Dogs off-limits from South Tahoe marsh

The annual seasonal dog closure at the Upper Truckee Marsh begins May 1.

The purpose of the three-month closure is to keep dogs out of critical breeding habitat for special, threatened and endangered species such as yellow headed blackbirds.

El Dorado County sheriff's deputies enforce the seasonal dog prohibition and California Tahoe Conservancy staff also monitor for compliance of the South Lake Tahoe property.

Beginning Aug. 1, dogs will again be permitted access to the Upper Truckee Marsh, provided they are on leash. The Conservancy-owned Cove East property, west of the river, remains open for year-round, leashed dog access.