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Conservancy Begins Demolition, Restoration of Sawmill Parcel

South Lake Tahoe, Calif. Demolition began this week on a dilapidated residential building located on sensitive land near the former site of historic Ethel's Pie Shop in El Dorado County. The 1.05 acre parcel, acquired by the Conservancy under its Tahoe Livable Communities Program in December 2015, is located on Sawmill Road near US Highway 50 and the Upper Truckee River.

"This project not only removes an eyesore, but restores a wetland and facilitates the transfer of the development rights to help us create more walkable and bikeable Town Centers," said El Dorado County Supervisor Sue Novasel, a Conservancy Board member.

The Conservancy's Tahoe Livable Communities Program acquires aging developments on environmentally sensitive land, demolishes and restores the site, and transfers the development rights to Town Centers as identified in the Regional Plan.

Demolition, site stabilization, and initial restoration activities will be complete later this fall. Full restoration of the site will occur next year.

Established in 1984, the mission of the California Tahoe Conservancy is to lead California's efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin. For more information, visit <http://tahoe.ca.gov>.

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