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## **June Lake Trails Committee Engages the Community for the Down Canyon Trail Planning**

**WHO:** The **June Lake Trails Committee** is a volunteer community group formed in 2007 to create sustainable trails in the June Lakes area. The Committee has mapped several existing informal user-created paths south of Highway 158, between Gull Lake and Double Eagle Resort, with the goal of establishing the alignment of a formal “Down Canyon Trail” to serve the community’s recreational needs.

Collaborating partners will also be present: **Mono County Community Development and Friends of the Inyo.**

**WHAT:** June Lake Trails Committee invites you to get involved in this planning effort! Save the dates!

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm.** The June Lake Trails Committee will present the trail mapping results to the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee and is on the agenda for this regularly-scheduled meeting.

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9am.** The June Lake Trails Committee invites all trail users, including hikers, runners, equestrians, dog walkers, walkers, and mountain bikers of all ages to a trail workshop to gain valuable public input regarding trails and trailheads for the Down Canyon Trail project. This will allow a community driven plan that focuses on the appropriate priorities with the land managers for implementation. Comments received on trailhead improvements and amenities will be used to develop priorities with the appropriate agencies.

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 6pm.** At this follow-up workshop, the June Lake Trails Committee will present the comments and recommendations received to date and work with the participants to select a preferred trail alignment.

**WHERE:** June Lake Community Center, 90 West Granite Avenue, June Lake, CA

### **Additional Information:**

Those who cannot attend one of the meetings are encouraged to visit the website at <http://monocounty.ca.gov/rpac-june-lake/page/june-lake-trails-committee> and take the on-line survey which will be available soon. “Public input is critically important to this planning process” said Gerry LeFrancois, Sr. Planner for Mono County. He added that the June Lake Trails Committee’s focus is for non-motorized passive recreation opportunities, and protection of private property rights. For more information visit the website above or contact Gerry LeFrancois at Mono County Community Development.