



Sierra Wildlife Coalition

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

Happy Thanksgiving everyone -

November 2012

We are thankful because we found beaver tracks in the snow at the Tahoe Vista beaver pond on November 9, the day after we had installed a pond leveler with CA Tahoe Conservancy! (And we are thankful to Scott Carroll at the CA Tahoe Conservancy for spending months getting all the required permits :-). We have photos of beaver tracks coming up from the lake and tracks in the snow bank next to the pond.

The pond was dry when we installed the pipe-leveler on Nov. 8, as Snow Creek is small and had not been flowing for several weeks. We had been worried about where 'our' beavers were staying, but as the photos show, they were back the next day, checking out their pond. And when we went by today, the pond has filled up from the recent rain, to a level that covers the entrances to the beavers' burrow/lodge in the bank under some sturdy willows. They now have plenty of water, so we hope they are back home!

We'll be keeping an eye on the pond to see if we can see the beavers, and/or let us know if any of you spot them! (see *below*)

Also, we're updating our email lists, so please hit 'reply' to let us know if you'd still like to receive these updates (or if you would not ;-)) and also, what area you live in (South shore, West shore, North shore, or Truckee, Tahoe Donner, Glenshire, or another area) so we can alert you to nearby beavers and/or wildlife!

Thanks, and Happy Holidays - your friends at Sierra Wildlife Coalition

(PS - December 6)

We stopped by the beaver pond in Tahoe Vista, where we installed a pond leveler in a dry pond that has only recently refilled (and where we saw beaver tracks in the snow Nov.9) and we saw two adult real-live beavers! We stopped and parked by the pond at dark, looking for ripples in the water, and realized after a few minutes that the pair were just below us on a grassy peninsula, eating!! The larger one went into the water when we turned our lights on (then off) and swam into the pond, then gave us a tail-slap. Yeah!!!

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