

Massive tree removal project to resume on South Shore

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit will resume work this week on the South Shore Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration project.

Mechanical whole tree removal will take place near Fallen Leaf Campground along Fallen Leaf Road off Highway 89. This involves cutting the entire tree and moving it to the landing area to remove the limbs and cut it into sections. The Forest Service recommends the public avoid this area due to the hazards posed by heavy equipment and falling trees. Hazards may be present even when operations have ceased for the day.

The South Shore Fuels Reduction project authorizes thinning of trees and brush on National Forest lands on the south end of the Lake Tahoe Basin to reduce the risk of severe wildfire and create healthier forests.

Work in this area will stop about July 1. Any unfinished work will resume after Labor Day.

In addition to temporary closures of recreational areas, other short-term impacts from fuels reduction projects include changes to the appearance of basin forests.