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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 19, 2023
To: TRPA Governing Board
From: TRPA Staff
Subject: Briefing on the Forest Health Program and Emergency response coordination

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff will present an update on the Forest Health program including priority projects, coordination and communication, funding, and capacity needs. This item is for informational purposes and no action is required.

Background:

The Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) is a collaborative partnership of 80+ organizations focused on increasing the pace and scale of restoration to achieve the goals of the Regional Plan. The EIP encompasses federal, state and local government agencies, the private sector, scientists, and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. The EIP Focus Areas are Watersheds and Water Quality, Forest Health, Transportation and Sustainable Recreation, and Science, Stewardship, and Accountability. The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) and the Multi-agency Coordinating Group (MAC) are collaborative bodies that guide the Forest Health program for the Tahoe Basin. In 2019, the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team released the Forest Action Plan that outlines a three-pronged approach to increasing pace and scale of forest health work through a focus on large landscapes, utilization of data and technology, and capacity and workforce development.

The TRPA staff update will cover the Forest Health program and the importance of increasing forest health and resilience in a changing climate. Lastly, staff will present future priorities including evacuation coordination in the Tahoe Basin.

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