



STAFF REPORT

Date: November 9, 2022

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Update on Forest Health Progress and Priorities from Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team including Caldor Fire Recovery

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff will provide an informational update on Lake Tahoe's Forest Health Program. The presentation will provide an overview of Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team activities, annual community outreach, workforce development, and program funding and priorities, including Caldor Fire recovery and restoration. This item is for informational purposes and no action is required.

Background:

The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) and Basin partners are busy completing a variety of priority forest health projects and initiatives this year. Partners are working together to provide unified messaging to the community around fire safety, fire preparedness, and defensible space. Additionally, TFFT is focusing on identifying challenges and potential solutions to workforce development to increase capacity and accomplish critical forest health work. Current initiatives include developing a Community College Forestry Program, investigating biomass opportunities regionally, and wood product development in the Carson Valley. Lastly, several priority forest health and fuels reductions projects made significant progress this year towards planning, implementation, or completion. Staff will present on these projects and provide an update on Caldor Fire Recovery and future restoration priorities. Lastly, staff will discuss strategic funding allocation and prioritization for upcoming projects.

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