

# Letter: Northstar volunteers on trails projects

To the community,

On Sept. 17, more than 100 volunteers of Northstar California Resort gathered to reinvigorate the surrounding natural landscape. Northstar's volunteers united in support of Vail Resorts' annual EpicPromise Day and represented a portion of roughly 2,000 employees, nationwide.

Approximately 100 volunteers constructed almost two miles of the Elizabethtown Meadow Trail. The terrain is facilitated by the Truckee Trails Foundation and connects the Waddle Ranch Preserve and associated trails into the Tompkins Memorial Trail and connects to the Martis Valley area. An additional 20 volunteers landscaped Pocket Park in downtown Truckee including planting over 150 native plants, gathering over 50 pounds of trash ranging from micro-trash to large pieces of rusty metal and pipes, as well as clearing over 60 pounds of debris from Trout Creek to improve water quality.

"EpicPromise is a remarkable program and a strong example of Northstar – and the greater Vail Resorts' – commitment to environmental sustainability and to the people in these mountain towns," said Beth Howard, vice president and general manager of Northstar California Resort. "We appreciate the North Lake Tahoe area communities and are proud to partner with them for the greater good."

EpicPromise acts year-round to uphold sustainability of the resort-area natural environment. Originally established in 2010, EpicPromise organizes 20,000 hours of company-sponsored employee volunteer time, executes on a variety of environmental initiatives annually, and contributes \$7.8 million in charitable donations to 250 nonprofit partners. In

2015, Vail Resorts implemented the EpicPromise Foundation, which now allows the company to also support employees experiencing personal and financial challenges.

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