

Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination of Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention

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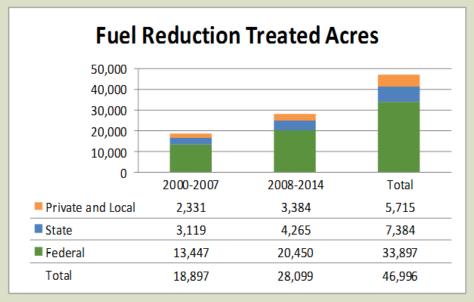


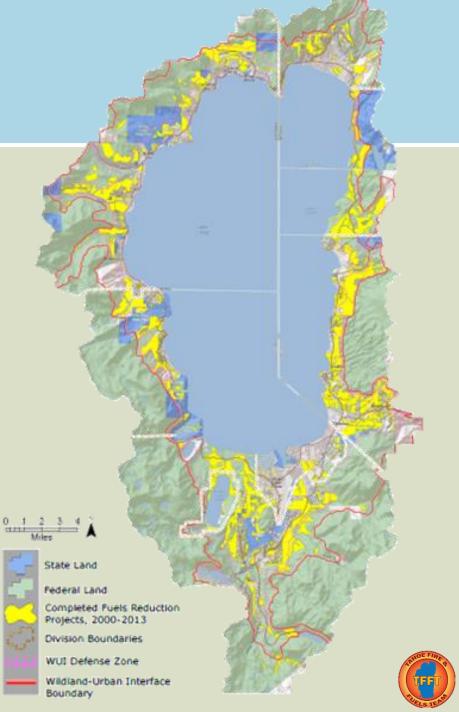
Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team Mission Statement

To protect lives, property and the environment within the Lake Tahoe Basin from wildfire by implementing prioritized fuel reduction projects and engaging the public in becoming a Fire Adapted Community.

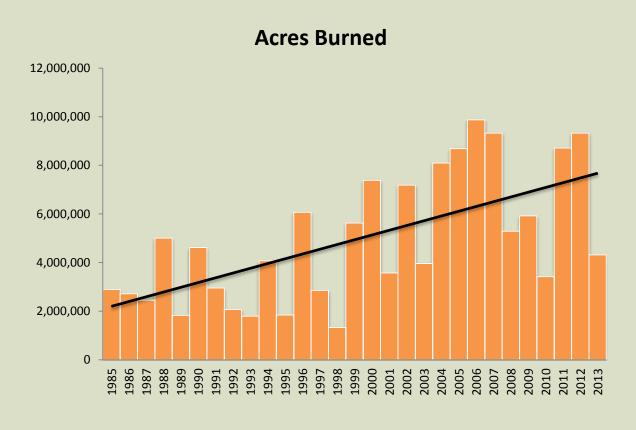


TFFT/MAC Accomplishments





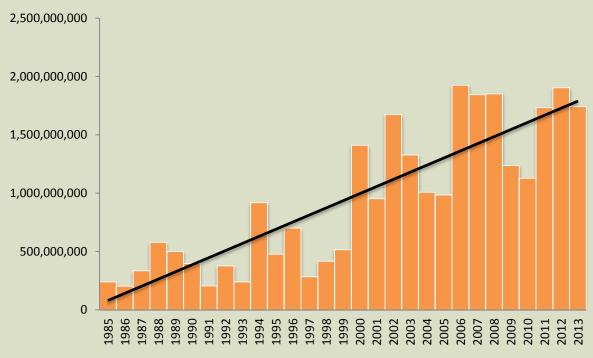
More acres are burning





Fires are more expensive

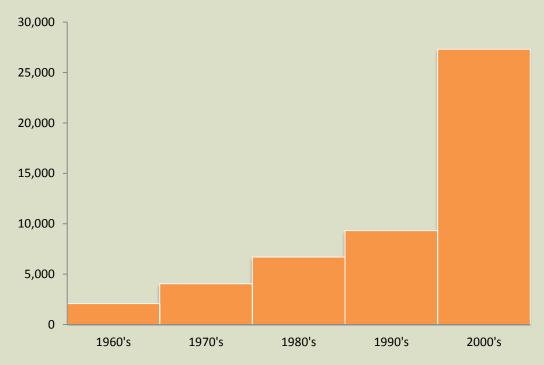
Federal Wildfire Suppression Cost





Fires are more damaging

Structures Lost to Wildfires





The FLAME Act of 2009

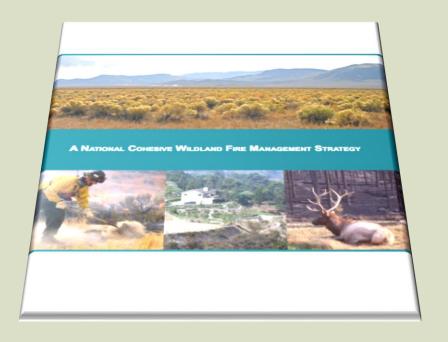
Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement





The Cohesive Strategy

National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy





The Local Cohesive Strategy

- California
 Department of
 Forestry and Fire
 Protection
- California State
 Parks
- California Tahoe
 Conservancy
- •Fallen Leaf Fire
- +Lake Valley Fire
- Protection District

 Meeks Bay Fire
- Protection District

 Nevada Division of
- Forestry

 Nevada Division of
- State Lands

 Nevada Division of
- State Parks

 •Nevada Tahoe
 Resource Team
- +North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection
- North Tahoe Fire
 Protection District

District

- South Lake Tahoe
- Fire Department

 Tahoe Douglas Fire
- Protection District

 Tahoe Regional
- Planning Agency
- United States
 Department of
 Agriculture Forest
 Service

Lake Tahoe Basin

Multi-Jurisdictional Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Strategy

August 2014















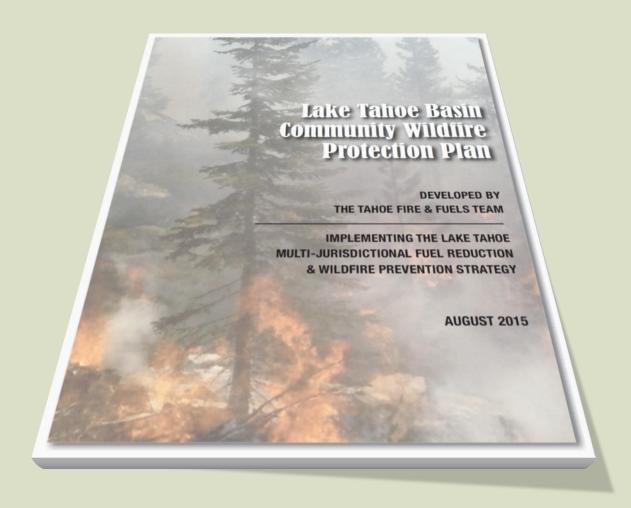














The Goals

Create Fire Adapted Communities





The Goals

Restore and maintain fire-resilient landscapes





The Goals

Provide effective and efficient wildfire response





Five Divisions

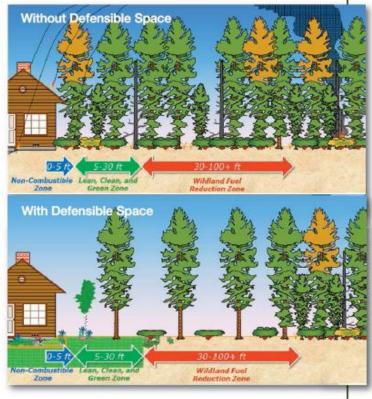


Mitigation Strategies

have made a conscious decision and have an obligation to manage their defensible space, and limit the ignition sources around their homes and properties. Some residences are located away from the main roadway network and create challenges for protecting structures during a wildland fire.

Developed properties in communities within the wildland-urban interface, including homes and businesses, are required to implement and maintain rigorous standards for defensible space. When structures are present, fuels should be modified consistent with the standards identified in state and local regulations. The Fire Adapted Communities booklet published by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is a useful guide for homeowners to better understand the defensible space options for their homes and community. The booklet describes the following three areas around the home where property owners can reduce the likelihood:

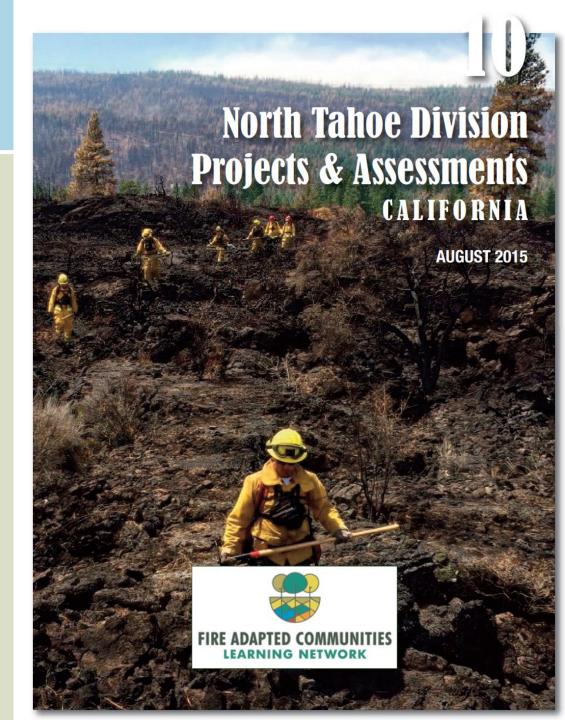
NONCOMBUSTIBLE AREA: This
area extends from the structure out to
five feet. In this area no combustible
vegetation or ground covers are permitted. Examples of nonflammable vegetation would be well-irrigated flowers or
succulent plants. Compost may be
used; however, flammable mulches
such as pine needles, shredded bark,
bark, and wood chips are prohibited.



- LEAN, CLEAN & GREEN AREA: This
 area extends from the noncombustible
 area out to 30 feet. In this area single
 isolated specimens of flammable plants
 are permitted and plants are to be kept
 healthy and free of dead material.
 Combustible mulches may not be used
 as a widespread ground cover and may
 not be used in a manner that would
 carry fire (that is, a fire must
 self-extinguish in this area).
- WILDLAND FUEL REDUCTION
 AREA: This area extends from the lean, clean, and green area out to the

wildland. In general it is recommended that homeowners complete at least 100 feet of defensible space, but that distance may be increased up to 300 feet depending on slope and fuel types. In the wildland fuel reduction area there must not be horizontal and vertical fuel continuity. Isolated patches of native shrubs, trees, and some patches of flammable ground covers are allowed; however, they cannot be continuous or capable of carrying fire to or from the home. Vertical fuel continuity (ladder fuels) is a condition where surface fuels

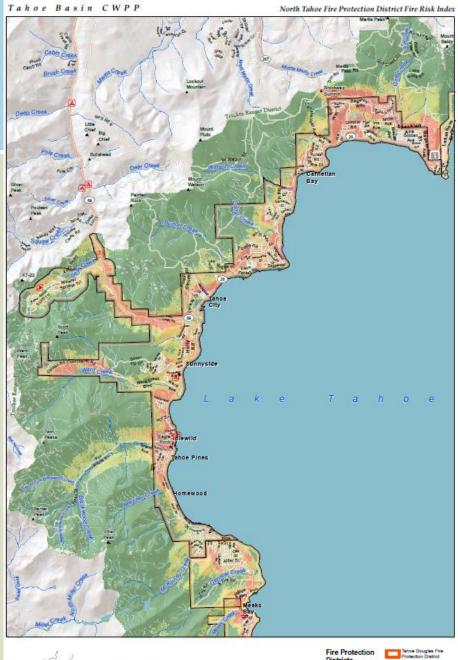
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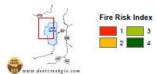


Project Maps and Tables



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Community Action Plans

SECTION #2: RESOURCES & STRATEGIES SUMMARY RATING (Overall level of resource)

(Overall level of resources to provide for program sustainability) POTENTIAL IMPACT (Impact of increasing resources available for programs) FEASIBILITY (Feasibility of increasing resources available for programs)

Medium

High

Low

ACTIONS

Near-term Action:

Long-term Action:

Resources

Immediate Action: Continue to de

Continue to develop the existing programs to best reduce fire hazard in a cost effective manner. Seek permanent

funding sources.

Develop protocols to quantify the overall risk reduction

achieved

Work with adjacent federal, state and private landowners to permanently fund and staff programs necessary

to reduce fire risk in communities in a cost effective and environmentally conscious manner

PARTNERS/RESOURCES

LVFPD, SLTFD, FLFD, Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team, local landowners, residents

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MEDIUM – Our programs have parttime or limited personnel, with somewhat reliable funding streams; we need additional staff and/or funding sources to support current and future mitigation activities.

SECTION 3: Outreach & Partnerships

OVERVIEW: This section identifies your community's social capital, processes, connectedness, and capacities (e.g., what and how are resources being used, to what extent can best practices be implemented, what are the barriers and limitations to mitigation)

Public Outreach & Input

20. How well do community members understand the area's

fire risk (in terms of fire history, what causes risk, etc.)?

MEDIUM – We seem to have an engaged public but we aren't certain how many people really understand the risk.

21. What kind of public outreach is being undertaken, and how interactive are these efforts (e.g. PSAs, public meetings, learning demonstration sites?)

(Identifies the type of outreach and helps indicate what type of activities range in potential effectiveness.)

The LVFPD, SLTFD and FLCSD primarily rely on public service announcements (PSAs) and social media to communicate with constituents. PSAs and social media alert public about upcoming events or about aspects of public safety such as evacuation preparation.

The Fire Public Information Team is a working group of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team consisting of public information officers from stakeholder agencies around the Lake Tahoe Basin. The team develops public information campaigns and coordinates media relations, wildfire awareness events, and public notifications, such as those for prescribed burns and fire restrictions.

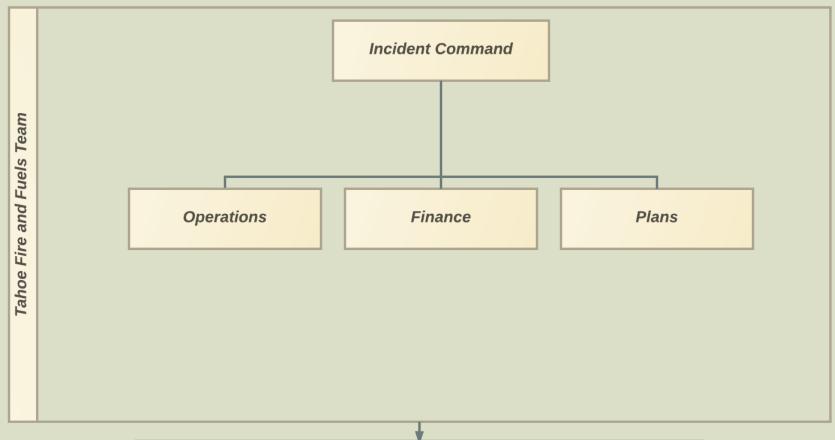
21a. Is there a formal outreach plan in place, and if so is it up-to-date?

We have a formal outreach plan. The Fire PIT has a formal plan in place: YES It is up-to-date: NO

22. What was/is the level of public input provided for CWPPs (or other applicable local wildfire plans)? (Identifies community's ability to engage the public in wildfire planning process.)
The CWPP currently being developed received a high level of participation

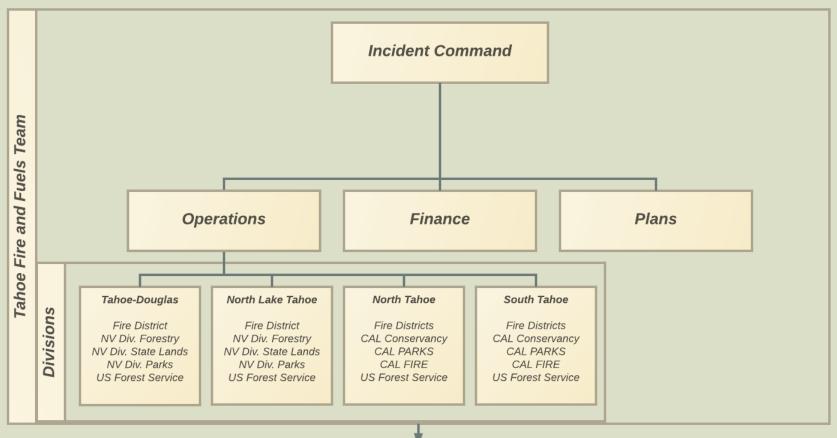


Team Structure and Key Responsibilities

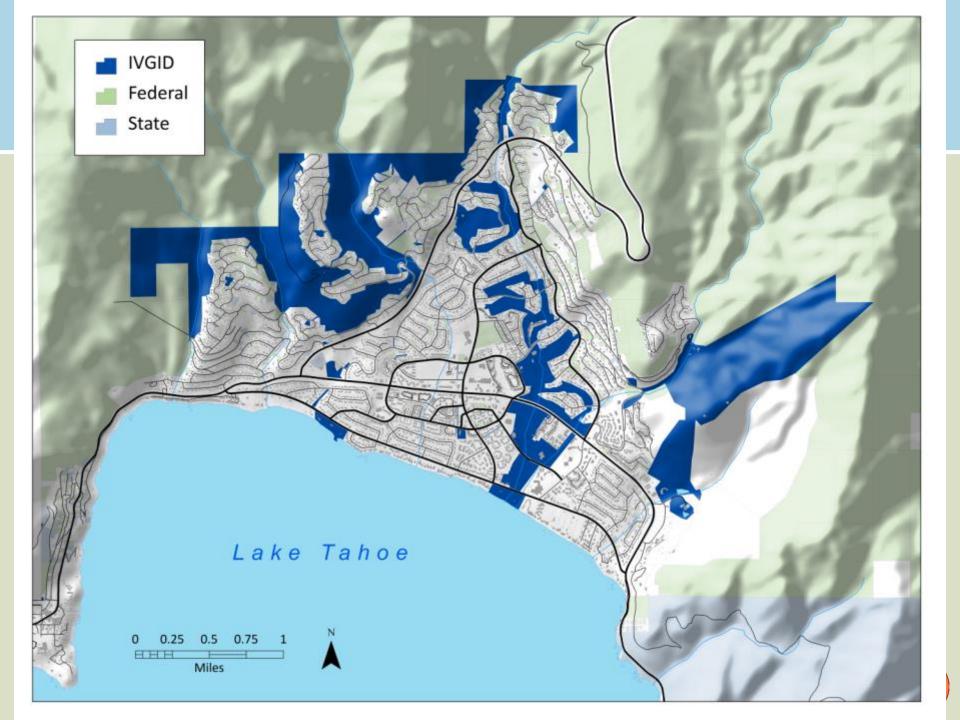


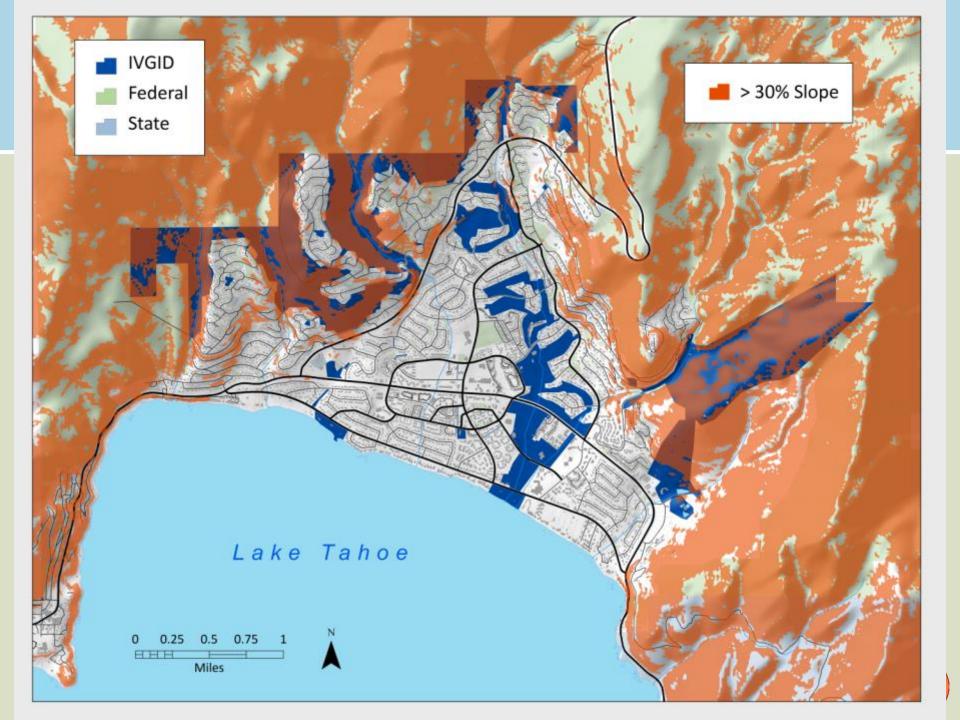


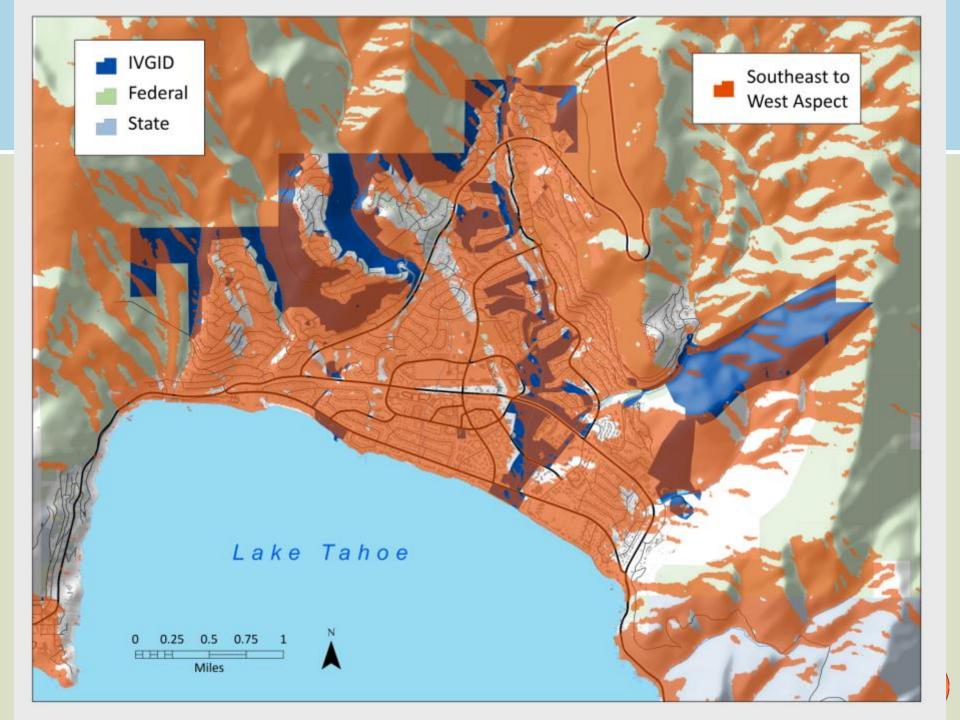
Defining priorities and targets, and coordinating the activities of multiple agencies and the public.

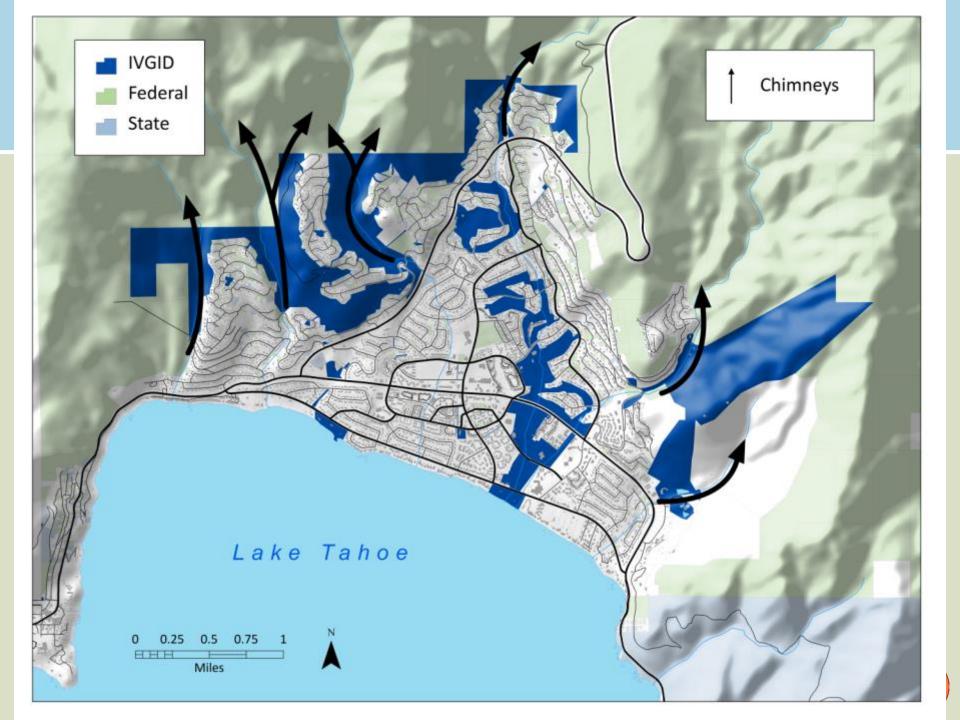


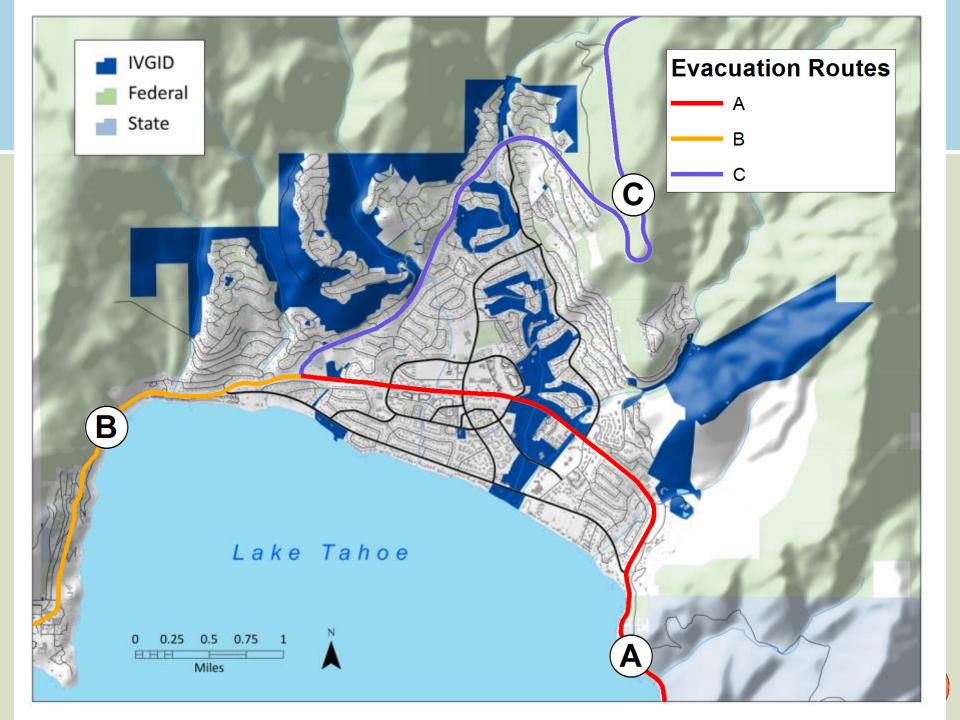






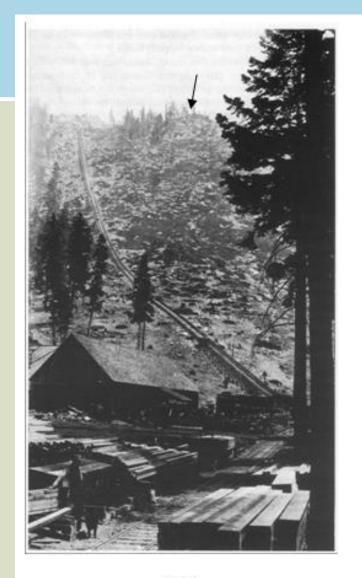








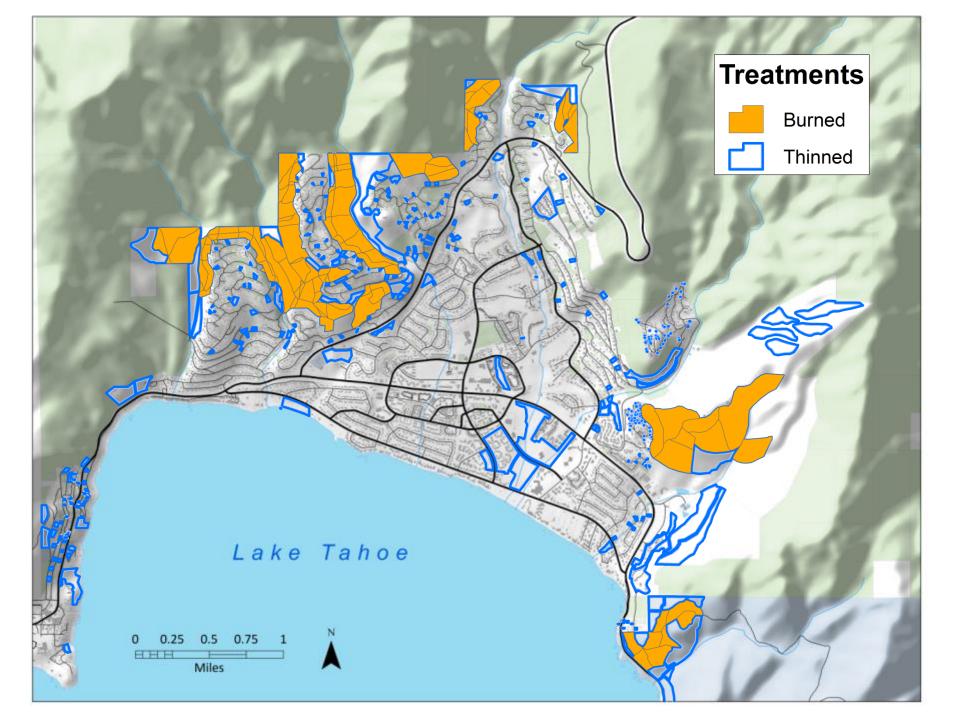


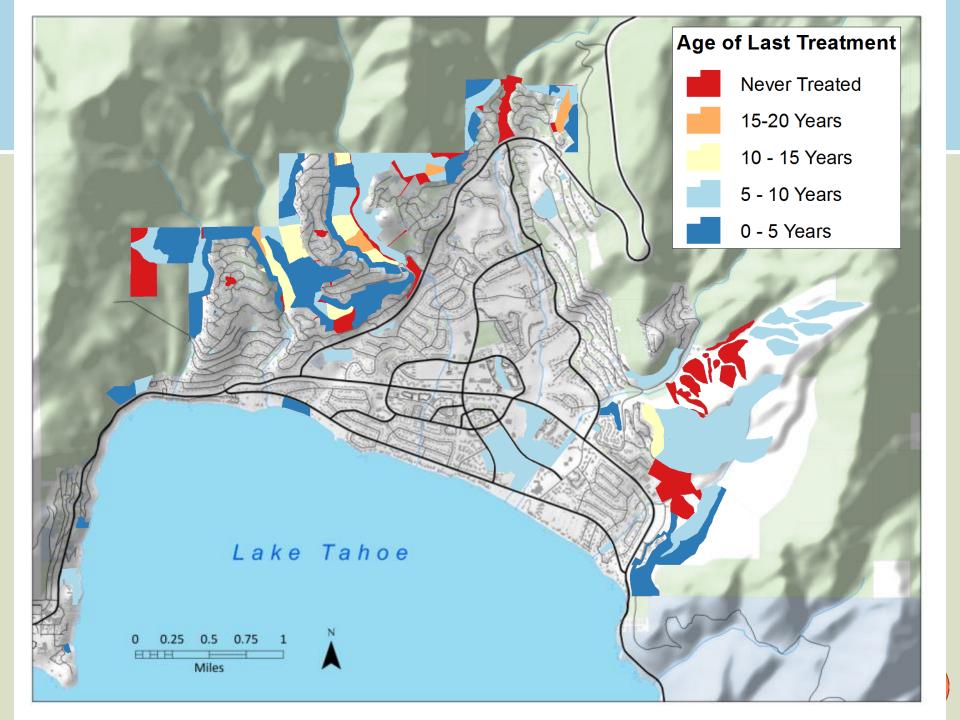




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Community Work Days

Each of eight communities has a specified work day, generally June-August

Zephyr Crewmembers help residents with chainsaw work and labor to create defensible space

A publicly owned urban lot and several residential properties are treated in each community

Chippers blanket the neighborhood







Curbside Defensible Space Inspections Taboe Douglas Fire Protection District

Established in 2010

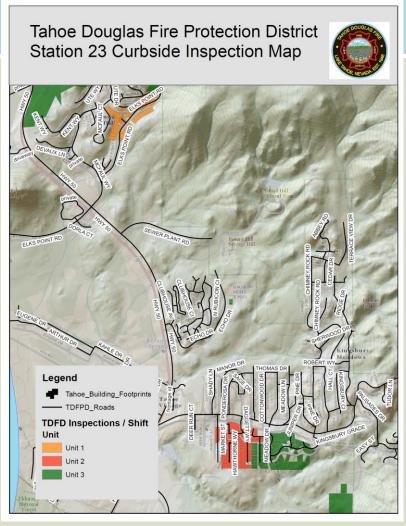
Operational in 2011

2500 Properties in the District

District Completed in 2015

Inspections repeat every four years

60 Properties currently in enforcement





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866 Oriole Way Incline Village, NV (775) 831-0351 nltfpd.net

DEFENSIBLE SPACE EVALUATION NORTH LAKE TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Inspector:					quest Tree mit/Chipping:	(775) 831-035 x8118	1 Fo	r Questions II:	(775) 833-8128	
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2		Plug all unstopped roof openings.	UA					
3		Cover gaps and holes in siding.	UA					
4		Install approved spark arrestor and cover all vent openings with approved vent or screen.	UA					
5		Remove dead and dying branches and stems from trees, shrubs and other plants adjacent to or overhanging buildings.	UA					
6		Remove branches within 10 feet of any stovepipe or chimney outlet.	UA					
7		Remove leaves, needles, and other flammable materials on roofs, gutters, and decks.	UA					
8		Remove leaves, needles, and other flammable materials and plants within 5 feet of structure. Keep clear throughout fire season.	UA					
9		Remove leaves, needles, and other flammable materials and plants from beneath decks, stairways and overhangs.	UA					
		Lean, Clean and Green Zone – Within 30 Feet of Structures	UA					
10		Remove or isolate live flammable ground cover and shrubs.	UA					
11		Remove firewood, scrapwood, or other hazardous fuels.						
12		Remove fallen leaves and needles once annually. Isolate continuous areas of mulch.						
		Wildland Fuel Reduction Zone – Within Feet of Structures						
13		Mow dead and dying grass to a maximum of height of 4 inches.	UA					
14		Thin trees according to the Tree Spacing Guidelines and inspector recommendations (see back).	UA					
15		Thin brush according to the Brush Spacing Guidelines and inspector recommendations (see back).	UA					
16		Remove flammable brush from beneath tree crowns.	UA					
17		Remove lower limbs of trees to 10 feet above the ground (lower 1/3 for trees under 30 feet).	UA					
18		Reduce accumulations of fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones and small branches to no more than 3 inches deep.	UA					
19		Remove dead and dving vegetation (brush, trees and branches).	UA					



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State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Physical Address:

NOTICE OF FIRE HAZARD INSPECTION

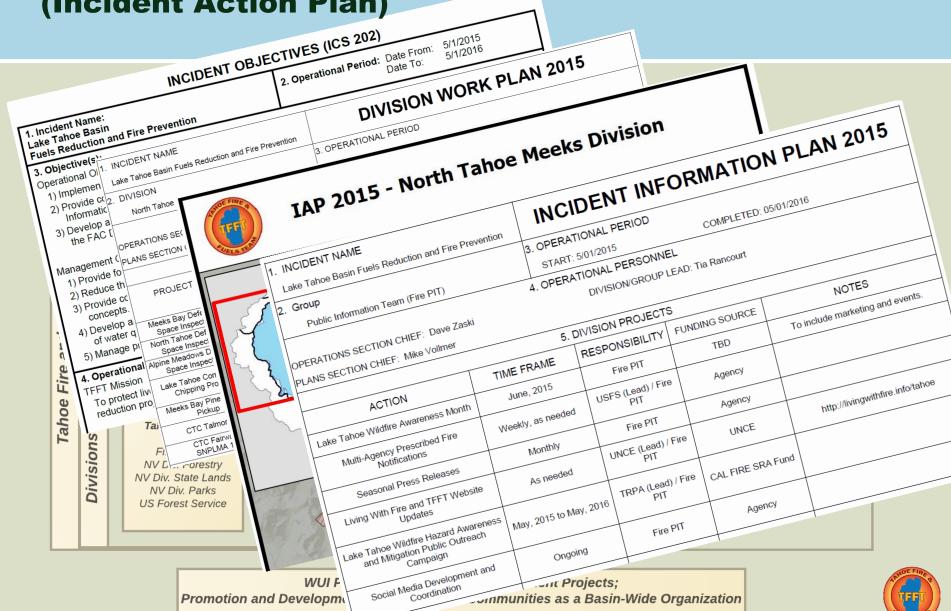
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A fire department representative has inspected your property for fire hazards. You are hereby notified to correct the violation(s) indicated below. Failure to correct these violations may result in a citation and fine. Occupant:

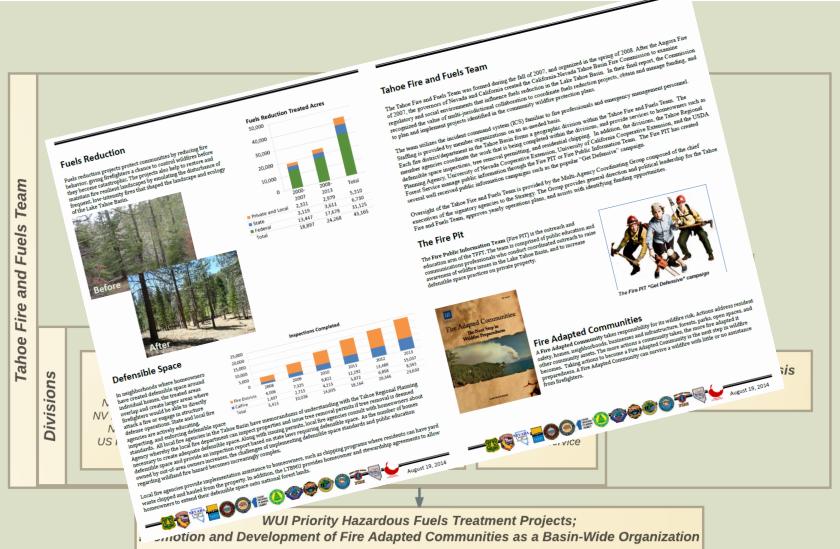
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Recommendations:														
Clear 10 feet around and 15 feet above fuels (e.g. Woodpiles, lumber, scrap etc.). Move woodpiles as far as possible from struc									ossible from structures.					
Remove flammable materials stored under decks and similar overhangs of structures.														
Clear vegetation 10 feet from sides and 15 feet above all driveways and turnaround areas.														
No violations observed.														
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Producing an annual, comprehensive plan of work (Incident Action Plan)



Tracking and reporting accomplishments for agency fuels reduction projects and community and homeowner FAC initiatives





Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team Project Delivery Process

Pre-Planning

Fire Districts work obtain buy-in from landowners and seek funding for work.

Grant Writing and Budgeting

Fire Districts complete budgets for the projects and then write grants and obtain match commitment for project.

Contracting

Fire Districts put grants under contract and complete contracting with landowner and fuels reduction contractors – or complete work with in-house crews.

Environmental Analysis

The fire districts complete archaeological, biological analysis

Vegetation Management Planning

The Fire Districts write the final plan and prescription for the project.

Permitting

Permitting can include NEPA compliance, TRPA permitting and NV Stream Variance permitting.

Project Layout

Final field layout, property boundaries, SEZs, archaeological sites, special operating areas.

Forest Thinning

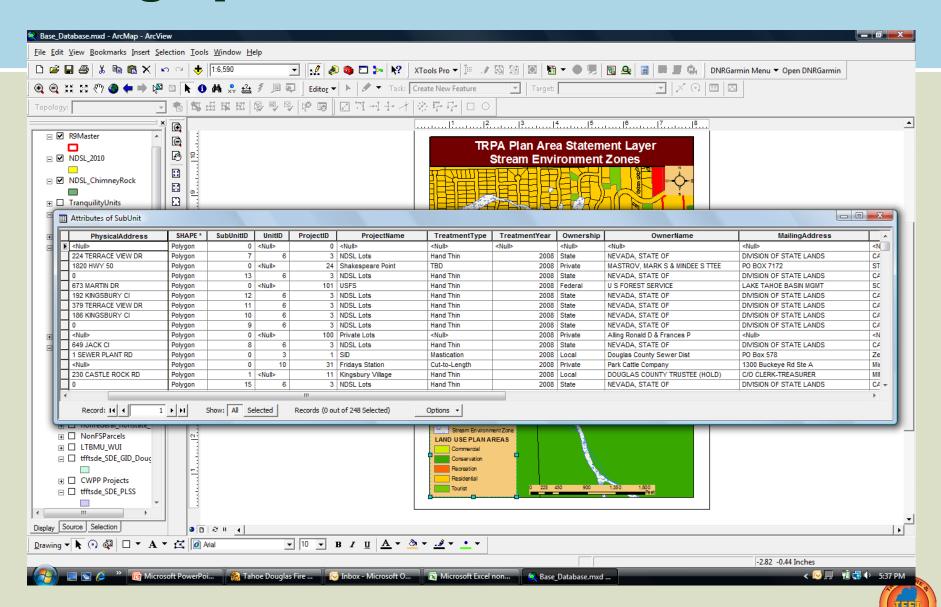
Forest thinning is completed by hand crews or mechanical contractors to specifications in vegetation management plan.

Prescribed Fire

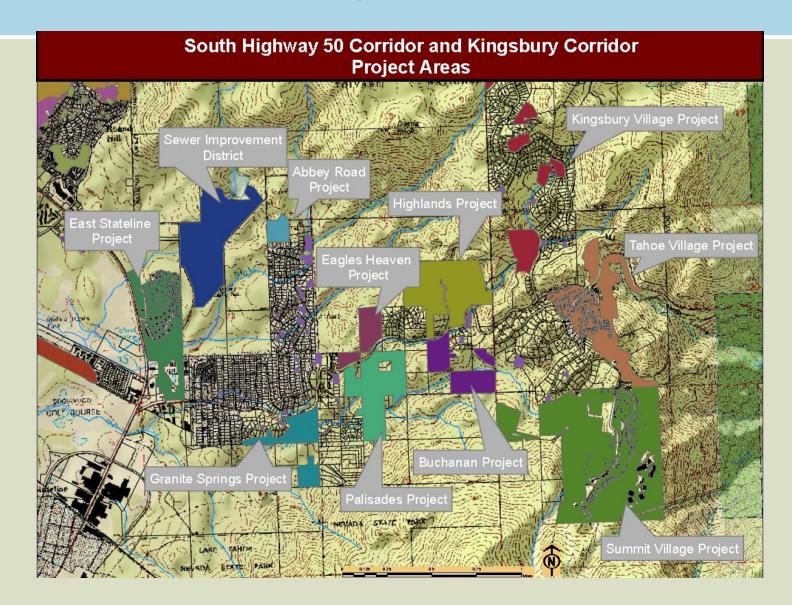
Prescribed fire is used to dispose of slash piles from hand thinning or broadcast prescribed fire is used to maintain prior projects.



Geographic Information Databases



Permanent Project Names





Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program Project Tracker



Watersheds, Habitat, & Water Quality

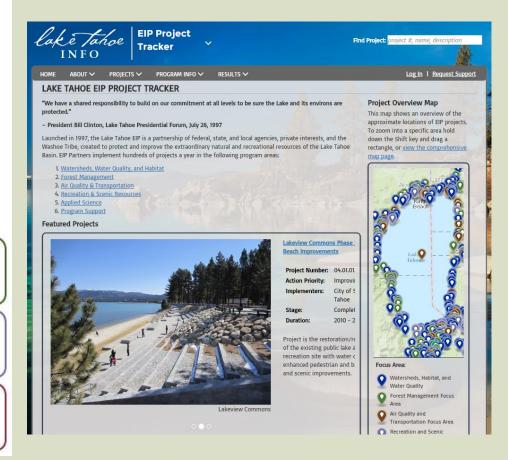
Forest Management

Air Quality & Transportation

Recreation & Scenic Resources

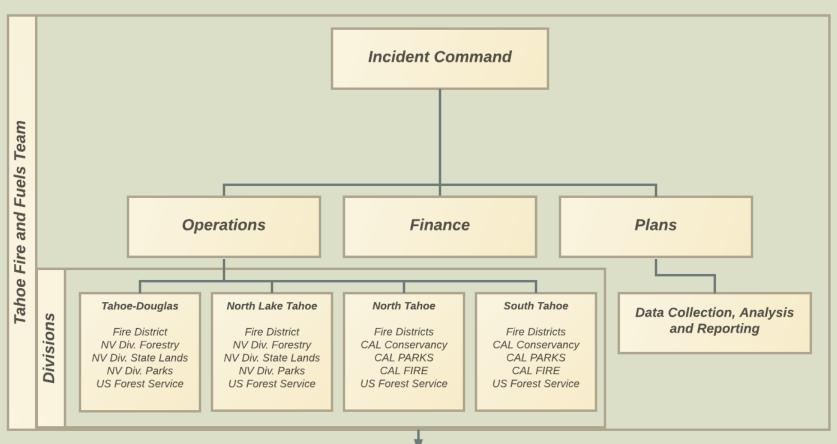
Applied Science

Program Support





Seeking opportunities to increase funding support; Sharing resources and best practices for grant applications and financial management

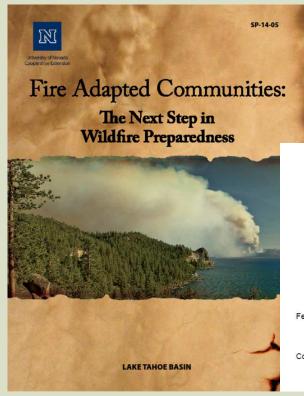




Providing consistent public education and promotion to create a widespread culture of wildfire awareness and concern



Fire Public Information Team







PRESS RELEASE

Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team

February 6, 2015

For Immediate Release

Agency prescribed fire operations to continue

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Fire Public Information Team





Thinking is often the difference between a safe summer in Lake Tahoe and a dangerous wildfire event. Every summer millions of campers, hikers, beach goers and homeowners make the right decisions — they think first by extinguishing a campfire correctly, trimming tree branches or making sure their off-road vehicle is equipped with an approved spark arrestor.

We live in, and visit, a place of immense natural beauty and near limitless recreation. Protect your playground by thinking first.



Sign the Pledge
ThinkFirstTahoe.org



Providing support to revive community based action groups and expand community involvement to create a Basin-wide network of Fire Adapted Communities



Promotion and Development of Fire Adapted Communities as a Basin-Wide Organization



Fire Adapted Communities Development

Providing support to expand community engagement to create a Basin-wide organization of Fire Adapted Communities









The Tahoe Network



FAC Coordinators work with fire districts and departments to recruit members and connects the community to available resources.

- 1. Orientation Neighborhood Prescription
- 2. Continuous Communication between Leaders, agencies, and fire districts
- 3. Active neighborhood engagement



The Tahoe Network







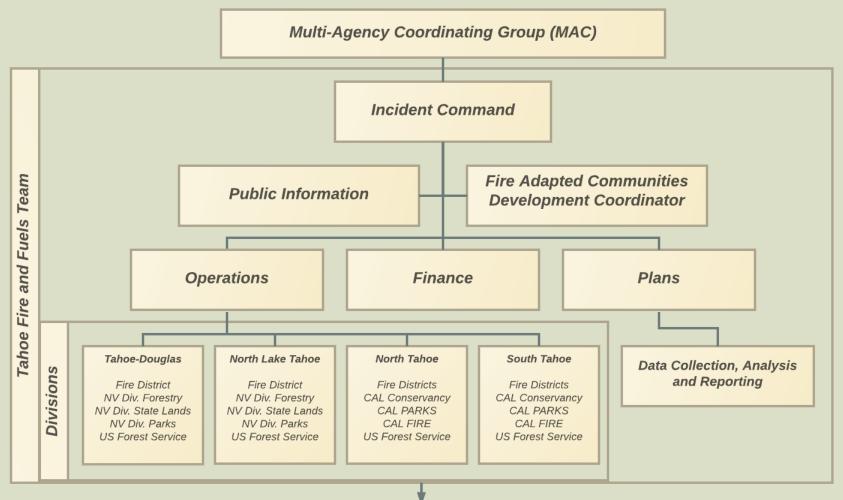




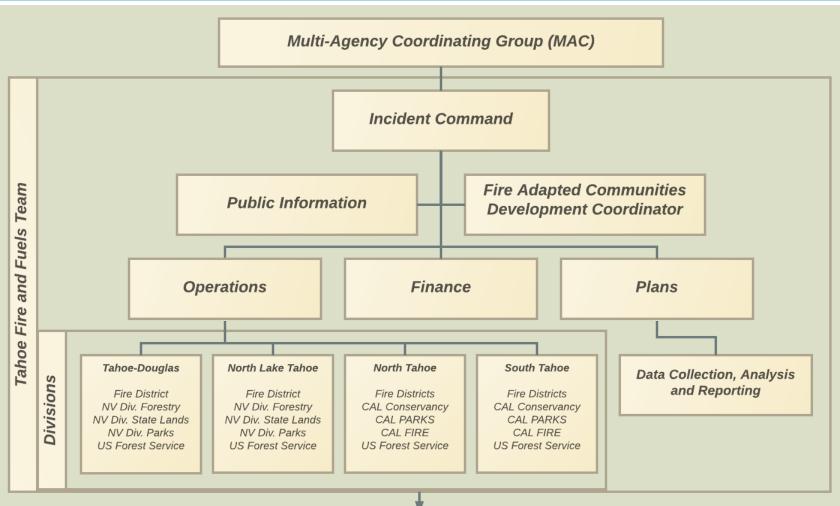




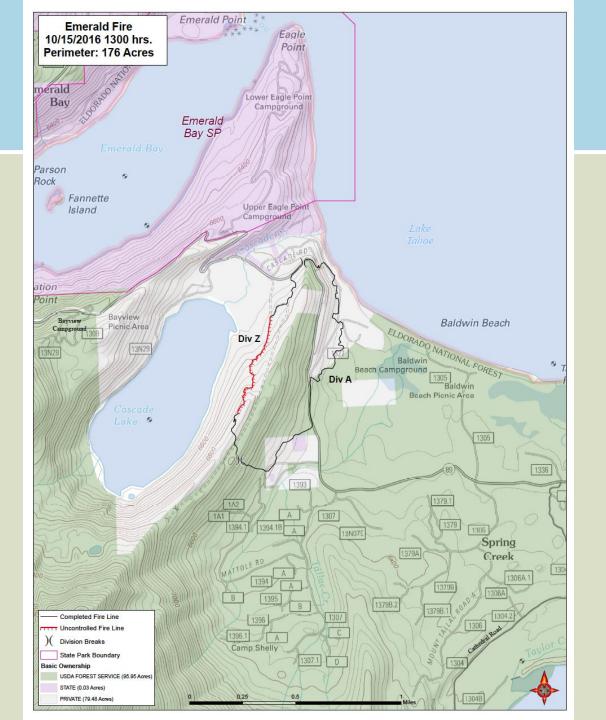
Multi-Agency Coordinating Group provides oversight, direction, and political leadership for the TFFT



















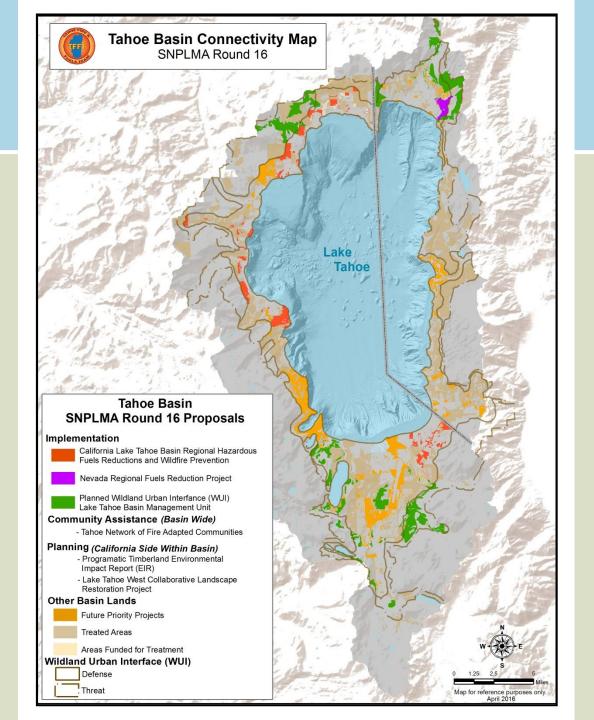














- Nevada Hazardous Fuel Reduction
 - Understory burn and hand thin 286-436 acres.
 - Host an interpretive presentation of a prescribed fire project.
 - Host a fieldtrip with local students about Fire Adapted Communities.





- California Hazardous Fuel Reduction
 - Reduce hazardous fuels on 1200-1800 acres.
 - Host an interpretive field trip with local community members and stakeholders.





- USFS Hazardous Fuel Reduction
 - Reduce hazardous fuels on 4000 acres.





- Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report
 - Complete CEQA analysis for all wildland-urban interface areas on private, local government, and Conservancy owned land.





- Tahoe Network of Fire Adapted Communities
 - Fire Defensible Space/Rebates
 - Chipping/Green Waste Recycling
 - Database Management and Tracking
 - Education and Outreach
 - Fire Adapted Communities





Agate Bay, July 2016





Northern Fresno County





Northern Fresno County





Response Plan







LAKE TAHOE BASIN TREE MORTALITY TASK FORCE



Incident Action Plan 2016

www.XXXX.org

Updated August 3, 2016



Organizational Structure

Working Groups (7)

- Forest Health and Resilience
- Mapping and Evaluation
- Communications
- Regulations
- Resource Allocation
- Utilization
- Pre Attack Planning

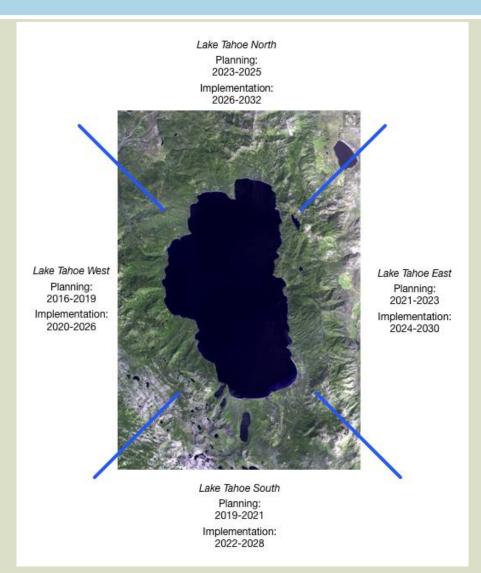


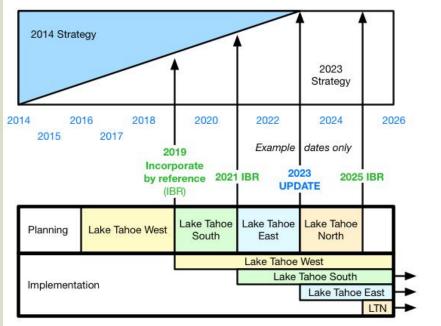
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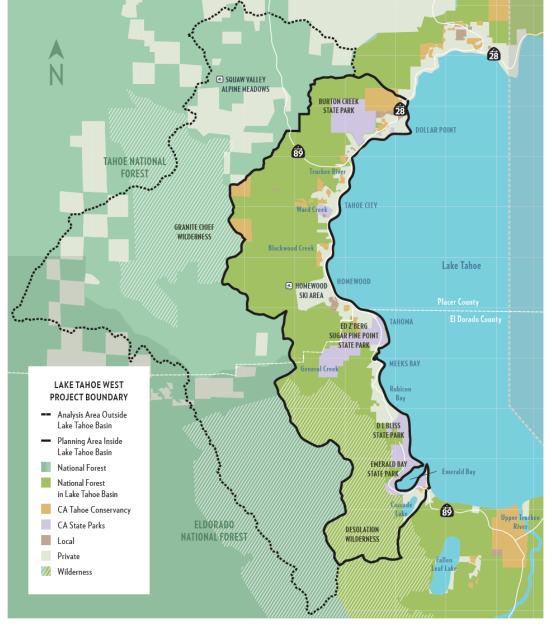


Landscape Planning













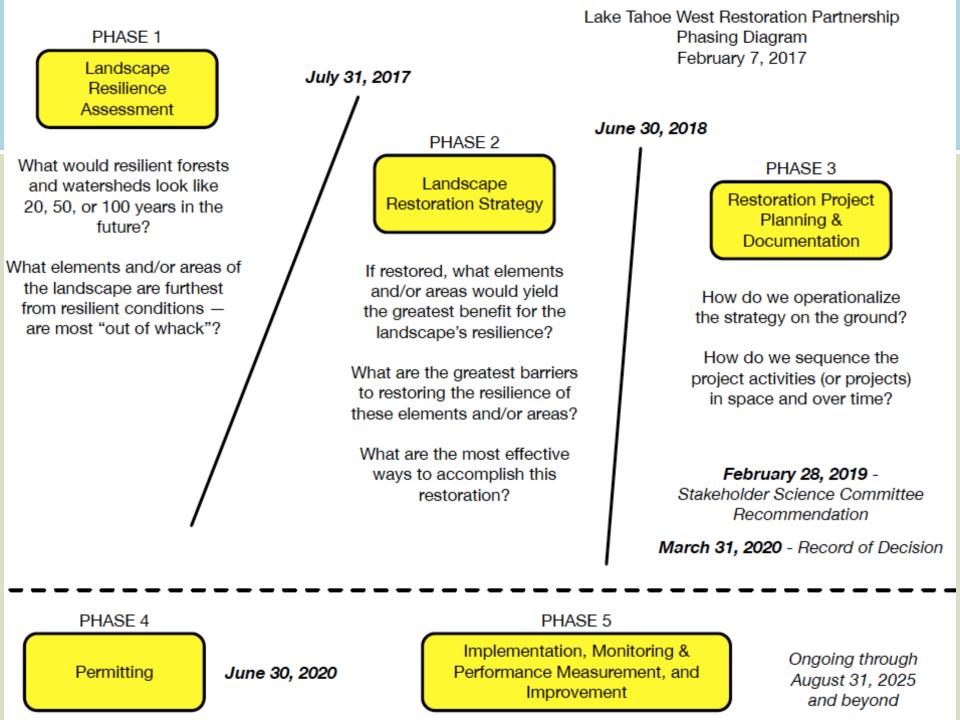


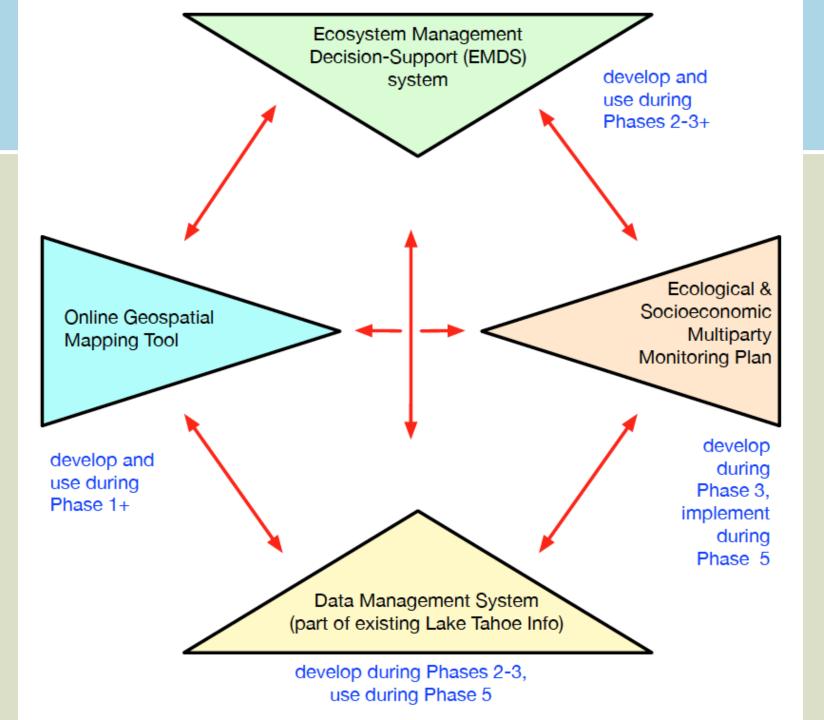
















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