
**Announcing a Workshop:
Roads and Road Management in the Tahoe Basin
June 13-14, 2013, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency - Stateline, NV**

Workshop Objectives



Un-surfaced, low standard roads in the Tahoe Basin provide access for recreation and wildfire suppression. They also provide access for management activities such as forest thinning, campground maintenance and restoration. The objectives of this workshop are: 1) to describe the functions of roads in the basin; 2) to examine the positive and negative environmental effects of roads; 3) to present road inventories prepared by the principal road managers; 4) to describe efforts underway to improve the environmental performance of roads; and 5) to present case studies on the economic benefits of roads, best management practices and monitoring.

Workshop Sponsors

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Northern California Society of American Foresters, Lahontan Water Qual. Control Board, University of California Coop. Extension, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, California State Parks Dept., California Geological Survey and US Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and supported in part by a grant from the Forest Service, State & Private Forestry.

Who Should Attend

Resource managers, landowners, environmental activists concerned about roads, road users e.g., recreationists, and agency personnel involved with regulating road-related projects and road users. The workshop is generally aimed at fostering an understanding of road uses and management in the Tahoe Basin, particularly in view of ongoing efforts to improve the environmental performance of roads.

AGENDA

June 13

8:00 Registration – sign in - refreshments

8:30 *Opening:* Dr. Richard Harris, NorCal Society of American Foresters

8:45 *Road Uses and Standards:* Gordon Keller, US Forest Service, Retired

9:30 *Tahoe Basin Regulations Affecting Road Management and Uses:* Doug Cushman, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and Mike Vollmer, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

10:15 am Break

10:30 *Impacts of Roads on Hydrologic Processes and Water Quality:* Drew Coe, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

11:15 *Ecological Impacts of Roads:* Sandra Jacobson, US Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 *Road Inventories in the Tahoe Basin*

1:30-2:15 *US Forest Service Roads*: Garrett Villanueva, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

2:15-2:45 *State Park Roads*: Michael Fuller, California Geological Survey

2:45 pm Break

3:00 *Road Upgrading and Decommissioning*

3:00-3:30 *Definitions*: Richard Harris, Nor Cal Society of American Foresters

3:30-4:15 *US Forest Service*: Jordan Burge, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

4:15-5:00 *Homewood Ski Area*: Kevin Drake, Integrated Environmental Restoration Services

5:00 pm Adjourn

6:30 pm Evening Session

6:30pm -8:30 pm *Discussion on Road-Water Quality Issues in the Tahoe Basin*

The goal of this session is to facilitate informal discussion between road practitioners and regulators on topics of concern. Staff from county transportation departments (Placer, El Dorado, Washoe Counties), Nevada DOT, TRPA, USFS and Lahontan are encouraged to attend.

Topics: Topics will be selected based on participants' interests. Potential topics:

- Application of asphalt grindings to stabilize roads – There will be a brief presentation by Gordon Keller reviewing of potential uses.
- Snow removal on unpaved roads
- Road abrasives used for traction during winter.
- US Forest Service county maintained roads
- Grading exemptions in SEZ

June 14

8:30-10:00 *Best Management Maintenance Practices*: Gordon Keller

10:00 am Break

10:15-11:00 *Prevention of Exotic Species Introduction*: Wendy West, UC Cooperative Extension

11:00-11:45 *Erosion Control Requirements*: Ethan Casaday, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

11:45-12:30 *USFS Monitoring*: Sue Norman, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

July 15th Field trip to North and West shore, July 30th Field trip to South shore

To register go to: <http://ucanr.edu/tahoeroadsfieldtrip/>

Registration

Registration is free but required. Please register on-line at <http://ucanr.edu/tahoeroadsregistration/>. For more information please go to the workshop homepage at <http://ucanr.edu/tahoeroads> or contact Dr. Richard Harris, rrharris2464@sbcglobal.net or (707) 685-5508.



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