

Expect smoke in basin from prescribed fires

U.S. Forest Service fuels management crews will begin prescribed fire operations in several locations around the Lake Tahoe Basin on Oct. 23.

Weather and conditions permitting, operations will take place on the South Shore near Pioneer Trail and Al Tahoe Boulevard, Blackwood Canyon on the West Shore, Spooner Summit on the East Shore, and Bunker Drive near Tahoe City. Crews will burn approximately 1 to 2 acres per day in these locations and expect to continue operations through the weekend and into next week. Operations will remain small until the basin receives regular periods of rain and snow.

Smoke will be visible. The Forest Service strives to minimize the impacts of smoke on local communities. Smoke-sensitive residents should consider staying indoors and keeping doors, windows and outside vents closed.