



## Closing Plenary

*Friday, April 24, 2015*

### **Dan Wilkins**

Director of Public Works and Engineering, Town of Truckee

### **Allison Pedley**

Executive Director, Truckee Trails Foundation

### **“Building Community through Trails”**

Creation of a community-wide trails network can connect a community in unexpected ways that go far beyond the physical linkages created by the trails themselves. Dan Wilkins and Alison Pedley will provide an informative closing session on how the very process of planning, funding, and constructing trails can connect communities. The social interaction that occurs in developing a community trail plan, the engagement of the business community to help fund trails, the partnership of local government and non-profits to develop support for the construction and funding of community trails, and volunteer involvement in the process of trails construction will all be covered using successful case studies from the mountain Town of Truckee, California.

#### ***About Dan Wilkins:***

Dan has 27 years of experience as a civil engineer, and has served as the Director of Public Works and Engineering for the Town of Truckee, California for the past 17 years. During that time, Mr. Wilkins has overseen the construction of 19 miles of Class 1 bicycle trails within Truckee, and helped in the creation of a voter approved sales tax measure dedicated exclusively for trails maintenance and construction. Mr. Wilkins has also successfully led citizen involvement efforts during the implementation of trails projects and in the development of community wide trails master plans which led to landowner and stakeholder buy in to the societal benefits of trails within a community.



#### ***About Allison Pedley:***

As Executive Director of the Truckee Trails Foundation since 2009, Allison works with agencies, non-profits, businesses, and local trails advocates to help create a flourishing and connected network of trails and bikeways in the Truckee area for community, economic, and environmental well-being. An avid hiker, backpacker, mountain biker and budding equestrian, Allison also brings to her job a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Vermont and a BA in Communications from the University of Washington.

