

## For Immediate Release

## New Fire Monitoring Camera in Tahoe Donner Detects Spark on Prosser Hill

Truckee, Calif. (August 25, 2020) – Tahoe Donner Association announced today that the newly installed fire-monitoring camera assisted with other fire detection systems in successfully identifying a small fire on Prosser Hill at approximately 6 a.m. on Monday, August 24. It is suspected that the fire started due to a lightning strike in the area. CalFire and United States Forest Service fire personnel and air assets were dispatched to the Prosser Hill location and the fire was extinguished before it could become a threat to the community.

The <u>ALERTWildfire</u> camera in Tahoe Donner was installed in July 2020 and began broadcasting live on <u>alertwildfire.org</u>. It is the twelfth fire camera to be added to the North Tahoe area network to help protect Tahoe Donner and the North Tahoe-Truckee area, which is of critical importance during summer months when red flag warnings and thunderstorms are common.

Funding for the recently installed camera was provided by Tahoe Donner via a charitable contribution to the <u>Tahoe Prosperity Center</u>.

David Mickaelian, general manager of Tahoe Donner said. "Adding the camera is another tool in the toolbox to keeping this community safe and I commend the board of directors in making that investment last year."

In collaboration with Dr. Graham M. Kent of the University of Reno, Nevada Seismological Lab, and Heidi Hill Drum of the Tahoe Prosperity Center, the camera in Tahoe Donner became camera #576 on the ALERTWildfire website to help protect the western United States.

Residents of Tahoe Donner and beyond are invited to monitor ALERTWildfire cameras and report suspected fires to the local fire department. View the camera named Tahoe Donner on <u>alertwildfire.org</u>, located within the Greater Tahoe Region section.

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## **About Tahoe Donner Association:**

Tahoe Donner is one of California's largest resort communities, with nearly 6,500 properties and 25,000 members enjoying over 7,000 acres in the Sierra Nevada. Located 18 miles from Lake Tahoe in Truckee, California, Tahoe Donner operates a wide variety of recreational amenities, including an award-winning cross country ski center, family-friendly downhill ski resort and 18-hole championship golf course—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*.

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