

# Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Executive Summary

## Truckee/Donner Forecast Zone

### Overview

The Truckee/Donner Forecast Zone is 108,438 acres and is located in East Nevada County. It includes the unincorporated areas in East Nevada County, Truckee Fire Protection District, and the Town of Truckee. The area blends community development, historic resources, and recreation resources with a forested landscape. Outside of the developed areas the majority of the landscape is owned by the U.S. Forest Service. Major community areas include Donner Summit, Donner Lake, Tahoe Donner, Town of Truckee, and Glenshire. The area has a high concentration of secondary homeowners.



Donner Lake

### Fire Environment

The dominant vegetation in the area are conifer forest and shrub communities. From 1908 to 2022 there have been 137 fires and the largest fire was the 1960 Donner Ridge Fire. Ignitions tend to be concentrated around recreation resources and Interstate 80.

### Primary Community Concerns



Wildfire Ignition



Wildfire Preparedness

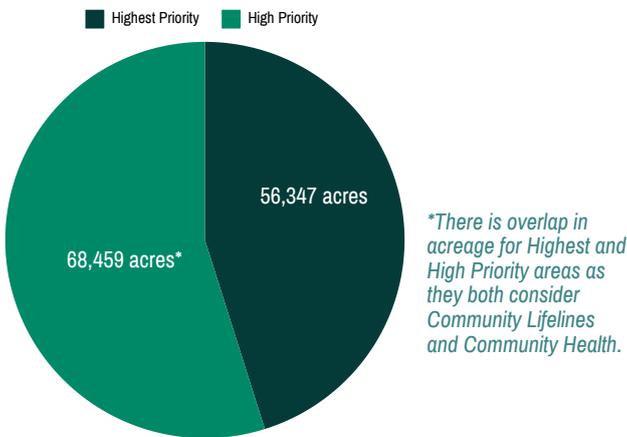


Recreation Impacts



Safe Evacuation

### Project Priority Areas



### Truckee/Donner Forecast Zone Action Plan

Action	Example Recommendation
Reduce Structural Ignitability	Educate residents on how attached wooden decks impact structural ignitability. Encourage resident to not store combustible materials below wooden decks.
Defensible Space	Emphasize the importance of storing firewood away from structures during fire season.
Vegetation Management/Fuel Reduction	Conduct vegetation management/fuel reduction around high-use recreation facilities to decrease the potential for wildfire ignitions.
Community Outreach & Education	Develop outreach strategies to engage with seasonal residents, absentee landowners, and visitors.
Evacuation	Educate residents on the importance of developing individualized evacuation plans.
Emergency Communication	Identify areas with limited telecommunications facilities and capabilities and explore opportunities for enhancing communication to residents and visitors prior to, during, and following wildfire events.
Post Fire Recovery	Identify opportunities for post-fire social resilience including but not limited to support for housing, employment access, health resources, mental health resources, and emotional support resources.

See Section 10 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



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