

Stand of Tahoe City trees focus of debate



Christy Hill's cottonwood trees from the lake. Photo/Brent Thrans

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At 5:45 one morning in early June, Tahoe Vista resident Brent Thrans parked his truck in front of the grove of cottonwood trees near the entrance to Christy Hill restaurant in Tahoe City. Thrans, who was accompanied by two others, was not there to watch the sun rise over Lake Tahoe or take an early morning jog on the bike path. He was there to protest.

A few minutes later, when an Arbor Care crew showed up to cut the dozen 50-foot cottonwood trees down, Thrans refused to move his truck.

"My intention is to not have you cut these trees down today," he told the Arbor Care foreman. "I'm not moving."

Arbor Care eventually left, leaving the cottonwood trees standing ... for now.

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