



**Tahoe Donner Association
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FORESTRY INSPECTION REPORT

Undeveloped Lot

Inspection Date: _____ Address: _____ Unit / Lot: _____

- Compliant with TDA Fire Safety and Forestry Health regulations.
- The items listed below were observed during the inspection and require correction.

Inspected by: _____

Fire Safety & Forest Health Violations

- 1 All dry, flammable vegetation and woody debris between 1/2 inch and 12 inches in diameter must be removed. (Not pine needles)
- 2 Dead and/or beetle infested trees must be removed. Trees to be removed are marked with _____ paint. A total of _____ trees have been marked for removal.
- 3 Trees greater than 12 feet in height - remove the lower branches to a height six feet from the ground.
- 4 Trees 12 feet or less in height - remove the lower branches to 1/2 the height of the tree.
- 5 **PLEASE CALL FORESTRY DEPT. at (530) 587-9432**
If this box is checked
Excessively dense tree cover must be thinned. (See #5 on back of form)

Marked by: _____
Date marked: _____
- 6 Brush cover must be thinned or removed.
- 7 Nuisance firewood. **See #7 on back of form**

Map of lot showing approximate location of dead trees.



Street side

- SEE BACK FOR EXPLANATION OF CHECKLIST ITEMS -

Note: This form is authorization for dead tree removal and / or heavy equipment use for brush removal. Refer to Tahoe Donner Association website (<http://www.tahoedonner.com/members/land-management-forestry/chipping-program/>) for chipping guidelines. No dry material will be chipped. Annual maintenance of your property to maintain a fire safe condition as required by the C&Rs is strongly encouraged.

Date follow up inspection conducted: _____ Pass Fail

Reason for non-compliance: _____

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Due Date _____ Property Owner Name On File: _____

EXPLANATION OF CHECKLIST ITEMS

1. All dry, flammable vegetation and woody debris between 1/2 inch & 12 inches in diameter must be removed from property (Not pine needles). Downed logs larger than 12 inches in diameter that are down due to natural causes may be left. However, it is recommended to remove all downed logs from the property. Dead (dry) and decaying wood, often associated with downed logs, provides an excellent place for blowing embers to start spot fires in advance of a main wildland fire.
2. Dead and diseased or beetle infested trees are a safety hazard as they may fall and injure someone or damage property. They are also a fire hazard and may contain insects that can cause damage to the forest and neighboring homes. You do not need a permit to remove the trees marked by the inspector and indicated on this form.
3. Wild land fires kept on the ground are not as dangerous as those that enter into the crowns of trees. Lower tree limbs play a major role in moving a fire from the ground into the trees. Be careful to not cut through the bark of the tree when cutting limbs. For trees greater than 12 feet in height - remove lower branches to a height of six feet above the ground. For general trimming, green limbs may be trimmed to 15 feet above the ground and dead limbs may be trimmed to 35 feet above the ground without a permit from the Forestry Department.
4. For smaller trees (less than 12 feet in height), no more than the bottom one-half of the tree should have its limbs removed. For example, if the tree is 8 feet tall, the branches can be removed up to 4 feet from the ground.
5. Excessive tree cover is not only hazardous to Tahoe Donner in the event of a fire, but also to the health of the trees. Dense tree cover creates a condition where up to one-half of the trees will not be healthy. Unhealthy trees are less apt to fight off the effects of drought periods, bark beetle attacks and are less resistant to diseases. Small trees should not be growing under larger trees and the foliage of one small tree should not be touching the foliage of its neighbor. **If this box is checked please call the Tahoe Donner Forestry Department after May 1st and make an appointment to discuss the work that needs to be completed (530)587-9432.** Remember a tree removal permit is required for trees larger than 4 inches in diameter at 3 feet off the ground unless indicated for removal on this report.
6. Wild land fires kept on the ground are not as dangerous as those that enter into the crowns of trees. Brush plays a major role in moving a fire from the ground into the trees. Areas of continuous brush can be an issue during a fire. There should be no brush under or within 10 feet of the foliage of any tree on the property. Individual bushes should be separated a distance of 2 ½ times the height of the brush. For example if the brush is 3 feet tall you need to have 7 ½ feet between individual bushes. The Forestry Department recommends that all brush be removed from brush covered lots. The use of a contractor who uses mechanical equipment for removal is advised on lots that are accessible for the equipment. The cost is usually less for total brush removal using equipment than partial removal by hand. Brush regenerates quickly. The process is slowed greatly by total mechanical removal.
7. Firewood cannot be stored on the property. Old, unused or decomposed (nuisance) firewood must be removed.