

Coldstream Canyon restoration project meeting

The Truckee River Watershed Council on Oct. 27 from 6-8pm at the Truckee Donner PUD is having a public information meeting regarding the Coldstream Canyon restoration project design and implementation.

Coldstream Canyon, or Cold Creek, extends from the crest of the Sierra Nevada to just west of Truckee. There is a long history of human disturbances in the canyon, from construction of the Central Pacific Railroad to construction of Interstate-80. Such disturbances have and continue to cause increased size of peak floods, increased erosion of fine sediment, loss of riparian habitat and degraded aquatic habitat. Restoration will begin 2011 and consists of expanding the existing floodplain. By creating additional floodplain, fine sediment erosion will be significantly reduced, riparian vegetation will increase, and some flood protection will be afforded. The project will have water quality and habitat benefits.

To RSVP for the meeting, call the Truckee River Watershed Council at (530) 550.8760. Light snacks will be provided.