

Prescribed fires planned for Tahoe National Forest

With the onset of cooler, wetter weather, the Tahoe National Forest is preparing for prescribed fires that will occur throughout the fall, winter and spring, as conditions allow.

Planned projects include burning piles of stacked vegetation and low to moderate intensity understory burns of vegetation on the forest floor. The primary goals of these projects are to reduce the severity of future wildfires and provide protection for communities in the wildland urban interface. In addition, the prescribed fires will promote a diverse and more resilient forest, as well as improve wildlife habitat.

All four ranger districts on the Tahoe National Forest are planning to implement prescribed fire. Some of the planned projects include:

- The Sierraville Ranger District will conduct understory burning at Lewis Mill and west of Highway 89 (south of Little Truckee Summit), as well as pile burning in the areas of Loyalton Pines, Sierraville, Calpine, and Sagehen Summit.
- The Truckee Ranger District will conduct understory burning east of Stampede Reservoir and on the west side of Highway 89 and Prosser Lakeview/Prosser Heights.