

Prescribed Fire Newsletter



Welcome to the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) Prescribed Fire Program Newsletter. We are happy to have you here! During the Tahoe Basin's prescribed fire season, TFFT will share project updates, education, and resources to help you stay informed. As always, operations may shift due to weather and site conditions.

Program Updates

- **1/20 - 1/21, Nevada Division of Forestry** - 3 acres of pile burning for the Bon Pland Project in the Nevada State Park, south of Incline Village along Highway 28
- **1/20 - 1/31, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District** - 11 acres of pile burning in the West side of Woodcreek Drainage at the end of Valerie Court
- **1/20 - 1/31, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District** - 8 acres of pile burning continue over multiple small urban lots in the Upper Tyner area
- **1/21 - 1/23, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit** - 0.2 acres
- **1/21 - 1/23, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit** - 0.5 acres consisting of a landing pile will be burned at the Taylor Creek Admin site north of the pumphouse in South Lake Tahoe
- **1/21 - 1/23, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit** - 30 acres of pile burning East of Highway 50 and South of Logan Creek Dr.
- **Winter 2026, California Tahoe Conservancy** - Carnelian Canyon, Dollar SW, and Tahoe Pines pile burning projects are set to begin in Winter 2026

consisting of a landing pile will be burned for the Valhalla Admin Rx Project near Highway 89 and Baldwin Estate Historic Site

- **Winter/Spring 2026, California State Parks - Sugar Pine Pile Burning** project will prescribe burn piles around Day Use, Campground, and North Fire Road

Why Many Plants Need Fire to Reproduce

Some plants actually depend on fire to complete their life cycle. Species like lodgepole pine, manzanita, and native wildflowers need heat to open their seeds or clear space for germination. Without fire, their reproduction slows or could stop entirely.

Prescribed burning helps maintain these natural regeneration cycles. By mimicking the historical role of low-intensity fire, crews ensure that fire-dependent species continue to thrive, supporting biodiversity and health forest success throughout the Tahoe Basin.



Have an idea for this newsletter?

Let us know! Send questions or topic ideas to:

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A detailed map of the Tahoe Basin region, showing Lake Tahoe, surrounding mountains, and various towns and parks. The map is overlaid with numerous orange flame icons and blue 'X' marks, indicating prescribed fire locations and project areas. A hand cursor icon is pointing to one of the locations. The map includes a scale bar (10 km / 10 mi) and a copyright notice at the bottom: "Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, NGA, EPA, USDA, NPS | Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Doug... Powered by Esri".

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