

# Truckee River Canyon trail work begins

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*Four volunteers scout the last trail section near Floriston.*

The nonprofit Tahoe-Pyramid Trail has begun work on the final section connecting Reno, Nev., through the Truckee River Canyon.

Richard May Construction of Mammoth Lakes recently began work on the final 2 r west of Floriston, including the steep slope just below a long, winding curve on In a cost of more than \$2 million, parts of this trail will require wooden boardwalk, r and switchbacks. The project is being paid for by government grants and private Phillips said.

Given the complexity, the project may or may not be finished this year. But wher users will be able travel through the entire canyon. In all, Janet Phillips, presiden the Reno, Nev.,-based group, said the trail is 80 percent completed. The remainir of Sparks.

With the final section of trail from Lake Tahoe to Reno being built in the Truckee ( name of the organization was recently changed to [Tahoe-Pyramid Trail](#). This nam commemorates [the completion of 80 percent of the overall trail from Lake Tahoe Lake.](#)



*The Truckee River Canyon near Floriston. The red line indicates the future trail alignment of the final section from Tahoe to Reno of the Tahoe-Pyramid Trail.*

"Many walkers, runners, fishermen and others mistakenly think the trail is only for Phillips in a press release. "We are more inclusive than that."

While most people identify a bikeway as being paved, Phillips said the Tahoe-Pyramid Trail is not paved outside urban areas. As it follows the Truckee River on its 114-mile journey, it is paved through Reno, Sparks, on the Legacy Trail east of the town of Truckee, and on Highway 89 and on its own path from Olympic Valley to Tahoe City. Everywhere else, it is on a dirt road or path.

"After 15 years as a Bikeway, this is obviously a big change," Phillips said. "But it's the right thing to do, as we want everyone to enjoy the trail."

The Truckee River Canyon is a prime example of the multi-use of the trail. A dirt road follows the trail as it starts near Verdi, Nev. The utility road runs up and down rugged, steep cliffs before it ends up along the forested river bank near the Fleish Pedestrian Bridge. Here more runners, hikers and fishermen use the trail than bicyclists.

To access the Truckee River Canyon trail, people can safely park their cars at Verdi.

Floriston and Hirschdale exits on Interstate 80. Check [tahoepyramidtrail.org](http://tahoepyramidtrail.org) for d conditions.

The Tahoe-Pyramid Trail is a vision of following the Truckee River by foot or by bi source at forested Lake Tahoe to its desert terminus at Pyramid Lake. The route v more than 2,000 feet in 114 miles, using a combination of existing dirt and paved roads, plus some sections of new trails and bridges. | [tahoepyramidtrail.org](http://tahoepyramidtrail.org)

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