



Sierra Wildlife Coalition

Promoting humane and practical solutions for living
with beavers, coyotes and all our local wildlife

Hello and happy spring!

We wanted to alert everyone to a wonderful beaver documentary coming up on **PBS Wednesday, May 14, 8pm** (KVIE from Sacramento, Channel 6 and KNPB from Reno, Channel 5) called, naturally, **Leave it to Beavers**. The film has outstanding video, including beavers underwater and inside a lodge. And see Sherri Tippie of Denver releasing a family of beavers - **Sherri has rescued 1,000+ beavers** from Denver and suburbs and relocated them to ranchers who appreciate their value - and always the entire family!

Around Tahoe, we'll be busy this summer. At **Taylor Creek**, South Lake Tahoe, the Forest Service again destroyed the beaver dam near their display mid-December, but the beaver family found a refuge in an old deadfall and rebuilt (we will post more photos from Dec.-Jan on Facebook). However the rainstorm in early February again washed out their rebuilt dam.... so they have relocated downstream! We checked several times a week all winter, and the family of three all seems fine, and they will be safer downstream. We have continued our meetings with the Forest Service, who say they will now include beavers in their educational material about the value of wetlands - which the beavers have created, of course. Also they are revising their beaver policy, hopefully to be more beaver friendly... more on that to follow.

In **Truckee**, the beavers are still building dams right below town on **Trout Creek**, and partially flooding the Town's restored section right below the bridge, but we hope to continue to work with the Town engineers on solutions. Beavers are also busy all along **Martis Creek**, where **Truckee River Watershed Council** is planning some restoration work, and hoping to actually encourage beavers! We are also in touch with **Lahontan Golf Club**, just upstream, and they have agreed to work on non-lethal solutions to potential beaver flooding issues. Our flow devices in **Tahoe Donner**, on both Alder and Trout Creeks, continue to function well. The Forest Service has been in touch for information on tree protection for aspens downstream on Alder Creek.

We'll be monitoring beaver sites all around Tahoe, and need your help - please let us know about beavers in your neighborhood - just a quick email or photo (or call 530-320-9923), so we can avert problems before they arise! And join us for the **Native Species Festival at Taylor Creek, SLT, on Sunday, June 8** (Native Bird Festival is Saturday the 7th there too).

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