# Planning Commission Appeal Regarding Ascenté, 8/8/17

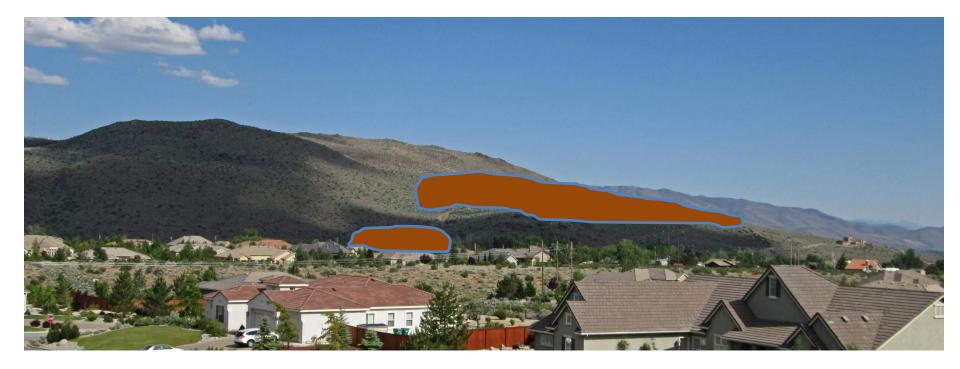
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### View of Steamboat Hills from Callahan Road

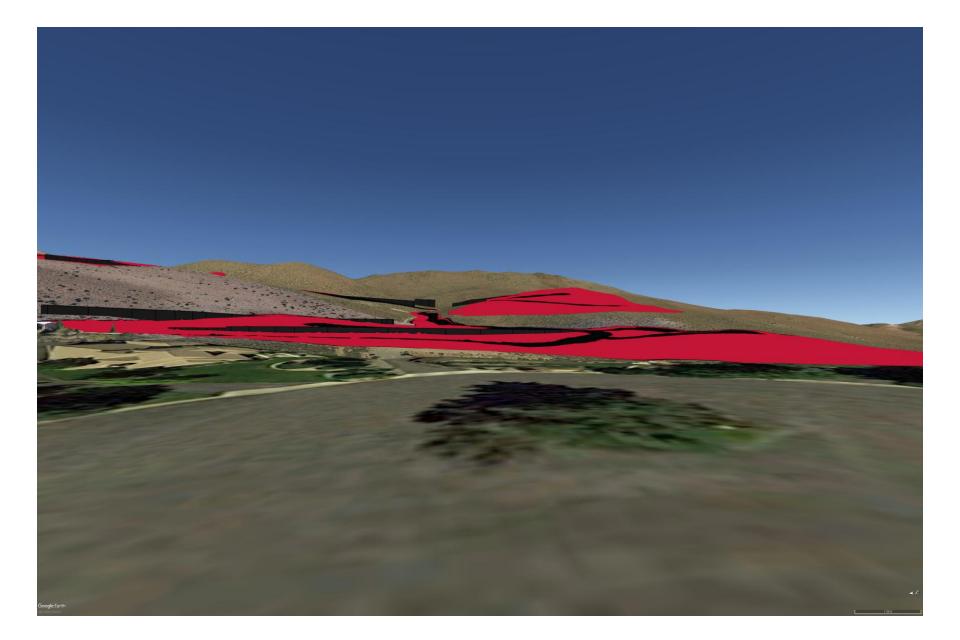




### View of Steamboat Hills from Callahan with Development



### View of Steamboat Hills from Crosscreek Road with Development



# **Applicable Planning Documents:**

- •Forest Area Plan (FAP September 2010)
- •Mount Rose Scenic Byway
- •Land Use and Transportation Element (LUT 2011)
- •Matera Ridge Mixed Use Overlay District (MRMOUD 2010)
- •Washoe County Development Code

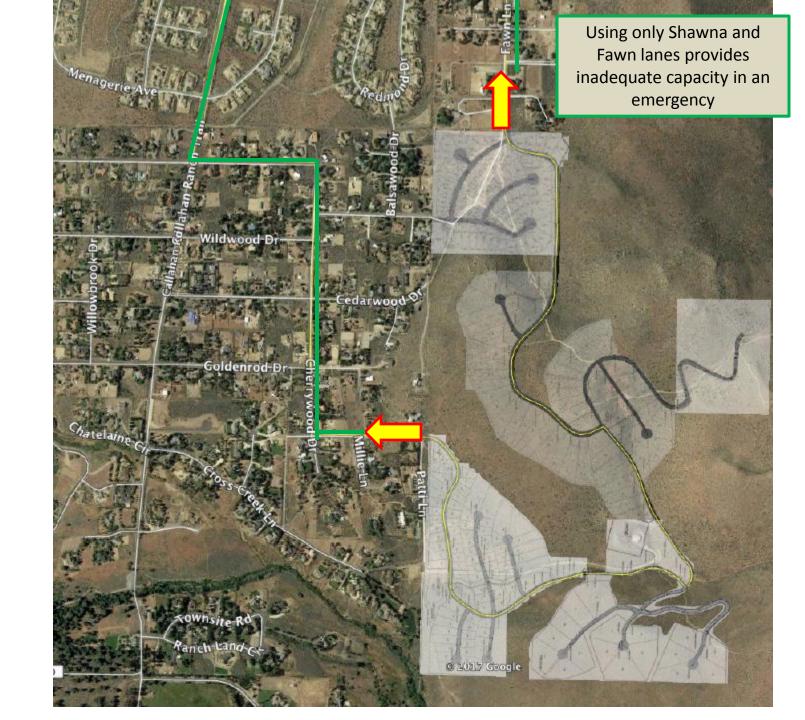
## Sagebrush Wildfire: Steamboat Hills

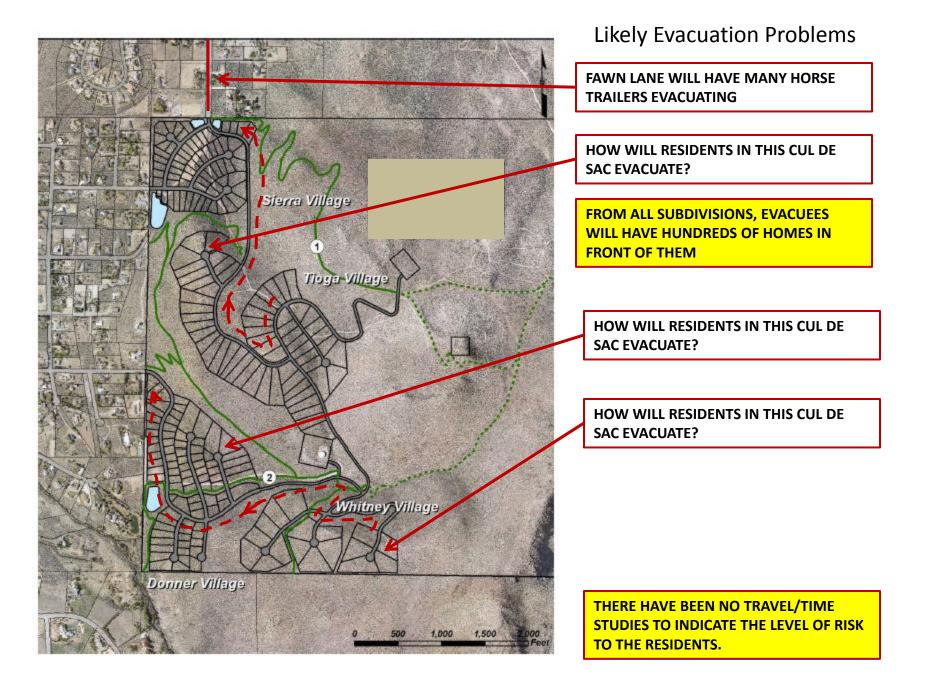


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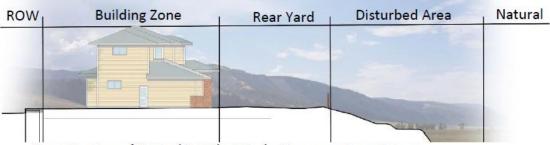
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Cross Section of Typical Lot That Backs Common Open Space



### Plan View of Typical Lot That Backs Common Open Space

BEST USES	Landscaped Front Yard Building Envelope Irrigation Privacy Fencing	Patios Gas Fire Pit Gathering Space Irrigation Landscaping	Seating Area Gas Fire Pit Native Revegetation Open Fencing Temporary Irrigation	No Improvements No Irrigation Property Line – Open Fencing
NOT ALLOWED	Non-Approved Landscaping Material (per CC&R)	Structures Higher Than Residence	Any Structure (incl. Pergolas or Shade) Privacy Fencing Irrigation	No Use Allowed

#### CHAPTER 6

### FIRE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

### GENERAL

601.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter establish general requirements for new and existing buildings, structures and premises located within *wildland-urban interface areas*.

**601.2 Objective.** The objective of this chapter is to establish minimum requirements to mitigate the risk to life and property from wildland fire exposures, exposures from adjacent structures and to mitigate structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels.

#### SECTION 602 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

**602.1 General.** An approved automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all occupancies in new buildings required to meet the requirements for Class 1 ignition-resistant construction in Chapter 5. The installation of the automatic sprinkler systems shall be in accordance with nationally recognized standards.

#### SECTION 603 DEFENSIBLE SPACE

**603.1** Objective. Provisions of this section are intended to modify the fuel load in areas adjacent to structures to create a *defensible space*.

603.2 Fuel modification. Buildings or structures, constructed in compliance with the conforming *defensible space* category of Table 503.1, shall comply with the *fuel modification* distances contained in Table 603.2. For all other purposes the *fuel modification* distance shall not be less than 30 feet (9144 mm) or to the lot line, whichever is less. Distances specified in Table 603.2 shall be measured on a horizontal plane from the perimeter or projection of the building or structure as shown in Figure 603.2. Distances specified in Table 603.2 are allowed to be increased by the code official because of a site-specific analysis based on local conditions and the fire protection plan.

TABLE 603.2 REQUIRED DEFENSIBLE SPACE

WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AREA	FUEL MODIFICATION DISTANCE (feet)*
Moderate hazard	30
High hazard	50
Extreme hazard	100

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

a. Distances are allowed to be increased due to site-specific analysis based on local conditions and the fire protection plan.

603.2.1 Responsible party. Persons owning, leasing, controlling, operating or maintaining buildings or structures requiring defensible spaces are responsible for modifying or removing nonfire-resistive vegetation on the property owned, leased or controlled by said person.

**603.2.2 Trees.** Trees are allowed within the *defensible space*, provided the horizontal distance between crowns of adjacent trees and crowns of trees and structures, overhead electrical facilities or unmodified fuel is not less than 10 feet (3048 mm).

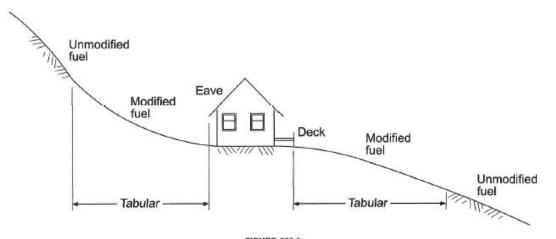
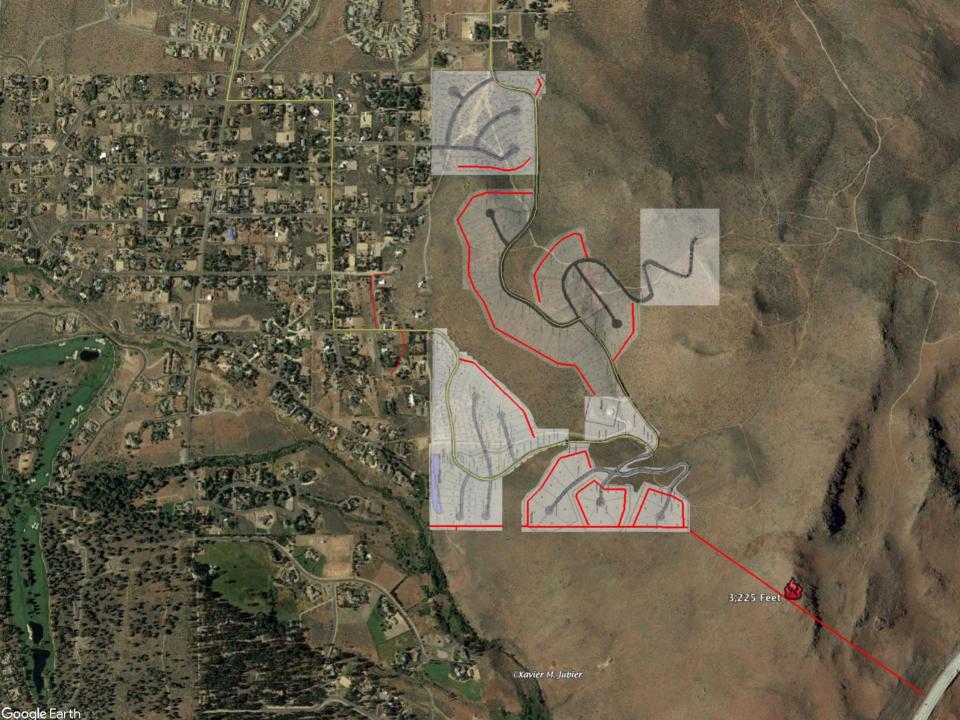
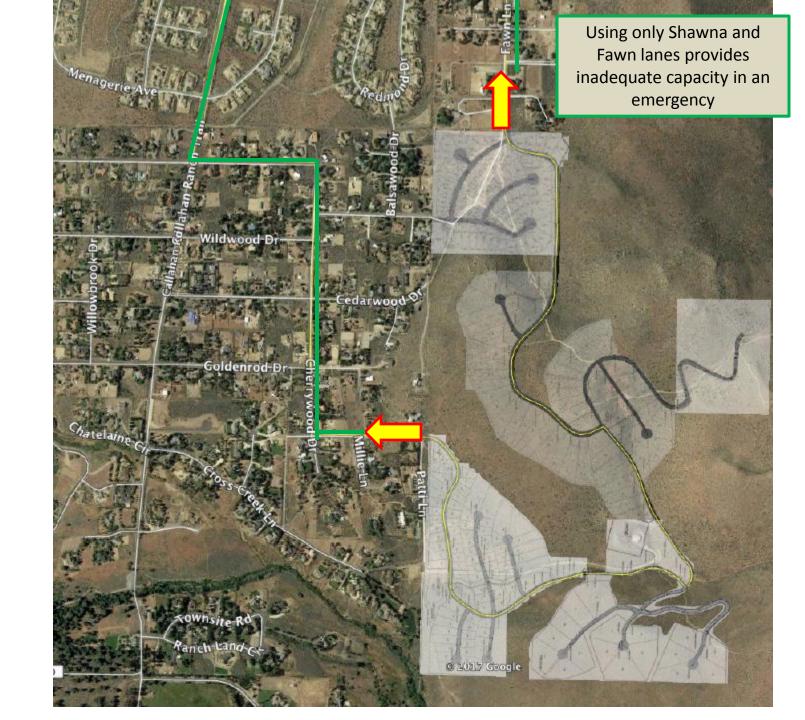


FIGURE 603.2 MEASUREMENTS OF FUEL MODIFICATION DISTANCE





### Additional traffic from Ascente & Terrasante



2000 T/D Terrasante



# A Flawed Traffic Study

Where you put traffic counters generates very different traffic results and conclusions.

Ascente's Traffic Study underestimates traffic on Cherrywood and is flawed.

Segment	Daily Volume
Tannerwood Dr	514
Cherrywood Dr	168

Traffic Works Study: Table 4



Yellow line shows access to development from Thomas Creek Road. This would be suitable for a haul road.

## NDOT Review of proposal; Jae Pullen, 10/21/2016

"Report does not include full build-out of development. Each phase should include traffic mitigation strategies and recommendations."

"There is currently a signal at the intersection of Mt. Rose and Thomas Creek Road. There is no south approach leg. Is there a way the developer can construct a phase further east that would tie into the Thomas Creek Road intersection instead of the proposed Phase 1? This would be a beneficial improvement. Ascenté development traffic would utilize the existing signal and have minimal impact on Callahan Road." Original developer of Matera Ridge, Hugh Hemple, received special zoning in the Matera Ridge Plan based on **implied access** from the proposed collector at stop light on Mount Rose Hwy at **Thomas Creek Rd** 

Mr. Hempel said "access to his property from a signalized intersection at Thomas Creek was much preferred to the Fawn Lane intersection."

# We believe that the Matera project was approved with this access in mind.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY**, NEVADA TUESDAY PRESENT:

10:00 A.M.

David Humke, Chairman Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson John Breternitz, Commissioner Bob Larkin, Commissioner Kitty Jung, Commissioner

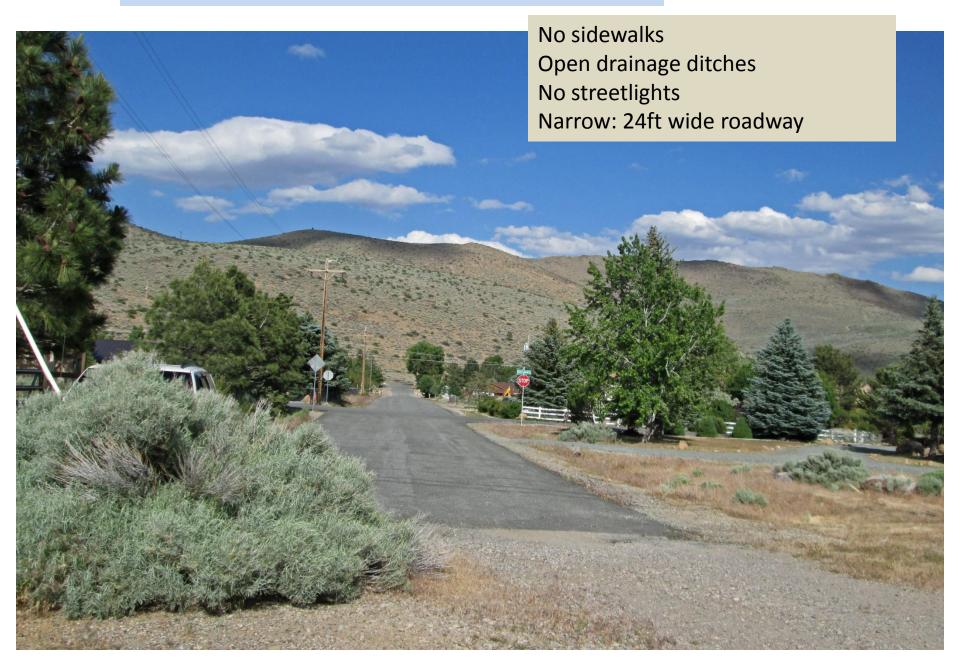
Amy Harvey, County Clerk Katy Simon, County Manager Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel

JULY 14, 2009

Add Tioga and Whitney traffic to Phase-2



### Shawna Lane facing East: no planned improvement



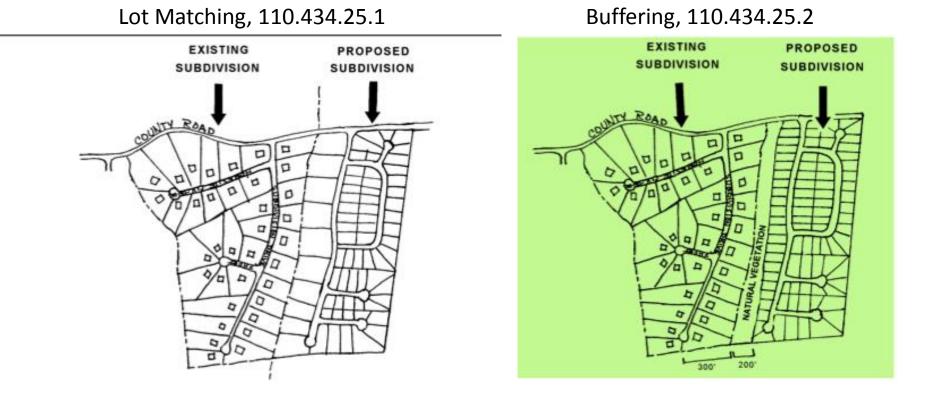
### Callahan Road configured as a collector

### EQUESTRIAN PATH

### COVERED DRAIN

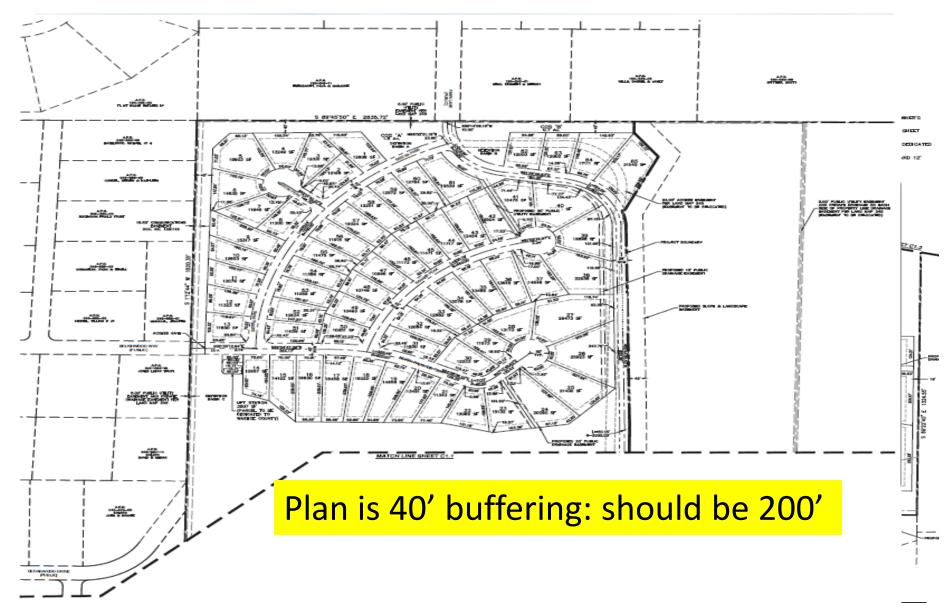
SIDEWALK





 The impact of development on adjacent land uses will be mitigated. The appropriate form of mitigation may include, but will not be limited to, open space buffering or parcel matching and should be determined through a process of community consultation and cooperation. Applicants shall be prepared to demonstrate how the project conforms to this policy.

# Sierra subdivision buffering

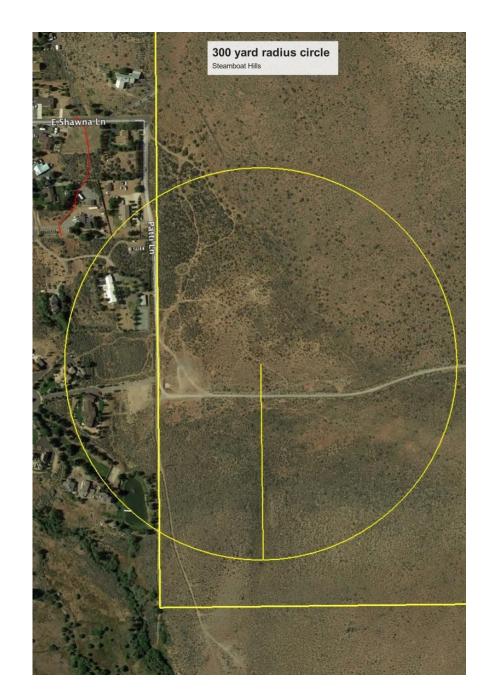


## EXTENSIVE NOISE POLLUTION

Heavy Machines and Blasting would be <u>300 yards</u>

or less from existing homes





### Views of Steamboat Hills from Mount Rose Highway

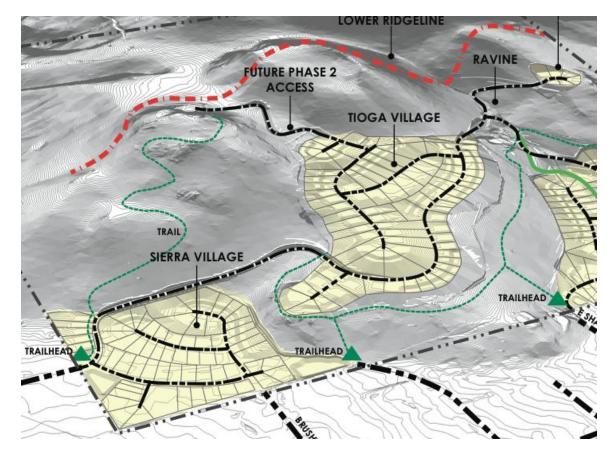




## We Become a Community On Our Roads



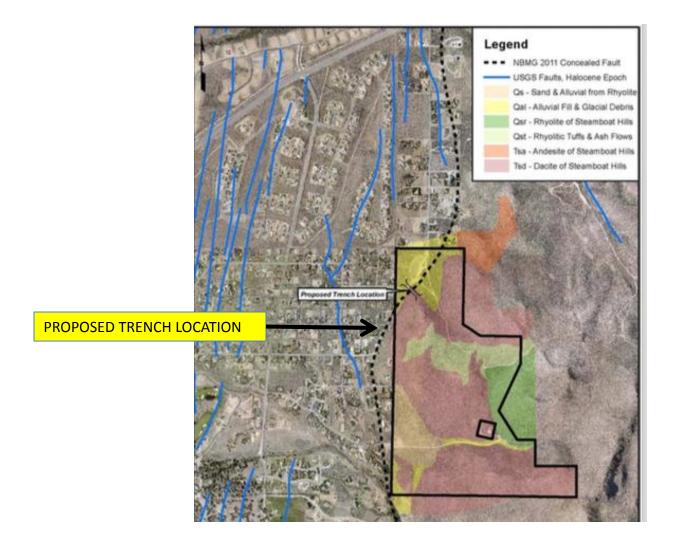
Trailheads identified in original Ascente tenative map approval.



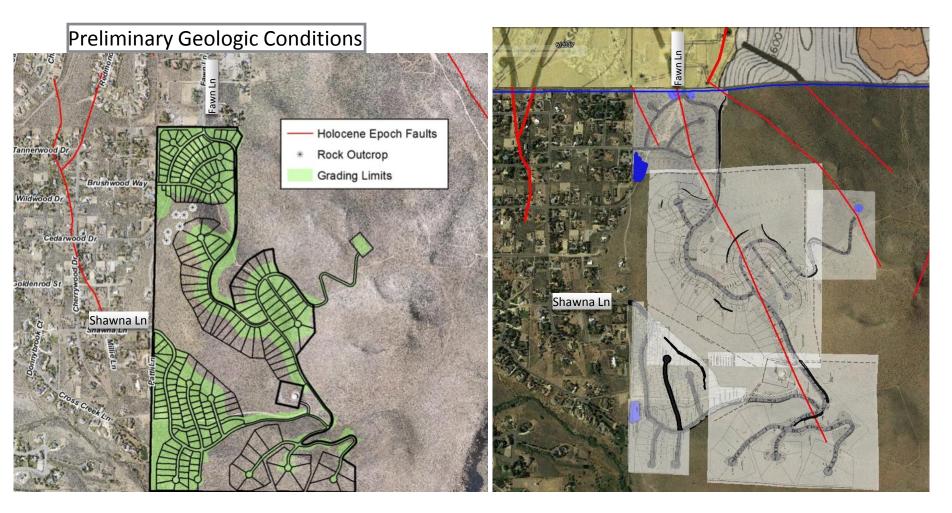
Trailhead parking would not be needed if the trails extend into the neighborhood over covered drainage.

Alternately, parking could be provided that would incorporate a school bus stop and provide for fire truck access.

### Proposed single trench is inadequate to ground-truth faults

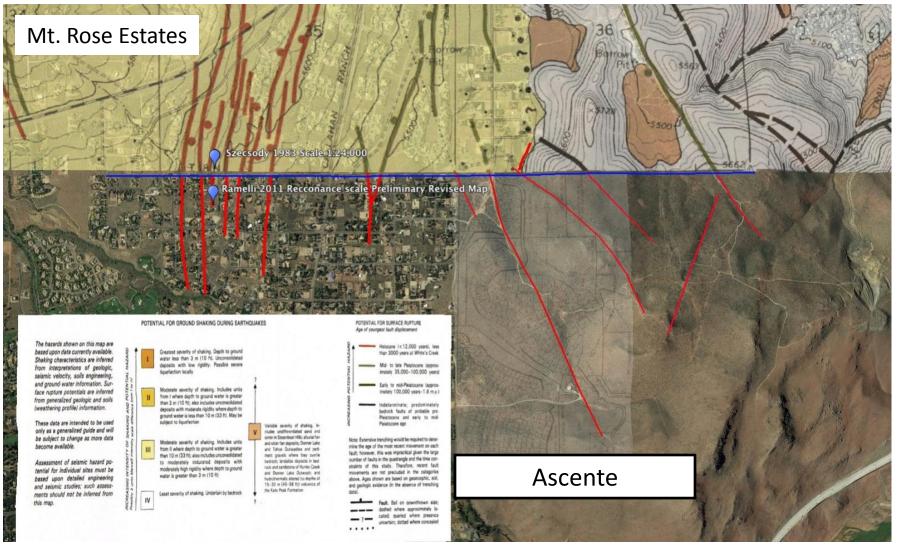


## Area Faults



Preliminary Map from Exhibit J (CFA) (left) alongside Nevada Geologists' Mapped and Inferred Faults from Washoe County Geology Map Published in 2013

### Area Faults



Continuation of known mapped faults south of detailed Geologic Hazard Map (Szecody, 1983) Illegal vegetation removal and soil compaction (grading) in 2002 created storm water runoff from the area of the proposed Sierra Village



### Ascente's floodwater "Overflow Path" south of Shawna Lane



# H-Flume used to measure discharge that flows from Ascente's property.

