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Contact:**Victoria Ortiz****California Tahoe Conservancy****Ph: (530) 543-6063****Email: Victoria.Ortiz@tahoe.ca.gov****IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Tahoe Conservancy Hosts Free Upper Truckee River Workshop
Public Invited**

South Lake Tahoe, Calif. – April 26, 2013 –The California Tahoe Conservancy is bringing together some of the nation’s top scientists this week for a workshop to discuss and evaluate an emerging interagency strategy to restore and protect the Upper Truckee River. Co-sponsors and participants include key staff from the US Forest Service, California State Parks, the City of South Lake Tahoe, and the Tahoe Science Consortium.

The workshop, which is open to the public, will be held May 2 and 3 at the Inn by the Lake in South Lake Tahoe. The Conservancy will also provide a free, optional field walk, weather permitting, on May 1 beginning at the Conservancy office at 11 AM.

“This workshop will help all of the participating agencies work toward a more collaborative, comprehensive, and science-based effort to restore and protect Tahoe’s largest and most important watershed,” said Conservancy Executive Director Patrick Wright. The Upper Truckee River drains nearly 40% of the basin’s runoff and is the largest contributor to fine sediment that impacts the lake’s famed clarity.

Maureen McCarthy, Executive Director of Tahoe Science Consortium, will moderate a panel of five independent restoration ecologists with expertise in geomorphology, aquatic habitats, and related fields. Their findings will assist the agencies in developing a comprehensive strategy to help guide and connect several river restoration projects in the planning stages or currently underway.

Established in 1984, the mission of the Tahoe Conservancy is to lead California’s efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

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Attached Photo Captions:

Photo 1: View of the Upper Truckee River Watershed