Forest Service burning piles to reduce risk of wildfire

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit fuels crew on Thursday had a prescribed fire operation on the West Shore near Rubicon Bay.

This is part of an aggressive program to reduce wildfire risk.

Weather conditions have allowed the Forest Service to treat a total of 1,800 acres in the past year, including 400 acres this summer.



A controlled burn on the West Shore. Photo/Lisa Herron/USFS