

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3K

STAFF: Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager
Ann Bollinger, Natural Resource Specialist

REQUEST: Discussion Only regarding trail projects – Ash to Kings, Carson River Trail from Morgan Mill Road River Access Area, Eagle Valley Creek Trail Segment, V&T north of Combs, and Waterfall.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon Trail:

Muscle Powered is gearing up to continue construction on the Carson City trail segment. Wednesday, May 1st will be the first workday of the season. The summer work schedule will be: Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:15pm to 8:15pm-ish and Sundays 8am to 3pm. Meeting locations will switch between the Upper Ash Creek Trailhead and the Kings Canyon/Waterfall Road Trailhead. Information and updates will be available on the Muscle Powered calendar. This section is strictly volunteer-based, so help is also needed and appreciated.

The much longer trail segment is located on U.S. Forest Service-administered lands. Great Basin Institute has grant funding to continue construction this summer, but the schedule has not been planned.

Carson River Trail from Morgan Mill Road River Access Area:



Muscle Powered is also assisting with trail construction near the Carson River, and in fact this is the first project of the year scheduled for **Saturday, April 13th**. The trail will connect the Morgan Mill Road River Access Area with the cottonwood gallery located at the Deer Run Road bridge. The goal is to complete approximately 1500' of trail. The terrain is flat and work should move fairly quickly.

Eagle Valley Creek Trail Segment:

Staff continues to correspond with the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act program towards a Funding Assistance Agreement. The anticipated schedule includes cultural research and design this summer and construction next summer.

V&T north of Combs:

With the assistance of Mark Kimbrough, staff is about to submit an easement request to State Lands. Mark has also visited the Eagle Valley Children's Home property with Chairman Scott in order to review a proposed route. The Suarez property owners visited with staff and Mark on April 10, 2013. They are willing to provide an easement; however, requested staff's assistance with the location of a proposed emergency route for the future benefit of their development project.

Waterfall Trail:

Mark Kimbrough is the leader of this project. We anticipate the use of Great Basin's training exercises on site that will further the trail without cost to us. Staff will also use paid Great Basin crews to complete the trail. Most recently, we agreed on a field trip with the Forest Service staff in order to advance their knowledge of this trail.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion only. No action may be taken.