

Request for Comments

Genoa Foothill Trail System

USDA Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Carson Ranger District

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Why we are proposing this project

The Carson Valley Trails Association (CVTA) has been working with the US Forest Service and public for many years to develop a trail system along the foothills of the Carson range. Smaller trail systems including the Jobs Peak Ranch and Fay– Luther Trail System have been completed in partnership with CVTA. While the district has many trails in backcountry and wilderness settings there are very limited opportunities along the urban inter-phase, where we are seeing increased demand for trail opportunities. This project would provide a longer trail system with loop opportunities and connection to the Tahoe Rim Trail from the valley. This will help meet the demand of a growing population and reduce impacts from user created routes and unmanaged recreation.

What we propose to do

This project will construct a new non-motorized trail system along the foothills of the Carson Range on the West side of the Carson Valley. The

trail will be open to non motorized uses including hikers, bicycles, equestrians and dogs. Dogs would be required to be on leash within 1 mile of trail access points and under voice control throughout the trail system. Trail access points will be Jacks Valley, Eagle Ridge, Clear Creek, Genoa, Sierra Canyon and Pine Basin (Off Kingsbury grade). Construction would be completed by a combination of contract and volunteers. See map for trail alignment.

Construction will likely occur in multiple phases.

1. Genoa to Eagle Ridge including Sierra Canyon and access to the TRT – 16 miles.
2. Pine Basin Area–2.5 miles
3. Jacks Valley Loop and connectors –9.1 miles
4. Clear Creek – 8.8 miles.

The project is located in the Carson Range West of the Carson Valley, Southwest of Carson City, NV., Legal Description: T 13N – T16N R18E-19E
See Attached Map

How we will figure out what to do

We will use any issues discovered from cultural and biological surveys, interdisciplinary input and the issues we receive from the public to design the foothill trail system to reduce impacts to the environment and to analyze the effects of implementing the project. Archaeological sites will be avoided.

After hearing from you, we will decide how to meet our goals and what measures we can take to reduce any negative effects.

How you can help us decide what to do

We want your input about this proposal. You can call or send letters to the address below. Comments we receive, including names and addresses, are part of the public record and are available through the Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide us your comments by January 20, 2010.

The decision to be made

The decision to be made is whether to construct all or some of these trails, potential realignments where resources must be avoided, and which non-motorized uses are allowed on each segment of the trail

We plan to cite a categorical exclusion to make this decision. This means that the decision will not be preceded with an Environmental Assessment, and will not be subject to appeal. Construction and reconstruction of trails (FSH 1909.15, Ch. 30, Sec. 31.2(1); 36 CFR 220.6(e) (1)).

We want to hear from you ...

If you would like more information or to comment on this proposal, there are two public meeting scheduled
Jan 10 – 6-8pm at Genoa Town Offices

Jan 12 – 6:30-8:30 at Jacks Valley Elementary

write or call:

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