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Dear Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners:

As the Executive Director of Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation, I am writing this letter of support and collaboration for the Carcione and Canepa Ranch Access Plan. The Parks Foundation protects and enhances our communities' livability through public engagement, education, and the sustainability of our parks, open spaces, and trails. We do this under the umbrella of the "Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Truckee Meadows Initiative".

Parks, trails and open spaces are integral to the health of our community and during this time we have seen the immense need for these open spaces to be available and usable for all. This recreation and access plan helps take our park system to the next level. Located near the Truckee River and U.S. Forest Service land, the site significantly improves public access to county owned parcels, the Truckee River, the Sierra backcountry, and existing trails.

Canepa Ranch and Carcione Open Space properties are not only important to the community for access, but to help connect users to the site's history and natural resources. This connection provides a much needed sense of place and belonging for the community. Furthermore, these properties provide a variety of users opportunities for recreation including hikers, bikers, equestrians, and fishers. Washoe County has worked hard to not only ensure adequate public input was provided, but considered the feedback carefully and adjusted the timeframe for this project to guarantee all stakeholders had an opportunity to participate and provide perspective.

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to voice my support for the Carcione and Canepa Ranch Access Plan.

Sincerely,

Heidi Anderson  
Executive Director  
Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation