

# TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

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## Take Part in Truckee River Day

Truckee, CA (August 21, 2017) – The 22nd annual Truckee River Day and Fair is Sunday, October 15th. So put on some sturdy boots, dig out your work gloves, and grab some friends. Together we will work to restore the Truckee River, its creeks and meadows.

For over 20 years, hundreds of Truckee River Day volunteers have been transforming the health and resiliency of close to 200 sites. Places like the Middle Martis Wetland, Perazzo Meadows, and Coldstream Canyon are now vibrant with native birds, wildflowers, and clean water. Year by year, project by project, the Truckee River Watershed Council spearheaded these efforts to restore, enhance and protect precious parts of our watershed that sustain the Truckee River.

From the earliest days of western expansion, our area was affected by poorly constructed roads, historic logging, grazing and mining, and other legacy impacts. Now 150 years later, severe erosion is polluting our waterways with excess sediment, native species are struggling, and habitat is degraded.

But here's the good news – people like you are working to reverse years of damage. Once complete, this year's Truckee River Day will:

- Restore acres of meadow and riparian wetland
- Restore streams where roads and trails used to cross
- Re-introduce native vegetation
- Provide habitat for native wildlife
- Reduce erosion to improve water quality
- Improve trails for hikers and bicyclists

To participate in this year's restoration projects, please visit [www.truckeeriverwc.org](http://www.truckeeriverwc.org). The deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 11th.

Volunteers have their choice of half or full day restoration projects with different levels of difficulty. There will be 10-12 projects including restoration along the Alder Creek portion of the Emigrant Trail, seeding and mulching at Elizabethtown in Martis Valley,

Aspen protection near Tahoe Donner, and tree planting near Dry Lake. Projects start at 9am or 11am and finish between 2pm and 3pm.

The River Fair will be from 1pm to 4pm at Granite Flat Campground, with a Lahontan Cutthroat Trout release at 3pm. The fair features fun environmental educational activities for kids and adults. This community event is presented in partnership with Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships. Food will be provided free of charge by Northstar California. Everyone is invited to the fair – even if you’re not involved in restoration projects.

The Watershed Council leads this important effort in partnership with the US Forest Service, Truckee Trails Foundation, Sugar Pine Foundation, Truckee Donner Land Trust, Truckee Tahoe Airport District, Glenshire Devonshire Resident's Association, and others.

Thank you to this year’s funders, including donors to the Truckee River Watershed Council, Vail EpicPromise and Northstar California, and the Truckee Tourism Business Improvement District.

To take part in this important community event, be sure to register at [www.truckeeriverwc.org](http://www.truckeeriverwc.org). Or contact Michele Prestowitz at [mprestowitz@truckeeriverwc.org](mailto:mprestowitz@truckeeriverwc.org) to find out more.

If you can’t participate in Truckee River Day and Fair, but want to support these efforts by making a donation, contact Brenda Gilbert at [bgilbert@truckeeriverwc.org](mailto:bgilbert@truckeeriverwc.org).

Either way, you’ll feel empowered knowing you took part!

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*Image: 165 volunteers helped to revegetate the restored area in Perazzo Meadows at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Truckee River Day in 2009. Credit: David Bunker*



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*Image: Volunteers surveyed for invasive New Zealand Mud Snails on the Truckee River in Tahoe City at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Truckee River Day in 2013. Credit: Stefan McLeod*



*Image: Volunteers surveyed several reaches of Martis Creek and mapped populations of the invasive aquatic plant Eurasian Milfoil at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Truckee River Day in 2015. Credit: Placer County*