

Nevada County 5th District Supervisor Hardy Bullock convened a stakeholder group last year to discuss ongoing concerns and potential solutions to recreational needs and conflicts in the Hirschdale area in unincorporated Nevada County, near Truckee. The stakeholder group has concluded, and a Final Report has been produced which is now available for public review. The Final Report includes recommendations for next steps and potential short- and long-term improvements of which the county is looking forward to continuing to work on with recreational partners in the area including the USFS and the State of California Fish and Wildlife and Hirschdale residents.

The following are anticipated timeframes for recommendations from the report:

- Management strategy
 - Maintenance associated with recreational activities including trash pickup – stakeholder participant groups discussed forming their own cleanup events. Meanwhile, the County will reach out to stakeholders regarding trash pickup after the reconstruction of the Hirschdale over Truckee River Bridge is completed in future years and additional recreational assets are developed.
 - Law Enforcement – with heightened awareness over the last year of the issues, law enforcement in the area has been increased.
 - Environmental monitoring to ensure that recreational use is not negatively impacting the Truckee River corridor is encouraged by all landowners in the area.
 - The County Board of Supervisors added Recreation as an Objective this year and as a result has clarified the County’s role in recreation which is to “Promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreational access, support health and safety, realize economic opportunities, and preserve natural resource asset.” Initiatives were also identified by the Board including developing a Recreation and Resilience Master Plan. More information on the Board’s Recreation Objective is available at <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/3476/Recreation>.

- Short Term Improvements
 - Tahoe Pyramid Trail (TPT) – there is a need to formalize an easement or other solution for one small section of the TPT. County staff will be assisting with this effort working with TPT representatives and the private property owner. Completion of surveys from the USFS and others will take a few months after which any easement negotiations or other solutions would also require time to complete. Depending on the ultimate solution, this short-term improvement is anticipated to take 3 to 9 months to complete.
 - Hirschdale Road over Truckee River Bridge – the county is currently working on revising plans to include providing access to the river from the bridge area including providing parking opportunities in the vicinity, road improvements and traffic calming measures. The bridge and associated river access and parking are anticipated to be completed within 2 years.

- Fishing interest groups and the Truckee River Alliance should work with California Fish and Wildlife to better define public property availability and access as well as protecting private property rights. This work could start now.
- The County is currently in the process of hiring a new position to assist with economic development and recreation objectives identified by the Board. This new position can oversee further evaluation over the next year of potential solutions including potentially enhancing access to State lands on the south side of the Truckee River in this area and can help monitor grants and other funding opportunities to do projects including potentially cleaning up the Truckee River between the study area and Floriston.
- County wide Recreational Planning effort
 - The County is currently in the process of preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) document for the development of a Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan. The RFP will ask for a broad overview of recreational needs in Nevada County and identification of currently identified needs (such as a need for parking and potentially a more formal trailhead in the Hirschdale area). Proposers will submit scopes of service for review and some of the plan outcomes will be dependent on feedback from the community via planned community outreach efforts. Potential outcomes from this plan could be to develop more specific plans if a need is determined and/or an assessment of the Truckee River watershed. A consultant is expected to be selected this year and the process will likely take a year or more to complete. This Plan will allow the County to prioritize needed improvements throughout the county and can assist any interested parties in applying for grants for those identified projects.
 - The Stakeholder group and anyone interested in participation and/or notification of recreational efforts can sign up now for email notification at: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/list.aspx>