

Massive tree thinning project to get under way

The multi-year South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project is about to resume.

On April 21, work will take place between Highway 89 and Cascade Lake, and between the west end of Gardner Mountain and lower Angora Ridge. Approximately 380 acres in these areas will be thinned by hand, which is done by crews with chainsaws and involves piling the material for burning at a later time. Work is expected to last approximately one month.

Work in units along Lake Tahoe Boulevard near South Tahoe High School and the Sand Pit OHV area may begin as early as May 1. Approximately 80 acres in these units will be thinned using mechanical equipment, which cuts the tree down, cuts the tree into sections in the cutting area, and then removes the tree and as much material as possible.

The Forest Service will officially close these areas while crews are working.

The Forest Service will provide periodic updates online.

For general information on the South Shore project, go online.