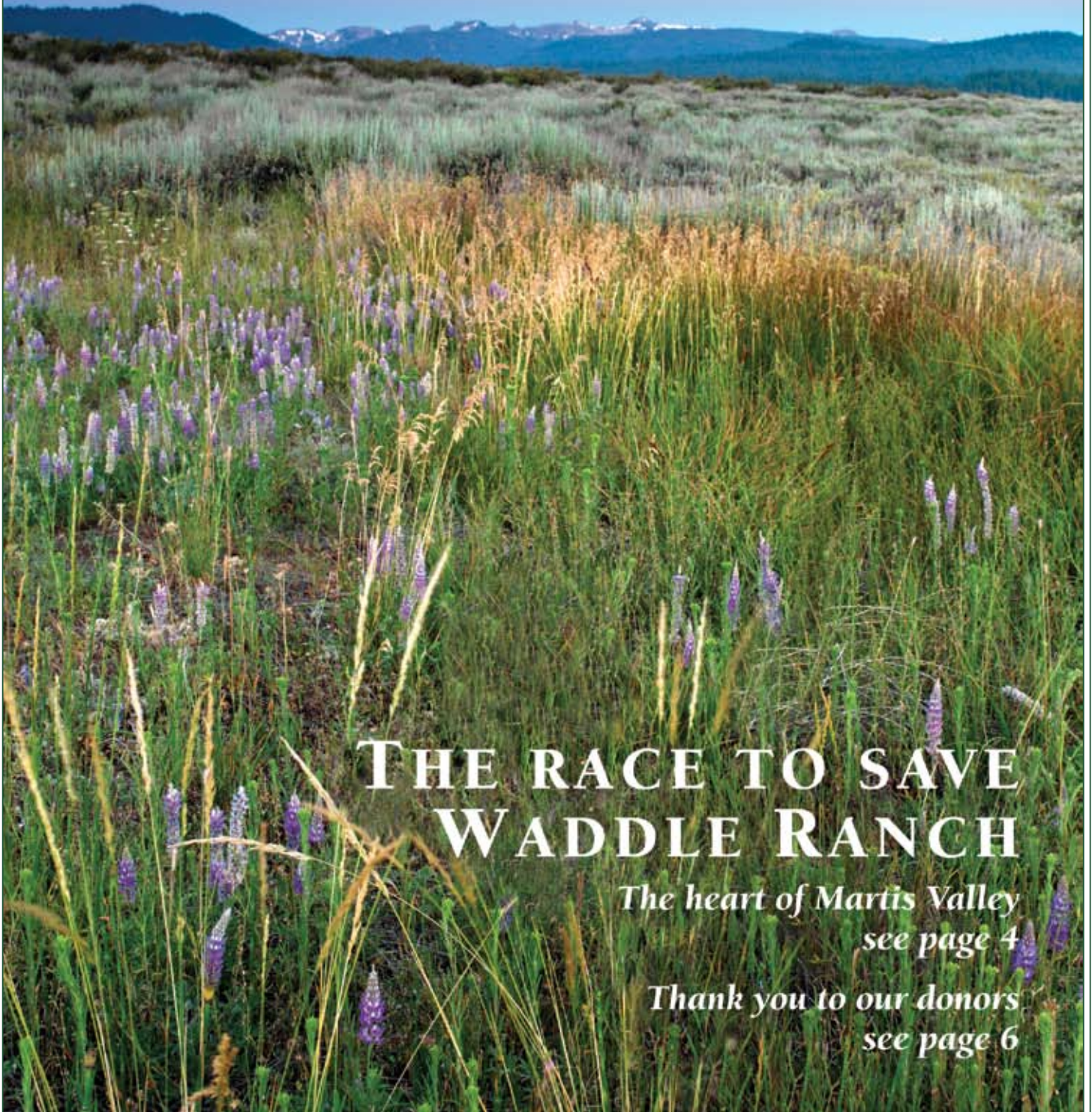


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THE RACE TO SAVE WADDLE RANCH

*The heart of Martis Valley
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The Heart of Martis Valley by Olof and Elizabeth Carmel of the Carmel Gallery – www.TheCarmelGallery.com.

SAVING THE HEART OF MARTIS VALLEY



East Martis Creek at the Martis Valley's floor and Waddle Ranch. Photo by Olof and Elizabeth Carmel of the Carmel Gallery.

Friends,

In this issue of our newsletter, we're announcing one of our largest and most expensive projects to date, the acquisition of Waddle Ranch. At the heart of Martis Valley, Waddle Ranch is a stunning 1,462-acre diverse landscape that has remained nearly unchanged for hundreds of years. We now have the opportunity to keep it that way forever.

A remarkable partnership of landowners, developers, government

agencies, nonprofit organizations and citizen groups has come together to protect Waddle Ranch.

But to succeed we need another partner: you.

We are in a race against time to raise the funds necessary to save Waddle Ranch and the incomparable Martis Valley.

In order to succeed, we need to raise \$2.5 million in private support by October 31, 2007. An investment from you and others will help us secure \$21.8 million in public and other funds, a nearly tenfold return.

Every gift made to protect Waddle Ranch preserves a bit of history, a stunning vista, a home for wildlife, and an opportunity to visit and enjoy high-country meadows and forest time and again. Your support will ensure that this unique property remains undeveloped, linking thousands of acres of adjacent open space where wildlife and people thrive. I hope you will join us in this historic effort.

Warm regards,

*Perry Norris,
Executive Director*



An existing trail linking Waddle Ranch to the adjacent Wildlife Refuge. Photo by Olof and Elizabeth Carmel of the Carmel Gallery.

PROJECT UPDATES

While the Land Trust's work in the Martis Valley is featured prominently in this issue of the newsletter, rest assured that the Land Trust continues to aggressively work to protect open space in the greater Truckee Donner region.

Perazzo Meadows

This nearly 1,000-acre alpine meadow is entirely surrounded by public lands north of Truckee and accessed by the Henness Pass Road. The property includes over two miles of the Little Truckee River and is just one mile north of other acquisitions the Land Trust recently completed near Independence Lake. We hope to have the property under contract this summer. The Land Trust is working with several partners on this important acquisition, including the Truckee River Watershed Council, the United States Forest Service, The Trust for Public Land and the State Water Control Board. A significant restoration effort is an important part of this project.



Perazzo Meadows and Mount Lola. Photo by Olof and Elizabeth Carmel of the Carmel Gallery.



The Eastern half of Negro Canyon which encompasses the acquisition. Photo by Tom Lippert.

Negro Canyon

The Land Trust closed on this 280-acre acquisition in December. Gregory Creek, a major tributary to Donner Lake, flows through the property and provides critical foraging for the beleaguered Loyaltan deer herd. The Land Trust received a grant from our friends at the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation to decommission a road causing significant erosion and construct a new trail linking the bottom of the Canyon to the Donner Lake Rim Trail. (See article page 16.)

Donner Summit

The Land Trust is close to purchasing a conservation easement on 23-acres behind Clair Tappan Lodge and near Lytton Lake. We continue as well to pay close attention to other proposed developments on the Summit and seek opportunities for conservation.

Truckee River Canyon

In April, The Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy closed on a 3,200-acre acquisition between Floriston and the stateline. Most of the acreage is now owned and managed by the California Department of Fish and Game, and five miles of river has been made available for the public to enjoy.



The Truckee River Canyon. Nearly everything in this photograph is included in the acquisition.

THE HEART OF



The misnamed Dry Lake at the northeast corner of the acquisition. Photo by Olof and Elizabeth Carmel of the Carmel Gallery.

Shortly after the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved the Martis Valley Community Plan in late 2004, the Truckee Donner Land Trust, in partnership with The Trust for Public Land, began negotiations to acquire 1,462 acres in the heart of Martis Valley known as Waddle Ranch.

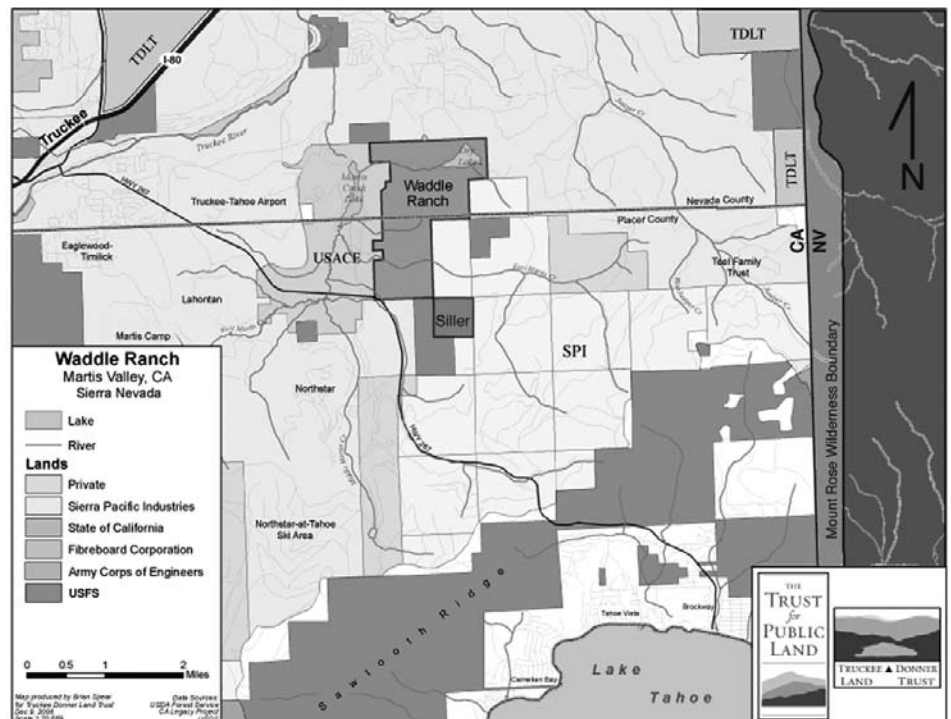
The property is now under contract for \$23.5 million, easily the most expensive acquisition the Land Trust has pursued, with a closing date of October 31, 2007. The fate of Waddle Ranch will be decided over the next eight months as the Land Trust and TPL work to assemble a funding package necessary to purchase and permanently protect the property.

The stakes are huge. "If we are not successful, another resort development in the Martis Valley is inevitable," said

David Brown, Land Trust Board member and Chair of the Lands Committee. During the past decade, other former working ranches in Martis Valley have been transformed into high-end luxury resort subdivisions. Waddle Ranch was a working cattle ranch until the early 1960's.

The Land Trust and TPL are assembling the funding from multiple private and public partners. Funding has already been secured from four sources including the Truckee Tahoe Airport District, the State of California's Sierra Nevada Cascade Grant Program and Placer County. The State Wildlife Conservation Board, will consider a \$6.5 million grant at its May Board meeting. The property scored exceptionally high during its review by the WCB staff, a prerequisite step before submission to the Board.

The sum of funding from these sources is close to the contract price, but to close the gap, TPL and the Land Trust must raise \$2.5 million from private individuals and have launched a capital campaign to meet this goal. Early and significant support from the thousands of California residents that pass through Martis Valley annually



Map courtesy of Brian Spear.

MARTIS VALLEY

will ensure that this important property is protected in its natural state for the enjoyment of future generations.

“This opportunity is the culmination of six years of work by a coalition of public and private partners, including landowners, developers, government agencies, nonprofits, and citizen groups,” said Perry Norris, Executive Director of the Truckee Donner Land Trust. “If successful, this effort will set a precedent for cooperation between non-traditional partners who share a common interest in preserving quality of life in the Sierra.”

With the approval of the Martis Valley Community Plan in 2004 by the Placer County Board of Supervisors, Martis Valley was given entitlements for extensive development, including plans for more than 6,000 new condominiums and townhouses and five new golf courses. A coalition of environmental and civic organizations, led by Sierra Watch and the Mountain Area Preservation Foundation, united to oppose the entitlement plan and together with the developers of Northstar, Martis Camp, and Timilick Tahoe, worked to broker a conservation-oriented agreement that would benefit residents of the valley as well as the many thousands of visitors it attracts each year. This landmark agreement will protect the valley north of Highway 267 while allowing development to the south, adjacent to existing developments and nearby Northstar.

“Waddle Ranch is the cornerstone property on the north side of Highway 267,” said Sara Taddo, Land Conservation Director of Truckee Donner Land Trust. “Its protection is critical to

the future of Martis Valley. In addition to its size and location, the ranch is the valley’s most biologically diverse property. We can not afford to lose its scenic, ecological, and cultural resources.”

If protected, Waddle Ranch will provide miles of new cross-country skiing, hiking and biking trails, enabling the public to access the Tahoe National Forest, Martis Creek Lake National Recreation Area, and Mount Rose Wilderness Area. Its protection will also contribute to the creation of a 10-mile open space corridor for wildlife movement and recreation.

The Morgan Family Foundation has provided a key lead gift of \$500,000. “The future of Martis Valley hangs in the balance,” said Becky Morgan, a former State Senator and President of the Morgan Family Foundation.

The Land Trust and TPL are also pursuing a 160-acre acquisition that borders Waddle Ranch to the southeast.



The historic road on the Ranch offers great hiking and mountain biking as well as connecting to a number of other trails. Photo by Olof and Elizabeth Carmel of the Carmel Gallery.

Waddle Ranch- Martis Valley Biological Facts

- Waddle Ranch is comprised of 1,462-acres in the Martis Valley east of Truckee. It is the gateway to the Mt. Rose Wilderness Area and the transition zone from the Sierra Nevada to the Carson Range.
- Waddle Ranch is located adjacent to and east of the Martis Creek Lake National Recreation Area, a federal Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 2,000-acre wildlife refuge.
- Waddle Ranch is contiguous to a habitat corridor that extends south from Waddle Ranch to Sawtooth Ridge, further west into Martis Valley, and east to the Juniper Creek watershed and the Truckee River Canyon. This area is part of a larger 20,000-acre wildlife corridor that extends to the Gray Creek watershed at the stateline, and up to the Mount Rose Wilderness Area in the Carson Range.
- Martis Valley is the largest montane meadow and functional wetland in the eastern Sierra Nevada between the Mono Lake basin and the Sierra Valley. It supplies a major aquifer for fresh water resources and provides water resources for wildlife habitat.
- Waddle Ranch is winter range for the Loyalton Truckee mule deer herd that migrates to the Martis Valley for forage and habitat.
- Waddle Ranch includes the lower reaches of East Martis Creek, a wild tributary to the Martis Watershed at Martis Creek Lake and a popular fishery near Truckee.
- Waddle Ranch contains the misnamed Dry Lake. This 50-acre lake is a migration destination to a host of waterfowl and migrating bird species including bald eagles, sandhill cranes, mallards, loons, and many other duck species. These birds can be seen at Dry Lake in the spring, summer, and fall.
- The forested half of Waddle Ranch is a mature and healthy stand of Jeffrey pine and ponderosa pine with stands of old growth sugar pines at the highest elevations. The mature stands of pine afford viable habitat for rare mammal and bird species including pine marten, Sierra Nevada red fox, black bear, northern goshawk, and great gray owl.
- Waddle Ranch is a scenic view-shed enjoyed by 4.5 million travelers on Highway 267 annually (Cal-Trans, 2004.)

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IN MEMORY OF...

Matt Rusanoff



Community leader, activist and volunteer, Matt Rusanoff died unexpectedly in late February. He was 35. Matt was a whirlwind of seemingly indefatigable energy. Everything Matt did he did with vigor and passion. He lived life to the fullest while wholeheartedly embracing an ethic of service above self. He served for years on the Land Trust's Board of Directors, the Town's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee and was a past president of the Truckee Noon Rotary. Matt truly loved the Truckee community. Having been raised in Truckee, he was passionately committed to protecting what is essentially and uniquely Truckee. His life was dedicated to making the community a better place.

Matt's energy, keen intellect, quick wit and sense of humor will be remembered by everyone who knew him. He was truly a shining star of Truckee.

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Nathan Krissoff

Nathan Krissoff, a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corp, was killed in Iraq in early December. Nathan was born in Truckee and was the son of Bill and Chris Krissoff, long time Land Trust supporters.

After graduating from Williams College, where Nathan captained the swim team, he joined the Marine Corps in 2004. Nathan was greatly affected by the events of 9/11 and wanted to work on the "front line" to fight in the global war on terror. He was a counter intelligence officer assigned to the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. He was killed in combat in al-Abar province.



Nathan was a member of the US Junior National Wildwater Kayak Team and represented his country at two world Championships in Europe.

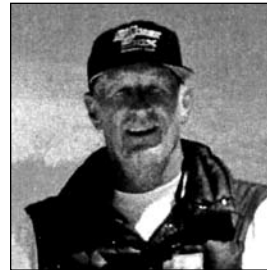
He loved his family, Country and the US Marine Corps. He will be remembered for his intelligence and sharp wit, for his charisma and kindness to his fellow athletes and Marines. His passion and commitment were truly inspirational to the people who knew him and specifically to the Marines he served with and commanded. His choices were shaped by an uncommon intelligence and a truly profound sense of principle, purpose and duty.

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Bill Durland



W.R. "Bill" Durland and his wife, Iris, retired to Truckee in 1989. Bill loved jazz, skiing, hiking, bicycling and most of all, his home in Truckee.

He is survived by his wife, Iris, and seven children and 18 grandchildren. Bill also is survived by his sister, Terri, and her family.

We are honored that Bill's family generously established a memorial fund in his name with the Land Trust. He will be missed.

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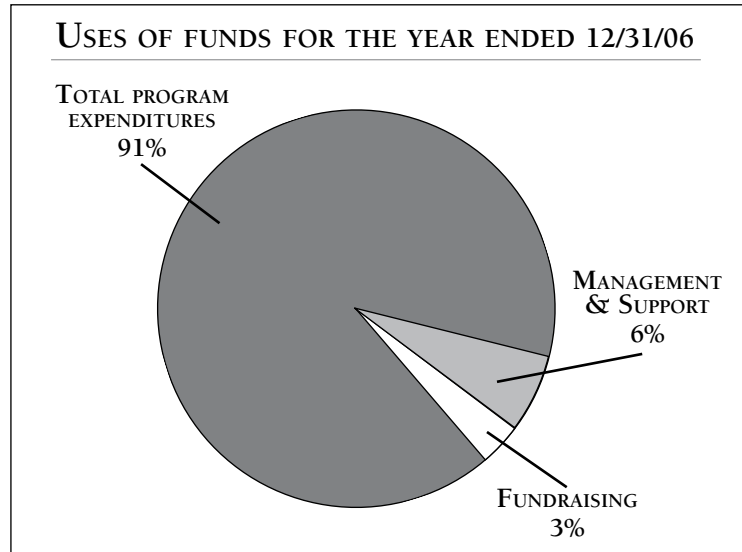
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SUMMARY OF LANDS CONSERVED

For the year ended 12/31/06		Total from founding (1990) to 3/31/07	
Number of Projects Completed	8	Number of Projects Completed	29
Acres	3,066	Acres	11,020
Fair Market Value	\$6,970,000	Fair Market Value	\$20,330,000



Billy Mack Canyon, acquired by the Land Trust in 2006. In the distance, Schallenberger Ridge, acquired in 2002.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

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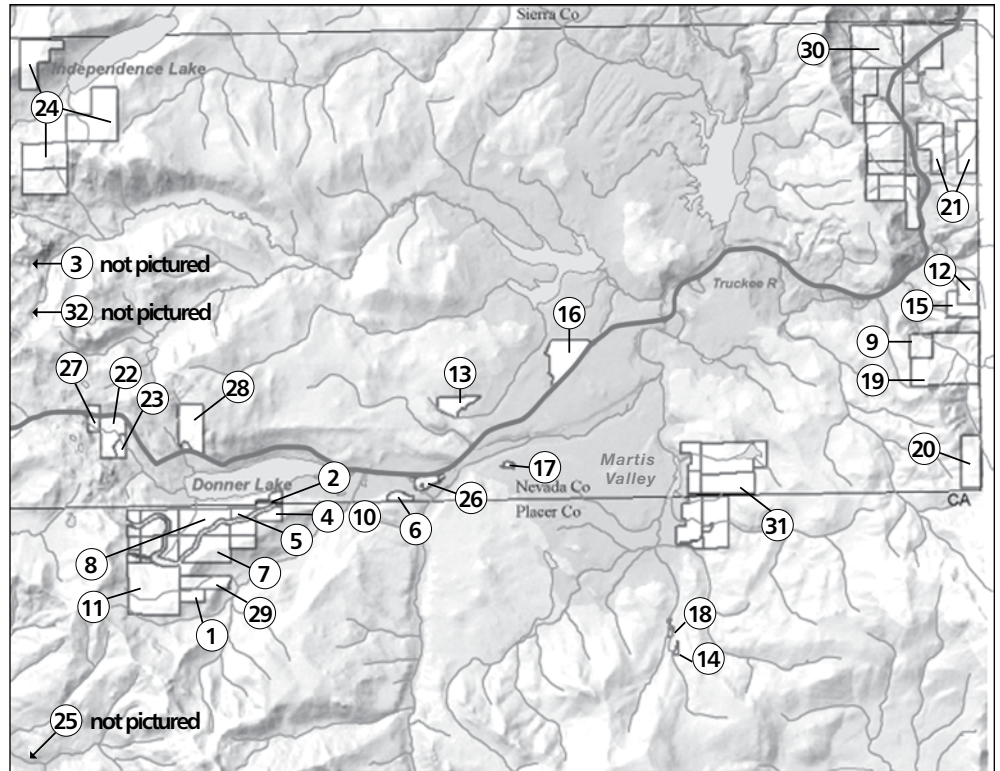
	Acres
1 Emigrant Canyon	80
2 China Cove	32
4 Schallenger Ridge East	64
5 Schallenger Ridge North	3
7 Schallenger Ridge Phase I	750
8 Lakeview Canyon	470
10 Schallenger Ridge East II	6
11 Schallenger Ridge Phase II	700
29 Emigrant Canyon East	155

Truckee River Corridor

9 Gray Creek Canyon	135
12 Gray Creek Canyon	141
15 Gray Creek Canyon	122
19 Gray Creek- Juniper Hill	700
20 Gray Creek- Burned Hill	245
21 Floriston East & West	482
30 Truckee River Canyon	3,200

Truckee Open Space

6 Jackass Ridge	36
13 Pineforest	130
16 Old Greenwood North	247
17 Wintercreek Wetland	17
22 Billy Mack Canyon	189
23 Billy Mack Flat	52
26 Sierra College Campus- McIver Hill	73



Sources: Placer County, Nevada County, CA Department of Fish and Game.

27 Upper Billy Mack Canyon	57
28 Negro Canyon	280
Sierra Nevada Checkerboard	
3 Pitcher Plant Bog	10
24 Carpenter Ridge & Independence Lake	1,810
25 Snow Mt- N Fork American River	650

32 Milk Lake (not yet completed)	477
Martis Valley	
14 Northstar-at-Tahoe	8 of 47
18 Northstar Prop Owners' Association	14
31 Waddle Ranch (not yet completed)	1,462

STEWARDSHIP *Restoration effort to commence in Negro Canyon*

Truckee Donner Land Trust will undertake a substantial restoration effort in Negro Canyon this summer to improve water quality and habitat. The Land Trust closed on 280 acres comprising the entire eastern portion of the Canyon at the end of 2006.

Gregory Creek runs through Negro Canyon and is the primary northern tributary to Donner Lake. It is a heavily eroding canyon due to its soil type, exposure to harsh weather events, and fire history. It is also relatively young in geological terms, mostly comprised of brittle, volcanic substrate. The Canyon is steep, and in large storm events, Gregory Creek floods, releasing

tremendous amounts of sediment into Donner Lake.

Negro Canyon contains a popular access trail to the Donner Lake Rim Trail. The access trail is actually an old roadbed built for logging and is a major cause of erosion in the Canyon. The Land Trust and the Truckee River Watershed Council will be partnering to decommission the roadbed and construct an alternative trail, thanks in part to a generous grant from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation's Nature Fund.

The new trail, to be called Wendin Way in honor of founding Land Trust Board member Dan Wendin, will be just slightly east

of the existing roadbed, on a natural bench further away from the waterway and will be built according to State Park standards.

Contact John Svahn at the Land Trust if you're interested in volunteering to help build this new link to the Donner Lake Rim Trail.



Land Trust Conservation Director, Sara Taddo, taking notes in the field.

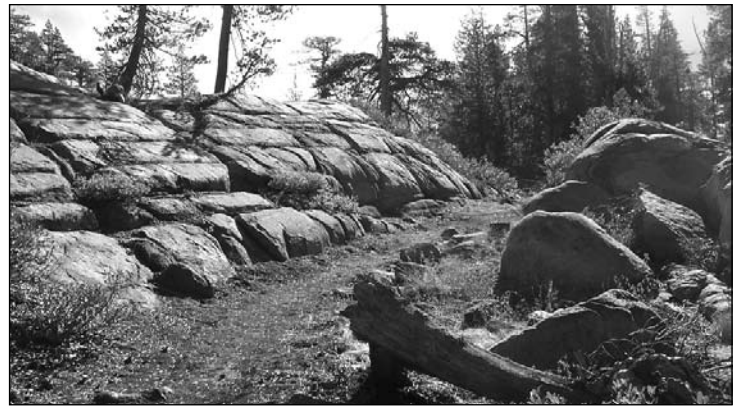
DONNER LAKE RIM TRAIL UPDATE

It's trail building season on the Donner Lake Rim Trail!

The lean snow pack of the past winter has given us a chance for an early start to working on the Donner Lake Rim Trail. The 23-mile trail that will form a loop high above Donner Lake already has almost fifteen miles completed, eleven of which are open to all non-motorized travel. With the work completed last year, and the trail already permitted to be built by the Forest Service, we hope to open another five miles by the end of this summer!

In 2006 a new section of the trail linking Castle Valley to Summit Lake on Donner Summit was constructed and is currently awaiting final approval from the Forest Service. This section offers

beautiful views of Castle Peak and points east including Schallenger Ridge, Billy Mack Canyon, and parts of Truckee. It runs through classic Sierra Landscape, traveling by gnarled Junipers and ice-scoured granite formations. The trail also provides a crucial link between the Tahoe Donner subdivision and Donner Summit. This allows hikers from Truckee on-trail access to the Pacific Crest Trail, and allows mountain bikers a single-track route from Truckee to the popular Hole-in-the-Ground trail. There is also a new trailhead kiosk at the Donner Summit PCT trailhead providing information



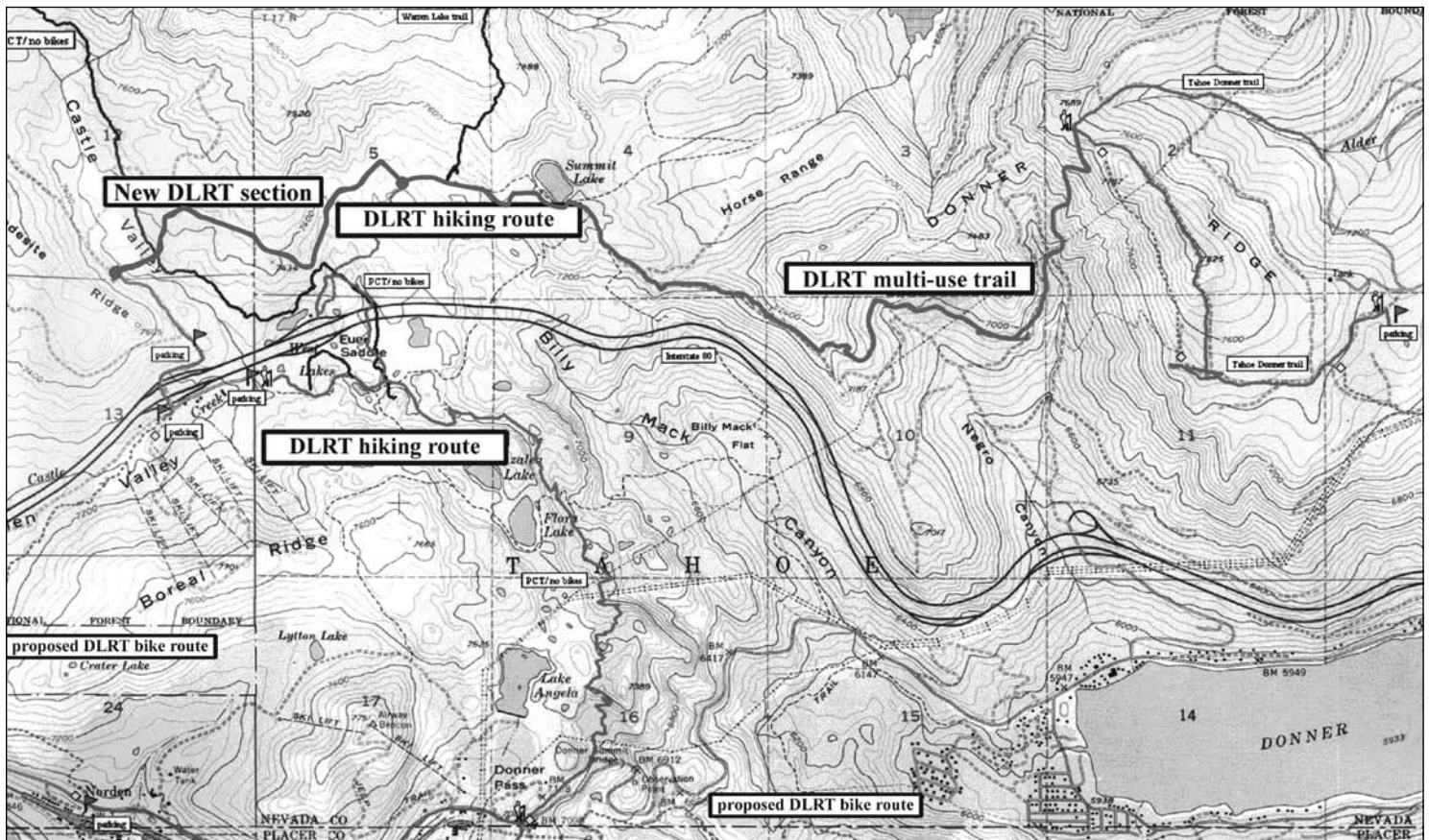
The new section from Summit Lake to Castle Valley will open in June.

as well as listing our Adopt-a-Quarter Milers. Thanks to all who volunteered on the trail in 2006.

Plans for 2007 include building a new section from the Tahoe Donner Drifter Hut trailhead east along the ridgeline, and building a new access trail up to the Rim Trail from the Negro Canyon trailhead. The Land Trust is currently organizing trail building dates for this summer. Come on out with your friends, family and co-workers, and build some trail!

Join us! Help Build the Donner Lake Rim Trail

Available dates: May: 12, 13 • June: 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 • July: 1, 14, 15 • August: 4, 12
September: 9, 15, 29, 30 • October (weather permitting): 6, 7, 21, 27, 28



TRAILS & VISTAS

4th Annual - "Passages" - September 9, 2007

Trails and Vistas is a unique art event that offers the Truckee and North Lake Tahoe community an original art production that involves dance, music, and installation art on a hike through the beautiful landscape of the Sierra. Talented performers and artists collaborate together to offer a wonderful experience in the environment through the arts.

The event is co-sponsored by the Truckee Donner Land Trust,

InnerRhythms Dance Theater and Arts for Schools.

We hope to see you at the 4th annual Trails and Vistas! For more information, please call Kellie Wright 530-582-4711 or visit www.trailsandvistas.com.

Interested in performing or volunteering for Trails and Vistas or would like to become a sponsor call Nancy Lopez at 530-550-8262.

BOARD UPDATE

Welcome Tom Van Berkem; many thanks to Tam Lieberman & Scott Ryan

The Land Trust Board of Directors is pleased to announce that J. Thomas Van Berkem has joined the Board. Tom and his wife Cathy live full time in Northstar. Before retiring, Tom was Vice-President of Human Resources at Wellpoint Health Networks. Prior to joining the Land Trust Board, Tom served on the Truckee Tahoe Airport District's Advisory Committee. Tom and Cathy enjoy hiking and traveling.

Tom said of joining the Land Trust, "Preserving the very reason most everyone that lives in the Truckee Tahoe region chose this area is a vital necessity. I can't think of a thing I would rather do than help with this special mandate and mission."

After over six years of service, Tamara Lieberman and Scott Ryan have left the Board. Tamara

served as the Chair of the Board Development Committee and recruited most of the current Board. Scott served as Board President and as Chairman of the Lands Committee. Tamara and Scott were key leaders in overseeing the Land Trust during a period that it greatly expanded the size and scope of its acquisitions.



J. Thomas Van Berkem

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CUT OUT CALENDAR OF 2007 SUMMER HIKES, EVENTS, AND TRAILBUILDING ON THE DONNER LAKE RIM TRAIL

May 12 – DLRT Trail building

May 13 – DLRT Trail building

May 26 – Wildflowers at Sagehen Meadow Hike

June 2 – DLRT Trail building

June 3 – DLRT Trail building

June 9 – Wildlife of Waddle Ranch

June 9 – DLRT Trail building

June 10 – DLRT Trail building

June 16 – DLRT Trail building

June 17 – DLRT Trail building

June 23 – Negro Canyon, Donner Lake Rim Trail & Frog Lakes Cliffs

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June 24 – DLRT Trail building

July 1 – DLRT Trail building

July 14 – DLRT Trail building

July 15 – Billy Mack Canyon

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July 21 – Razorback Ridge to Crow's Nest

July 28 – Sugar Bowl to Squaw Valley Hike

August 4 – DLRT Trail building

August 11 – Palisades Trail to Devils Peak Petroglyphs

August 12 – DLRT Trail building

September 9 – Trails and Vistas

September 9 – DLRT Trail building

September 15 – DLRT Trail building

September 29 – DLRT Trail building

September 30 – DLRT Trail building

October 6 – DLRT Trail building

October 7 – DLRT Trail building

October 21 – DLRT Trail building

October 27 – DLRT Trail building

October 28 – DLRT Trail building

Call John Svahn at 582-4711 to schedule a Trailbuilding day.

SUMMER HIKES & WALKS

Back by popular demand, the Land Trust is very pleased to again offer its members a slate of very cool hikes, all free of charge! Call the Land Trust at (530) 582-4711 or check our website at www.tdlandtrust.org for more information or to sign-up. Register early as most hikes do fill. We hope to see you on the trail!

Please bring ample water, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes for all hikes!

May 26, Sunday – Wildflowers at Sagehen Meadow

Witness the explosion of colorful fields of wildflowers on this annual hike led by Judy Mayorga at Sagehen Meadow. This is a good walk for kids. Last year 44 species of wildflowers were spotted! Enjoy hunting for wildflowers all the way out to the Camas Fields. **Hike Level & Distance:** Some easy, rolling hills - about 2 1/2 miles out, 5 miles round trip. To facilitate wildflower spotting. **Limit 15 people.**

June 9, Saturday – Wildlife of Waddle Ranch

Join David Brown on a wildlife viewing hike in Martis Valley. The hiking within Waddle Ranch to Dry Lake is moderate terrain with only a 300' elevation gain. Sun exposure is predominant on a good portion of the trail. **Hike Level & Distance:** 6 miles, easy to moderate with some elevation gain. **Limit 15 people.** We ask that you leave your dog at home due to the wildlife viewing opportunities.

June 23, Saturday – Negro Canyon, Donner Lake Rim Trail & Frog Lake Cliffs

John and Elizabeth Eaton will lead this medium to moderate hike from Tahoe Donner to Summit Lake. The first 2/3 of the hike has spectacular panoramic views and many wild flowers. The last part is through a peaceful forest. Castle Meadows to Frog Lake Cliffs is strenuous but offers great views. **Hike Level & Distance:** The distance from Glacier Way to Summit Lake is 6.2 miles. From Summit Lake back to the cars is 2 miles, for a total distance of 8.2 miles. Another 4 miles can be hiked at this point. Well-behaved dogs are welcome, but if you bring a dog, be sure that their paws are adapted to our rocky terrain.

July 15, Sunday – Billy Mack Canyon

Bet you've never seen the trout in Frog Creek or the wildflowers in Billy Mack Flat! Why? Because this scenic Canyon had been closed to the public. Join Sara Taddo and be one of the first in exploring one of the Land Trust's most recent and exciting acquisitions! **Hike Level & Distance:** Strenuous 5 mile loop. **Dogs welcome.**

July 21, Saturday – Razorback Ridge to Crow's Nest

John and Heather Svahn will lead this exciting hike starting at Ice Lakes Lodge, climbing to Razorback Ridge, continuing to Crows Nest Peak leading ambitious hikers up to the summit, and then descending back to Ice Lakes Lodge on the third leg of a triangle. Those who want to could then have lunch at the Lodge. **Hike Level & Distance:** Moderate to strenuous 6 mile loop.

July 28, Saturday – Sugar Bowl to Squaw Valley

Join Perry Norris and Stan Wingate for our fifth annual hike over this breathtaking skyline trail. Enjoy the wildflowers and the never-ending vistas along this exceptional crest of the Sierra. Shuttle will be arranged to Lake Mary. Bring lunch. **Hike Level & Distance:** Strenuous 17 miles with major elevation changes. **Limit 20 people.**

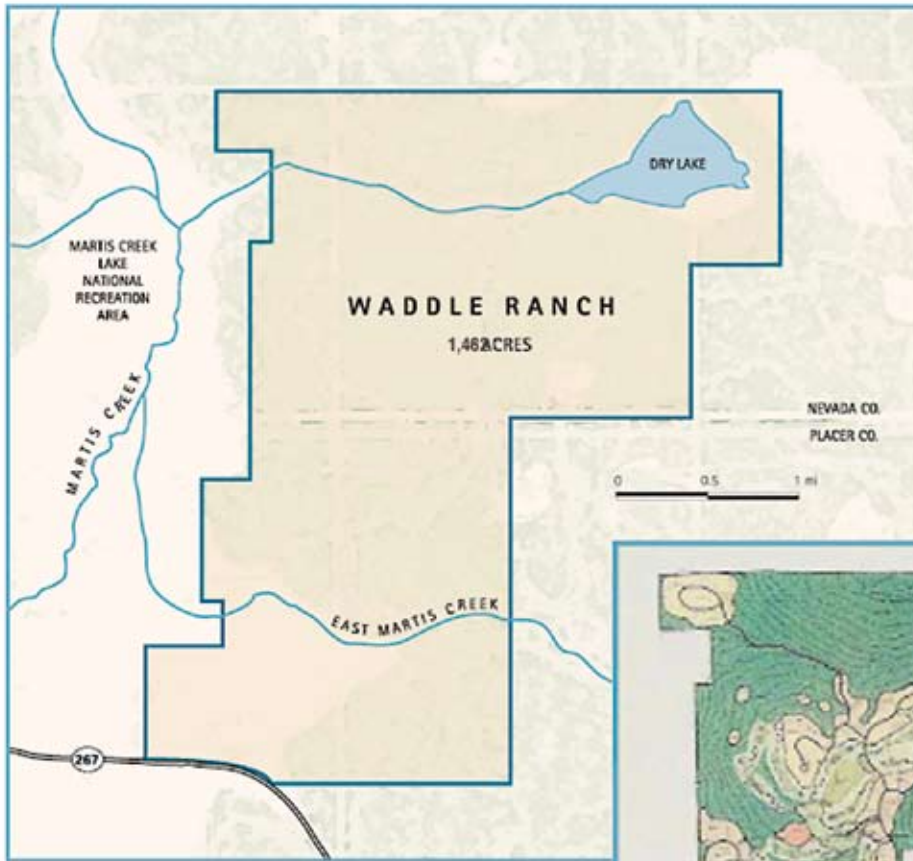
August 11, Saturday – Palisades Trail to Devils Peak Petroglyphs

Join Tam Lieberman on an expedition to see the Martis Indian petroglyphs on Donner Summit. Bring a snack and/or lunch to enjoy on the banks of Long Lake. It is a short distance from Long Lake to the cars. **Hike Level & Distance:** The hike is medium level with some ups and downs but not strenuous. 2-3 hours with breaks and lunch.



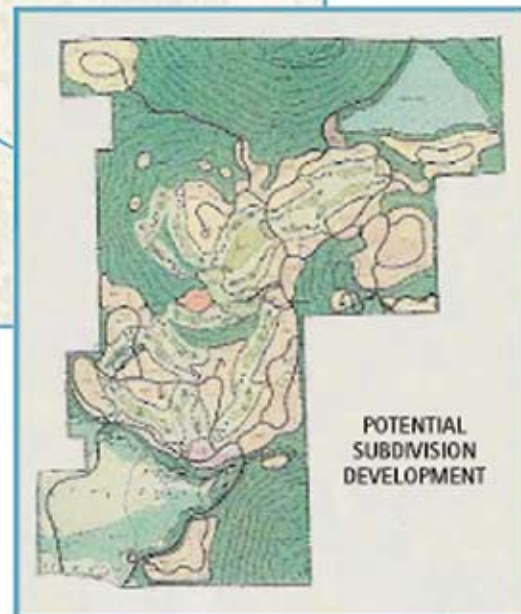
Join us for a hike across Waddle Ranch which will include a visit to Dry Lake. We should have plenty of opportunities to see wildlife. Photo by Olof and Elizabeth Carmel of the Carmel Gallery.

THE FATE OF WADDLE RANCH IS IN OUR HANDS



Top: Open space and trails available to the public.

Right: A resort subdivision and golf course.



**POTENTIAL
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The east fork of Martis Creek on Waddle Ranch. Photo by Olof and Elizabeth Carmel of the Carmel Gallery.

A heartfelt thank you to our lead donors to Waddle Ranch

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The power and beauty of the Sierra is remarkable – and ours to protect. It is both a privilege and an obligation to safeguard natural treasures such as Waddle Ranch before they are squandered in our lifetime. Our hope is that future generations will pass here and never suspect the meadows, forest, and streams were once threatened by development.

Help us swing the gate to Waddle Ranch open. Photo courtesy of Olof and Elizabeth Carmel of the Carmel Gallery.



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