



Euer Valley Use – Member Input Meeting December 18, 2011

At the Lodge Restaurant & Pub banquet room, 30 members assembled for the final Euer Valley town hall meeting. Director of Facilities & Risk Management Annie Rosenfeld reviewed:

- the purpose of the meeting
- historical uses of the Euer Valley
- the intent of the land purchase (conservation, recreation and fire management)
- member priorities - from surveys and the 2030 General Plan
- details of the Euer Valley purchase
- land use / zoning designation of the property
- map of the property and neighbors

A movie showing traditional uses of the property was played, and members offered the following thoughts:

- Questions about easement holders and their allowed activities. Concern regarding Tahoe Donner members wandering into the 7C's shooting range.
- Don't allow the general public except for the sheriff's search & rescue training.
- Various thoughts on how to measure and manage trails – stickers, animal counters, rangers, etc.
- Banning the general public from the Euer Valley could lead to resentment in Truckee. Unless there are examples of abuse, allow them. This approach has worked fine for other TD trails.
- Explanation of jurisdictions for Nevada County, Town of Truckee, etc.
- Don't allow any vehicles except for Tahoe Donner staff and shuttle buses.
- Limit or eliminate parking on Alder Creek Road to control access. Allow the general public, but don't promote it. Look at service similar to one in Jackson Hole where folks can be towed out of the trail system at specific times. Set up equestrian-only trails.
- Hesitant to allow overnight camping.
- Equestrian access should be managed through the equestrian center and we should have limited equestrian-only trails.
- Discussion of ADA rules and Tahoe Donner's legal obligations for access for people with disabilities.
- There is potential for a nice parking lot that would reduce or eliminate parking on the road. People won't park at the cross country center.
- As soon as the cattle operation is out of the Euer Valley, we can focus on stream bank remediation.
- Prosser Creek needs a lot of work. Grants might be available which would help pay for it.
- A new trail could be built down into the valley that isn't so steep.





Note: This document is a broad summary of the meeting and does not include every comment from every person. It is simply intended as a way for those not there to understand the general topics of discussion and general feedback of members.

Moving forward, a series of focus group meetings will be held in January and February to initiate a working group forum on the key points of Euer Valley including access, users, programming, and infrastructure needs. The focus group meeting objectives are twofold:

1. Prepare draft recommended rules for Euer Valley.
2. Prepare draft recommended uses for Euer Valley.

These recommendations will be heard by the board of directors at the February regular board meeting where there will be discussion as to the next course of action. The importance of membership participation cannot be emphasized enough. If you cannot participate in the focus group meetings, we encourage you to attend the regular board meetings or email euervalley@tahoedonner.com.

Future updates on the Euer Valley will be shared on TahoeDonner.com and in the Member News email newsletter. If you are a member that does not receive Member News but wishes to, please send a message to info@tahoedonner.com.

