

Boulder Bay LLC encouraged to heed community concerns

The redevelopment of the Tahoe Biltmore site will be a project that could change the face of the entire North Shore.

It could revitalize its economy and create a destination location for tourists and conventions.

However, it could also increase traffic to the area and raise safety concerns in the event of a catastrophic wildfire.

So far, Boulder Bay LLC has been proactive in soliciting community input. Between the TRPA's Community Enhancement Program meetings and a meeting held by the developers Tuesday night, Boulder Bay LLC has demonstrated a commitment to listening to the community. They should continue that commitment as they move forward with this project.

The project's construction process which could last through 2016 at the earliest will affect not only Crystal Bay, but its surrounding communities as well.

There are a limited number of options to enter and exit Lake Tahoe, some of which are only two lanes. As Boulder Bay looks into building its new resort it should also work with local entities to make sure its plans do not bottleneck any of the North Shore's transportation hubs.

It's encouraging that the developers have started taking community input so early in the process. By working together, Boulder Bay and the community can create a project that invigorates the economy and keeps the North Shore safe.