

USFS project limits South Shore trail access

The U.S. Forest has reduced access to parts of the South Shore for a fuels reduction and forest health project.

The work began last week off forest roads 12N15 and 12N08 (Powerline) near Trout Creek southwest of Columbine Trail near South Lake Tahoe. The Forest Service will close the areas in units 74, 1074, 199, and 1199 from 7am-6pm daily now through Dec. 1 for public safety due to heavy equipment operations and falling trees.

Hazards may be present even when operations have finished for the day and the closure is not in effect. Individuals disregarding the closure may be cited, with subsequent fines or jail time.

The forest thinning is part of the South Shore Fuels Reductions and Healthy Forest Restoration Project, which will treat approximately 10,000 acres between Cascade Lake and Stateline.

Here is a map of the area.