# **E-BIKE REGULATION UPDATE** BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 23, 2021





## **UPDATE PURPOSE**

- No action needed today
- Provide the board with an update on next steps for e-bike regulation
- Staff plan for summer interim period



## GOAL

#### **Project Goal**

Develop a rule change recommendation through a transparent process that includes regular member outreach. Any recommendation will be expected to be widely accepted, sensible and sustainable rule change built on an informed foundation.

- Widely Accepted = Wide acceptance by all major user groups (i.e. hikers, bikers, equestrian)
- **Sensible** = A rule change and policies that effectively address the issues
- **Sustainable** = Includes both sustainable environmentally and as a long-term rule/policy
- Informed = Based on facts and expert advice

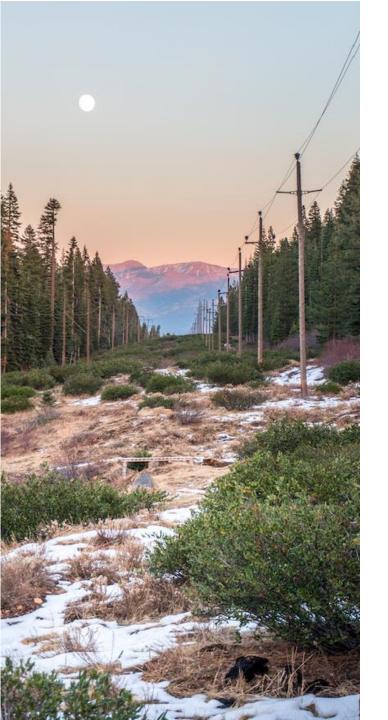
### **OUTREACH SUMMARY**

#### **Outreach Stage 1: Education and Communication**

- Webpage: tahoedonner.com/e-bike-rule
- Tahoe Donner News stories (January and February 2021)
- Dedicated Member Email, Inclusion in weekly eblasts
- Information Forums and online feedback form

Outreach Stage 2: Survey: 3,400 respondents, largest TDA survey ever





### **BOARD MEETING MARCH 12, 2021 SUMMARY**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIRECTION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Supports staff drafting rule change to allow for e-bike adaptive management approach
- Rule change to consider adaptive management of Class 1 e-bikes only
- Supports giving staff flexibility to manage trail system through adaptive approach taking small steps, monitoring and reporting along the way
- Completion of e-bike adaptive management plan which includes
  - Criteria for decision making
  - Detail on access/prohibition detailed by trail classification, i.e.. fire roads, single-track
  - Communication and messaging

### HOW DOES ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT MEET OUR GOAL?

**Widely Accepted** = Wide acceptance by all major user groups (i.e. hikers, bikers, equestrian)

• Flexible enough to allow fine tuning and adaptation in order to achieve wider acceptance over time through structured decision making

**Sensible** = A rule change and policies that effectively address the issues

- Gives management the flexible tools it needs to learn from experience and improve trail management for all user groups over time
- Addresses member desire to find some solution to expand access

**Sustainable** = Includes both sustainable environmentally and as a long-term rule/policy

- Gives management the flexible tools to evaluate environmental impacts and respond
- Sustainable as a policy because it is adaptable to changing conditions and needs

**Informed** = Based on facts and expert advice

- Adaptive management is considered best practice for land management, and is anticipated to be used in Tahoe Donner for all user groups and trail types in the future
- Consistent with other amenity and facilities management authority



#### **ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT**

PARTIAL/LIMITED/RESTRICTED E-BIKE USE ALLOWED



## MAJOR UPDATE SINCE LAST MEETING

- Tahoe District of US Forest Services approved 35 miles of trail for e-bike usage including Big Chief, Sawtooth and Donkey Town region.
- Began Recruiting for Director of Land Management and Open Space



# **MOVING FORWARD**

#### MANAGEMENT LEVEL

- Hire Director of Land Management & Open Space
- Education and communication campaign
  - Trail branding and culture development
  - Trail etiquette
  - Signage Approved 2021 Replacement Reserves Budget
- Continued efforts to disperse trail users across the trail system

#### POLICY/RULE LEVEL

- Observe Forest Service Access Change
- 2021 Work Plan Goal Open Space and Trails Master Plan

