

Prescribed Fire Newsletter



TFFT/Fire PIT NEWSLETTER LETTER

Welcome to the 2026 Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) Prescribed Fire Program Newsletter. We are happy to have you here! Every year, partners across the Basin carefully plan and carry out prescribed fire projects, and this newsletter is here to keep you informed.

Prescribed fire is one of the most effective tools we have to reduce wildfire risk, restore forest health, and strengthen the resilience of the forests in the Lake Tahoe Basin. During prescribed fire season, this newsletter will be distributed weekly to share updates on where ignitions may occur, which partners are leading the work, and when you might see smoke in your area. While operations may shift due to weather and site conditions, the goal of this newsletter is to keep you informed and connected to the important work happening across the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Along with project updates, the newsletter will share facts and insights from prescribed fire professionals covering topics such as why fire is used as a tool, how it's managed, and the benefits it brings to our communities and the land we love. Think of it as a behind-the-scenes look at how prescribed fire is being used to care for our forests and reduce wildfire risk.

Program Updates

- **10/01-25/2026, U.S. Forest Service**
The U.S. Forest Service is scheduled to begin Prescribed Fire Burning in 40 acre unit in Baldwin Meadow on the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit as conditions, staffing and weather permit.

Brilliant Resources to Stay Informed



Watch Duty – Download the app for real-time prescribed fire, wildfire map, & alerts. Receive notifications as conditions change and monitor wildfires and prescribed burns.



AirNow – AirNow’s website and app highlights air quality in your local area first, while still providing air quality information at state and national views. AirNow’s Fire and Smoke map uses a variety of products to provide detailed, up-to-date information in collaboration with the US Forest Service.

Have an idea for this newsletter?

Let us know! This is a living document and adaptable to fit the needs of the readers. Send questions or topic ideas to:

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