

# 1572 - Tamarack Lake Trail Extension, Planning and Clearances

## Application Details

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**Funding Opportunity:** 1002-Planning Projects - Recreational Trails Program 2022 Grants  
**Funding Opportunity Due Date:** Nov 2, 2021 12:00 AM  
**Program Area:** Recreational Trails Program  
**Status:** Under Review  
**Stage:** Final Application

**Initial Submit Date:** Nov 1, 2021 9:52 AM  
**Initially Submitted By:** Curtis Johnson  
**Last Submit Date:**  
**Last Submitted By:**

## Contact Information

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Comments:

## Organization Information

**Status\*:** Approved  
**Name\*:** Biggest Little Trail Stewardship, Inc.  
**Organization Type\*:** Non-Profit Organization  
**Tax Id:** 26-2004193  
**Organization Website:** <https://www.bltsnv.org>  
**Address\*:** PO Box 9222

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City State/Province Postal Code/Zip  
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**Fax:** ### ##

Benefactor:

Vendor ID:

Comments:

## RTP Pre-Application - PLANNING

### Project Description

**Classification\*:** Organization  
Please choose one.

**Organization Classification:** Non-Profit  
Please choose one.

**Grant Manager/  
Primary Point-of-Contact  
(if grant is awarded)\*:** Curtis Johnson  
First Name Last Name

**Title\*:** President  
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Address Line 1  
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Reno Nevada 89523-  
City State Zip Code

**Land Owner\*:** US Forest Service

**Classification of Land Control\*:** Public Land  
Select all that apply.

**Project Costs**  
Please do not submit match not directly related to the project.

**Grant Request\*:** \$38,990.00

**Match Amount\*:** \$10,136.00  
20% of total amount required for planning projects

**Total Project Amount:** \$49,126.00

**Match Sources\*:** In-Kind,Private

**Please Describe Source(s)\*:**

Match source will be primarily In-Kind volunteer hours by BLTS volunteers and staff. There may be additional grant match from private donations via fundraisers.

**Trail Use\*:** Equestrian,Mountain Biking,Pedestrian (hiking/trail),Snowshoe/cross country ski  
Select all that apply.

**If Other, Please List:**

**Project Type\*:** Planning  
Select all that apply.

**If Other, Please List:**

**Scope of Work**  
Describe exactly what work will be completed, include miles of trail or other measurable goals. Please be specific to the actual project being built.

**Scope of Work\*:**

- Planning of route corridor and trail alignment for the extension of the existing Tamarack Lake Trail from near Mt. Rose Ski Area Entrance Ski Area to Galena Creek Park trail network
- Obtaining all relevant clearances to satisfy NEPA and land manager requirements via contracted studies
- Completion of planning and clearance activities would allow for future construction of up to 7.5 miles of multi-use non-motorized singletrack track trail, connecting Reno/Truckee Meadows with the Tahoe Basin.

**Project Location**

**Congressional District(s)\*:** District 2  
 Select all that apply.

**County\*:** Washoe

**Municipality/Town/City\*:** Reno

**Environmental Compliance**  
 See page 10 of the RTP Handbook for more information.  
 Does not apply to Planning or Education projects with no ground disturbing activities.

Is a Federal agency involved in this project as an applicant, partner, or landowner?

**Federal Agency\*:** Yes

If yes, environmental clearances have likely been completed for your project area.  
 Please indicate which NEPA document was produced.  
 Please attach the document to this application.

**NEPA Document Produced:** NEPA pending/in progress

**NEPA Document:**

**Historic Resource Compliance**

Please provide the following information:

Describe the extent of ground disturbance for this project. Specifically, describe the length, width, and depth of the most significant instances of excavation/digging.

**Ground Disturbance:**

Describe both current and past uses of the project area.

**Project Area Use:**

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**Maps**

Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
General location map (showing project area within the state and/or county)		Tamarack Lake Trail Extension Overview	<a href="#">Tamarack Lake Trail Extension Overview.jpg</a>	jpg	1 MB	10/18/2021 10:41 AM
Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale)		Sky Tavern to Galena Creek Topo Overview	<a href="#">Sky Tavern to Galena Creek Topo Overview.pdf</a>	pdf	500 KB	10/18/2021 10:41 AM
Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)		Tamarack Lake Trail Extension Proposed Rough Corridor	<a href="#">Tamarack Lake Trail Extension Corridor.jpg</a>	jpg	1 MB	10/18/2021 10:41 AM

### Photos

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No files attached.				

### Shape Files

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No files attached.				

### Authorization

**Authorized Individual\*:** Curtis Johnson 10/30/2021  
First Name Last Name Date

**Title\*:** President

**Agency/Organization\*:** Biggest Little Trail Stewardship

## RTP Application - PLANNING PROJECTS

### Project Description

**Standards/Guidelines Applied to Project\*:** IMBA International Mountain Biking Association,USFS Standard Specifications for Construction & Maintenance of Trails

#### If Other, Please List:

List all permits required to complete project.

#### Permits:

Land manager approval. No permits required

Does the project include a paved bicycle path?

**Bicycle Path\*:** No

#### Plan Title:

Has the applicant received funding from the Recreational Trails Program in the past?

**Past Funding\*:** Yes

**Number of Projects Funded:** 8

**Amount of Funding Received:** \$463,560.00

**Number of Projects Completed:** 5

### Project Narrative

## Project Need

Describe how this project fits with current community development plans.

### Current Plans\*:

This project is in line with Washoe County Open Space Plan, Humboldt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Truckee Meadows Trail Plan, and Eastern Sierra Trail Coalition map identifying need for connectivity between trails and recreational areas.

Describe the project's ability to enhance recreation options for an underserved area or population. ?Underserved? is defined as an area or population with inadequate services, facilities, and/or a lack of access to recreation opportunities.

### Underserved Area or Population\*:

This trail will link Washoe County Galena Creek Park to the Tahoe Rim Trail and connectivity to the Mt. Rose Meadows trails. It will have connections to City of Reno Sky Tavern Ski and Mountain Bike area, Project Discovery and Mt. Rose Ski area. Sky Tavern, Project Discovery and Galena Creek Park all offer programs for underserved and adaptive populations during both summer and winter. This trail can be used to expand these programs.

## Project Quality

Describe project schedule(s) and contingency plans.

### Schedule and Plans\*:

This project requires working closely with the US Forest Service, Carson Ranger District. This will be a true partnership with the US Forest Service, Carson Ranger District to set the scope of the needed NEPA studies, corridor flagging. As contingency, what work/studies the US Forest Service, Carson Ranger District cannot complete we will be contracted to private contractors. The project also requires working closely with Washoe County Parks to determine the best location for trail to connect with the existing trail network.

Schedule of work would include:

- o Work with Forest Service to develop scope of work for required NEPA studies
- o Flagging of proposed trail corridors by Sierra Trail Works with Forest Service supervision
- o Contracting private and volunteer contractors to complete NEPA studies
- o Assisting Forest Service with any required public scoping
  - o Work with Washoe County Parks to establish trail connections.
- o Working with the Forest Service to obtain categorical exclusion approval for the new trails

Describe the confirmed partnerships for this project.

### Partnerships\*:

This will be a true partnership with the US Forest Service, Carson Ranger District to set the scope of the needed NEPA studies, corridor flagging and any needed public scoping. Additionally, we will be partnering Washoe County Galena Creek Park staff to establish the best location to tie into the present trail network in the park. There has been a history of bikers speeding through the park. By correctly connecting the trails coming from above the Park into the trail network much of the speeding and users conflicts can be alleviated.

Describe the nature and extent of public engagement with this project and what is being done to mitigate any concerns conveyed by the public.

### Public Engagement\*:

As part of the scoping process with the US Forest Service, public input will be solicited through public meetings. Additionally, we have good outreach through email and social media to promote our projects and volunteer trail opportunities. We offer the public a chance to come out and lend a hand to their local trails to promote stewardship of the trails and the lands they cross. This is a hands-on way of providing input.

We will also solicit input from the local Native American tribes and address their concerns. ~~We are committed to providing recreational trails that are appropriate for the community and protect cultural resources.~~

Describe the implementation of best practices in each phase of the project (e.g., planning, budgeting, construction, etc.).

#### **Project Phases\*:**

We follow the Nevada State Parks Recreational Trails Program Applicants Handbook for best practices in planning a budgeting. For this project we will be following the federal and state standard and guidelines for NEPA and SHPO. When planning and constructing we utilize IMBA's sustainable trail design guidelines in conjunction with USFS trail standards. We build multi-use trails that are designed to consider the heavy mountain bike use they will receive.

How does the project promote sustainability goals and principles (e.g., social, environmental, economic) in the design criteria?

#### **Sustainability\*:**

New trails like this project will help our community to become more economically robust, provide more local recreational opportunities and protect our natural and cultural resources. High-quality recreational trails are being used to attract new diversified business to the Truckee Meadows. As stated above, when planning and constructing new trails we utilize IMBA's sustainable trail design guidelines in conjunction with USFS trail standards. We build multi-use trails that are designed to consider the heavy use they will receive and not erode. ~~We will create trails in such a way as to preserve these resources for the future.~~

## Alignment with Nevada's Recreation Goals

How will project planning activities contribute to the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of existing outdoor infrastructure?

#### **Existing Outdoor Infrastructure\*:**

This trail will contribute to rehabilitation of the area through a legal high quality sustainable trail linking other trail networks and suppress the creation of user created trails. There has been a history of unsustainable user created trails in the area with dangerous features that have caused resource loss from erosion due to poor construction. In the past, the US Forest Service has spent valuable staff time decommissioning some user created features and trails. There are still popular user created trails in the proposed trail corridor area. As part of this project these user created trails can be studied to see if they can be used by the new trail alignment and also determine what it would take to bring them to standards and incorporated into the legal trail network. With the proposed alignment, there will be more public access points for trail user access and these access points will provide easier access for periodic trail maintenance.

How will planning activities incorporate safety into the design, maintenance, and management of the project?

#### **Safety\*:**

We utilize risk management in every trail we plan and work on, often in consultation with the land manager. We also follow the USFS Job Hazard Analysis and use USFS PPE for all our trail work and other field activities to reduce risk to our volunteers and contractors. When planning and constructing new trails we utilize IMBA's sustainable trail design guidelines in conjunction with USFS trail standards. We plan and build multi-use trails that are designed to consider the heavy use they will receive and not erode. ~~We will create trails in such a way as to preserve these resources for the future.~~

How will planning activities lead to a more comprehensive approach to linking existing trails that connect communities and trail users?

#### **Connectivity\*:**

This is the real heart of this project. This trail will link Washoe County Galena Creek Park to the crossing of the Tahoe Rim Trail with connectivity to the Mt. Rose Meadows and Relay Peak trails. It will have connections to City of Reno Sky Tavern Ski and Mountain Bike area, Project Discovery and Mt. Rose Ski area. Presently there is no two way non-motorized recreational trail that a mountain bike user can use to go from the Reno/Truckee Meadows area to the Tahoe Basin. This trail will provide this much needed link.

Does the plan address the need to engage youth in the design, development, and use of trails?

#### **Youth Engagement\*:**

In building the new trails we will use Nevada Conservation Corps that utilizes Americorps volunteers who are young men and women that are expanding their horizons in the conservation field. We also have high level of routine participation at volunteer trail days from high school students that are part of the Nevada Interscholastic Cycling League. As stated above the Sky Tavern, Project Discovery and Galena Creek Park all offer programs for youth that will use this trail.

Does the plan describe how new outdoor recreation facilities will be developed, maintained, and/or managed?

**New Outdoor Recreation Facilities\*:**

The new trails will enhanced trail connectivity between the Reno/Truckee Meadows area to the Tahoe Basin. Once approved by the land managers the trail will be developed and built using a combination of professional trail builder using mechanized equipment and hand finish work completed by volunteer labor. For long term maintenance, BLTS has had a volunteer service agreement with the US Forest Service and has maintained the local trails for over 14 years.

How do planning activities, or the planned project, contribute to the economic vitality of the community?

**Economic Vitality\*:**

Providing access to quality trails enhances the quality of life for the residents of Reno as well as attracts new residents, businesses and visitors. EDAWN informs us that they are often asked about trails in the area by companies looking to relocate to Reno. One of the reasons Interbike selected Reno is our trail access from town and the current cooperation and support of land managers. This interconective trail will provide more access and recreational opportunities for all levels of trail users in our growing community.

Describe how conservation and/or rehabilitation of water and habitat have been incorporated into the planning activities.

**Water and Habitat\*:**

Sustainable trails, as being planned in this project, minimize the amount of sediment runoff that will limit impact Watershed. Ensuring we have quality, well maintained trails helps trail users stay on the trail and not creating braided lines through the vegetation in search of a smoother or faster route. A quality trail also greatly decreases the potential of poorly designed user created trails in the same area. This helps reduce the overall disturbance area of a trail. As part of this project user created trails can be studied to see if they can be used by the new trail alignment and also determine what it would take to bring them to standards and incorporated into the legal trail network. During the build process, any non approved user created trails that can't be brought up to standards can be decommissioned and area rehabilitated.

## Applicant History

Summarize your organization's grant management record. If your organization is new to grants, please summarize the organization's project management record.

**Grant Management Record\*:**

The Biggest Little Trail Stewardship has been very successful in receiving and implementing over eleven government and private grants over the last decade to improve the trail infrastructure in the Reno area. We have been able to do this on a volunteer basis with minimal overhead costs. We have five completed RTP project grants on the Peavine Trail Network and in City of Reno parks. We are presently working three RTP grants. An OHV Grant associated with Trailhead improvements, a Non-motorized Grant for maintenance and enhancement of the Peavine Trail Network and a Planning Grant for 14.5 miles of new trails on NE Peavine Mountain. Additionally, we have completed many unfunded trail projects approved by the Forest Service, City of Reno and Washoe County that were constructed entirely with volunteers hours and privately donated funds.

Describe your organization's capacity to maintain facilities for the next 25 years.

**Maintain Program\*:**

The Biggest Little Trail Stewardship is a growing volunteer organization driven by the community. We fundraise directly from the community as well as receive grants to fund trail work. Often this work is accomplished with volunteer days, but we also work with the Nevada Conservation Corps and hire contractors as needed to accomplish work that would be more difficult to manage with volunteer or require heavy equipment. Although ultimately maintenance is the responsibility of the land managers, the BLTS currently manages the maintenance on approximately 48 miles of trails of the Peavine Mountain Trail Network on US Forest Service, City of Reno and Washoe County Lands. We are an organization committed to maintaining and enhancing our local trail network.

## Authorization



**Authorized Individual\*:**

Curtis Johnson 10/30/2021

First Name Last Name Date

**Agency/Organization\*:**

Biggest Little Trail Stewardship

**Title\*:**

President

## Supporting Documentation

**Supporting Documentation**

Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
General location map (showing project area within the state or county)		Tamarack Lake Ext Oversight Map	<a href="#">Tamarack Lake Ext Oversight Map.png</a>	png	2 MB	10/26/2021 12:28 PM
Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale)		Sky Tavern to Galena Creek Topo Overview	<a href="#">Sky Tavern to Galena Creek Topo Overview.pdf</a>	pdf	500 KB	10/26/2021 12:29 PM
Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)		Tamarack Lake Trail Ext - Trail Corridor Boundary 1	<a href="#">Tamarack Lake Trail Ext - Trail Corridor Boundary 1.png</a>	png	11 MB	10/26/2021 12:32 PM
At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances		Tamarack Lake Trail Extension - Trail Corridor Boundary 2	<a href="#">Tamarack Lake Trail Extension - Trail Corridor Boundary 2.png</a>	png	10 MB	10/26/2021 12:31 PM
<b>[REDACTED]</b>						
Letter or statement certifying that the appropriate official has reviewed this project and approved of the property						
Documentation certifying that the appropriate official has reviewed this project and meets their approval						
USACE 404 and/or other applicable permits						
Erosion and sedimentation control plan for stream crossings or general construction activities						
Copy of any building permits that may be required by the local township or statement permit not needed						
Sewage disposal permit						
Transmittal letter		BLTS Transmittal Letter	<a href="#">2021 Letter of Support RTP_BLTS 1.1.docx</a>	docx	14 KB	10/26/2021 03:08 PM
Letter of Support		US Forest Service Letter of Support	<a href="#">LOSBLTSTamarackLakeTrailPlanning.docm</a>	docm	74 KB	10/26/2021 02:57 PM

**Additional Documentation**

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
Red Horse Quote for NEPA Studies	<a href="#">Red Horse Quote 2022.pdf</a>	pdf	243 KB	10/22/2021 12:01 PM
Sierra Trail Works Planning Quote	<a href="#">STW estimate- Lower Tamarack-Galena Trail planning.pdf</a>	pdf	426 KB	10/26/2021 11:36 AM
Photo of Tamarack Lake Trail above Lake	<a href="#">Tamarack Lake Trail above Lake.jpeg</a>	jpeg	4 MB	10/26/2021 11:48 AM
Washoe County Parcel Map	<a href="#">Washoe County Parcel Map.png</a>	png	576 KB	10/26/2021 12:23 PM
Washoe County Letter of Support	<a href="#">Washoe County Letter of Support.pdf</a>	pdf	60 KB	10/27/2021 12:45 PM

## Budget

### Percentages

#### Grant Request

Federal Grant Percentage: 80.0%

#### Match

Federal Match Percentage: 0.0%

Non-Federal Match Percentage: 20.0%

TOTAL MATCH PERCENTAGE: 20.0%

### Design and Engineering Costs

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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### Planning Costs for Match

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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### Direct Labor (Salaries or Actual)

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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### Labor (Volunteer or Donated)

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
BLTS Volunteer Hours	440.00	Hours	\$28.54	\$12,557.60	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$12,557.60	100.00	BLTS hours by volunteers
			<b>\$28.54</b>	<b>\$12,557.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$12,557.60</b>		

**Equipment Purchase/Rent/Lease**

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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**Contracts**

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Red Horse NEPA Studies	7.50	Miles	\$5,500.00	\$41,250.00	\$41,250.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
Sierra Trail Works trail alignment	7.50	Cost per mile	\$1,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
			<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$48,750.00</b>	<b>\$48,750.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		

**Materials**

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Flagging and Study materials	1.00	Flagging Materials	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
			<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		

**Fuel, Vehicle Maintenance & Travel**

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
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**Other Expenses**

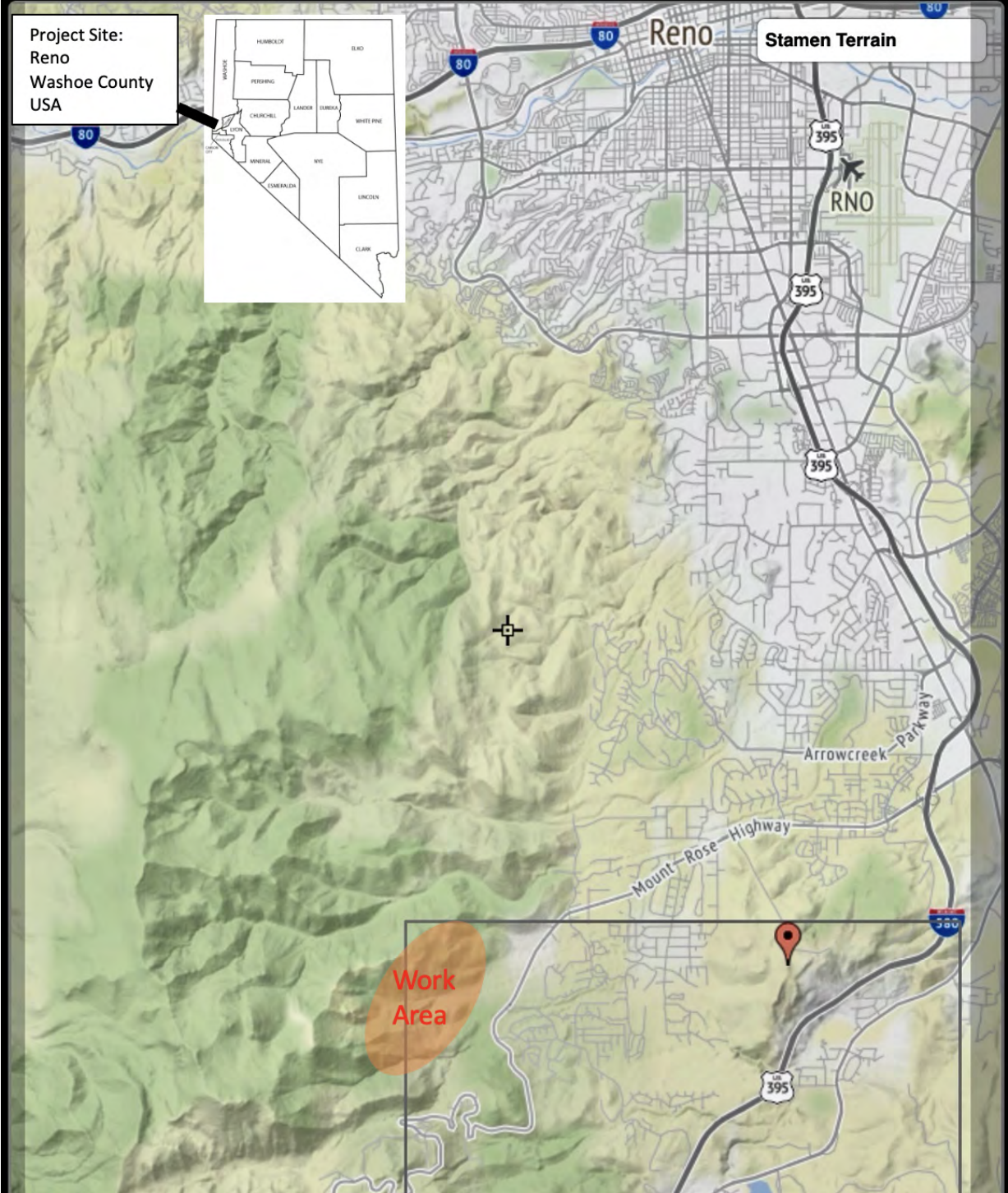
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			<b>\$1,470.00</b>	<b>\$1,470.00</b>	<b>\$1,470.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		

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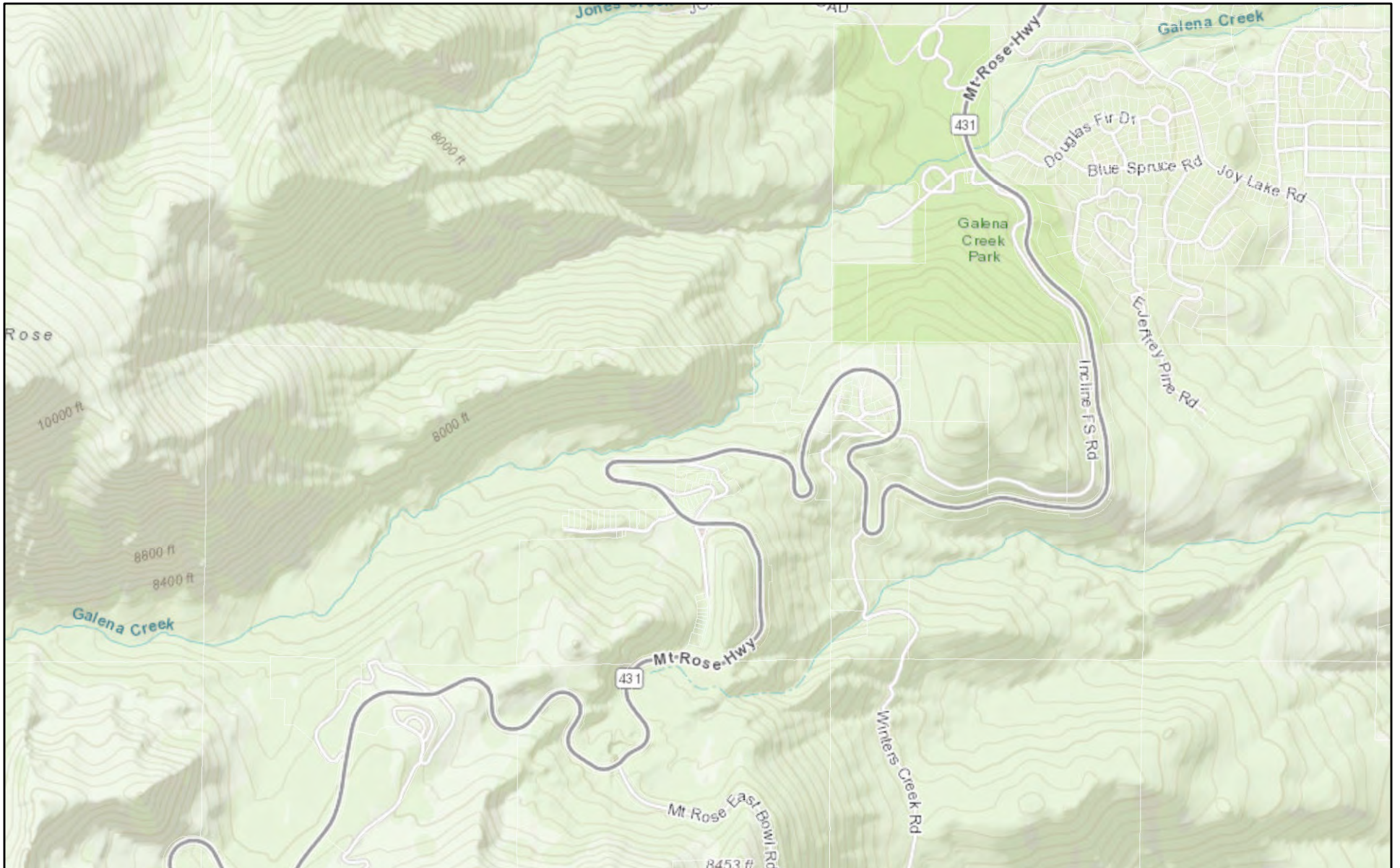
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<b>Total Federal Match Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Total Non-Federal Amount:</b>	\$12,557.60
<b>Total Amount:</b>	\$62,777.60

# Washoe City Quadrangle

Project Site:  
Reno  
Washoe County  
USA

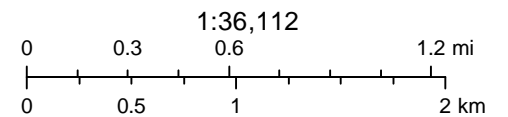


# Sky Tavern to Galena Creek Topo Overview



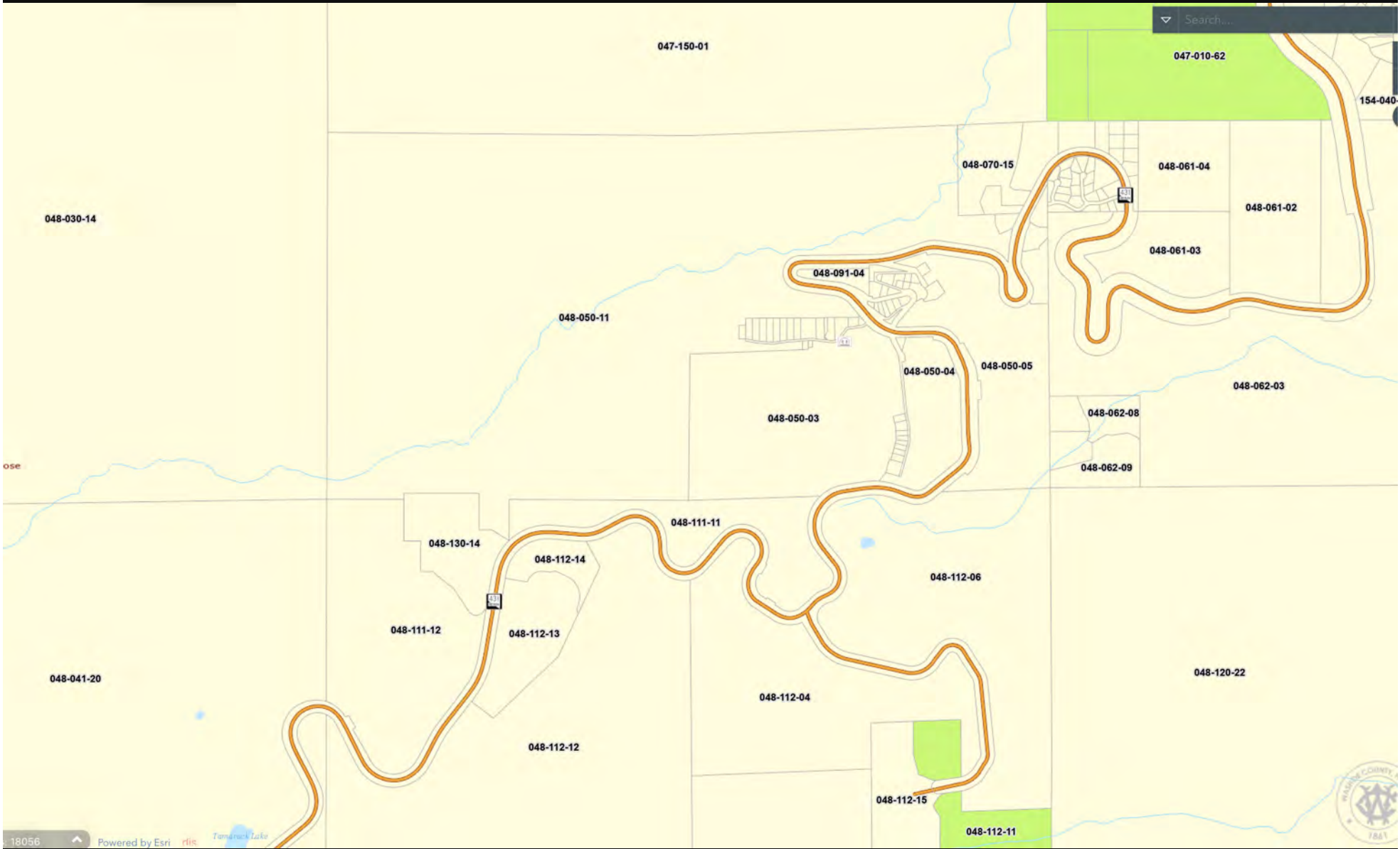
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Washoe County GIS  
Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS,

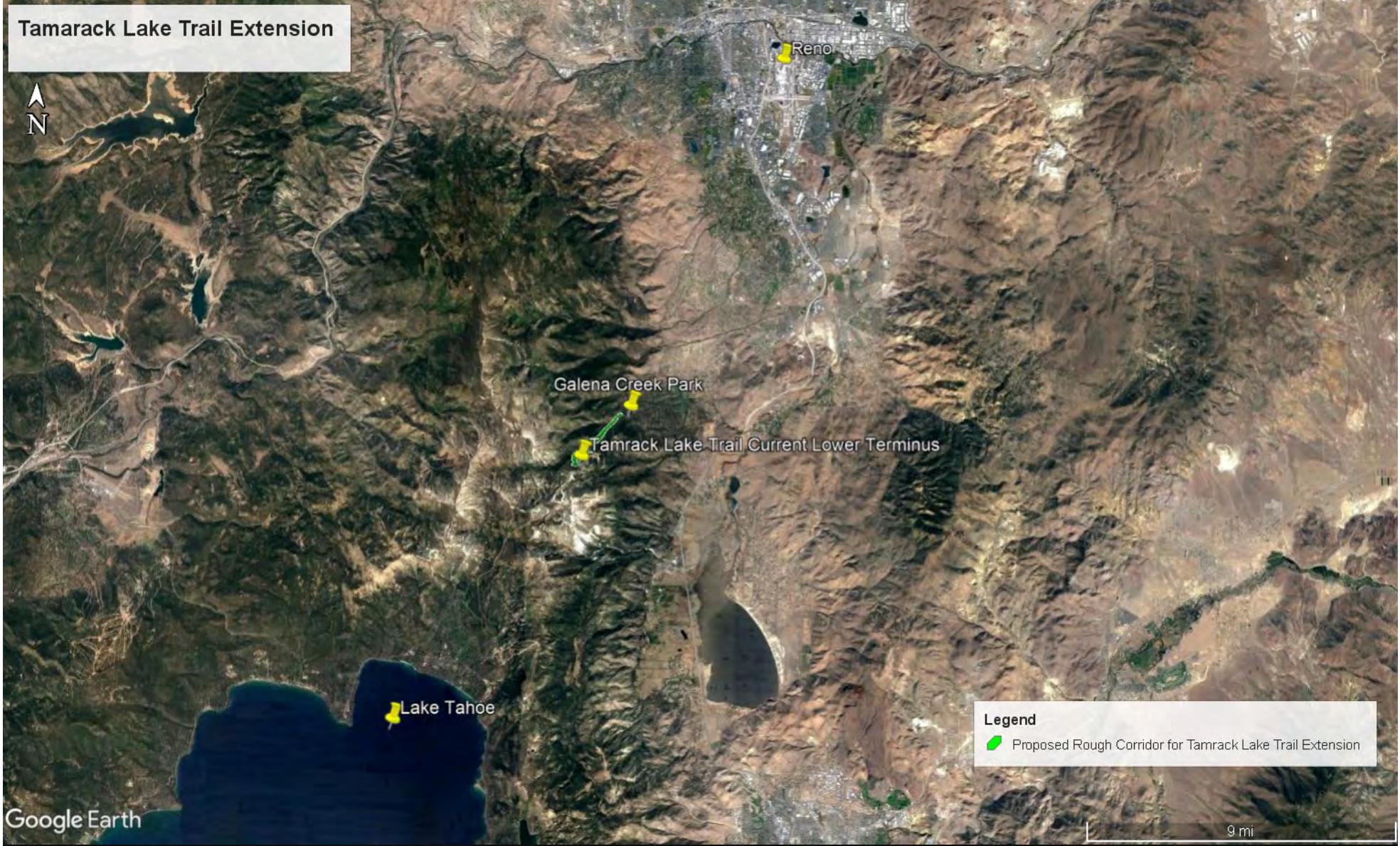
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# Tamarack Lake Trail Extension



**Legend**

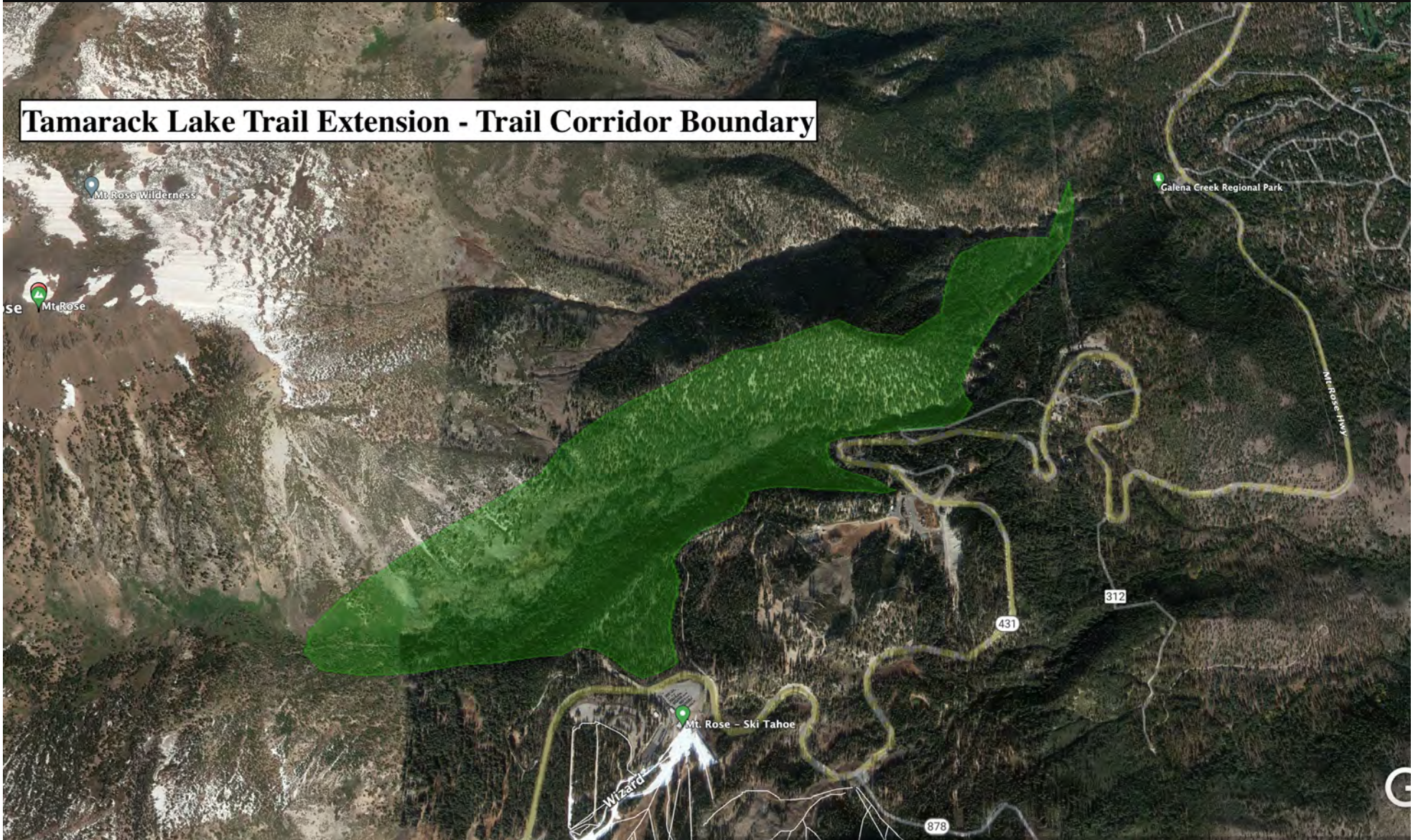
- Proposed Rough Corridor for Tamarack Lake Trail Extension

Google Earth

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# Tamarack Lake Trail Extension - Trail Corridor Boundary



# Tamarack Lake Trail Extension - Trail Corridor Boundary





**Date:** October 22, 2021

Nevada Division of State Parks  
Heather Giger, Park & Recreation Program Manager  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 5005  
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Ms. Giger –

This letter is in support of Biggest Little Trail Stewardships' (BLTS) recreation trails program effort to obtain funding to plan the extension of the Tamarack Lake Trail. This project provides an opportunity to expand an existing non-motorized trail system.

The Tamarack Lake Trail Extension would add approximately 7 miles of single-track trail that would connect the existing Tamarack Lake Trail to the Galena Creek trail system, providing the ability for mountain biker users and all other non-motorized trail users to access the Tahoe Rim Trail and Tahoe Meadows area from trailheads in the foothills of Reno. This is an important trail connection between the Tahoe Basin and Eastern Sierra trail networks.

Carson Ranger District personnel have read the grant application and agree that:

- 1) The project will not facilitate motorized activities on trails that have been predominantly used by non-motorized trail users and on which, as of May 1, 1991, motorized use is either prohibited or has not occurred (Section 1302 (e)(2)(c) of the National Recreational Trails Act);
- 2) The project is in compliance with all applicable laws and in particular the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA);
- 3) We commit to maintain the project's features (e.g., trails, buildings) for 25 years.

We look forward to our ongoing partnership with BLTS and the planning for the Tamarack Lake Trail Extension.

Sincerely *Brian Hansen*

*/s/ Brian Hansen, Acting Deputy District Ranger, for*

MATTHEW D. ZUMSTEIN  
DISTRICT RANGER





# WASHOE COUNTY

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Operations

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Nevada Division of State Parks  
Attention: Heather Giger, Park & Recreation Program Manager  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 5005  
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Ms. Giger,

This letter is in support of Biggest Little Trail Stewardships' (BLTS) recreation trails program grant request to secure funding and plan the extension of the Tamarack Lake Trail. This project provides an opportunity to connect the foothills of the Eastern Sierra to the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The Tamarack Lake Trail Extension would add approximately 7 miles of single-track trail that would connect the existing Tamarack Lake Trail to the Galena Creek Regional Park trail system, providing the ability for mountain bike users and other non-motorized trail users to access the Tahoe Rim Trail and Tahoe Meadows area from trailheads in the foothills of Reno via Washoe County's Galena Creek Regional Park.

Washoe County Park staff have worked with USFS staff for many years in efforts to dismantle illegal trails built on USFS lands directly adjacent to Galena Creek Regional Park. The illegal trails had downhill features and were not appropriate for the varied use of any existing trails nearby. This plan would create not only the needed trail connection between Sky Tavern and Galena Creek Park, but access to the Tahoe Basin. Having a wider range of trails to choose from will disperse use and create more options for non-motorized trail users to explore the Eastern Sierra and Tahoe Basin.

We are in full support of the planning for the Tamarack Lake Trail Extension. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (775) 328-2181. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Colleen Wallace Barnum  
Park Operations Superintendent

