

Happy trails: Konocti Regional Trails Master planning workshop

Staff reports

LAKE COUNTY — The Public Services Department in conjunction with Alta Design + Planning and Barbara Rice of the National Parks Service hosted the second of three workshops Saturday to continue in the development of the Konocti Regional Trails Plan.

A group of approximately 100 people with varied recreational interests attended.

An interactive workshop was held that allowed everyone to present and discuss ideas regarding policies, planning, trail design and conceptual trail connections.

The workshop consisted of a PowerPoint presentation on the trails plan and two breakout sessions.

The first breakout session allowed participants to choose a specific track, either policy, planning or trail design.

This breakout session allowed participants to present and discuss ideas with experts from Alta Design + Planning, the National Parks Service, county employees and volunteers.

The second breakout session was divided into geographical study areas to review potential trail routes derived from the first



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workshop and results from an Internet survey that was available during the fall of 2009 and to get feedback on conceptual trail routes that were possibly missing.

Representatives from the Lake County Sierra Club, Lake County Area Planning Commission, the

US Forest Service, California State Parks, Friends of Boggs Mountain, Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association, the Equestrian Women of the Toll Road, Supervisor Rushing, county staff and the general public were in attendance.

When complete, the

Regional Trails Plan will guide the county in establishing needed bike lanes, sidewalks and walking paths in the unincorporated areas of the county, as well as hiking, biking and equestrian trails throughout the county.

A trails plan will incorporate existing routes already avail-

able on BLM land, National Forest, and in State Parks, as well as help the county to plan for future trails and pathways to special vistas, safe routes between neighborhoods and schools, water trails on Clear Lake and trails of other interest to the public. The final workshop will be held in late

spring where county staff and Alta Planning + Design will present the draft Regional Trails Plan for review and comment prior to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

For more information contact the Public Services Department at 262-1618 or visit www.konoctitrails.com.