix E, and are further described in sub-sub-section “D” (Roads and Trails) which contains 3 categories of exempt roads and trails, none of which is applicable to this proceeding. The first exempted category is maintenance of existing trails, which obviously this is not. The second category is reconstruction of existing trails “provided that the facility is not changed to enlarge its capacity...” and... “that new land coverage does not exceed 2,000 square feet”. The third exempt category is for construction of new non-motorized trails where the construction does not exceed 1000 linear feet. This too is not applicable.

The Lily Lake trail is a very controversial trail for a number of reasons, all of which have been dealt with in other letters and photographic documents submitted by other residence owners and stakeholders. We believe the Lily Lake trail was built in violation of the MOU and is a trail for which USFS neither requested a permit from TRPA nor did it apparently provide TRPA with any of the environmental information necessary to engage in the sort of extensive and valuable debate which should have been and would have been undertaken had the proper procedure been followed.

Having violated the MOU by failing to honor its requirements, USFS now apparently feels it can just apologize and ask that needed permits be granted retroactively and without having to go through the same rigorous process that all other projects with environmental risks must go through. By submitting this letter, I am joining a large group of concerned people who strenuously object to this outsized and, we believe, highly dangerous trail which has been built and thrust upon not just the residents of Fallen Leaf Lake, but everyone who cares about the environmental sensitivity of the Lake Tahoe basin.

we live in a system where government is of the people and for the people – a system where our leaders rule by example and by the will of those who elect them, not by fiat and not by seeking special favors. By virtue of its even asking for a special favor of this magnitude, USFS will suffer damage to its reputation as a fair and concerned agency of government. The USFS has a long history of sensitivity and of building trust through fair dealing. Hopefully that trust will not be tarnished by this application.

Sincerely,

Michael Casey

Marja Ambler

From: Nick Speal <nick@speal.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:48 AM
To: Marja Ambler
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item VII.C: Retroactive permit for the Lily Lake Multi-use Trail

To the TRPA Governing Board:

I am writing in support of the Retroactive permit for the Lily Lake Multi-use Trail. As a mountain biker, hiker, and resident of South Lake Tahoe, I am grateful to the USFS and TAMBA for their hard work developing sustainable recreation access nearby, and this trail in particular is impressive, well built, and a huge asset to the community. It was specifically built for mountain biking, with mitigations in place to prevent erosion and other impacts. It's a great bonus that the trail is open and available for other uses as well.

It seems as though the permitting oversight was an honest mistake, and I encourage the TRPA to retroactively issue a permit for this trail so that we can continue to enjoy it for years to come.

Thank you,

Nick Speal

Marja Ambler

From: Nina Belcher <belchernina@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 11:59 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Cc: belchernina@gmail.com
Subject: Lily Lake trail

To whom it may concern:

I do not support the retroactive permit approval of the Lilly Lake Trail for the following reasons:

- It was built without a permit or consideration for environmental or safety issues.
- Public comment was circumvented or at best restricted.
- The trail crosses very steep slopes without consideration for environmental sustainability.
- No concern or mitigation was made for the complete lack of parking on both ends nor consideration of the additional impact on traffic in those areas.

I am concerned this lack of permitting and environmental review could set precedent for future projects in the Fallen leaf basin and greater Lake Tahoe area.

I would consider supporting the trail if additional parking is addressed.

Regards,

Nina Belcher

January 23, 2023

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
PO Box 5310
Stateline, NV 89449

Dear TRPA Governing Board:

I am writing to you on behalf of the South Lake Tahoe Trail Running Club to express our full support for the permit of the Lily Lake Trail. The improvements to the trail network over the past decade have been outstanding and I want to thank the TRPA and the LTBMU for their dedication to improving sustainable recreation in the Tahoe Basin and understanding the importance of a robust and connected trail network and its role in reducing car travel in the Basin. The Lily Lake Trail is one of the more recent highlights to our network that our members have grown to love. I started this trail running club back in 2013 and over the years we have grown steadily and now have more than 500 members, which includes locals and runners from around the world who join us for runs when they visit Tahoe on vacation. We meet weekly for group runs April through November each year and often utilize the trail network in the Tahoe Mountain and Fallen Leaf Lake area. Residents in our group say our trail network is one of the key reasons they live here, and visitors in our club always proclaim it's one of the main draws to keep coming back.

Prior to the Lily Lake Trail being built I would meet with fellow runners at the Glen Alpine Trailhead 5-6 times per year to do runs into Desolation Wilderness. We always dreaded driving out there on the narrow and rough road with question marks over if we'd even find parking. With the completion of the Lily Lake Trail, we no longer have to make that drive and instead meet on the south side of Angora Ridge and are able to utilize the Lily Lake Trail to connect directly to Glen Alpine. This means less driving, less parking headaches and an overall more enjoyable recreation experience for us. The ability to take this one trail and have it connect directly to Tamarack Lake Trail (17E10), Glen Alpine Falls Trail (17E06), mid-Tallac Trail (17E06.1) and Cathedral Lake Trail (17E05) makes it a unique and key piece of connectivity for users looking to link the trails around the Fallen Leaf Lake region without getting on roads.

We look forward to seeing the TRPA continue to work with land managers and local non-profit partners like TAMBA and the TRTA to continue the maintenance and improvement of our trail network. Many of our members volunteer with these organizations each year and appreciate the opportunities they provide to users of all types to give back to our well loved trails.

Sincerely,



Patrick Parsel

Marja Ambler

From: Samar Fair <sfairtahoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 1:48 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily Lake Trail Support

Dear TRPA Governing Board,

I am writing in support of the Lily Lake Trail. I heard there were some complaints towards this gorgeous trail and had to write and let you know that this trail is one of my personal favorites!!

Any type of action against this trail would diminish my lifestyle and joy as a local south lake resident should I no longer have access to it. We live in Tahoe to appreciate its beauty and this trail adds to our joy ! I do not see what there is to complain about. I see only value for our community and our children and our home. Trails are designed to connect people to the outdoors and we can not take that away from people simply for the fact that they would like 'less of a crowd'.

Thank you for your time and efforts to protect this beautiful place we call home.

Sincerely

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January 23, 2023

TRPA Governing Board of Directors
% Shannon Friedman
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
P.O. Box 5310,
Stateline, Nevada 89449

Dear TRPA,

Please accept this letter of support for final permitting of the Lily Lake Trail.

The Lily Lake Trail is a stunning trail and marvel of technical trail building. I volunteered a few days in assisting with the construction of the Lily Lake trail and can attest to its sustainability and world class views.

I have hiked both the old "Church Trail" (from Angora Lakes road to Fallen Leaf) and the new Lily Lake Trail. The "Church Trail" does not meet any sort of erosion control, sustainability, or modern trail building standards. The Church Trail should be decommissioned and the Lily Lake Trail should officially take its place.

The Lily Lake Trail is a huge benefit to the Lake Tahoe community. The primary beneficiaries (and primary users) of the Lily Lake Trail are people who live in the neighborhoods adjacent to the trail. Connecting neighborhoods to high quality sustainable trails directly increases quality of life for local residents. It allows high quality recreation close to home and reduces the need to drive to a trailhead. Land managers such as the TRPA, USFS- LTMBU, and state and local partners should be actively working towards the closure of recreational trail gaps in the Tahoe Basin. Trail systems close to neighborhoods are a huge benefit and reduce car trips by providing world class outdoor recreation close to home.

I am aware of some of the complaints about the Lily Lake Trail by a few people in the Fallen Leaf neighborhood. These complaints are unfounded and reek of entitled Nimbyism. I am also aware that some of members of the Fallen Leaf neighborhood are actively trying to block recreational trail development not only in their neighborhood, but also in the greater Tahoe Basin. These are public lands. Those who choose to live next to public lands should expect public use of those lands, and for land managers to provide excellent stewardship (including trails, parking, restrooms, etc.). Public use of outdoor spaces has been increasing for years, followed by an enormous surge during the global pandemic. Trail access and outdoor recreation opportunities are a key component to healthy communities. I urge TRPA to have the courage to say no to a small (but vocal) Nimby minority.

I urge the TRPA and Tahoe basin land managers to approve the Lily Lake Trail without delay and continue their excellent stewardship work. There are many critical

connection gaps in the Tahoe trail system. There are dozens of miles of legacy trails that don't meet modern sustainability and erosion control standards. There are many neighborhoods without trail access where residents have to drive to trailheads rather than hiking, running, or biking from their own neighborhoods. Finalize the Lily Lake Trail and move on. There is still work to do!

Thank you,

Sandor Lengyel
Tahoma, CA
sdlengyel@yahoo.com

Marja Ambler

From: Sarah Steele <steelesarahlee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 2:32 PM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Lily lake trail - support letter

TRPA
PO Box 5310
Stateline, NV 89449

Dear TRPA Governing Board,

I am writing to you regarding the Lily Lake Trail and would like to express my dearest gratitude to you all for approving this trail and letting Tamba build it. I wholeheartedly support this trail as it is a fantastic loop from Angora Ridge that I love to ride with my family and friends. It really is a masterpiece in its creation and provides excellent access to this beautiful part of the lake.

I would hate for any action to be taken against the trail, TAMBA, or you all for allowing this trail to be built. If anything, we should have more trails like this built with thoughtful planning and coordination. The more trails we can build, the more space people have to get out, spread out, and enjoy the natural wonder that Tahoe has to offer.

As a resident of South lake Tahoe, I just wanted to say how thankful I am for the Lily Lake Trail. I am a huge supporter of it and am hopeful for more trails like this in the future.

Thank you for your time,

Sarah Steele

Marja Ambler

From: Seyil Yoon <swingsy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6:47 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Subject: Public Comments for Lily Trail

I've used this trail, both since it was re-worked and previously when it was called Coyote Trail. I like that it gives another option to play around the Glen Alpine area without having to park in the Glen Alpine area (that parking area can get very congested). I hope the TRPA continues to consider trails to help disperse users and highlight the beautiful areas in the basin.

- Seyil Yoon

Marja Ambler

From: Steven Belcher <swbelcher@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:12 AM
To: Shannon Friedman
Cc: judyabelcher@gmail.com; Margaret Hollander; FL Bettsy; Fl Craig Johnson; Debbie Youngquist; Jesse - FL; ben and kathy wing; jeff and adrea gladstone; Steven Belcher; Gillian Belcher; suki ferl; Nina Belcher; cbwing@btstrucking.com; Andrea Gladstone; Belcher, Gillian; Will Fey; robtwing@yahoo.com
Subject: Angora/Lily Lake Trail

Dear USFS, please support the now existing trail that was constructed recently from Angora Lake road to Lily Lake, near Fallen Leaf Lake. The new path is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular trails in the Lake Tahoe basin. It captures views gorgeous views usually not accessible to hikers in the area and was built by volunteers. The result is by far the best-constructed trail I have seen and the rock work across the several major granite rock falls may be considered pieces of art. Steve Belcher, Trustee, Juniper Lodge Family Trust, USFS leaseholder, 91 Juniper Lane, Fallen Leaf Lake.



PO Box 3267
Stateline, NV 89449

January 23, 2023

Shannon Friedman
Senior Planner
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
PO Box 5310
Stateline, NV 89449

Dear Ms. Friedman:

The Tahoe Rim Trail Association (TRTA) has been building and maintaining Tahoe trails and advocating for sustainable recreation in the Tahoe Basin for more than 40 years. Since our founding in 1981, our organization has worked to build and protect the 200-mile Tahoe Rim Trail System and the landscape it traverses, inspire stewardship, and preserve access to the natural beauty of the Lake Tahoe region. The Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association (TAMBA) is a significant partner in our work. Our shared vision of a sustainable, multi-use trail system within the Tahoe Basin has led to a wealth of recreational and natural resource improvements in the Tahoe Basin.

TAMBA's recently completed Lily Lake Trail is an extraordinary example of these recreational and natural resource improvements. After working with the USDA Forest Service to conduct an extensive approval process, TAMBA's significant investment in the trail has resulted in a positive addition to the regional trail system. Specifically, the TRTA values the Lily Lake Trail for the following reasons:

1. The trail increases multi-use trail options in the Tahoe Basin.

Interest in outdoor recreation is booming. Tahoe's draw as an outdoor recreation hub is fueling our regional economy, providing jobs and opportunities in the area. The use of the Tahoe Rim Trail alone has increased five-fold in the last ten years. Adding well-built, strategically located trail like the Lily Lake Trail is essential to accommodate this growing interest in hiking, biking, and riding in the Tahoe Basin.

2. The trail provides additional connections and loop trail options near Angora Ridge.

The location of the Lily Lake Trail allows for connections from both the north and south side of Angora ridge, provides an easy out and back for hikers, and loop for mountain bikers. Unlike several more remote trails within the Tahoe Basin that require users to utilize two cars to set up a shuttle to complete the route, the Lily Lake Trail location allows users to access either without a car or, in most cases, just one.

3. The trail connects to an existing trailhead.

The Lily Lake Trail connects to a well-established trailhead. Unlike many heavily used trailheads in the Tahoe Basin, this trailhead has bathrooms, an essential provision to reduce user impacts. Additionally, the trailhead ensures that users are not parking in neighborhoods on side streets.

4. The trail is incredibly well-built.

The challenging terrain the Lily Lake Trail crosses presents significant challenges to any trail builder. The Lily Lake Trail highlights TAMBA's dedication to building quality, sustainable trails. The trail meets established standards for slope and grade and incorporates clear slight lines

consistent with its multi-use designation so both hikers and bikers can enjoy it. The rocky tread surface and drainage features also reduce erosion issues.

5. The trail discourages unauthorized trail building.

As mentioned above, the demand for trails is increasing. Iconic locations like Angora Ridge and Fallen Leaf Lake are major points of interest for outdoor enthusiasts. The Lily Lake Trail provides a high-quality trail to access these locations. Without this trail, as the TRTA has witnessed in other locations without quality trails, users will create their own trails to the locations they wish to visit. These trails do not go through permitting and evaluation, do not meet trail construction standards, and result in numerous social trails crisscrossing the landscape. By creating the Lily Lake Trail, TAMBA has avoided this.

The Tahoe Rim Trail Association fully supports the approval of the Lily Lake Trail permit. We look forward to continuing to work with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and our partners to create a trail system that accommodates the growing number of recreational users in the Tahoe Basin and is sustainable on the landscape and for the flora and fauna that make the Tahoe Basin unique.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Steel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morgan Steel
Executive Director
Tahoe Rim Trail Association



Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association

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Jan 19, 2023

TRPA
PO Box 5310
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Dear TRPA Governing Board:

On behalf of the Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association members and volunteers I would like to express our wholehearted support for the Lily Lake trail. TAMBA is dedicated to the stewardship of sustainable, multiple-use trails and to preserving access for mountain bikers through advocacy, education and promotion of responsible trail use.

The Lily Lake trail is the culmination of diligent USDA Forest Service work to design, approve, and oversee the construction of an amazing opportunity for outdoor recreation in the Tahoe area. The trail was built with a large investment of TAMBA volunteer time and commitment. Construction activities followed USFS standards and guidelines for sustainable trails, and all work was supervised by leaders who had gone through USFS training. The trail was inspected by USFS personnel during construction and upon completion. Much of the trail is built with rock, or in very rocky soils which allows water to percolate through easily. The trail follows a curvilinear design and grade reversals were designed into the layout and construction to allow proper drainage and reduce erosion. A few of the advanced technical sections of the trail were built by professional trail crew. The trail is well built and provides challenge and beauty for all users. The construction standards mean that the trail will only require a minimal amount of regular maintenance.

This trail provides a much needed connection to allow trail users to access the Glen Alpine and Lily Lake trailhead area without a car. The majority of TAMBA members use the trail as a loop via Angora Ridge, Mule Deer or Rock Garden trails. Our experience is that most TAMBA members use the trail for a small time frame and do not stay in the area for longer periods. The trail is regularly used by hikers and runners and offers amazing vistas for all. We have not heard reports

of user conflict issues on this trail.

Outdoor recreation is booming throughout the USA and Lake Tahoe is a very popular destination. Trails like Lily Lake offer access to Tahoe's signature views and wilderness trailheads without the use of a vehicle. Trails such as Lily Lake provide an opportunity for all members of our community to access the amazing scenic views that Tahoe provides. Future trail planning for Tahoe area trails includes the principle of connected trails that will allow rider, hiker and equestrian access to many Tahoe outdoor areas. Trail planning also includes building, or relocating, trailhead access points away from residential areas when possible. The goal is to allow trail users to access connected trails directly from their homes, or vacation destinations, without having to use a car.

Thank you for your support for this amazing trail!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Drew Bray".

Drew Bray
Executive Director

Marja Ambler

From: Thomas Cooper <tomcooper@stanfordalumni.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 8:45 AM
To: Benjamin Cooper; Chris Cooper; Shannon Friedman
Subject: Angora to Lily Lake Trail (mountain bike and hike)

Dear TRPA,

I understand that correct procedure and review may not have been followed in building this trail which you are considering approving 1/25/23, and that you are inviting public comment.

However, I have hiked it a couple of times and am very impressed with its construction and am in favor of approving it.

I understand another trail is contemplated to go from the Lily Lake area on the slopes of Cathedral uphill west of or maybe to the Stanford Camp. As there are potable water sources in this area, I believe environmental review should be conducted before such a trail is built.

Sincerely,

Thomas Cooper
Forest Service Permittee
Stanford Tract, Fallen Leaf
tomcooper@stanfordalumni.org