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Fuel Dock // 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Boat Rentals // 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

7 DAYS A WEEK

Truckee River Rafting Outlook

A major effect of this year's record winter is the viability of rafting on the Truckee River from Tahoe City to River Ranch. The Federal Water Master updates the commercial rafting companies on a daily basis on water flow levels coming out of the dam, along with the levels and speeds along the river. Once the water levels diminish and the bridges are passable by rafters, the rafting companies will spring into action. Currently the multiple rafting companies are taking reservations with confidence in operating starting July 15th.



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TRPA UPDATES

The discovery of quagga mussels on a watercraft at a Lake Tahoe boat inspection station in May highlights the continued need for vigilance against aquatic invasive species. As part of increased prevention methods recently approved by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board, motorists towing boats in the Lake Tahoe Basin will be required to remove drain plugs from their watercraft after leaving the water.

Updated TRPA regulations require boaters to remove drain plugs as boats leave the lake, which will help prevent the spread of existing aquatic invasive species within the lake. Removal of drain plugs while traveling will assist boaters in arriving at boat inspection stations across the West clean, drained, and dry — an effective way to prevent the spread of invasive species.

The new rule is consistent with best boating practices, and direction from fish and wildlife agencies across the West, as well as a newly adopted Nevada law. People transporting watercraft in Nevada are required to have all devices controlling the draining of water removed and open while the craft is on Nevada public roads.

Additional TRPA code updates emphasize that willful attempts to launch without inspection and the use of stolen inspection seals are prohibited.

Fire Danger Still Exists

Although the Truckee River is raging, the Lake is almost at full legal capacity, and the drought emergency in California is over, wildfires are still a major concern for the Sierra this summer. Wildfire season will be pushed back later than normal due to the large amount of precipitation that fell during winter months and the mild spring weather. But, things will dry out eventually, unless we have an unusually wet summer.

The main concern is the amount of fuel that has grown this spring because of the amount of moisture we received over the winter. That, coupled with the large amounts of dead trees in our previously drought-stricken forests, adds up to a situation that only needs a source of ignition. Unfortunately, 90% of our fires in the Tahoe Basin are human caused. Campfires, small fireworks, and smoking are the leading contributors to accidental fires.

The U.S. Forest Service has been busy clearing fuels, like dead trees and grasses that create a wildfire risk, and educating the public about fire safety. Local fire protection districts are encouraging all area homeowners to be vigilant in the defensible space around their homes. Many local agencies are also providing chipping service and yard waste collection drop off days. Yard waste is also being accepted at the Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal Landfill free of charge.

SUMMER ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Summer is the season for road work and there are several projects impacting the Tahoe area this summer. The largest and closest project to the Marina is the \$35 million project in Tahoe City to build a new Truckee River bridge east of the Caltrans Maintenance Yard with roundabouts on either end of the realignment. Replacement of the existing Truckee River (Fanny) Bridge and constructing a roundabout at the wye intersection is also part of this project. Completion of this endeavor, along with local street enhancements, is expected in 2018.

Many pavement repair projects will go on throughout the summer on the roads surrounding the Lake, as well as on Highways 89 and 267. Fortunately, many of these projects are being completed over night, so look for traffic controls in most areas from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Work continues on a \$70.1 million project on the West Shore from Tahoma to just north of Granlibakken Road in Tahoe City. This project includes upgrading storm water drainage and treatment systems, adding curb and gutter, resurfacing and realigning the road, adding new left-turn pockets and widening shoulders on an 8.5-mile stretch of the highway. Completion is expected by the end of July.

Additional projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin include slope work near Emerald Bay and drainage work at the wye intersection and near Tahoe Keys in South Lake Tahoe. Road work schedules can always change, so be sure to check the Caltrans website for updated information.



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1,196 square feet

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