

2010 Lake Tahoe Basin Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Summit Impact Report



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An evaluation of the 2010 Lake Tahoe Basin Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Summit

The Lake Tahoe Basin held its first basin specific Wildfire Awareness Week July 3 to July 11. California and Nevada traditionally hold their Wildfire Awareness Weeks in early May, but this has proved difficult for Tahoe residents, since many are present only later in the summer. In response, a partnership of fire service professionals, the Nevada Fire Safe Council, University of Nevada and University of California Cooperative Extensions and other interested organizations, joined forces to promote wildfire and ember awareness through a coordinated campaign at Lake Tahoe in July 2010.

The goal of the week was to motivate and empower residents and visitors to take action to protect homes and communities from embers that can attack during a wildfire. Events and activities were held throughout the Lake Tahoe basin to remind the residents and visitors of the risks inherent to living in a fire prone environment and the importance of taking measures now to reduce the threat and increase the protection of their homes and communities. Events included 4th of July pancake breakfasts by local fire departments, fire station open houses, fuels treatment project tours, fire wise landscaping classes, Fire Safe Council chapter barbecues, and presentations to homeowner association meetings. The capstone event for the week was the Wildland – Urban Interface Fire Summit held July 9th from 9 am to 5 pm at Harvey’s Casino in Stateline, Nevada.

The objective of the summit was to provide information and tools to assist residents to reduce wildfire risks to their homes and communities in the Lake Tahoe Basin and to develop recommendations for each Tahoe Basin fire district on reducing wildfire risk in their area. Presentations focused on wildfire issues in the Tahoe Basin and how to reduce risk to homes and communities by creating defensible space, improving building materials and design, installing water quality BMPs, and organizing neighborhoods. The targeted audience for the summit included residents and homeowners in the Lake Tahoe Basin, staff and decision makers with state, local, federal and tribal agencies concerned with defensible space, emergency preparedness and forest management. This report summarizes the results of the 2010 Lake Tahoe Basin Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Summit.

Organizations involved in planning the first Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Week and Summit include:

- Cal Fire
- City of South Lake Tahoe
- Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Protection District
- Heavenly Ski Resort
- Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association
- Lake Valley Fire Protection District
- Meeks Bay Fire Protection District
- Nevada Fire Safe Council
- Nevada Tahoe Conservation District
- North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District
- North Tahoe Fire Department
- South Lake Tahoe Fire Department
- Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Tahoe Resource Conservation District
- US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

Summit Planning Committee: The following people attended at least one planning committee meeting for the summit and wildfire awareness week.

- Jason Arnold, Nevada Fire Safe Council
- Joy Barney, USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
- Beth Brady, USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
- Jason Brand, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District
- Judy Clot, California Tahoe Conservancy
- Bob Cook, Nevada Fire Safe Council volunteer
- Jeff Cowen, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Christy Daugherty, CalFire
- Sarah Ford, Tahoe Resource Conservation District
- Martin Goldberg, Fuels program, Lake Valley Fire District
- Ann Grant, Fire Safe Council volunteer
- Lewis Grove, North Tahoe Fire Protection District
- Eric Guevin, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District
- Cheva Heck, USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
- Lesley Higgins, Nevada Fire Safe Council volunteer
- Leo Horton, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District
- Mary Huggins, CalFire
- Gretchen Huie, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District
- Susie Kocher, University of California Cooperative Extension
- Kelly Lancelloti, Nevada Fire Safe Council volunteer
- Steve Lewis, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
- Candace Lowery, Nevada Fire Safe Council
- Jess Mahnken, Nevada Fire Safe Council
- Tara McCarthy, USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
- Ryan McDermott, Nevada Fire Safe Council
- Bob McDowell, Nevada Fire Safe Council volunteer
- Stewart McMorrow, North Tahoe Fire Protection District
- Mark Novak, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District
- Steve Quarles, University of California Cooperative Extension (attended by web)
- Sheila and John Sloane, Nevada Fire Safe Council volunteer
- Ed Smith, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
- Megan Scheeline, CalFire
- Sonya Sistare, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
- K.T. Smith, Nevada Fire Safe Council volunteer
- Tony Sopocko, Nevada Fire Safe Council volunteer
- North Swanson, Nevada Fire Safe Council volunteer
- Doug Taggart, Meeks Bay Fire Protection District
- Kris Timberlake, CalFire
- Lauren Tomaselli, Explore Tahoe/City of South Lake Tahoe
- Teri Tucker, Lake Valley Fire Protection District
- Courtney Walker, Tahoe Resource Conservation District

Key Results

108 people attended the Wildfire Summit. 43% of participants that filled out evaluation forms were Tahoe Basin home-owners and 50% were full time residents. 89% of attendees said the summit will help their communities work together to reduce wildfire risk and 96% said they personally had a better idea of how to reduce wildfire hazards in their community.

All participants who completed the evaluation forms said the information presented was informative and comprehensive and at about the right level of detail. All said the summit information helps clarify wildfire issues in the Tahoe Basin. 89% said they thought the summit will help communities work together to reduce wildfire risk. And 96% felt they now had a better idea of how to reduce wildfire hazards in their community.

Recommendations developed during the break out sessions with each local fire district or agency included:

- Implement defensible space and ember resistant construction by replacing wooden roofs
- Improve incentives for defensible space and ember resistant construction
- Step up defensible space inspections and target second homeowners.
- Encourage development and effectiveness of fire safe council chapters
- Advocate for policy change including implementation of the USFS South Shore plan, adoption and funding of vacant lot ordinances like in Placer County
- Collaborate with the US Forest Service to treat federal lands that are within 100' of structures
- Collaborate with realtors to develop a defensible space disclosure statement with realtors like the BMP disclosures with sales
- Promote emergency preparedness
- Support the Fire Agencies and other service providers (recycling, water purveyors) through benefit assessments and by talking to neighbors

Additional comments included:

- "I have a home in South Lake Tahoe and the Summit was FANTASTIC! What a great opportunity to meet representatives, different agencies, and home owners in the Tahoe Basin. I picked up lots of great information regarding living with fire, ready set go, defensible space works, etc."
- "The Angora survivors brought it all home"
- "Ed Smith did an outstanding job"
- "Let's keep working together"
- "Great job - please get more to attend!"
- "Needed more homeowners".

Some suggestions for increasing homeowner participation included:

- *Changing the meeting format to better include homeowners associations and companies that do defensible space clearing and fire protection. Or hold it earlier in the year or go to half a day.*
- *Increase advertising by using local mass media advertising, mailers; sending out info to local schools, utility bills, senior centers, and community groups, through 4291 inspections.*
- *Increase recruiting through local fire safe council chapters.*

Summary of Summit Participant Demographics

Total Number of Summit Participants: 108

Summit Participants by Community

- Auburn, CA 1
- Camino, CA 4
- Carlsbad, CA 1
- Carson City, NV 7
- Chico, CA 2
- Fallen Leaf Lake, CA 3
- Gardnerville, NV 1
- Homewood, CA 3
- Incline Village, NV 5
- McClellan, CA 1
- Meeks Bay, CA 1
- Minden, NV 2
- Placerville, CA 5
- Reno, NV 4
- Richmond, CA 1
- Sacramento, CA 2
- South Lake Tahoe, CA 38
- Stateline, NV 4
- Tahoe City, CA 4
- Tahoma, CA 4
- Washoe Valley, NV 1
- Zephyr Cove, NV 11
- Unknown 3

Summit Representatives

- California State Parks 2
- California Tahoe Conservancy 1
- CAL FIRE 9
- Fire district director 5
- Fire district staff 23
 - City of South Lake Tahoe 3
 - Fallen Leaf Lake 2
 - Lake Valley 5
 - Meeks 2
 - North Lake Tahoe 3
 - North Tahoe 3
 - Sierra 1
 - Tahoe Douglas 4
- Fire safe product vendor 6
- Community member 8
- Local government rep 5
- Nevada Division of Forestry 1
- Nevada Division of Insurance 3
- Nevada Fire Safe Council volunteer 10
- Nevada Fire Safe Council staff 5
- Press 2
- Resource Conservation District staff 6
- Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team 2
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency 2
- University of California Cooperative Extension 4
- University of Nevada Cooperative Extension 3
- USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit 4
- USFS other 6
- Unknown 1

Summary of Responses to the Summit Evaluation Form

Total number of responses: 28

Participant demographics:

How would you describe your involvement with Lake Tahoe wildfire issues (circle all that apply)

As a home-owner	43%
As a land or resource manager	18%
As a fire fighting professional	18%
As a consultant or private company	21%
As a government decision maker	14%
Other:	25%

What is your utilization of the Tahoe Basin?

Live here full time	50%
Live here part time	7%
Visit frequently	14%
Visit occasionally	18%
First time here	0%

How familiar were you with wildfire issues in Lake Tahoe before this summit?

Very familiar	79%
Somewhat familiar	21%
A little familiar	
Not at all familiar	

How did you find out about this summit?

From a friend or neighbor	4%
From a colleague	50%
From a mailing	18%
From an e-mail	14%
From radio/TV	0%
From a newspaper article or ad	7%

Summit Information:

The talks presented today were informative and comprehensive. Strongly Agree 64%, Agree 36%

The level of detail covered today was about right. Strongly Agree 50%, Agree 46%

The agenda made good use of the time allotted. Strongly Agree 57%, Agree 29%, Neutral 14%

This information presented helps clarify wildfire issues in the Tahoe Basin. Strongly Agree 54%, Agree 46%

This summit will help our communities work together to reduce wildfire risk. Strongly Agree 25%, Agree 64%, Neutral 7%, Disagree 4%

After this summit, I have a better idea of how to reduce wildfire hazards in my community. Strongly Agree 48%, Agree 48%, Neutral 4%

Summit Presentations:

Overall how would you rate today’s presentations? Excellent 52%, Very good 33%, Good 15%

Please rate the sessions and presentations given at this workshop on a scale of five to one.
(5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor)

Session	Average score
a. Introductory remarks: California-Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission	3.7
b Wildland fire behavior and how it affects Lake Tahoe Basin homeowners	4.1
c. Defensible Space: Why do we want it, what is it and does it work?	4.7
d. Defensible space - Who plays a role and what do they do?	4.1
e. Homeowner panel	4.6
Topic breakout sessions (rate only those you attended please)	
f. Building materials and performance	4.2
g. How to organize your community to reduce fire risk	4.8
h. BMP and defensible space integration	4.4
i. How insurance companies rate homes and defensible space	4.4
j. Fire district breakout sessions	Respondents Average score
Fallen Leaf	4 3.7
Incline Village	1 5.0
Lake Valley	3 3.3
Meeks Bay	1 5.0
North Lake Tahoe	1 5.0
North Tahoe	1 4.0
South Lake Tahoe	3 4.7
Tahoe Douglas	2 4.0

What ONE item that stands out as the most helpful thing you learned at the summit today?

Fire basics:

- Fire behavior in Tahoe Basin

Defensible space:

- Mary Huggins explanation of PRC4291
- CalFire presentation on citations and governor support of that
- Ed Smith's updated presentation was very good
- Importance of defensible space (2)

- How I need to get all of my neighbors to join me in establishing defensible space.

Homeowner panel:

- Real life survivor stories
- Homeowner panel - but maybe shorten up time a little
- Document with narration your household

Workshops:

Building construction:

- Insurance and materials/standards
- Explanation of low ignitability construction methods

Insurance:

- Insurance and relationship to defensible space
- How defensible space could become an important factor in getting/maintaining homeowners insurance
- Read my insurance policy cover to cover!

BMPs:

- How BMPs and defensible space can be integrated
- BMP & defensible space are working together

Fire District Breakout:

- Fire district breakout session taught me a lot about my community (2)
- Possibility of South Shore Plan passing!

Booths:

- Washoe's incredible 'modeltech' display!

What other topics or issues would you like to see at a future summit?

- Actual defensible space requirements, a homeowners' step by step guide in getting it done including contact lists
- I would like an info sheet on what exactly constitutes defensible space and who I can contact to help me get the work done.
- Eave/gable vent protection, covering with boards not an option
- How TRPA is handling prescribed burn smoke
- Emergency practice drills - reverse 911- evacuation information
- Fire district projects and outreach ideas plus problem areas
- Water system challenges
- Where is legislation headed? Re. new construction, defensible space, wood shake roofs, etc in SLT?
- Pictures - show us process of violations to trophy properties
- Fire district breakouts

Summit Comments

How could we improve upon the summit for next year?

Format:

- Earlier in the year
- Regional meetings instead of one large summit.
- Shorter summit for homeowners to attend

- Shorter presentations
- More advanced notice

Content:

- More breakout sessions with time for Q&A
- I found the breakout sessions to be the most informative - more of them would be great.
- Get local law enforcement to have a presence and discuss evacuation issues, 12 hour rule, etc.
- Chapter leaders panel to talk about successes

Participation:

- More private folks (2)
- Get more local businesses involved (Raley's, Meeks, etc)
- City of SLT and CA Tahoe Conservancy involvement

Logistics:

- Panel/speakers on a raised stage so everyone can see them well.
- Better lighting for booths
- More handouts - too hard to take notes
- Participants buy raffle tickets and proceeds go to help people to be prepared where needed.

What could be done to get more homeowners to attend?

Format:

- Regional meetings, dovetail homeowners association meetings
- Bring information to homeowners associations
- Bring in companies that do defensible space clearing/fire protection/suppression to display and participate
- Emphasize the availability of financial incentives and how you can get them
- Earlier in the year
- Freebies / Advertise raffle
- Limit it to half day

Advertising:

- I did not see local advertising - mass media
- I didn't get the postcard!
- Advertise on local radio stations and neighborhood circulars
- Visit local schools and send info home with kids
- Put notice in utility bill, senior centers, schools, community groups, radio time, door-to door flyers - we did not get one of the postcards
- Advertise through 4291 inspections

Fire safe council chapters:

- The local fire safe councils should be more involved - where are all their members?
- Use the local fire safe councils to advertise to their members (2)

Please share any other comments you might have about today's wildfire summit.

- Ed did a great job as MC/facilitator.
- For the most part well put together. I don't like breakout sessions - maybe make them shorter.
- Are copies of Ed Smith's PowerPoint available?

- Not enough technical and/or real world info on how homeowners can get safe. A little too much propaganda & back slapping from agencies. Bring the homeowner along and help him do the job. How does USFS get away with not clearing its land adjacent to residences? No one else can shift their responsibility.
- Mark Novak's talk was the most impressive - the carrot approach works. Ed Smith did an outstanding job. The Angora survivors brought it all home - might put them last next time.
- Great job - please get more to attend!
- Fantastic! Thank you :) Make sure to accommodate anyone with a disability or special need.
- Great information
- Good conference - needed more homeowners. It wasn't clear that the workshop was aimed at homeowners until I got here - I would have called several
- Let's keep working together
- Need education meetings with neighborhood
 - Where was the local FSC panel member? Should have been a speaker.

Homeowner Actions to Reduce Wildfire Hazards

Recorded from breakout sessions July 9, 2010 Lake Tahoe Basin Wildland Urban Interface Summit

Breakout Group Facilitators

Kim Ingram, University of California Cooperative Extension

Susie Kocher, University of California Cooperative Extension

Steve Lewis, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

Jessica Mahnken, Nevada Fire Safe Council

Steve Quarles, University of California Cooperative Extension

Ed Smith, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

Recommendations Grouped by Fire Agency

Lake Valley Fire Protection District: Residents should

- Work more closely with Nevada Fire Safe Council chapter leaders
- Get more NVFSC chapter leaders
- Identify people's motivation for doing defensible space to help get it done
- Advocate for implementation of the USFS South Shore plan that will treat a lot of the land in the district
- Advocate for funding for fuels treatment from the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program
- Support the benefit assessment measure sponsored by the fire district for funding on the June 2011 ballot
- Work towards emergency preparedness as a community, make sure everyone knows how to report smoke
- Cooperate with home insurers' standards

South Lake Tahoe Fire Department: Residents should

- Create defensible space
- Be a good example
- Have a plan and a kit
- Replace wood roofs
- Reduce brush on previously treated lots
- Remove junipers
- Move fire wood away from houses
- Buy a battery charged saws-all
- Use ember resistant construction
- Be aware of the Ready-Set-Go campaign
- Become aware of resources and what's going on
- Know their neighbors – talk to people
- Join a Fire Safe Chapter
- Attend events
- Post information at Senior Centers
- Support green recycling

Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Protection District: The community should

- Work with the USFS to treat federal lands that are within 100' of structures
- Form more Fire Safe Chapters
- Continue defensible space inspections
- Utilize rebate program
- Support implementation of the USFs South Shore Plan

Tahoe – Douglas Fire Protection District: The community should

- Support the use of burn days by the fire district despite smoke impacts
- Continued to support the tax increase for fire crews
- Recruit new Fire Safe Chapters in areas of concern
- Continue to support Fire Safe Chapters
- Do more outreach (like a mailer to south Kingsbury) to people within weaker Chapter areas
- Continue and enhance the relationships between Chapters
- Mentor chapters
- Focus significant treatments and funding on the Kingsbury corridor/Edgewood Canyon area

North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District: The community should

- Develop better incentives for the roof replacement program
- Improve defensible space compliance by second homeowners, improve effectiveness of reaching them
- Organize neighborhoods for insurance breaks and to reduce costs for roof replacements
- Develop a defensible space disclosure statement with realtors like the BMP disclosures with sales

Meeks Bay and North Tahoe Fire Protection Districts: Residents should

- Join a Fire Safe Council Chapter
- Urge Placer County to re-fund the vacant lot ordinance
- Urge El Dorado County adopt a vacant lot ordinance
- Talk to neighbors to share information and knowledge about what fire department organizations are doing
- Conduct education and outreach to 2nd home owners about the enforcement of defensible space laws
- Know their water capabilities are – talk to the water purveyors – conduct water education

Recommendations Grouped by Content

Implement defensible space and ember resistant construction

	Lake Valley	SLT	Fallen Leaf	Tahoe Douglas	North Lake Tahoe	North Tahoe/ Meeks
Implement defensible space	X	X				
Replace wood roofs and use ember resistant construction		X				

Improve incentives for defensible space and ember resistant construction

	Lake Valley	SLT	Fallen Leaf	Tahoe Douglas	North Lake Tahoe	North Tahoe/ Meeks
Identify people’s motivation for defensible space / provide/ use incentives	X		X			
Develop better incentives for the roof replacement program					X	
Organize neighborhoods for insurance breaks and to reduce costs for roof replacements					X	

Step up defensible space inspections and target second homeowners.

	Lake Valley	SLT	Fallen Leaf	Tahoe Douglas	North Lake Tahoe	North Tahoe/ Meeks
Continue defensible space inspections			X			
Improve defensible space compliance by second homeowners, improve effectiveness of reaching them					X	X

Encourage development and effectiveness of fire safe council chapters

	Lake Valley	SLT	Fallen Leaf	Tahoe Douglas	North Lake Tahoe	North Tahoe/ Meeks
Encourage people to join a Fire Safe Council Chapter		X				X
Mentor/ support/ work more closely with Nevada Fire Safe Council chapters/ leaders	X			X		
Do more outreach to people within weaker Chapter areas		X		X		
Get more NVFSC chapters /leaders/ in areas of concern	X		X	X		
Continue and enhance the relationships between Chapters				X		
Focus significant treatments and funding on high risk areas				X		

Advocate for policy change

	Lake Valley	SLT	Fallen Leaf	Tahoe Douglas	North Lake Tahoe	North Tahoe/Meeks
Advocate for implementation of the USFS South Shore plan that will treat a lot of the land in the district	X		X			
Advocate for funding for fuels treatment from the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program	X					
Urge Placer County to re-fund ordinance and El Dorado County adopt a vacant lot ordinance						X

Collaborate with the US Forest Service, Insurers, Realtors

	Lake Valley	SLT	Fallen Leaf	Tahoe Douglas	North Lake Tahoe	North Tahoe/Meeks
Work with the USFS to treat federal lands that are within 100' of structures			X			
Cooperate with home insurers' standards	X					
Develop a defensible space disclosure statement with realtors like the BMP disclosures with sales					X	

Promote Emergency Preparedness

	Lake Valley	SLT	Fallen Leaf	Tahoe Douglas	North Lake Tahoe	North Tahoe/Meeks
Work towards emergency preparedness as a community, make sure everyone knows how to report smoke	X	X				
Promote the Ready-Set-Go campaign		X				

Support the Fire Agencies and other service providers (recycling, water purveyors)

	Lake Valley	SLT	Fallen Leaf	Tahoe Douglas	North Lake Tahoe	North Tahoe/Meeks
Support the benefit assessment measures by the fire districts	X			X		
Support the use of burn days by the fire district despite smoke impacts				X		
Talk to neighbors to share information and knowledge about what fire department organizations are doing		X				X
Support green recycling		X				
Know their water capabilities are – talk to the water purveyors – conduct water education						X

Summit Photographs



Del Walters, Director of CalFire chats with Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Director Joanne Marchetta

Ed Smith, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, introduces Pete Anderson, Nevada State Forester and Del Walters, Director of CalFire.



Ed Smith, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, addresses the summit on defensible space.



Mary Huggins, CalFire, explains current enforcement of California's defensible space laws.



Paula Lambdin, Warren Berg and Leona Allen, homeowners affected by the 2007 Angora fire, share their perspectives with the group.



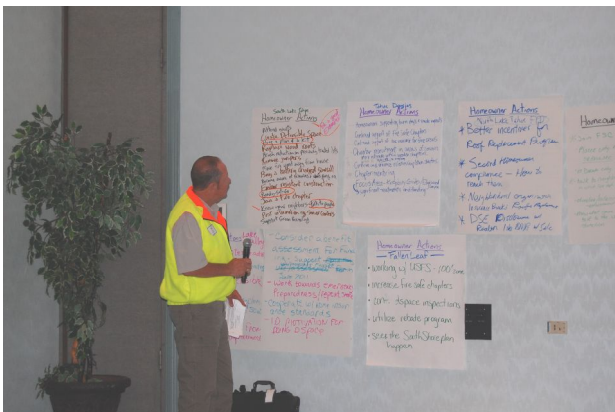
Audience members listen to homeowner panel presentations.



Attendees visit over lunch during the summit.



Special Effects table display by the Sierra Fire District.



Reporting back from the fire agency break out groups.



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Harvey's Casino, Stateline, NV July 9th, 2010

Invitation

June 28th, 2010

Dear Tahoe Basin Resident:

University of California and University of Nevada Cooperative Extensions and the Nevada Fire Safe Council - Tahoe Basin Region would like to invite you to the inaugural Lake Tahoe Basin Wildland Urban Interface Fire Summit to be held on July 9th, 2010, at Harvey's Casino in Stateline, NV.

The purpose of the Wildfire Summit is to discuss opportunities to reduce the wildfire risk to Tahoe Basin communities and to encourage action. We hope you will join us for this free one-day event to learn about wildfire issues in the Tahoe Basin and how to reduce risk to homes and communities by creating defensible space, improving building materials and design, installing water quality BMPs, and organizing our neighborhoods. Your participation can help affect positive change in your community.

Please see the enclosed brochure with the summit agenda and registration information. Registration is free, but required and limited to 150. Please register online <http://ucanr.org/2010wildfiresummit/>.

The Summit is being held as part of the first annual Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Week from July 3rd to July 11th. All Lake Tahoe Basin homeowners and visitors are welcome to participate in activities during Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Week. The theme this year is: BE EMBER PREPARED! For a complete list and more information on the events, visit <http://www.livingwithfire.info/tahoe>.

Sincerely, Susie Kocher, University of California Cooperative Extension

For questions on technical content: Please call Susie Kocher, 530-542-2571, sdkocher@ucdavis.edu

For questions on registration: Please call Nancy Starr, 530-621-5503, njstarr@ucdavis.edu



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AGENDA

This event is free to attend, but pre-registration is required.

Registration is limited to the first 150 people, so register early!

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Or complete form and mail it to:
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Or we also accept reservations by telephone or fax: ph 530-621-5503, fax 530-642-0803

Registration includes educational materials, refreshments, lunch, afternoon snack and copy of the workshop report.*

**Lunch will be provided*

* check if vegetarian meal is desired

REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOP

Name(s):

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

E-Mail

LAKE TAHOE BASIN WILDFIRE SUMMIT AGENDA

8:00 Registration and snacks

9:00 Introductory remarks: The Emergency California-Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission Report

Nevada: Pete Anderson, Nevada State Forester, Nevada Division of Forestry

California: Del Walters, Director, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

9:20 Wildland fire behavior and how it affects Lake Tahoe Basin homeowners

Wildland Fire: Kit Bailey, US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Fire Chief

Fuels Treatment in the Tahoe Basin: Norb Szczurek, Fuels Management Chief, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District

10:00 Defensible space – Why do we want it, what is it and does it work?

Ed Smith, Natural Resource specialist, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

10:30 Break

10:45 Defensible space - who play a role and what do they do?

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency: Mike Vollmer, Fire and Fuels, Vegetation Program

Fire Agencies: Mark Novak, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District Fire Marshall

CalFire: Mary Huggins, Forestry Assistance Specialist and South Shore Division Chief

11:15 Panel of homeowners affected by wildfire

12:15 Lunch (provided)

1:00 Topic breakout sessions, each session will last one hour

- Building materials and performance: Dr. Steve Quarles, UC Cooperative Extension*
- BMP and defensible space integration: Doug Martin, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District*
- How to organize your community to reduce fire risk: Ann Grant and Ryan McDermott, Nevada Fire Safe Council*
- How insurance companies rate homes and defensible space, Marie Holt, Property and Casualty Section Chief, State of Nevada Division of Insurance*

3:00 Break

3:30 Fire district breakout sessions: Attendees from each fire district will meet with their fire chief to hear about wildfire concerns in their area and develop recommendations for reducing fire risk

4:30 Wrap up/ next steps: Report back from fire district breakout sessions on priorities for reducing wildfire risks in the Lake Tahoe Basin

5:00 Adjourn

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Residents and homeowners in the Lake Tahoe Basin, staff and decision makers with state, local, federal and tribal agencies concerned with defensible space, emergency preparedness and forest management.

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- *How to organize your community to reduce fire risk: Ann Grant and Ryan McDermott, Nevada Fire Safe Council*
- *How insurance companies rate homes and defensible space, Marie Holt, Property and Casualty Section Chief, State of Nevada Division of Insurance*

3:00 Break

3:30 Fire district breakout sessions: Attendees from each fire district will meet with their fire chief to hear about wildfire concerns in their area and develop recommendations for reducing fire risk

4:30 Wrap up/ next steps: Report back from fire district breakout sessions on priorities for reducing wildfire risks in the Lake Tahoe Basin

5:00 Adjourn

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Residents and homeowners in the Lake Tahoe Basin, staff and decision makers with state, local, federal and tribal agencies concerned with defensible space, emergency preparedness and forest management.

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Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Summit Evaluation

July 9th, 2010 Harvey's Casino, Stateline, NV

Please complete this evaluation form and turn it in today at the conclusion of the summit. The information collected will assist us in developing and presenting future events. First, would you give us your overall impressions of the summit? (*Please circle the response that best fits your answer*)

1. The talks presented today were informative and comprehensive.

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
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2. The level of detail covered today was about right.

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
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3. The agenda made good use of the time allotted.

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
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4. This information presented helps clarify wildfire issues in the Tahoe Basin

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
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5. This summit will help our communities work together to reduce wildfire risk.

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
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6. After this summit, I have a better idea of how to reduce wildfire hazards in my community.

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
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7. Overall how would you rate today's presentations?

<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Very good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>
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8. Next, would you please rate the sessions and presentations given at this workshop on a scale of five to one. (*5 = excellent, 4 = very good, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor*)

Topic	Rating
a. Introductory remarks: California-Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission	
b Wildland fire behavior and how it affects Lake Tahoe Basin homeowners	
c. Defensible Space: Why do we want it, what is it and does it work?	
d. Defensible space - Who plays a role and what do they do?	

Topic	Rating
e. Homeowner panel	
Topic breakout sessions (rate only those you attended please)	
f. Building materials and performance	
g. How to organize your community to reduce fire risk	
h. BMP and defensible space integration	
i. How insurance companies rate homes and defensible space	
Fire District break outs	

9. What ONE item that stands out as the most helpful thing you learned at the summit today?

10. What other topics or issues would you like to see at a future summit?

11. How could we improve upon the summit for next year?

12. What could be done to get more homeowners to attend?

Lastly, please indicate your previous level of involvement with these issues by circling one response for each:

13. How did you find out about this summit?
(circle all that apply)

From a friend or neighbor	From a colleague	From a mailing	From an e-mail	From radio /TV	From a newspaper article or ad

14. How familiar were you with wildfire issues in Lake Tahoe before this summit?

Very familiar	Somewhat familiar	A little familiar	Not at all familiar

15. How would you describe your involvement with Lake Tahoe wildfire issues (circle all that apply)

As a homeowner	As a land or resource manager	As a fire fighting professional	As a consultant or private company	As a government decision maker	Other:

If other, please describe:

16. What is your utilization of the Tahoe Basin?

Live here full time	Live here part time	Visit frequently	Visit occasionally	First time here

17. Please share any other comments you might have about today's wildfire summit.