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Announcing another new acquisition

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I am glad to report that despite the recent turmoil in the real estate and financial markets, your Land Trust had a strong finish to the 2008 calendar year. More importantly, prudent financial choices implemented by staff and the Board have positioned the Land Trust to continue the important conservation work that you have entrusted to us.

Rather than retrenching during these recessionary times, as many non-profit organizations have been forced to do, we are positioned -- with your continued support -- to take full advantage of exciting new conservation opportunities that are blossoming from the current economic uncertainty. Indeed, at its last meeting the Land Trust Board approved three new projects, with several others on the horizon.

With the Waddle Ranch and Perazzo Meadows acquisitions now complete, we have turned our sites to equally ambitious projects. We are presently in negotiations or under contract to protect



Perazzo Meadows, acquired in 2008. The Land Trust will be building a new trailhead and trail for improved river access. Photo courtesy of ElizabethCarmel.com.

an additional 20,000 acres of wild lands. Looking back at old lists and maps of our conservation priorities, I am amazed by how many of these projects are now complete. But we are not resting on our laurels. Our pipeline of projects and ideas remains full. Some will be completed quickly, such as our recent acquisition of Perazzo Meadows, while others can take years of negotiation, partnering and fundraising.

Along with our success comes a growing responsibility for the Land Trust to steward the land that we own and monitor our conservation easements. The Board recently created a new committee consisting of both members of the Board and members of our community, to focus on the exciting and important task of monitoring what we have acquired, while making it available for use and enjoyment by the public.

I also wish to thank Sara Taddo Jones for her contributions and commitment to the successes of the Land Trust as she leaves her position as Conservation Director. I'd like to think that Sara is not leaving the Land Trust, just changing her role.

In times like these, it is easy to see that the Land Trust is truly blessed to have such a committed and supportive membership. Together we can continue our mission of protecting open space by converting current opportunities during this real estate correction into a boon for all future generations. Thank you for being part of this goal.

Warm regards,

*Martin Bern
Board President*



Waddle Ranch in the heart of the Martis Valley, acquired by the Land Trust in 2007. Photo courtesy of ElizabethCarmel.com.

DONNER LAKE RIM TRAIL UPDATE

Spring is here. Soon the snow will be gone and another season constructing the Donner Lake Rim Trail will begin.

This season will mark a transition for work on the Rim Trail as on-the-ground construction on one segment of the trail will be followed by design and planning for a new segment. First, the Land Trust will finish a section of trail linking Drifter Hut with the Glacier Way Trailhead in Tahoe Donner. This length of trail will complete a major portion of the Rim Trail's northern route, from Tahoe Donner, across Negro Canyon, to Castle Valley. Land Trust staff and volunteers, in partnership with State Parks staff, will next turn their attention toward

the design and alignment of the Rim Trail across Schallenger Ridge within Donner Memorial State Park.

Trail design and planning is a fun but exacting effort, involving elements of science and art. Careful consideration must be given to targeted user groups, sight lines, gradient, aspect, natural features, soil types, and tread width. At the same time the trail should be aesthetically pleasing and present itself to users as an organic part of the environment.

Portions of the Rim Trail will likely be clear of snow in May, but higher elevation sections of the trail may not be clear until late June. Please exercise caution when hiking or riding in the early season as there may be downed trees, rocks on the tread, and deep water-crossings.

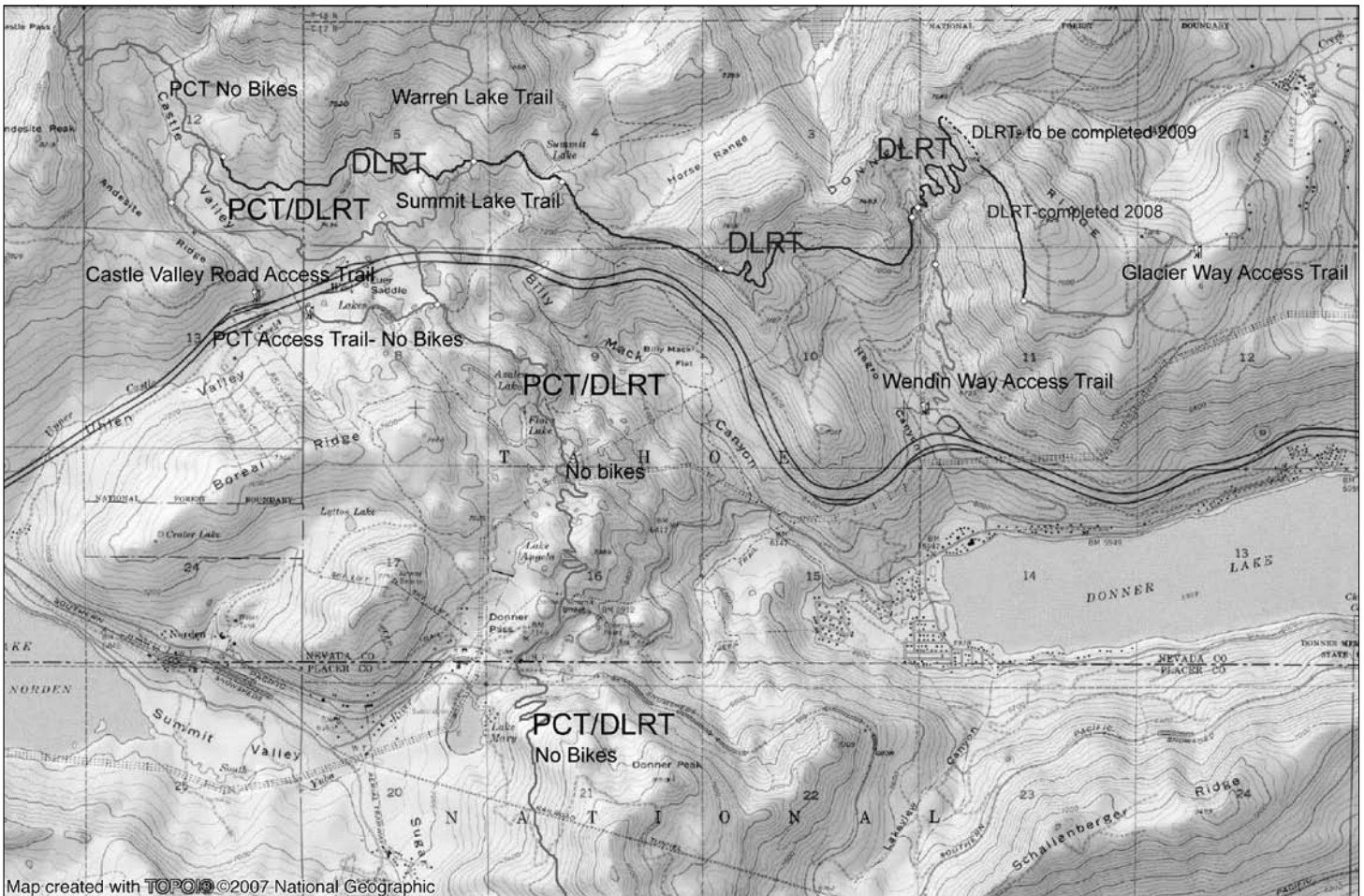


Stewardship Director, John Svahn, flagging a new section of the Donner Lake Rim Trail.

We look forward to seeing you on the trail! Please see trail building dates on pg. 15.

Join us! Help build the Donner Lake Rim Trail.

Available Dates: July 18, September 12, 19, October 3, 17, 31 and November 7.



PROTECTING



Cold Stream, which runs through the acquisition for two miles, provides extensive aquatic and riparian habitat and is identified as an ideal location for the reintroduction of the federally-threatened Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. Photo courtesy of Janet Zipser Zipkin.

Cold Stream Creek begins on the northern flank of Mt. Lola, the tallest peak in Nevada County and one of the tallest in the northern Sierra Nevada. Flowing north, it is a major tributary to the Little Truckee River and borders the southwest corner of Perazzo Meadows. Perazzo Meadows was very recently acquired by the Truckee Donner Land Trust and The Trust for Public Land.

The entire area provides excellent habitat for large mammals, including a recently spotted wolverine.

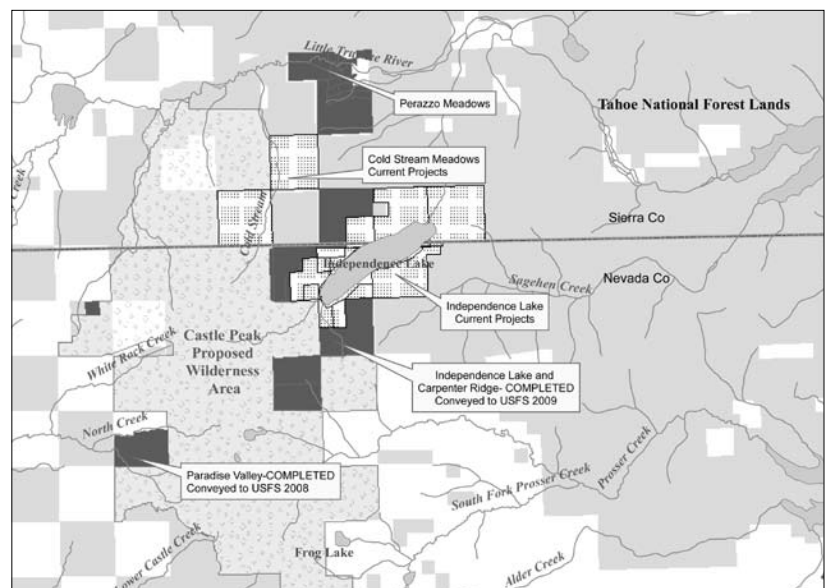
To avoid any confusion, this acquisition is not in Coldstream Valley south of Donner Lake where the Land Trust has completed several other projects.

The Land Trust and TPL are now only months away from protecting the last remaining privately owned sections of Cold

Stream. Included in the pending 1,320-acre acquisition are over two miles of Cold Stream Creek, the remarkable Cold Stream Meadow, and over two miles of the popular Mt. Lola Trail.

These parcels, combined with previous Land Trust acquisitions, will provide for over six miles of continuous public ownership beginning on Carpenter Ridge, including Independence Lake, extending over Mt. Lola and across Perazzo Meadows. The two Cold Stream sections, in conjunction with other conservation efforts completed and underway in the Little Truckee River watershed will result in the protection of more than 15,000 acres. Completed acquisitions in the area include sections 33 and 5, purchased by the Land Trust and TPL in 2006, and Perazzo Meadows, purchased last year.

The United States Forest Service has identified Cold Stream Creek as ideal for reintroducing Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, and protection of the property as



There is a unique opportunity for a conservation grand slam in the Little Truckee River and Independence Lake watersheds.

COLD STREAM

a highest priority for owl and goshawk habitat. A wildlife biologist who has extensively studied the endangered Willow Flycatcher at Perazzo Meadows believes that the habitat of Coldstream Meadow, a pristine 300-acre wet alpine meadow on the property, is superior. This lush meadow is rich with native grasses, large-old growth red fir, lodgepole, and aspen, and is an excellent food source and habitat for migrating songbirds. The Little Truckee River watershed and its tributaries collectively offer a diverse geography suitable to a wide range of wildlife including rare species. The entire area provides excellent habitat for large mammals, including a recently spotted wolverine. A pine marten was seen last summer by Land Trust staff on a visit to Cold Stream Meadow.

The Cold Stream Creek property is situated within the northern reaches of the proposed 17,889-acre Castle Peak Wilderness

Area. Following acquisition, the California Wilderness Coalition will be proposing the property be included in the Wilderness Area. The Wilderness Area will be a boon for Truckee's recreation-driven economy.

The Cold Stream Creek acquisition will also protect one of the region's most heralded recreational assets, the Mt. Lola Trail. Over two miles of the trail cross the property being purchased by the Land Trust and TPL. Many regard the hike to Mt. Lola's airy summit to be one of the very best in the region. At 9,143' in elevation, Mt. Lola's summit offers sensational views of Castle Peak, the Carson Range, the Sierra Buttes, Mt. Lassen, the Coast Range, and several Great Basin ranges.



A hiker enjoys the Mt. Lola Trail as it crosses Cold Stream Meadow, included in the acquisition.

Hiking the Mt. Lola Trail

Mt. Lola is named in honor of Lola Montez, a colorful character and dancer who lived in Grass Valley during the Gold Rush. Born Eliza Gilbert, Ms. Montez was actually Irish, assuming her Spanish name to reflect her style of dance and flashy demeanor. Tales of Mt. Lola's namesake are legendary. She was a courtesan, world traveler and entertainer, well-known for her fierce temper and tenacity.

The Mt. Lola Trail is roughly ten miles in length, round-trip, and gains about 2,700 feet in elevation from trailhead to summit. One of the last trails in the region to become snow-free, plan on hiking the trail after July 1, even in lean snow years. In some years the snow never melts from the summit plateau. The trail begins with a steep climb through a canyon for two miles before leveling out at the foot of beautiful Cold Stream Meadow. The meadow is full of wildflowers during much of the summer. This relatively level part of the trail winds through shaded forests and the meadow for about a mile before climbing again. The Land Trust is currently acquiring this part of the trail (specifically sections 1 and 29). The next part of the trail is quite steep, passing a waterfall and through a stunted Hemlock forest before reaching the stark and beautiful summit. The remnants of an old fire lookout offer people that reach the summit shelter from the wind. Be sure to sign the summit register!

Directions to the Mt. Lola Trailhead from Truckee:

Proceed north on CA Highway 89N for roughly 15 miles to the Little Truckee Summit/Jackson Meadows Road turnoff. Turn left onto Jackson Meadows Road and travel roughly 1.5 miles to a signed left turn marked "Independence Lake Road." Turn left onto this graded dirt road, cross the one-lane bridge over the Little Truckee River, and proceed to the first right turn. Turn right on to this road, Henness Pass Road (not signed), and proceed through the Land Trust's Perazzo Meadow property. There will be a marked sign on the left for the Mt. Lola Trailhead in roughly 3.5 miles.

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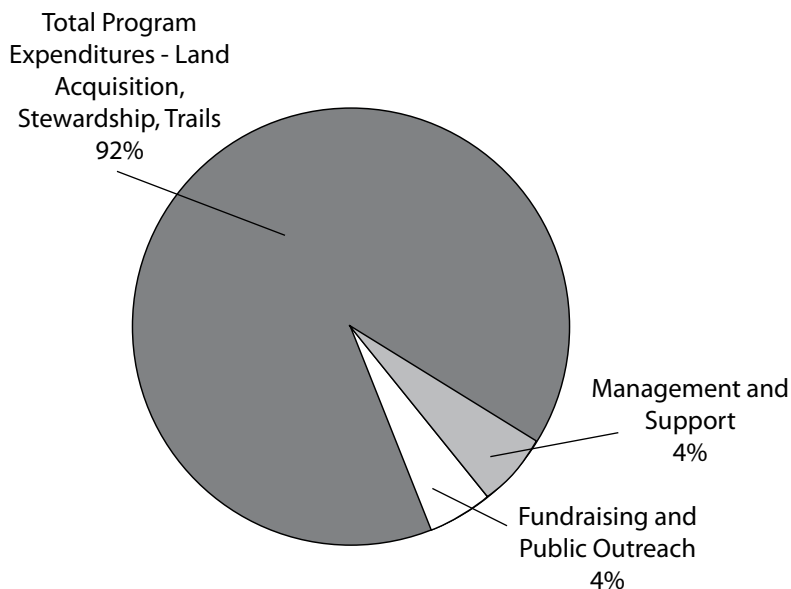
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1/1/08 through 12/31/08	Total from founding (1990) through 12/31/08
Number of Projects Completed: 42	Number of Projects Completed: 5
Acres: 14,538	Acres: 1,804
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2009 SUMMER HIKES & WALKS

Back by popular demand, the Land Trust is very pleased to again offer a slate of very cool hikes. Most of these hikes explore lands the Land Trust has protected, or is working to protect. Contact Carol at the Land Trust, (530) 582-4711 or carol@tdlandtrust.org, for more information or to sign up for a hike. Sign up early as most hikes do fill up. We hope to see you on the trail!

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

Wildflowers at Sagehen Meadows

Saturday, May 23, 2009

Explore fields of colorful wildflowers on this annual hike led by Land Trust Board member Janet Zipser Zipkin and fellow wildflower enthusiast Paula Messano. The trail is gently rolling and family-friendly. Enjoy many species of wildflowers as you hike to the widely renowned camas lily fields. Some years our hikers have spotted more than 40 species of wildflowers! **Distance and difficulty:** Five miles roundtrip; easy.

Wildlife at Waddle Ranch

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Hike through one of the Land Trust's conservation victories: the 1,482-acre Waddle Ranch, the heart and wonder of Martis Valley. Leading the hike through the beautiful meadows and lush, green forests is Board member, David Brown. To enhance the experience of the beautiful bird and wildlife sanctuary we ask that pets remain at home. Sun exposure is predominant on a good portion of the trail. **Distance and difficulty:** Six miles with moderate elevation gain; moderate.

Exploring the Bickford Ranch

Saturday, July 11, 2009

Get a pulse on Sierra Nevada ranching history while exploring the Bickford Ranch, established in 1901. Meander near historic structures, through meadows, and down willowy paths to the Little Truckee River. This outing will be led by the Land Trust's Executive Director, Perry Norris and hosted by Bickford descendent, Mary Ellen Bickford. **Distance and difficulty:** One to two miles; easy.

Palisades Creek through Devil's Peak Lands

Sunday, July 12, 2009

Enjoy the changing vegetation as you hike through several elevation zones to the bottom of the Royal Gorge with a stop at Heath falls along the way. Board member Bill Thauvette will lead this arduous hike on the Palisade Creek Trail. **Distance and difficulty:** 14 miles round-trip; extremely strenuous. Bring lunch.

Summit the Highest Peak in the Tahoe National

Forest: Mt. Lola

Saturday, August 22, 2009

Explore one of the Land Trust's newest projects and summit the highest peak in the Tahoe National Forest - Mt. Lola! At an elevation of 9,103', the summit of Mt. Lola offers a panoramic view including the Sierra Crest, the Sierra Buttes, and the Sierra Valley, as well the recently protected Perazzo Meadows and Independence Lake. Join the Land Trust's Stewardship Director, John Svahn, for a strenuous hike and sign the guest register once you're at the top! **Distance and difficulty:** Nine miles roundtrip; strenuous.

We look forward to seeing you on one of our amazing hikes!



Cut-out Calendar of 2009 Summer Hikes, Events & Trail Building

May 9 - Trail Building at Waddle Ranch

May 16 - Trail Building at Waddle Ranch

**May 23 - Wildflowers at Sagehen
Meadows Hike**

**June 13 - Wildlife at Waddle Ranch
Preserve Hike**

June 6 - Trail Building at Waddle Ranch

June 20 - Trail Building at Waddle Ranch

**July 11 - Exploring the Historic Bickford
Ranch Hike**

**July 11 - Trail Building on the
Donner Lake Rim Trail**

**July 12 - Palisade Creek/Devil's Peak
Hike**

August 22 - Mt. Lola Hike

September 12 - Trails and Vistas Event

**September 12 - North Tahoe Plein Air
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**September 19 - Trail Building on the
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**October 3 - Trail Building on the
Donner Lake Rim Trail**

**October 17 - Trail Building on the
Donner Lake Rim Trail**

**October 31 - Trail Building on the
Donner Lake Rim Trail**

**November 7 - Trail Building on the
Donner Lake Rim Trail**

**Call the Land Trust office at
530-582-4711 to sign-up for a
hike, event or trail building day.
All dates are subject to change.**

WELCOME GINA BIONDI

To the Land Trust's Board of Directors

The Truckee Donner Land Trust is pleased to announce the election of Gina Biondi to its Board of Directors. "Gina brings a long history of community involvement and a strong personal commitment to conservation to the Land Trust," said Martin Bern, the Land Trust's Board President.

Gina has been a teacher, an accountant, a realtor and served for many years on the Scotts Valley City Council. She also has extensive experience serving on non-profit boards.

Gina brings to the Land Trust a unique blend of leadership and collaborative skills.

Gina enjoys playing tennis and hiking. She and her husband John divide their time between Truckee, Maui and Santa Cruz.



Gina Biondi is the most recent addition to our Board.

I feel strongly that the work of the Land Trust is essential in preserving the landscape of our corner of the Sierra. The Northern Sierra is a unique environment that provides wildlife corridors, breathtaking vistas, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities that will be lost without aggressive action.

– Gina Biondi

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Consider including the Land Trust in your will or estate plan and leave a legacy that your children and grandchildren can experience under their feet forever.

Please call Kellie Wright at the Land Trust to find our more about planned giving. 530-582-4711.



Carpenter Peak conveyed by the United States Forest Service this year. A map showing the four parcels is on page four.

OVER 3,200 ACRES CONVEYED TO THE PUBLIC

The culmination of years of work in the Little Truckee River and Truckee River watersheds.

We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to the Truckee Donner Land Trust and The Trust for Public Land for their proactive leadership in initiating the acquisition of these lands for the American public.

– Fran Herbst, Tahoe National Forest

Through the hard work and substantial funding from several groups, 1,825 acres have been donated to the Tahoe National Forest. This process began in 2006 when the Truckee Donner Land Trust and The Trust for Public Land acquired the parcels from Croman Timber utilizing philanthropic funding for the purchase. The Truckee Donner Land Trust held the parcels until the Forest Service could take legal ownership. These lands are located along the ridges overlooking Independence Lake, about ten miles northwest of Truckee. The donation is valued at over \$3 million and has taken four years to complete.

“These are very spectacular areas,” stated Fran Herbst, Lands Officer with the Tahoe National Forest. “In fact, these are some of the most scenic areas that we have acquired in the recent past and I am very excited that these could be part of the National Forest System. They provide a wealth

of resources including the upper watersheds that support Lahontan Cutthroat trout (a threatened species) and high value recreation areas and wildlife habitat. We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to the Truckee Donner Land Trust and The Trust for Public Land for their proactive leadership in initiating the acquisition of these lands for the American public,” continued Herbst.

“These lands are a vital first step toward protecting the entire Independence Lake watershed, one of the most pristine but threatened lakes in Northern Sierra. These lands have been a secret spot for backcountry skiers and hikers for years. It is gratifying to see them now in the public domain,” stated

Perry Norris, Executive Director of the Truckee Donner Land Trust.

In a separate project, within the Truckee River watershed, The Land Trust is in the final stages of conveying 1,382 acres in Gray Creek Canyon to the California Department of Fish and Game. Through five separate transactions spanning nearly ten years, the Land Trust has purchased all of the remaining private inholdings within this rugged canyon. The State is interested in owning the properties for improved wildlife management including restoration of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout spawning habitat in Gray Creek. The value of the donated lands in Gray Creek Canyon is approximately \$1.5 million.



Acquisitions in Gray Creek Canyon will connect lands in public ownership, improving wildlife management and reducing sediment in the Truckee River.

PARTING WORDS FROM THE LAND TRUST'S CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

Sara Taddo Jones will be leaving the Land Trust in June to raise a family. She is expecting identical twin girls in July. We wish Sara and her husband Greg the very best.

Before I was an employee of the Land Trust, its Executive Director, Perry Norris, hired me as a consultant to trek out to places the Land Trust was hoping to protect and report back about their resource values. My first confidential assignment was in late summer 2003. I was instructed to scout out the east side of Negro Canyon. I spent days hiking every corner of the property with my little heeler dog, Ollie. At night, I would research publications and the internet in search of relevant material about Donner Ridge and Gregory Creek. I learned about the devastating 1960 Donner Fire and about the Canyon's importance to the Loyalton Truckee deer herd.

In August 2003, I drafted a report that helped secure the public funds necessary to purchase 280 acres in eastern Negro Canyon in 2006.

My next contracted job was a high-profile assignment. Perry told me to go research Waddle Ranch in the Martis Valley.

"Taddo!" Perry shouted, "I want you to go to a place called Waddle Ranch. Find the property's access. Find the boundaries. And tell me what critters and birds are out there! Do not tell anyone you're with the Land Trust. We can't let word get out we're going to buy Waddle Ranch."

Once again, Ollie and I set out for "uncharted territory." I did not see anyone that day, but I did see a Sandhill crane and walked all the way up to Dry Lake, arriving in complete awe. There were hundreds of ducks on Dry Lake, deer tracks everywhere, and even a healthy flow of runoff into the East Fork of Martis Creek on that day in October, 2004. Once again, my reconnaissance mission did not go without a prize. The Land Trust



Sara on the Summit of Mt. Lola.

acquired and began protecting Waddle Ranch almost three years later—to the day.

If I had to tell you about all the places I got to go explore, the creeks I rinsed off in, and the critters I observed on conservation lands, this report would be ten pages long. And you'd be knocking on the Land Trust door begging for the job. One thing became very clear to me during my tenure as Land Conservation Director. My skills as a physical and biological scientist are most refined when I am in the forest. I hope to return to the conservation field as a licensed forester soon.

See you in the woods!



An InnerRhythms hoop dancer. Photo courtesy of Cesar Lopez.

SAVE THE DATE

6TH ANNUAL TRAILS & VISTAS

"Terra Caeli" Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 12-13, 2009

Trails & Vistas blends walking in nature with artistic expression. Along a two-mile guided hike through aspen groves and peaceful meadows, participants experience art and performances that include dance, music, and installations.

The event is a unique collaboration between the Truckee Donner Land Trust, InnerRhythms Dance Theater and Arts for the Schools. The three organizations work closely with Founder and Artistic Director, Nancy Tieken Lopez, and Co-Director/Choreographer, Elizabeth Archer, to strengthen ties between art and the environment.

This year's event will be hosted by Tahoe Donner Equestrian Center. For more information visit www.trailsandvistas.com.

NORTH TAHOE PLEIN AIR PAINTING EVENT

Saturday & Sunday, September 12-13, 2009

This year's North Tahoe Plein Air event will be held at the Village at Northstar in partnership with the 24th Annual Autumn Food and Wine Festival. Well-known local and regional artists will paint at locations throughout North Lake Tahoe during the week preceding the Festival. On September 12 & 13 in the Village at Northstar artists will offer demonstrations, and their work will be featured at a silent auction and public sale. The event benefits the Truckee Donner Land Trust, North Tahoe Arts, and the Community Fund of North Lake Tahoe. *For more information contact Lois Skaff at tahoe.pleinair@gmail.com.*

The Land Trust's New Stewardship Committee

The Truckee Donner Land Trust has a new Stewardship Committee comprised of two Land Trust members as well as members of the Board of Directors. The committee will advise and assist staff in the stewarding of Land Trust properties. Stewardship includes conservation easement monitoring and enforcement, watershed and vegetation restoration, design of trails and other public facilities, and monitoring and management of recreation.

"I believe that stewardship is the most important post-acquisition part of the Land Trust's mission; through proper stewardship we protect the land and enhance the public's enjoyment of it. The Committee will provide the opportunity for greater community involvement to help us monitor the land, build trails and educate people," said Board member and Committee Chair Bill Goerke.

Also serving on the committee are Board members Chris Fellows and Janet Zipkin, and Land Trust members John Stewart and Anne Chadwick.

A BUSY SEASON AHEAD FOR STEWARDSHIP

This summer the Land Trust will again be hard at work caring for the lands it has protected. In addition to monitoring conservation easements held by the Land Trust we will be engaged in substantial projects involving forestry, erosion control, trail construction, and watershed rehabilitation. Some of these projects are described below.

Perazzo Meadows

The Land Trust is excited to announce that planning and design are underway for the construction of a river access trail complete with interpretive signs. We will also investigate the need for fuel management forestry work at this site.

Billy Mack Canyon

In addition to monitoring the Conservation Easement on acreage adjacent to land owned by the Land Trust, we will be scouting for a trail alignment to provide access to the Pacific Crest Trail through scenic Billy Mack Canyon. We will also be continuing forestry work in an effort to make the canyon more resistant to catastrophic wildfire.

Sierra College Campus

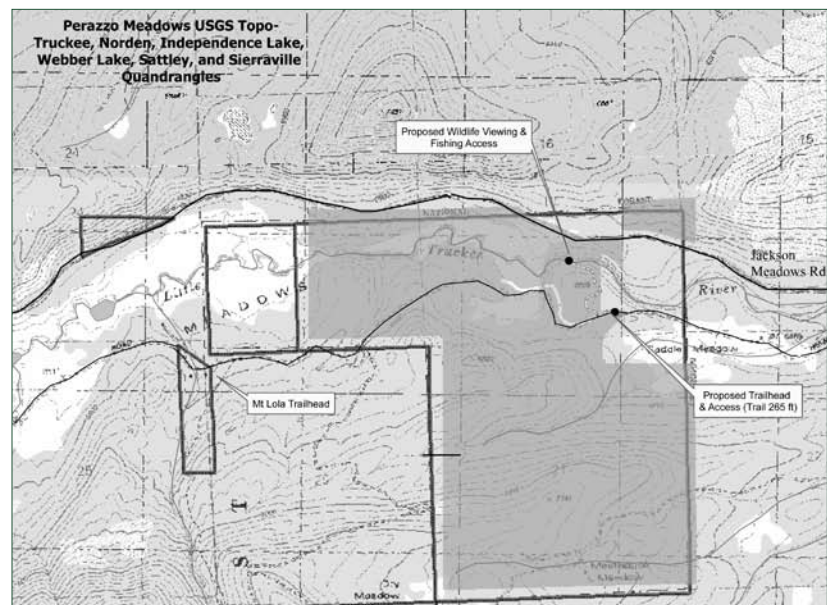
The Land Trust staff will begin to design an earthen trail network showcasing the well-maintained forest and scenic views.

Waddle Ranch Preserve

Building upon the successful forestry and trail work of last year, the Land Trust will be again working in partnership with the Truckee Tahoe Airport District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to finish the new trailhead and parking lot at the Glider Port gate, and thin unhealthy stands of timber. In addition, volunteers will remove the barbed wire fence between Waddle Ranch Preserve and Martis Creek Lake National Recreation Area, trail signs will be installed, and construction will begin on a new two-mile loop trail that will offer sensational views from a high bluff. Plans are also moving forward on the Southwest Access Trail to Waddle Ranch Preserve, which will begin at the first gate on Martis Creek Dam Road.



The Land Trust relies heavily on volunteers for trail construction and maintenance. Grab a pulaski and join us.



Proposed trail through Perazzo Meadows.

STEWARDSHIP *cont.*



Late spring snow on the Quinn Bridge and Donner Lake Rim Trail in Negro Canyon. The Land Trust's stewardship efforts in the Canyon have resulted in four new bridges being constructed, building and maintaining several miles of new trails, adding interpretative signage, and decommissioning an eroding logging road.



Waddle Ranch has an extensive network of multi-use trails that the Land Trust will be augmenting with new trails this summer. Photo courtesy of ElizabethCarmel.com

To assist with stewardship, the Land Trust is seeking a volunteer ranger for Waddle Ranch Preserve. This person will maintain a presence on the property, provide information to visitors, record wildlife sightings, and monitor public use.

If you would like further information regarding the volunteer ranger position, or trail construction and other stewardship-related volunteer opportunities, please contact John Svahn at john@tdlandtrust.org.



Frog Creek flows through Billy Mack Flat and Billy Mack Canyon, a major tributary to Donner Lake. The Land Trust will be building new trails that connect the west shore of Donner Lake to Donner Summit and the Pacific Crest Trail.

The Truckee Donner Land Trust was founded in 1990 in order to preserve and protect important historic, recreational and scenic open spaces in the greater Truckee region.

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Spring means the Camas Lillies will soon be blooming. Photo courtesy of ElizabethCarmel.com.



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Seven year-old Elizabeth Scott catches air off the summit of Mt. Judah's east face, now part of Donner Memorial State Park thanks to the Land Trust's 2002 acquisition of Schallenberger Ridge. Elizabeth is the daughter of Land Trust supporters John & Sidney Scott.



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