

GIVING FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS:

TRUCKEE TRAILS FOUNDATION + THE SUGAR PINE FOUNDATION



TRUCKEE TRAILS FOUNDATION

Submitted by **ALLISON PEDLEY**, Executive Director

The Truckee Trails Foundation (TTF) is a community-minded non-profit organization whose mission is enhanced community, economic and environmental health through a world-class, interconnected network of trails and bikeways. Since opening its doors in 2002, TTF has worked closely with local partners including the Town of Truckee and Tahoe Donner Association to help make critical paved trails and bikeways a reality, with a focus on community connectivity. Likewise, TTF is working diligently with the United States Forest Service (USFS) to identify new dirt trail opportunities that will provide logical trail connections for non-motorized trail use, enabling a greater breadth of recreational opportunities in our community.



Of these projects, the Jackass trail network, located just south of Truckee off of Highway 89, represents a tremendous opportunity for sustainable trail recreation that would ultimately connect to TTF's grander vision for connectivity. Generous funding obtained through the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund (\$3,000) and the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation will be used to work with the USFS and private land owners to conduct environmental and cultural resources analyses. This work is a critical step that could enable the USFS to formally recognize the Jackass network as part of their official system, thereby also enabling funding for annual maintenance and permitted trails events. Every opportunity like this helps make Truckee a world-class trails community and visitor destination!

SUGAR PINE FOUNDATION

Submitted by **JENNIFER CRIBBS**, Program Manager

This year, the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund granted \$2,500 to support the Sugar Pine Foundation (SPF) and its planting efforts in the Truckee and North Tahoe region. Each year, SPF plants about 10,000 seedlings with the help of school groups and community volunteers. Sugar pines and other white pines are facing challenges from drought, climate change, bark beetles and an invasive fungus called blister rust. SPF collects seeds from healthy pines, tests them for resistance to blister rust and plants seedlings from resistant trees. SPF also organizes school plantings and educational events.



For example, in October 2017, North Tahoe Middle School students planted sugar pine seedlings, monitored sample plots and learned about forest ecology during Forest Health Field Day organized by Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships. Students enjoy being outside and making a difference. One student wrote, "We helped by planting sugar pines that can resist the disease." Another said, "I hope I can bring my family and see my sugar pines that I planted." Hopefully, those seedlings will grow large enough to disperse healthy blister rust-resistant seeds for years to come.

Join us for the spring planting season! Visit sugarpinefoundation.org to see our planting calendar, buy sugar pine seedlings and subscribe to our newsletter.

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