

Truckee River Watershed Council secures funds for matching grant

New members of the Truckee River Watershed Council's Together for the Truckee Society have pledged a total of \$30,000 a year for the next five years. This achieves the full amount of the matching grant given by the Martis Fund.

The Martis Fund announced in May a matching grant worth \$30,000 a year for five years. In the past seven months 22 individuals, families and businesses joined the society, providing valuable unrestricted funding for the Truckee River Watershed Council. Combined with the matching grant from the Martis Fund, this will result in a total of \$300,000.

"I continue to be amazed and impressed with the effectiveness of the Truckee River Watershed Council," Joanne Roubique, district ranger at the Truckee Ranger District said in a statement. "That so much excellent restoration has been done and that the group continues to attract funding from agencies, businesses and individuals as well as continuing to host one of the most effective volunteer programs around is a success story unlike any other."

The Truckee River Watershed Council's goal is to complete 40 priority restoration projects within the next 10 years, as well as continue monitoring and prevention projects.

If you are interested in learning more about the Together for the Truckee Society or the matching grant from the Martis Fund, contact Michele at (530) 550.8760.

The Martis Fund supports programs to secure open space, promote habitat restoration, and create workforce housing in the Martis Valley region. It was established in 2006 as a

collaborative project of DMB/Highlands Group, Mountain Area Preservation Foundation, and Sierra Watch. For more, visit <http://www.martisfund.org/>.