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Carson Valley Trails Association Receives National Park Service Grant

The Carson Valley Trails Association (CVTA) has been awarded a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program. The grant will provide the assistance and expertise of a National Park Service (NPS) outdoor recreation planner to work with CVTA for one to two years. No direct funding is provided by the grant.

The NPS planner will help CVTA create strategies for working together with both the private and public sectors to reach the organization's goal of establishing the Carson Valley Trail, a continuous, nonmotorized recreational trail system circling the Carson Valley. This trail will be completed by connecting segments of existing trails with new trails to be constructed over mostly public and potentially some private lands where property owners are willing to provide trail access. The NPS planner will guide CVTA in planning and facilitating meetings with public and private stakeholders to identify trail opportunities, discuss issues and find solutions for connecting segments of the Carson Valley Trail. When completed, this trail will implement most of Douglas County's Comprehensive Trails Plan.

Work on developing the meeting process will begin in January 2010. For more information, contact CVTA President Kerstin Wolle at 775-265-3736 or <u>info@carsonvalleytrails.org</u>. More information about National Park Service RTCA grants is available online at <u>www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca</u>.

The Carson Valley Trails Association is a nonprofit volunteer based organization working with partners to provide access to public lands through a recreational trail system for present and future generations to enjoy. More information about the organization is available online at www.carsonvalleytrails.org.