



July 29, 2020

Dear Interested Individuals, Organizations, and Agencies:

Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space (Washoe County Parks) is seeking comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Riverbend Trailhead and River Access Path Project (Project). The Project would create a new public trailhead and river access point along the Truckee River. Key features of the Project include:

- a path made from a natural surface material;
- a 10-stall parking lot;
- pedestrian bridges over two intermittent streams;
- tie-in to a future portage area; and
- signage.

The Project is located next to the Truckee River in West Reno, on the south side of US 40, about 0.8 mile west of the traffic circle at Somerset Ridge Parkway in Washoe County, Nevada. The Project area is 8.3 acres within Section 9, Township 19 North and Range 18 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. A Special Use Permit from the City of Reno has been issued for the Project.

The Redhorse Corporation is an environmental consulting firm retained by Washoe County Parks to develop the EA and assist with the collection of public and agency comments. The EA discloses the potential environmental consequences of the Project to the public and identifies feasible ways to avoid and minimize adverse effects to the environment. It is expected that revisions to the EA will be made based on comments, as appropriate.

Washoe County Parks, in partnership with Nevada State Parks, will submit the EA as part of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application to the National Park Service (NPS) for federal matching funds to develop the Project. NPS will use the EA to determine whether impacts are significant to warrant preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement or less than significant to justify a Finding of No Significant Impact.

Comments are due on or before **September 2, 2020**, and can be submitted by mail or e-mail to:

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For comments submitted by e-mail, please place "Riverbend Trailhead EA Comments" in the subject line.



Questions regarding the Project or the commenting process can be directed to Nancy Kang at the e-mail address above or by phone (c)775.292.9354.

Sincerely,

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

Nancy Kang  
Senior Scientist/Project Manager

Attachment: *Environmental Assessment Riverbend Trailhead and River Access Path Project*

cc: Joanne Lowden, Natural Resource Planner, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space