

Camp Rich campground, bike path work to begin

Work begins this week on the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit's plans to improve the Camp Richardson area.

The first phase of the Campground and Vehicle Circulation Best Management Practices Retrofit is designed to meet current standards for water quality protection and universal accessibility. About 250 trees in the campground on the north side of Highway 89 will be removed.

Campsites and roads will be moved from sensitive stream environment zone areas. A portion of the Pope-Baldwin Bike Path (locally known as the Camp Rich bike path) will be moved from the highway shoulder. A new campground entrance will also be created.

The first phase of the project is expected to be complete by October. Phase two on the south side of Highway 89 is anticipated to begin in September 2015 and be finished by June 2016.

For more information, go online.