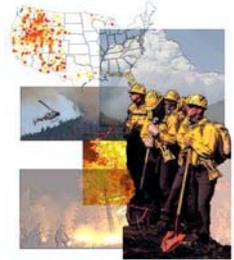


National Fire Plan

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Truckee Ranger District
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Successful Underburn Makes for HAPPY CAMPERS!

Nestled within the Tahoe National Forest on the Truckee Ranger District is the small yet busy community of Tahoe Timber Trails Association. Located on 159 acres and bordered by National Forest land on all sides, this member owned private campground and RV park has over 550 permanent sites and boasts a population each summer of over 2,000 residents from May through September. The build-up of hazardous fuels surrounding the park has been a concern for residents and the Forest Service for years. Only last summer, the residents were reminded of the dangers of wildfire as they watched trees explode on the nearby Martis Fire. Although a little apprehensive about a prescribed fire being so near to their summer homes, they are now grateful for the work that has been done.

Approximately 500 acres were underburned this Spring and in the Fall of 2001. Over a mile and a quarter of property line around the community had fuels reduced significantly. Kathy Murphy, Prescribed Fire Manager for the project says, "This is what the National Fire Plan is all about. I'm very proud of the effort that so many people have put into accomplishing this very complex project. Cooperation with the residents and managers of the park has been exceptional." Doug Alderman, Resident Park Manager, says, "This is a wonderful project and wants to say 'Thank you' to the Forest Service."



Kathy Murphy, Prescribed Fire Manager with Doug and Edie Alderman, Resident Park Managers. Doug says "Residents feel safer now."



Firefighter patrols fireline adjacent to residence. In many areas, the prescribed burn was within 10 feet of structures and improvements.