

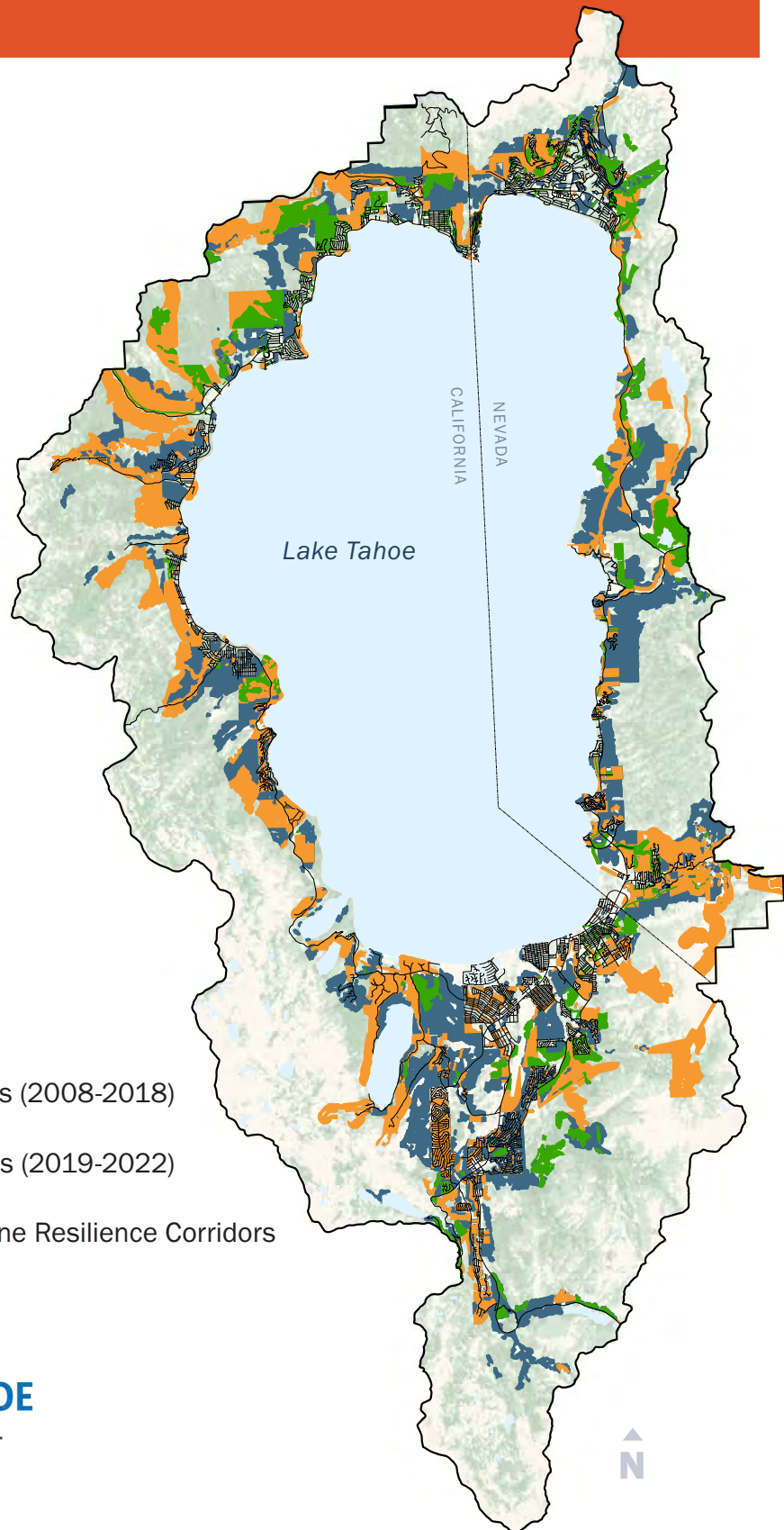
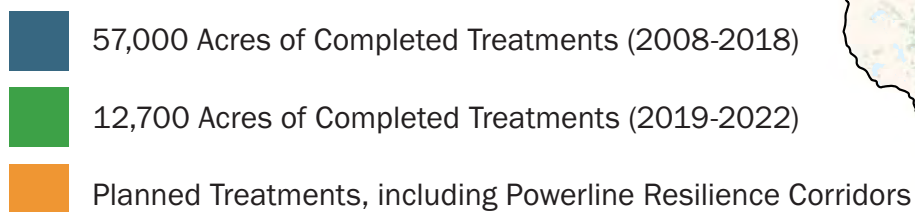
FOREST ACTION PLAN

2023 UPDATE

The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) has made progress toward the goals of the 2019 Lake Tahoe Basin Forest Action Plan. The Forest Action Plan charts a path for collaboration across property boundaries to accelerate landscape restoration and reduce wildfire risk to Tahoe communities.

WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE TREATMENTS

TFFT partners continue to plan and prioritize fuels treatments in the wildland-urban interface (WUI), where neighborhoods meet forests. TFFT partners are more than halfway to their goal of completing 22,000 acres of initial treatments in the WUI by 2025. After finishing all priority WUI treatments identified in the Forest Action Plan, partners will transition to ongoing maintenance.



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In addition to completing priority treatments in the WUI, Basin partners have secured funds and begun hiring personnel to collectively build capacity for forest landscape management.

The USDA Forest Service and local fire districts are leveraging federal funds from the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act and Bureau of Land Management's Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act program and private investments from NV Energy and Liberty Utilities to ramp up work on **Powerline Resilience Corridors**. This partnership of land managers and utility companies creates efficiencies by having crews treat public lands at the same time as they treat utility corridors.

Lake Tahoe Community College's **Forestry Education and Job Placement Program** is training new forestry professionals, which will help accelerate large-scale restoration and reduce wildfire risk.

The **Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and Tahoe Forest Products are developing a sawmill** in Carson City, Nevada. When operational, the mill will be able to process small-diameter trees, helping to increase the pace and scale of forestry projects.

Led by the Tahoe Resource Conservation District (Tahoe RCD), TFFT partners are updating the Lake Tahoe Basin **Community Wildfire Protection Plan**. Partners are leveraging new technology by using a cloud-based decision support tool to create an updated list of prioritized, fuel hazard reduction projects.

The California Tahoe Conservancy, with 2021 wildfire package and the California Department of Conservation's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity program funding, is providing grants to the Washoe Tribe, Lake Valley Fire Protection District, South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue, and Tahoe RCD to build capacity to improve forest and wildfire resilience.



Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District crew members reducing hazardous fuels as part of a Powerline Resilience Corridor project. Photo by Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District.

The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team formed in 2008 with the twin aims of reducing fuels in the wildland-urban interface and preparing communities for wildfire. The partnership involves 21 federal, tribal, state, and local conservation, land management, and fire agencies. The TFFT released the original Lake Tahoe Basin Forest Action Plan in 2019. Read the full Forest Action Plan, learn more about the TFFT, and find helpful information about preparing for wildfire at tahoelivingwithfire.com.