

Cougars and conservation topic of talk

Rick Hopkins, co-owner and senior conservation biologist at Live Oak Associates Inc., will make a presentation July 21 arguing against “traditional kill strategies” to control population of predators.

The event will take place at the Donner Memorial State Park Visitor Center in Truckee.

Doors open at 5 and the program begins at 5:30pm. There is a \$5 suggested donation; parking is free after 5pm.

Hopkins argues that “traditional kill strategies” not only do little to reduce conflict, but do little to conserve the species. One example is the killing of cougars by recreational sport-hunting or prophylactic control methods – the kill strategy.