

Tallac Site upgrades may start in 2015

Work to revitalize the Tallac Historic Site could begin in May.

“This project will reduce environmental impacts and improve recreational opportunities at the Tallac Historic Site,” Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Forest Supervisor Nancy Gibson said in a press release. “Upgrading these facilities will help us meet current and projected recreational demands and comply with legal requirements for accessibility.”

Depending on funding, the work could take a decade to complete.

The Forest Service will implement a variety of water quality projects, upgrade paths, improve accessibility, install informational signs and remove some user-created trails removed. Crews will construct a split-rail fence between the Tallac Point beach area and the Taylor Creek Marsh and a restroom will be built near the parking area.

The project will improve vehicle circulation by reconfiguring the three entrances along Highway 89 (Valhalla, Tallac Site, and Taylor Creek Visitor Center) into two entrances connected by an internal road, which allows visitors to enter the site and access all areas without returning to the highway. Parking areas at the Tallac and Valhalla sites will expand and the existing unimproved parking area near the Valhalla entrance will be paved.

The project will also include construction of a non-motorized, multi-use trail adjacent to the new internal road and parking lot access roads.