

Keep Washoe Wild!

Mount Rose Corridor

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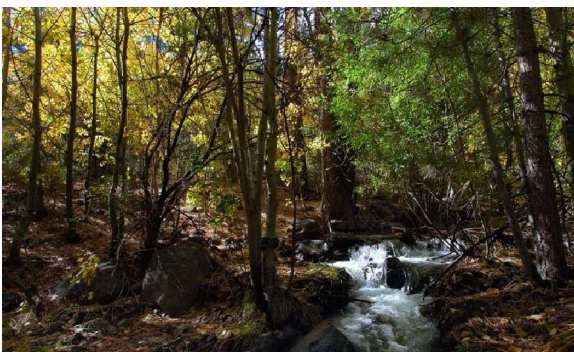


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Last Chance for Open Space

In the last twenty years, the Mt. Rose Corridor, the highway linking Highway 395 to the foot of Mt. Rose, has turned from mostly open space to develop on the way to development. New housing, Sierra Summit, local retail stores, a community college, a high school, and medical facilities have opened up welcoming the new growth and planning to serve it. Thousands of people will be living in the corridor and many will work there or visit. Many more will continue to use the Mt. Rose Highway as the entrance to hiking trails, skiing, visiting Lake Tahoe or returning to their homes at the Lake.

Each park and trail exists because someone identified the need for open space. Today in the Mt. Rose Corridor very little public space remains, except for Forest Service land. Negotiations with developers may yield additional parks or trails. There are Forest Service lands, almost surrounded by private lands, that the Forest Service would like to exchange or transfer. The Washoe County Parks and Open Space plan is our last chance to protect current open space for future generations.

Along the Sierra Front there are three major hiking trails near Reno: Jones Creek, White's Creek and Thomas Creek. A new trail, Brown's Creek trail, is being constructed off Joy Lake Rd. Galena Park is popular for picnicking and fishing at Marilyn's Pond. The new South Valleys Regional Park provides ball fields and a library.

What will residents want 20 years from now? Gather around maps, visit neighborhoods, talk to neighbors. Now is the time to act.

Issues:

- Rapid growth without an overall master plan for open space and natural resources.
- Urban interface issues of fuels management, wildlife protection.

Opportunities:

- Inventory public lands – Forest Service inholdings for future use
- Review private lands for opportunities for parks and trails.
- Get CABS involved in open space process.

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