



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 4C

Report To: Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: October 21, 2019

Staff Contact: Lyndsey Boyer, Senior Natural Resource Specialist

Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Activities, projects, and grants throughout other areas managed by the Open Space Division.

Staff Summary: See below.

Agenda Action: Other/Presentation

Time Requested: 10 minutes

Kings Canyon Road and Trailhead

Kings Canyon Road

In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), staff is planning to submit a grant application to the Recreational Trails Program for repair of the first two miles of road. Applications are due November 1.

Kings Canyon / Waterfall Trailhead

In coordination with Public Works and a grant award from the Federal Lands Access Program, staff is working with Carson City Public Works on design of a new trailhead. It is anticipated that 70% design plans will be received in the December 2019.

Land Acquisition(s)

Clear Creek

Staff is working with Nevada Land Trust to help facilitate the acquisition of 100+ acres owned by the State of Nevada. An appraisal is underway. After a value has been determined, staff will resume discussions with the State regarding funding options.

Old Woods Ranch

Progress is going well with the family, and the grant application to the Forest Legacy Program will be transmitted to the Regional Office in October 2019 for their review.

Personnel

AmeriCorps VISTA members:

- Community Education Coordinator: position is currently vacant, recruitment is on-going.
- Marketing & Outreach Coordinator: position is currently vacant.
- Volunteer Coordinator: position is currently vacant, recruitment is on-going.

Carson City Invasive Plants Coordinator (previously titled Carson City Weed Coalition Coordinator): Ms. Shyla Pearson started her position as Invasive Plants Coordinator on September 9th. Shyla is an enthusiastic UNR graduate with a degree in Environmental Science, a minor in Geotechnology (GIS) & Renewable Energy and has a passion for plants! She also is an avid SCUBA-diver and has spent time volunteering her efforts to monitor infestations of the noxious weed Eurasian watermilfoil in Tahoe. We are excited to have Shyla on board to continue to manage noxious weed infestations in Carson City.



Shyla Pearson, Invasive Plants Coordinator