

Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Executive Summary

Tahoe National Forest Area Forecast Zone

Overview

The Tahoe National Forest Area Forecast Zone is 234,891 acres and defined by the Tahoe National Forest boundary. The largest landowner is the U.S. Forest Service. As a result this is the least developed area in the County and community areas are dispersed across the Forecast Zone. There are no incorporated communities and the existing communities are primarily in a few locations - Cascade Shores, Washington Ridge, Highway 20, and Little Town of Washington. The area is popular for recreation-based tourism.



Residential Area in the Tahoe National Forest Area Forecast Zone

Fire Environment

The dominant vegetation in the area are conifer and mixed conifer forests. From 1908 to 2022 there have been 95 fires and the largest fire was the 1910 Fall Fire. The highest concentration of ignitions has been in the middle portion of the Forecast Zone where recreation resources are concentrated and along Highway 20.

Primary Community Concerns



Wildfire Ignition



Infrastructure

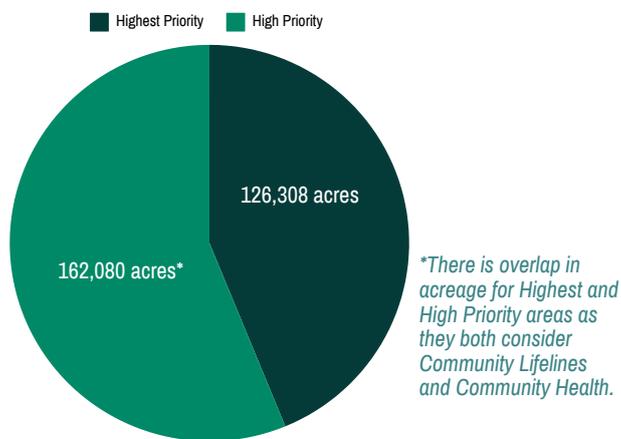


Financial Barriers



Resource Limitation

Project Priority Areas



Tahoe National Forest Area Forecast Zone Action Plan

Action	Example Recommendation
Reduce Structural Ignitability	Evaluate opportunities for engaging residents and landowners in structural retrofit programs.
Defensible Space	Emphasize the importance of storing firewood away from structures during fire season.
Vegetation Management/Fuel Reduction	Conduct vegetation management/fuel reduction projects around high-use recreation facilities to decrease potential for ignitions.
Community Outreach & Education	Develop wildfire awareness materials for display and/or distribution at high-use recreation areas to increase awareness of wildfire hazards.
Evacuation	Coordinate with relevant agencies to manage access to areas with large expanse of open space during Red Flag Warnings, or other high fire hazard periods to minimize ignition potential.
Emergency Communication	Pursue methods for disseminating evacuation information at high-use recreation areas where cell reception is limited.
Post Fire Recovery	Educate residents on how unpermitted structures impact their recovery options.

See Section 9 for the full CWPP Action Plan recommendations.

Recommended Actions



Reduce Structural Ignitability



Defensible Space



Vegetation Management/
Fuel Reduction



Community Outreach & Education



Evacuation



Emergency Communication



Post-Fire Recovery



Office of Emergency Services

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