

## **David Lass Biography**

David runs the Tahoe office for Trout Unlimited, a national sportsman's organization working to conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. From the trout friendly town of Truckee, David looks over all public lands issues in the Sierra, and works to protect the last, best places we have to fish. Currently, he works on two Wilderness campaigns in the South Lake Tahoe area, runs the advocacy work to mitigate damage from unmanaged off-highway vehicle use on Forest Service lands, and spearheads a new college outreach program aimed at getting the younger generation involved in the outdoors and conservation. David attended Colorado State University and has traveled throughout the west in search of trout and the beautiful places they live. As a passionate angler and conservationist, he is happy to call the Sierra his home.

**Title of Presentation:** *Protect, Restore, Reconnect, Sustain: A Watershed Approach to Solving California's Water and Native Fish Crisis.*

Topics Covered in Presentation:

- Meiss Meadows Wilderness Campaign and protecting a Tahoe Native; Lahontan cutthroat trout
- Success for the Eastern Sierra; Drafting a Wilderness Bill to protect our last, best places of wild California
- Klamath River Dam Removal Agreement; A multi-year effort of unlikely allies to restore salmon and water to one of the west's most fabled rivers.
- Off-highway vehicles on Public Lands; How the motorized age is waging war on our National Forests.
- Water and Wine; Bringing back Coho salmon to California's North Coast.
- FERC Relicensing; restoring anadromy to the Lower Yuba and Merced