December 2018 News

WHAT IS THE NEW CANYON TRAIL SECTION LIKE FOR USERS?

As regular readers know from recent newsletters, the latest section of trail extends the out-and-back distance from Hirschdale downriver to 3.0 miles each way. But unless you are a professional rider, like Andy Schleck and Levi Leipheimer who rode it this summer, what can you expect? Janet Phillips and two girlfriends rode it in early November and here is what they experienced:

To reach the trailhead, drive on I-80 to Hirschdale exit, then follow Hirschdale Road south and east to its end (Google Maps knows this as 17000 Hirschdale Road), including crossing old 40 bridge:

This is an intermediate mountain bike ride, or a lovely hike. Some of the switchbacks are tight and will require you to walk your bike, and there are some steep pitches.

At the end of the completed trail, you can either reverse course back to the starting point, or use the freeway shoulder to continue east ½ mile to Floriston. (This option is only legal eastbound, and is not recommended.)

A NEW LOOK FOR 2019 KICKOFF PARTY

Due to a standing-room-only crowd last January, we are planning a new venue and date for the annual Kickoff Party. This year it will be March 14, 6-8 pm at Patagonia (130 S. Center St.). If you want to learn about the Tahoe-Pyramid Trail from its builders and users, please join us.

YEAR-END DONATIONS:

Yikes—we still are missing 2018 donations from about 20 of our regular Century Circle donors! We intentionally do not send out many reminders because they are so annoying, but we depend on you!

UNNEEDED RMD CAN BE DONATED:

If you are over 70 ½ and receive those pesky Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA, but don’t need the money……you can donate it directly to TPT and avoid this taxable income!

SHOPPING TO BENEFIT TPT:

You can get the same products and prices by going through Amazon Smile, and TPT receives a percentage of sales! To link to our charity page: https://www.amazon.com/gp/html?C=2XOILY9ZBO4NE&R=G7KB8UP9YT&T=C&U=http%3A%2F%2Fsmile.amazon.com%2Fch%2F57813500022&J=VCNL5Y54OQXV9X9Q44A4A82H9J9S0XAMIXKEN9Y55VPSLTA

JERSEYS & SPORTSHIRTS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

Our beautiful Truckee River inspired cycling jerseys (see photo from last month) make great gifts and are available at College Cyclery, Paco’s Bike & Ski, and Olympic Bike Shop. Also, by mid-December there will be sport shirts available in the same design. Supplies are limited, so don’t wait!