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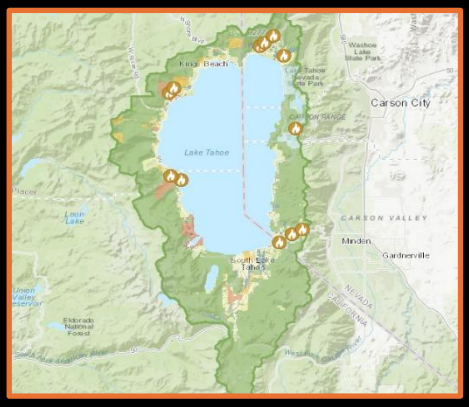
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Rx Fire: Why Burn in Fall and Spring, Not Summer?

Prescribed fire is all about timing. In the Lake Tahoe Region, fire professionals need cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and favorable winds to mimic the low-intensity fires that once occurred naturally across the landscape. Fall and spring usually provide these “burn windows,” when conditions allow fire to be reintroduced safely into the forest. In summer, high heat, dry fuels, and unpredictable winds make prescribed fire too risky.

By burning when conditions are right, fire managers can safely reduce forest fuels while limiting smoke impacts. Fall and spring offer the safest and most effective opportunities to use prescribed fire as a tool to lower wildfire risk, without the dangers that come with burning when conditions aren’t right.



Click here to access the Lake Tahoe Basin Prescribed Fire and Forest Fuels Project Map or visit https://www.tahoelivingwithfire.com/get-informed/lake-tahoe-basin-prescribed-fire-project-map/.