

From: [Jane Ragan](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#)
Subject: Vote YES on Pines To Mines NEPA funding next Tuesday
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Dear Members of the Board Of Supervisors:

With respect to the matter of the Pines To Mines NEPA funding to be discussed and decided upon next Tuesday Nov. 16, Bicyclists Of Nevada County (BONC) would like to restate its strong support for the project. Attached please find the letter of support we sent to you last July in anticipation of the matter being brought to the Board at the August 10 meeting. We ask you to review it. Our position has not changed.

BONC remains committed to working with the Tahoe National Forest, County of Nevada, Bear Yuba Land Trust, Truckee Trails Foundation and any other agency or interest group that seeks to advance completion of the legacy project that is Pines To Mines. Community support for the project is deep and broad. We hope that the Board understands that County funding for the NEPA is critical. Given the dearth of funding sources for environmental studies, anything other than a "yes" vote by you will kill this great project. Please don't let Pines To Mines die on your watch.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jane Ragan, MD
BONC Representative to the Pines To Mines Trail Association





Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Bicyclists Of Nevada County (BONC) would like to take this opportunity to express to you its support and appreciation for County funding for the Pines To Mines NEPA study.

BONC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As per our mission statement, we are “committed to responsible mountain biking, preservation and improvement of riding opportunities, cooperation with other interest groups and the education of cyclists and non-cyclists alike.” We are a long time partner of the Tahoe National Forest as well as other land managing organizations including BLM, NID, and the Bear Yuba Land Trust. In that capacity we build and maintain trails. BONC is a founding member of the Pines To Mines Trail Alliance.

The Pines To Mines Trail, when completed, will be an 80-90 mile route offering both single and multi-day excursions across Nevada County’s most beautiful mountain landscapes. The route will promote tourism that will directly and indirectly benefit County businesses as well as adding to the quality of life of those who live here and enjoy trails. Approximately 15-20 miles of new construction--all on lands managed by the Tahoe National Forest--is required to complete the route.

Since the new construction is on federal land, thereby subject to NEPA, an Environmental Analysis (EA) must be completed before work can begin. The Tahoe National Forest has proposed to include study of potential impacts of allowing Class 1 e-bikes--a rapidly growing new recreational use--on the Pines To Mines Trail. As Forest Supervisor Ilano has explained to us, due to financial and regulatory constraints, not doing so now would cause a

substantial delay in the Forest's ability to revisit the issue to analyze for potential impacts.

While BONC remains neutral on the outcome of such a study, we agree with the TNF that now is the time to do it. We have observed that e-bikes have come to account for roughly 20-30% of mountain bike usage on the heavily used Highway 20 corridor trail system over the past 5 years. This proportion continues to increase. However, BONC has not received any increased reports of user conflict from the public or our external partners. Interestingly, we have also observed an overall increase in mountain bike/e-bike trail use since early 2020 and we are deploying trail counters currently to quantify this increase. Yet, despite the increased usage, we still have not documented any increased conflicts. We also appreciate the scrupulous research and analysis that TNF employed on its East Zone Environmental Assessment document and believe it makes a strong argument for increased e-bike access on TNF trails.

BONC remains strongly committed to the Pines To Mines Trail project and to the obligations for fundraising, design, building and maintenance that such a trail project requires. We look forward to continued collaboration with the County, the Tahoe National Forest, and other participating partners on the project.

Thank you again for your support for this great project!

Dan Goldsmith, President

Bicyclists Of Nevada County Board of Directors

July 15, 2021

From: [Colleen Dalton](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Heidi Hall](#)
Subject: URGENT: Pines to Mines NEPA Contract
Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021 2:35:02 PM

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Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Visit Truckee-Tahoe, the tourism authority for eastern Nevada County representing a \$159M annual economic sector, I am writing in **urgent support of proceeding with the contract to fund NEPA studies for the proposed Pines to Mines Trail.**

Visit Truckee-Tahoe was thrilled when the initial vote was made to allocate funding for this purpose and ask that you please follow through in awarding the contract.

Trails are what drive people to visit Nevada County communities in the warmer months. The Pines to Mines trail is such an amazing vision – **a backcountry trail connecting our two sides of the county** with incredible scenery and topography along the way.

It is a remarkable vision that will certainly serve as an economic driver for all Nevada County communities, rivaling the Tahoe Rim Trail on an international level. It is critical that this rigorous process take place. **Please proceed with the contract to fund NEPA studies for the proposed Pines to Mines Trail as presented.**

Please don't pass up this incredible opportunity to support a legacy experience for all generations to come.

Sincerely,

Colleen Dalton CEO, Visit Truckee-Tahoe


From: [Jenna Sage Elliott](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Heidi Hall](#)
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Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

I live in Truckee and enjoy all types of trail recreation, but mostly love being on trails with my horse. I am so excited about the prospect of a long-distance trail that can be used for horse packing trips with my friends. Please vote yes to move the contract forward so that this trail can become a reality. I hope you agree this is an amazing opportunity for generations to come that we shouldn't let pass.

Sincerely,
Jenna Elliott

P.S. My horse and I are happy to share the trail with all user groups.

From: [Brian Schusterman](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Heidi Hall](#)
Subject: Pines to Mines Trail
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Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

I am an avid trail user who has been following the progress of the Pines to Mines project closely these past few years. It will offer an incredible multi-use experience, and I believe it will attract trail users from around the world. It will also be the perfect trail for long-distance running races that will generate revenue for our communities.

Former Supervisor Richard Anderson proposed this trail as a way to unite the two ends of Nevada County, which are currently divided by inaccessible Forest Service land. This trail seems like a great way to help unite Nevada County, bring revenue to our communities, and give recreationalists more miles to explore.

I strongly urge you to vote to proceed with the contract to fund NEPA.

Best,
Brian Schusterman
Truckee, CA