



BY THE NUMBERS

28TH ANNUAL TRUCKEE RIVER DAY

10 Project Sites

7 Landowners

51 Group Leaders

335 Volunteers

15 TRWC Staff & Board Members

Truckee Digs Deep to Make Progress Possible Together

LINDSAY BRITTON

All the dirt on what makes the TRWC community and restoration volunteers so amazing!



A multi-generational approach to restoring native Sugar Pines in our forested ecosystems at Sawtooth.

On our 28th Annual Truckee River Day, October 15 of this year, our rockstar community showed up! Hundreds of volunteers worked side-by-side planting native species, enhancing fish habitat, building debris jams, stabilizing streambanks and planting native seed. Our wicked-awesome Group Leaders lit the way to ensure volunteers had the support they needed to make a real difference in progress towards a more resilient community, while helping our watershed weather what's next. **Thank you** to all those volunteers for all of their hard work, unwavering dedication to our community, and for just being you! Each year, it becomes more clear

that we have limited time to build more resilient natural conditions that can protect our homes, our businesses, and our ecosystems to withstand more intense weather. We need to protect our meadows that are working overtime to be able to absorb the flows from this year's record-breaking snowpack. We need to restore historically damaged streams to their best health, so they have the capacity to give back. And we need to treat forests in a way that balances public safety, recreation, and biodiversity. Truckee River Day is a key part of the restoration approach.

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Your actions make progress possible for a brighter tomorrow

Attend a River Talk

Like us, you love the river. And like us, you find it one of the most breathtaking places to hike, fish, swim or simply ogle. But behind the natural beauty, The Truckee holds some disturbing secrets. Come learn about The Truckee's troubled past—and why the watershed is the key to its future. Get a virtual tour of restoration projects. Meet fellow river-lovers. Find out what we are doing to restore it, why it's important to protect it, and how you can be a part of the solution to create a resilient watershed.

Contact Sue at 530.550.8760 x5
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Non-native Brown Trout, a species introduced in the late 19th century, surveyed in the lower reaches of the Middle Truckee River.

Adopt-A-Stream

Become a watershed scientist. Participate in important water quality monitoring efforts through our Adopt-A-Stream program. We train and equip you to monitor water temperature, measure conductivity and turbidity, assess chemical pH readings, evaluate dissolved oxygen, and collect nutrient samples.

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RSVP to the staff member listed.

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Become an Ambassador

Connect us with others who care about our meadows, forests, and streams! Invite 10 of your friends to a River Talk.

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Truckee River Day

Save the Date: October 13, 2024

Connect at the source. Work alongside family, friends, and your community to help restore our mountain home.

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Adopt-a-Stream volunteers monitoring water quality and aquatic habitat health.

28th Annual Truckee River Day Volunteer Spotlight



"It's important to me to be on the side that is doing something to counteract climate change. To be implementing solutions as well as to be visible in doing the implementing. To be taking action in the face of terrible odds. Habitat restoration is fully about addressing current day ecosystem problems and saying very loudly, 'I believe in tomorrow and I am doing something today to make tomorrow better.'" –Lisa Wallace

BELIEVE IN TOMORROW

Donner Lake Lagoon

Group Leaders: Angelique Karl, Rob Miller, CJ Rowe, Spencer Wood

In partnership with California State Parks, volunteers spread native seed and mulch to re-establish riparian plants and prevent erosion of nutrient-rich topsoil, and they planted willows to protect and reinforce the streambank.



DONNER LAKE LAGOON Volunteers of all ages construct willow wattles, cinching away to stabilize the banks of Donner Lake Lagoon.

Coldstream Wetlands and Ponds

Group Leaders: Jeannette Halderman, Michelle Peruzzi, Eben Swain

In partnership with California State Parks, volunteers planted sedges and other native wetland vegetation to increase soil stability, provide vital wildlife habitat and reduce erosion into tributaries of the Truckee River.



How Does My Gift Make a Difference?

Every dollar donated to the Truckee River Watershed Council matters. When you donate, your gift doesn't just help us keep the lights on – it is leveraged 5-10x in grants which fund implementation of our restoration projects. Each project requires building a partnership, planning, permitting, and engineering design before dirt can be moved or vegetation can be planted. Your \$50 donation grows to \$500 through grants! Interested in giving? Visit our website: www.truckeeriverwc.org/donate

28th Annual Truckee River Day

What a successful event – THANK YOU!

Stormwater Stenciling

Group Leaders: Drew Jack, Riley Powers

In partnership with the Town of Truckee, volunteers marked storm drains to support stormwater monitoring which protects water quality for our community and prevents sediment and other pollutants from entering our rivers and streams.

Sawtooth Tree Planting

Group Leaders: Tressa Gibbard, Amina Hughes, Grace McAndrews, Maria Mircheva, Heather Schwartz, Lorenzo Worster

In partnership with the Sugar Pine Foundation and the Tahoe National Forest, volunteers planted a diverse mix of native pine trees to improve forest resiliency.



SAWTOOTH TREE PLANTING Thumbs up to restoring forest species diversity in the Truckee River Watershed!



LOWER HOKE MEADOW LEFT: Vested volunteers stake a claim to improving watershed health. RIGHT: All caught up in the... willows? Volunteer twisted in revegetation and erosion control.

Lower Hoke Meadow

Group Leaders: Beth Christman, Michelle Deslauriers, Sharon Falvey, Erin Gaare, Mary Meagher, Jonathan Owens, Kyle Rosenblad

In partnership with the Tahoe National Forest, volunteers installed willow wattles for erosion control, planted willows for wildlife habitat and riparian stabilization, spread native seed to increase the density and diversity of wetland vegetation, and mulched the project to protect it through the winter.

Upper Lacey Meadow

Group Leaders: Brian Hastings, Jim Herzman, Daniel Joannes, Dave Shaw

With our partners, Tahoe National Forest and Truckee Donner Land Trust, volunteers planted willows and installed willow wattles to stabilize stream banks and increase riparian vegetation and wildlife habitat for native species like the Willow Flycatcher.

Tahoe Donner Tree Planting

Group Leaders: John Groom, Ben Gwerdner, Tony Lashbrook, Benjamin Levine, Leslie Loveland, Lindsay Ryan

In partnership with Tahoe Donner Association, volunteers planted Jeffrey Pines and Sugar Pines in Tahoe Donner to prevent erosion and increase species diversity.

Many hands
make
light work



WASHESHU CREEK Driving it home. Hardworking volunteers improve stream and meadow hydrology by constructing debris jams that slow and stabilize flows.

WaSheShu Creek

Group Leaders: Ed Heneveld, Dan Johnson, Susan Lisagor, Karen Sessler, Fred Zabell, Sam Zabell

In partnership with Olympic Valley Watershed Alliance and Trout Unlimited, volunteers improved woody debris jams along WaSheShu Creek and planted willows to stabilize eroding streambanks.



TRUCKEE RIVER WILDLIFE AREA: BOCA UNIT In it for the long haul. Our group leaders transport willow trimmings to cover freshly seeded streambanks.

Van Norden Meadow

Group Leaders: Rachel Durben, Emily Enoch, Teresa Garrison, Jake Hudson, Todd Rawlinson, Catherine Schnurrenberger

In partnership with South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL), volunteers built woody debris jams to slow high flows during snowmelt and spread water across the meadow to support meadow and wetland vegetation.



VAN NORDEN MEADOW Volunteers stabilize headwater stream banks with willow wattles.

Truckee River Wildlife Area: Boca Unit

Group Leaders: Lindsay Britton, Sarah Green, Tiffanee Hutton, Susi Urie

In partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, volunteers covered bare soils on the floodplain to prevent erosion and stream sedimentation and they planted willows to increase wildlife habitat and slow flows to capture more water and increase wetland area and species richness.

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All Hands On Deck

Progress toward watershed resiliency achieved in 2023

We have been a busy bunch with our watershed restoration projects. In 2023, we restored hundreds of acres of meadows, streams, and forests. Each staffer, partner, funder, volunteer, donor, and individual who believes in our mission, and takes action, provides a steppingstone towards a greener, wetter, and wilder place to call home. Here are some of our project successes:

Hoke Meadow

RESTORED: 25 acres of meadow

PARTNER: U.S. Forest Service - Tahoe National Forest

BENEFITS: restored connectivity between the creek and nearby Hoke meadow to protect existing spring-fed tributaries supporting the meadow.

Independence Creek Basin Forest

TREATED: 400 acres of forest

PARTNER: U.S. Forest Service - Tahoe National Forest

BENEFITS: increased resiliency in buffering the effects of wildfire, provided habitat for key species like the northern goshawk and protected headwater streams including the Little Truckee River.

Lacey Upper Meadow

RESTORED: 100 acres of meadow and 3500' of stream

PARTNERS: Truckee Donner Land Trust and U.S. Forest Service – Tahoe National Forest

BENEFITS: increased groundwater, sustained late season flows, improved floodplain connectivity, increased riparian vegetation, increased bird habitat for bird species like the bald eagle.



Three heads are better than one. Large scale restoration projects, like the one at Upper Lacey Meadow, are a big, dirty job requiring long hours of planning, design, and boots on the ground. Each fall, we celebrate the completion of more and more of these projects, increasing the magnitude of our progress toward watershed resiliency.

Snow Crest Tributary

RESTORED: 5 acres of meadow and enhanced 30 acres of Bear Creek Lower Meadow

PARTNERS: Alpine Springs County Water District and U.S. Forest Service – Tahoe National Forest

BENEFITS: reestablished floodplain connectivity, improved riparian habitat, improved water quality.

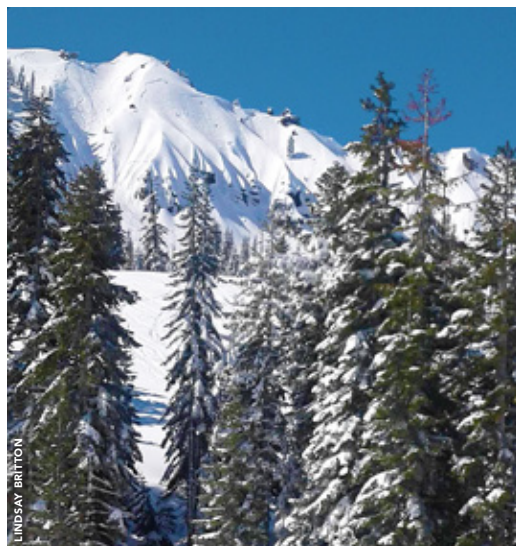
Truckee Wildlife Area – Boca Unit

RESTORED: 15 acres of floodplain

PARTNER: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

BENEFITS: re-connected floodplain, regained aquatic and riparian habitat, improved water quality and provided more sustainable access for fishing and recreation. *This project is part of our "Keep the Truckee River Wild" initiative with 14 projects identified for restoration along the main stem of the Truckee River. 12 more to go!*

It takes a dedicated team to do what we do. Thank you to the funders who made these 2023 project successes possible - the donors of the Truckee River Watershed Council, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California State Water Resources Board, California Wildlife Conservation Board, Community Foundation of Northern Nevada – Truckee River Fund, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.



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