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TRPA LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE TREE REMOVAL PERMITTING SYSTEM

Lake Tahoe, CA/NV—The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) announced the launch of a new online tree removal permit application and credit card payment system that can be accessed through their website at trpa.org.

“The new online service is more customer friendly and is in line with the Agency’s core values of improving operational efficiency while providing a high-level of customer service,” said TRPA Executive Director, Joanne S. Marchetta.

In addition to making streamlined tree removal permits for defensible space available through local fire protection districts and departments, TRPA foresters continue to make getting permits for other types of tree removal easier, according to the Agency.

Previously, customers had to download a tree removal permit from TRPA’s website and then submit the documentation either via U.S. Mail or in person at the TRPA offices in Stateline, Nev. Now customers can submit their tree removal permit application and pay their fee with a credit card online, and a TRPA forester will contact them within two weeks.

To access the new online tree removal permit application form, go to TRPA’s homepage at trpa.org and click on “Tree Removal Permit” under Top Searches. Any questions concerning the new online application or tree removal guidelines can be directed to TRPA Forester, Mary Huggins at mhuggins@trpa.org.

Tahoe Basin property owners can remove trees for defensible space that are under 14 inches diameter without a permit, as long as the tree is not in a sensitive area or required to be retained by an earlier permit. Dead trees of any size in non-sensitive areas can be removed without a permit. To streamline wildfire preparedness, property owners can also obtain tree removal permits for defensible space from their local fire district or department, who operate under special agreements with TRPA to mark hazard trees for removal.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency leads the cooperative effort to preserve, restore, and enhance the unique natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe Region, while improving local communities, and people’s interactions with our irreplaceable environment. For additional information, call Kristi Boosman at (775) 589-5230 or email her at kboosman@trpa.org.

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