USFS withholding name of suspect

The U.S. Forest Service still refuses to release the name of the man who drove his SUV into the meadow near Angora Lakes last month.

No reason has been given why his name has not been released.

He was cited for operating a vehicle off designated routes.

Without a name, though, it is impossible for the public to know what actually happens to the suspect.

"The federal government did not pay the fee for removing the vehicle, the tow company will get reimbursed from the gentleman when he wants his vehicle back I assume," Heather Noel, spokeswoman for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, told Lake Tahoe News in an email. "As the damage was in the meadow when it was wet, it would have caused additional damage to repair it at the time. The hope is the area naturally repairs itself however we will reassess when it is appropriate to ensure that is the case."

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