



Forest Fuels and Defensible Space

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2019 Forest Fuels Season Highlight

This report is a high-level recap of the 2019 Forest Fuels Season. I will be putting together a PowerPoint presentation with financial and status updates for all Forest Fuels projects for the next Board Meeting.

SNPLMA 16 – Tahoe Network of Fire Adapted Communities

- 2400+ Defensible Space Inspections completed
- 800+ Requests for Free Curbside Chipping
- Outreach & Education and 23 HOA Meetings
- Firewise Communities – Alpine Meadows recognized, Carnelian Woods renewed, Dollar Point started the process and numerous communities engaged to take on the application process

FEMA – Hazardous Fuel Reduction on CTC lots

- Phase 1 Complete - treated 154 parcels totaling 27 acres in Kings Beach for \$85,344
- Phase 2 Contracted - will treat 281 parcels totaling 52 acres from HWY 267 to Tahoe City for \$165,824

SNPLMA 16 – Tahoe Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report

- Ascent Environmental INC completed the Administrative Draft of the Tahoe PTEIR and the PTEIR Core Team is currently reviewing and providing edits and comments to this draft document

SNPLMA 15 - CWPP Implementation on NTPUD lands

- NLTFPD's Rifle Peak Handcrew went to work for us this season!
- 80 acres initial entry hand thin & pile work completed including NTPUD's 55-acre Gentry property that is North of HWY 267 in Tahoe Vista and 25 acres within NTPUD's North Tahoe Regional Park. The crew was able to cut, drag and chip an 11-acre portion within the Tahoe Tree Top course area of the Regional park allowing us to meet the purpose and prescription of this CWPP project, limit impacts to recreation in the park, a private business and park aesthetics, improve the quality of the existing-actively used road and trails while reducing the potential for future erosion and sedimentation issues.

SNPLMA 16 – Hazardous Fuels Reduction & Wildfire Prevention

- Engaged Tamarack Mutual Partners and proposed a 700-1000' fuel break on their lands West/uphill of HWY 89
- Homewood Ski Resort is interested in multi-objective fuel reduction work as well and we have planned to walk portions of their property near communities during 2020
- I will be reaching out to Placer County, TCPUD, TTUSD, Rutter-Shaffer corp, Vedanta Society, Carnelian Woods, Chinquapin, Granlibakken, and other private landowners in order to identify priority areas to treat in upcoming years with this funding source.