

Prescribed Fire Newsletter



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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 - 1/31, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District** - 11 acres of pile burning in the West side of Woodcreek Drainage at the end of Valerie Court
- **1/26 - 1/29, 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
- **1/27 - 1/30, Nevada Division of Forestry** - 5 acres of pile burning for the Spooner Pile Burn Project near Spooner Lake in Backcountry State Park
- **February 2026, California State Parks** - Sugar Pine Pile Burning project will prescribe burn piles around Day Use, Campground, and North Fire Road

- **1/26 - 1/30, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit** - 5 acres of pile burning in the Tahoe Hill and Rubicon Bay area

- **Winter 2026, California Tahoe Conservancy** - Carnelian Canyon, Dollar SW, and Tahoe Pines pile burning projects are set to begin in Winter 2026

Education Corner

Lighting the Way for Wildlife

By: Annabelle Monti

Prescribed fire doesn't just reduce wildfire risk, it rejuvenates ecosystems. When fire clears dense brush and small trees, it opens meadows, promotes grasses and wildflowers, and creates the diverse habitats many species depend on. Deer, bears, and birds benefit from the new growth and increased availability of food. By mimicking the natural fire cycles that shaped these forests for centuries, prescribed fire helps sustain the balance between forest and meadow, ensuring Tahoe's wildlife has the space and resources to thrive.



Forest Health Threshold Standards Update

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and its partners are proposing updates to the region's threshold standards—the environmental goals that

measure the health of the Tahoe Basin—to better reflect modern science and today’s forest health priorities.

Check out TRPA’s [StoryMap](#) for the executive review, a deep dive on each of the proposed standards, and an opportunity to provide feedback from on the final page.

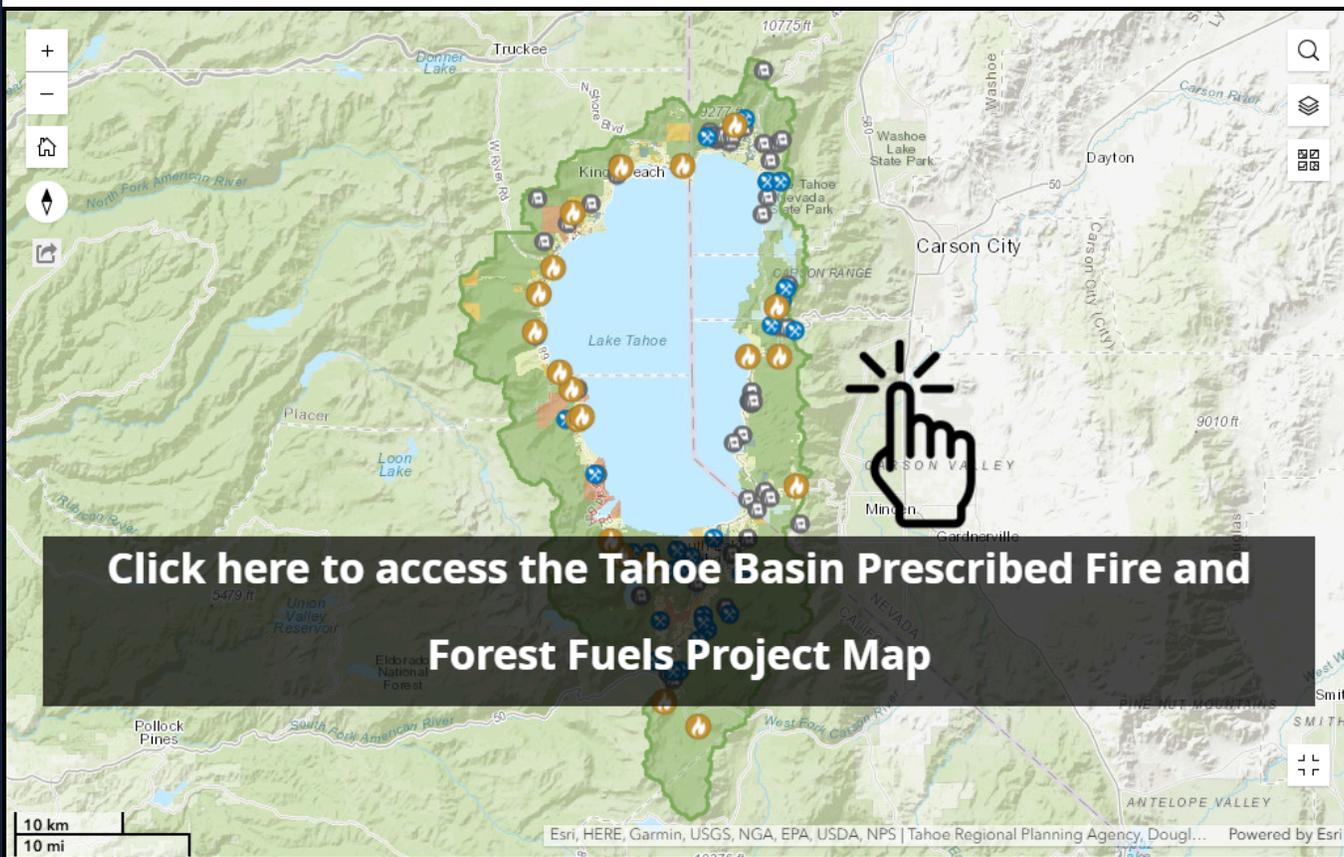
Community feedback is open until January 28th, 2026.



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Let us know! Send questions or topic ideas to:

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