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Tahoe Donner Association Named Firewise Community® of the Year

Truckee, Calif. (May 31, 2017) – Earlier this month, Tahoe Donner Association was named Firewise Community® of the Year by the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County. The recognition was awarded to those who have dedicated their time and energy to help make their communities safer from wildfire.

The Tahoe Donner Forestry Department is dedicated to maintaining the health of the forest within the association's 7,300-plus acres while minimizing the threat of forest fires. Forester Bill Houdyschell and his team are nationally regarded as leaders in their field. The department manages 477 acres of reforestation and fuel breaks, 618 acres of fuel reduction zones, and 1,344 acres of common area maintaining two thirds for fuel reduction.

With more than 150 fires near Tahoe Donner in the past 40 years, fire safety is a top concern. Tahoe Donner's Forestry department has implemented forest health education and defensible space inspections on all properties since the South Lake Tahoe Angora Fire in 2007. They continue to provide educational outreach and physical vegetation management services to enable homeowners to achieve and maintain a Firewise condition around their homes.

"A forest is not a static environment," explains Houdyschell. "We can look at your property and its trees and see what will happen to those trees in 10 to 20 years."

To help offset costs of fire safety programs, Houdyschell has secured more than \$700,000 in federal and state grants since 1990, helping fund management efforts of Tahoe Donner's forested common areas for community protection and forest health.

High-resolution images are available via [Dropbox](#).

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About the Fire Safe Council

The Fire Safe Council is a non-profit, local volunteer-based organization dedicated to making Nevada County safer from catastrophic wildfire through fire prevention education, fire break clearing projects and creating nationally recognized Firewise Communities USA®. For more information about the Fire Safe Council, visit the FSCNC web site at www.areyoufiresafe.com or call 530-272-1122.

About Tahoe Donner:

Tahoe Donner is one of America's largest homeowner's associations, with nearly 6,500 properties and 25,000 members enjoying over 7,300 acres in the Sierra Nevada. Located 18 miles from Lake Tahoe in

Truckee, California, Tahoe Donner operates a wide variety of recreational facilities, including an award-winning championship golf course, a family-friendly downhill ski area, and a renowned cross country ski area with a newly constructed, state-of-the-art base lodge —all of which are open to the public. In addition, Tahoe Donner operates several member-only facilities, such as a beach club marina, recreation center and pools. These amenities can be explored in detail at Tahoedonner.com.

For more information on Tahoe Donner and its recreational facilities and events, visit tahoedonner.com or call 530-587-9400. 'Like' Tahoe Donner on [Facebook](#) and follow on Twitter @tahoedonner and Instagram @TahoeDonnerAssociation.

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