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Proposed Deepening and Removing of Gravel from Upper Truckee River

The Tahoe Paradise Inc. development company have informed us that they intend to deepen the channel of the Upper Truckee River through their property from Highway 50 crossing above Meyers to the old Scotts Dam, a distance of about one mile.

The purpose of this channel deepening would be to drain marshy areas on either side of the river in order that they might sell lots. The gravel that was removed would be used for constructing roads and streets through the subdivision.

They plan to do the work in the latter part of August and September. The channel would be deepened three feet. A drag line would be used and the gravel that was removed would be hauled away.

On April 23 Terence Potter walked over this area with George Baron, Engineer for Tahoe Paradise, and Jens Harms and his foreman of Harms Brothers Gravel Plant at Meyers. Harms Brothers plan to do the gravel removal work.

Mr. Baron stated that they would do as little damage to the river as possible. Good gravel would probably remain after the channel was deepened. The banks would all be sloped after the work was completed, and a deeper channel would be cut down one side of the river so that the low flows would not spread out too much.

This stretch of river is one of the best remaining spawning areas in the Upper Truckee River. It is difficult to say just how much damage will be done by this proposed dredging. It seems probable that the river bottom would build up to or near its old level after a few years.

Mr. Baron was given a FG 2023 form to fill out to give us formal notification of changes to be made in the river.

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