

Project 20

Name: Nature Loop North

Description: one of the oldest TD trails with numerous needed improvements and rehabilitation to various existing trail features. Known as the Nature Loop (consisting of this Project 20 and Project 19, Nature Loop South) this looped hiking and biking trail has a close association with the adjacent riparian environment of Trout Creek and related resources. Heavily used and popular trail loop causing degradation of the environment and user experience (muddy and wet sections of trail). In contrast to the narrower typical trail character of Project 19, this Project 20 typically has a road-bed-type tread and character so available to more user types, but does also have segments of less wide trail (see Photo 20b)

Location: town; centrally located in Tahoe Donner on the north side of Trout Creek, providing a connection between the Northwoods Clubhouse and the Trout Creek Recreation Center. Accessed from the northwest via a 5' wide dirt path and small dirt parking area adjacent to Northwoods Blvd. Accessed from the east by way of an existing crossing of Northwoods Blvd across from the Trout Creek Recreation Center parking lot.

Project Type(s): improvement to existing

Trail Type: trail (on old roadbed)

Topography & Grade: adjacent topography very moderately sloped with steeper slopes in the lower reach adjacent to Northwoods Blvd. Trail grade mostly flat, climbing gently from east to west and falling nearly 1000 vertical feet from the west end (Trout Creek Recreation Center) to the east end (Clubhouse).

Length: 3,994 feet (.76 miles)

Constraints & Resources: many. The Nature Loop circumnavigates a large riparian area associated with Trout Creek, including the cultural resources, wildlife, wetlands and floodplain associated with this waterway. Alternative alignments and available fixes limited to existing footprint due to adjacent slopes, right-of-way boundary and environmental resources. Area of high archeological sensitivity.



Photo 20a – Armored Swale Near West End
of Project



Photo 20b – Turnpike Improvement Mid-Project
Adjacent to Northwoods Blvd

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Opportunities & Areas of Import: project intends to address and resolve existing areas of impact with a net result of environmental improvement as well as provide a better and safer user experience. Protection of water quality and quantity, wildlife and biological resources, and avoidance of historic resources are key factors. All proposed trail work is proposed within the existing trail footprint, with only minor expansion associated with turnpike construction.

Project Specifics: 1 armored swale, new and improved turnpike, 1800 linear feet of rolling dips with rock dissipators on existing roadbed segment

Construction: hand construction only

Typical Details & Specifications: T.D. 1-3 (BMP's), T.D. 8 (Rolling Dip), T.D. 9 (Rock Dissipater), T.D. 11 (Turnpike), T.D. 20 (Type II Trails), T.D. 21 (Type III & IV Trails)



Photo 20c – Turnpike Improvement Mid-Project Adjacent to Northwoods Blvd.



Photo 20d – Rolling Dips w/ Dissipaters Improvement Typical of Existing Roadbed Segment of Project