



Sierra Wildlife Coalition

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

Fall Newsletter

November 2013

We enjoyed a spring and summer of festivals - SWC had booths at Earth Day at Squaw Valley in April, the Native Species Festival at Taylor Creek in SLT in June, the Air Show in Truckee in July, and our favorite, the 6th Annual Martinez Beaver Festival in August. And check out our display in the Tahoe City Library - we had a beaver display up for Sept-Oct, changed to a coyote display for Nov-Dec. (see photos, attached, on next page)

Just when we thought things were slowing down, it seems our local beavers have been working overtime, getting ready for winter!

The beavers rebuilt their dam at Taylor Creek, of course, and the Forest Service is continually pulling it apart, of course. However, during the government shutdown, we saw hundreds of kokanee salmon who got above the dam with no problem. We are trying to re-start a dialog and offer better and humane alternatives.

Beavers have found the Town of Truckee's restored section of Trout Creek to be ideal habitat, and have built a series of small dams all down the creek (you can see them, right alongside Glenshire Drive, before the turn for the nursery). The Town engineers are NOT going to bother the beavers this winter, and said they will work on non-lethal solutions as needed next year!

Most of our area creeks have beavers, making valuable wetlands for all wildlife and filtering out sediment and pollutants. In Truckee, they're all along Martis Creek (new dams at the upper end of the wildlife area, and into Lahontan Golf Club) and along Alder and Trout Creeks in Tahoe Donner (where we installed pond levelers that continue to work well). Beavers are back on Griff Creek in Kings Beach! (Upstream from the pond where the beaver family was killed 3 years ago) We hope beavers will be able to come back again this winter to Snow Creek in Tahoe Vista (where the Tahoe Conservancy installed a pond leveler) and to many of our other creeks which went dry this summer/fall.

Check out the creeks in your area - you may be surprised! Please let us know if you find beaver activity, so we can avert any problems before they arise. And don't forget to "like" us on Facebook - keep up with latest beaver (and coyote and wolf) news. We welcome any ideas and suggestions - and let us know if you do NOT want to receive these updates.

Thanks for your support,

Your friends at Sierra Wildlife Coalition

