

Reservoir experiment may change how milfoil is controlled

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Experts plan this summer to try a new way to eradicate an invading underwater weed spreading throughout Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River.

The experiment at Martis Creek Reservoir, located south of Truckee, will target Eurasian watermilfoil. If it is successful, it could be employed elsewhere – including in the Truckee River, where the plant poses a potential threat to water intakes serving the region’s primary water supply system.

“Definitely we don’t want it to get worse. We’d like to control it,” said Mark Foree, general manager of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority.

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