



Proposition 68 Forestry Grants

September 17, 2020

Background



The Lake Tahoe West Landscape Restoration Strategy and the Lake Tahoe Basin Forest Action Plan have charted a path towards restoring forest health and protecting communities.

- Both identified the need to strategically use prescribed fire
- The Forest Action Plan identified the need to expand the local forestry workforce

Project Description

Prescribed Fire Optimization Strategy

Initially a Lake Tahoe West goal, expanded to Basinwide.

The grantee will:

- Analyze forest conditions
- Identify treatment areas
- Develop a strategy for when and where fire can be used as a treatment



Project Description

Forest Health Training and Job Placement Program

Capacity building grant to support Lake Tahoe Community College in developing a local program

- Certificate and Associate degree
- 4-year transfer option
- Registered Professional Forester (RPF) track





Project Budget

Grant	Proposed Grant Amount	Cost Share	Total Budget
Prescribed Fire Optimization Strategy	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
Forest Health Training and Job Placement Program	\$351,000	\$770,000	\$1,121,000
Total for All Grants	<u>\$426,000</u>	\$770,000	\$1,196,000



Project Schedule

Prescribed Fire Optimization Strategy

Activities	Completion Date
Scientific analyses of potential fire behavior and smoke impacts	Winter 2020
Scientist and land manager workshop to guide potential operational delineations and strategies	Spring 2021
Synthesis of strategies and potential treatment units	Winter 2021



Project Schedule

Forest Health Training and Job Placement Program

Activities	Completion Date
Develop and provide initial course offerings	Spring 2021
Initiate recruitment/job-placement program	Summer 2021
Offer full-time program and certify degree offerings	Spring 2022
Overall program management and coordination	Winter 2023

Recommendation



Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 20-09-08.1 authorizing the award of a grant to the USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station for up to \$75,000 for a Prescribed Fire Optimization Strategy.

Recommendation



Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 20-09-08.2 authorizing an award of a grant to the Lake Tahoe Community College District for up to \$351,000 for a Forest Health Training and Job Placement Program.