

## **Open Space Preservation & Recreation**

Gold Rush Ranch preserves the most scenic, historically-significant and environmentally sensitive areas of the property. The project has been designed to allow the entire community to use, enjoy and appreciate the remarkable views, natural landscapes and recreational benefits of the land.

### **Open Space Preservation**

The project permanently protects nearly a third of the property from any future development. Three hundred acres of oak-studded hillsides will be placed under permanent conservation easement, creating an agreement that not only legally protects the land but ensures that it will be properly maintained in the future. In addition to protection of lands on the Gold Rush Ranch site, the project will fund the conservation of hundreds of additional acres of new open space in Amador County.

### **New Parks & Recreation**

Gold Rush Ranch will create a variety of new recreational amenities for local residents. The project features a new 18-hole championship public golf course with discounts for Sutter Creek residents. The course will allow golfers to experience some of the most spectacular scenery and views in the Mother Lode and the Central Valley and will serve as the home course for the Amador High Golf Team.

Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort has been designed to invite a wide range of new public uses on the property. There will be new public tennis courts as well as two parks totaling approximately 20 acres. In addition, the project will pay fees to a community fund for the City of Sutter Creek to build a community park for widespread use and enjoyment.

### **New Public Access & Trails**

Gold Rush will build a new, extensive five-mile network of bike and walking trails that will allow access to Gold Rush's most scenic views and historical qualities. Bike paths will be eight feet wide and separated from car roads in most places. Three-foot-wide walking trails will connect to proposed parks and the historic Miwok Indian rock grinding site and a historic dam site. Walkways throughout the project will be four-foot-wide and are proposed to be separated from vehicle traffic by landscaped plantings. An additional trail has been proposed to link the Noble Ranch site, the Allen Ranch site and future trails on adjacent properties.