Fire on the Divide: An archaeologist's perspective

Forest fires sweep through numerous regions of California each year. After the embers have died and the smoke fades away, Forest Service archaeologists, who are also involved with fire suppression, are sent in to conduct surveys to record new prehistoric and historic sites, and to assess damage to previously recorded sites.

U.S. Forest Service archaeaologist Nolan Smith will give a PowerPoint presentation of his role as a fire line archaeologist and will discuss some of the surveys he has conducted after fires swept through the Forest Hill Divide region of the Tahoe National Forest. He will share equipment used during the surveys and examples of artifacts pulled from the ashes.

This free program will take place on Oct. 17 at 1pm at the Bernhard Museum Winery. The Bernhard Museum is located at 291 Auburn-Folsom Road in Auburn.

Please call (530) 889-6500 to make your reservation or for more information.