



FORESTRY UPDATE

May 26, 2023



TAHOE DONNER™



DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Adoption of FireAside Defensible Space Inspection Software**
 - Provides more detailed and individualized defensible space report to homeowner with photos
 - Allows for greater communication/collaboration with Truckee Fire through shared visibility of inspections
- **Zendesk Customer Service software added** to better documentation and tracking membership requests and support needs
 - Software also used by Tahoe Donner Member Services, Downhill Ski Resort and TDXC

CURRENT FORMAT OF INSPECTION REPORT

- Hand drawn, hard to understand, does not allow for photos, requires members to call forestry staff for more information
- Existing defensible space files are all created and stored in paper format at the forestry building

Tahoe Donner Association
Forestry Department
11509 Northwoods Blvd.
Truckee CA 96161

defensiblespace@tahoeonner.com

FORESTRY/DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTION REPORT

☒ Developed Lot

☐ Undeveloped Lot (only 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 apply)

Inspection Date: 10/1/20 Address: [REDACTED] Unit/Lot: [REDACTED]

☐ Compliant with TDA Fire Safety and Forestry Health Regulations

Packet # 20

☒ The items listed below were observed during the inspection and require correction.

Inspected by: KB/CT

1 ☒ Pine needles must be removed from the roof of all structures

2 ☒ Pine needles on the ground must be removed within 10 ft. of all structures.

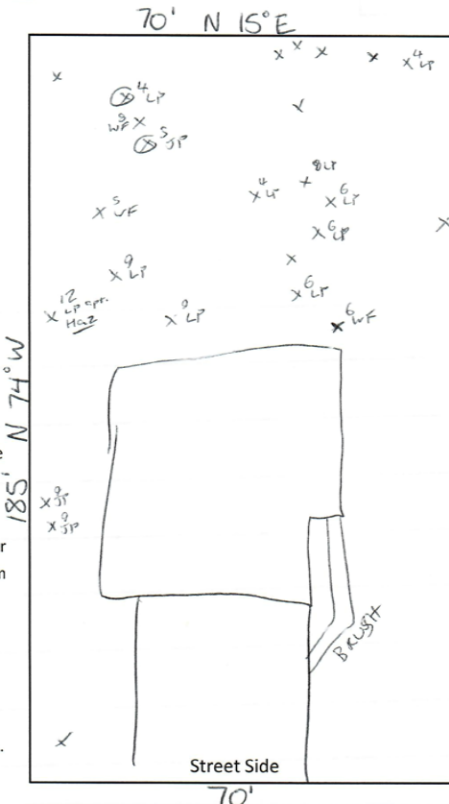
3 ☒ Limbs must be removed from within 10 ft. of roof, chimney and eaves.

4 ☐ Chimney must have an approved spark arrestor.

5 ☐ Ten feet of clearance required around the propane tank.

6 ☐ Firewood and lumber must be stacked away from any structure. **Rounds must be split.**

7 ☐ Address of the property must be clearly visible from the street for your safety and protection.



8 ☒ All dry flammable vegetation and woody debris between 1/2 inch & 12 inch diameter must be removed. (Not pine needles)

9 ☒ dead and or beetle infested trees must be removed. Trees to be removed are marked with orange paint. 7-8

10 ☒ Brush must be thinned or removed.

11 ☒ Please Call TDA Forestry Department at (530) 587-9432 if this box is checked: Excessively dense tree cover must be thinned.

Marked by: NC Date: 7-8-21

12 ☒ Remove lower branches to create six feet of clearance from the ground to the low point of the branch for trees over 12 ft. tall. Remove branches on shorter trees for 1/3 of the trunk.

13 ☐ All dead plants or grasses must be cut to a height of six inches or less 30 ft. from the structure.

14 ☐ Stumps height from tree(s) removed must be as low as practical.

SEE BACK FOR EXPLANATION OF CHECKLIST ITEMS

Note: This form is authorization for removal of marked trees and/or heavy equipment use for brush removal. Refer to the Tahoe Donner website 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 and CA PRC 4291 is strongly encouraged.

Final Inspection conducted on: _____ ☐ Pass Initial: _____

NEW REPORT FORMAT

REMEDY

ISSUE

EXPLANATION

DUE DATE

CLICK TO VIEW

1. Firewood within 30' of structures must be relocated

Firewood was observed within 30' of structures

Firewood, lumber or any combustibles should be stacked 30 ft. from the structure or any attachment to the structure. Firewood can be stacked closer if covered SECURELY with a fire-resistant tarp and stacked neatly on gravel or another non-burnable surface. Tarps must be in good condition without tears or holes, cover the firewood completely, to the ground with no gaps. Old or decomposed firewood must be removed. Firewood rounds cannot be left on property; wood must be split and stacked neatly.

Action required. Please correct within 30 days.

TDA CR 4.21.a.vii; Truckee Fire Protection District Defensible Space Ordinance 02-2012; California Public Resources Code 4291

Images

Map



Report Summary Defensible Space Home Hardening Correction Checklist Additional Resources

Property Owner Correction Checklist

TRUCKEE, CA 96161

Please use this checklist to create an action plan to mitigate your property's wildfire risks and hazards. When you correct an issue, please 'check-it-off' to let us know it's complete. Don't forget - a follow up inspection will occur on or shortly after the compliance date provided to you in the notice of required maintenance. **Photos captured in this report are for reference purposes. It is important to apply all requirements on the entire property as some items may be hard to see or hidden from the photo view**

3 Defensible Space Issues

- ☐ 1. Create canopy spacing between trees (Occurrence 1)
- ☐ 2. Create canopy spacing between trees (Occurrence 2)
- ☐ 3. Remove/isolate/reduce height of logs or stumps
- ☐ 4. Remove twigs & branches

2 Home Hardening Recommendations

- ☐ 1. Elevated decks
- ☐ 2. Open eaves



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NEW REPORT FORMAT – EXAMPLE TWO

All files are created and stored electronically. Homeowners can access files through the software, including detailed images, and clearly explain what needs to be done to be compliant

1. Create canopy spacing between trees x2

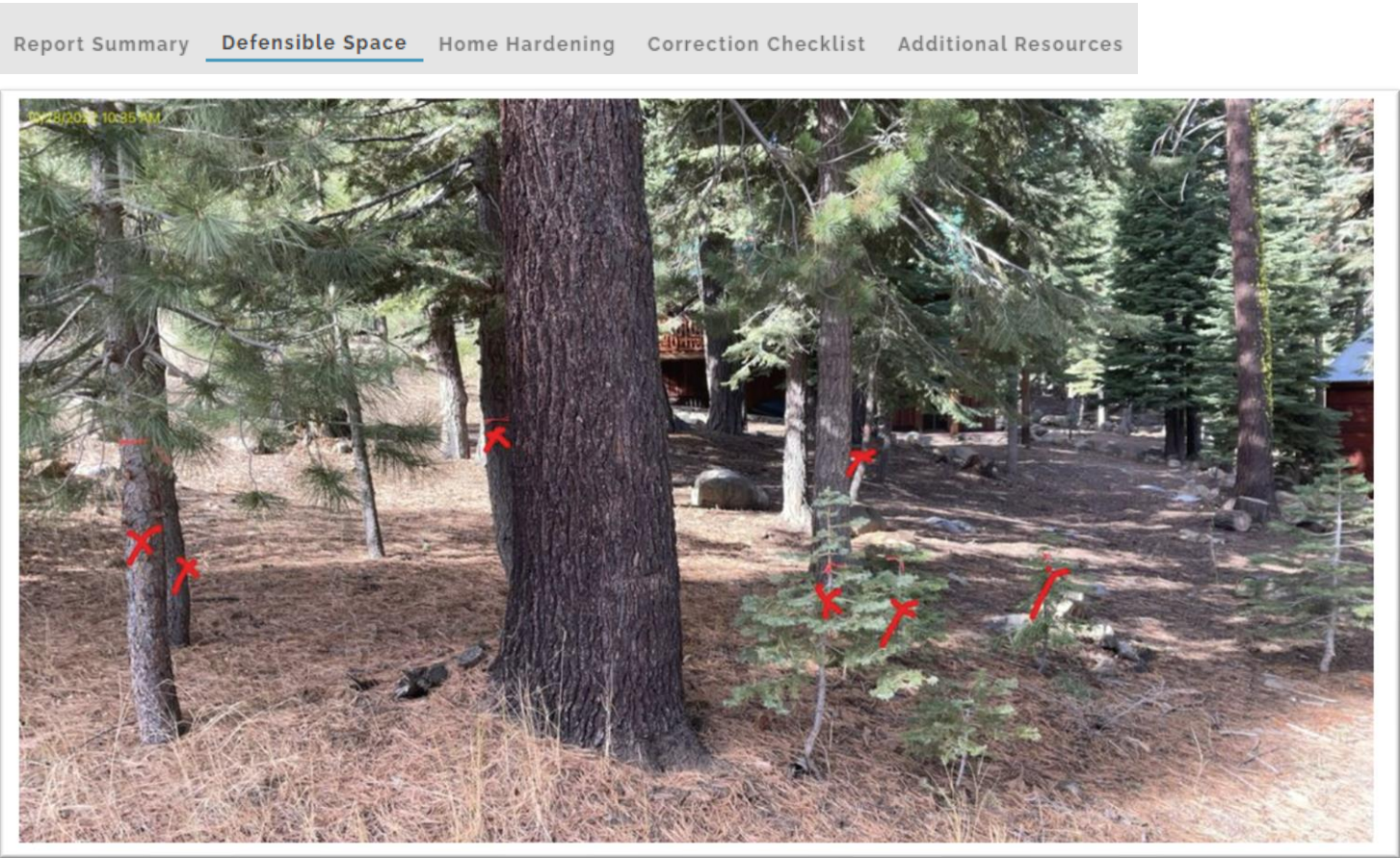
Trees requiring removal to gain additional canopy spacing were observed

Trees are too dense and canopy spacing is required between some trees to prevent fire from spreading between canopies. Trees growing under the canopy of larger trees should be removed to prevent fire from spreading from the ground into the canopy of trees. Tahoe Donner Forestry Staff will visit to mark trees that must be removed.

Action required. Please correct within 30 days.

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Images Map



CHIPPING PROGRAM ENHANCED + RESERVATION NOW REQUIRED

- More efficient and systematic way to remove green waste from the streets
- Aligns with the Town's process
- Requester will receive notifications of when their pile was removed
- Chipping begins June 1
- Reservations now accepted at *tahoedonner.com/chipping-program*

Tahoe Donner ChipperDay

Required info to complete reservation

6/1/2023 - 7/1/2023
10500 Teton Way, Truckee, CA 96161, USA

Contact details & notifications

Name *

Phone *

E-Mail *

Notes: (optional)

Notes

Tahoe Donner ChipperDay

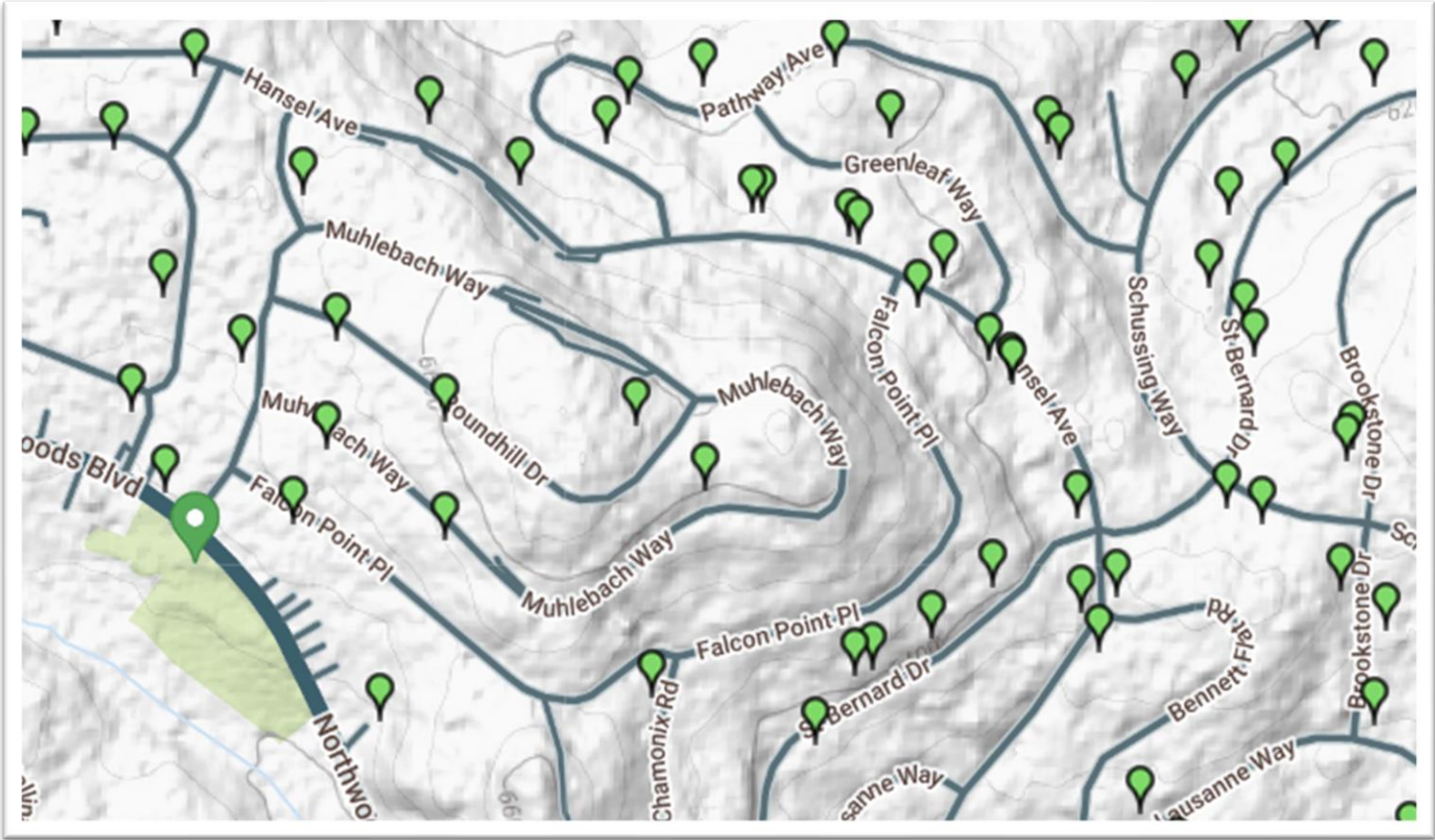
Reservation Status: Reserved

6/1/2023 - 7/1/2023
10500 Teton Way, Truckee, CA 96161, USA

Cancel Reservation

CHIPPING PROGRAM ENHANCED + RESERVATION SOFTWARE

- See historical and time-stamped pickup requests
- See when pick-ups have been made in your area
- Promotes a systematic and efficient way to manage chipping demands



Status	Address	Name	Phone	Email	Confirmation Code	Reserved on
Reserved	10500 Teton Way, Truck...	Lindsay	(530) 587-9432	Iryan@tahoedonner.com	93246193760a	May 3rd, 10:24am
Reserved	11509 Northwoods Blv...	Lindsay	(530) 587-9432	Iryan@tahoedonner.com	d612f325471e	May 3rd, 2:48pm

TWO CHIPPING DISPOSAL METHODS

- Grapple truck will focus on the current defensible space zone (highest pile density) and pick up large piles throughout the association and chip at Forestry location
- Chip truck will pick up piles throughout the association as needed and chip on-site



CHIPPING REQUIREMENTS – SAME FOR BOTH METHODS

A chipping reservation is now required in 2023. Please request a chipping pile pick-up [here](#).

Materials to be chipped must be:

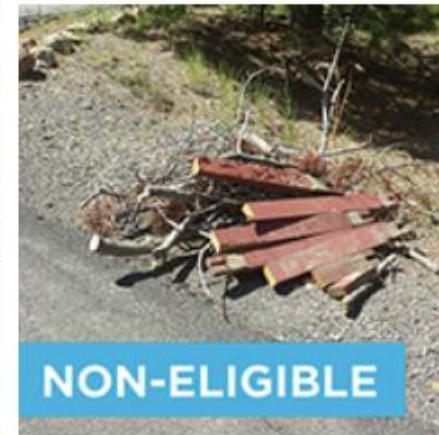
- Stacked with the cut or large ends facing the street
- In front of your home and stacked on the edge of the road, not on access easements
- Stack loosely, no higher than 4 feet
- Away from snow poles, fire hydrants, trees, landscaping or structures

Eligible material:

- Brush and tree limbs up to 8 inches in diameter, either green or recently dead
- Minimum of 2 feet in length
- Maximum 8 feet in length

Non-eligible material:

- Old, dead, hard branches with no bark attached
- Bark, pine needles and pine cones
- Roots or root wads (tree stumps)
- Scrap lumber
- Lot clearing for construction
- Garbage (trash)
- Metal or wire





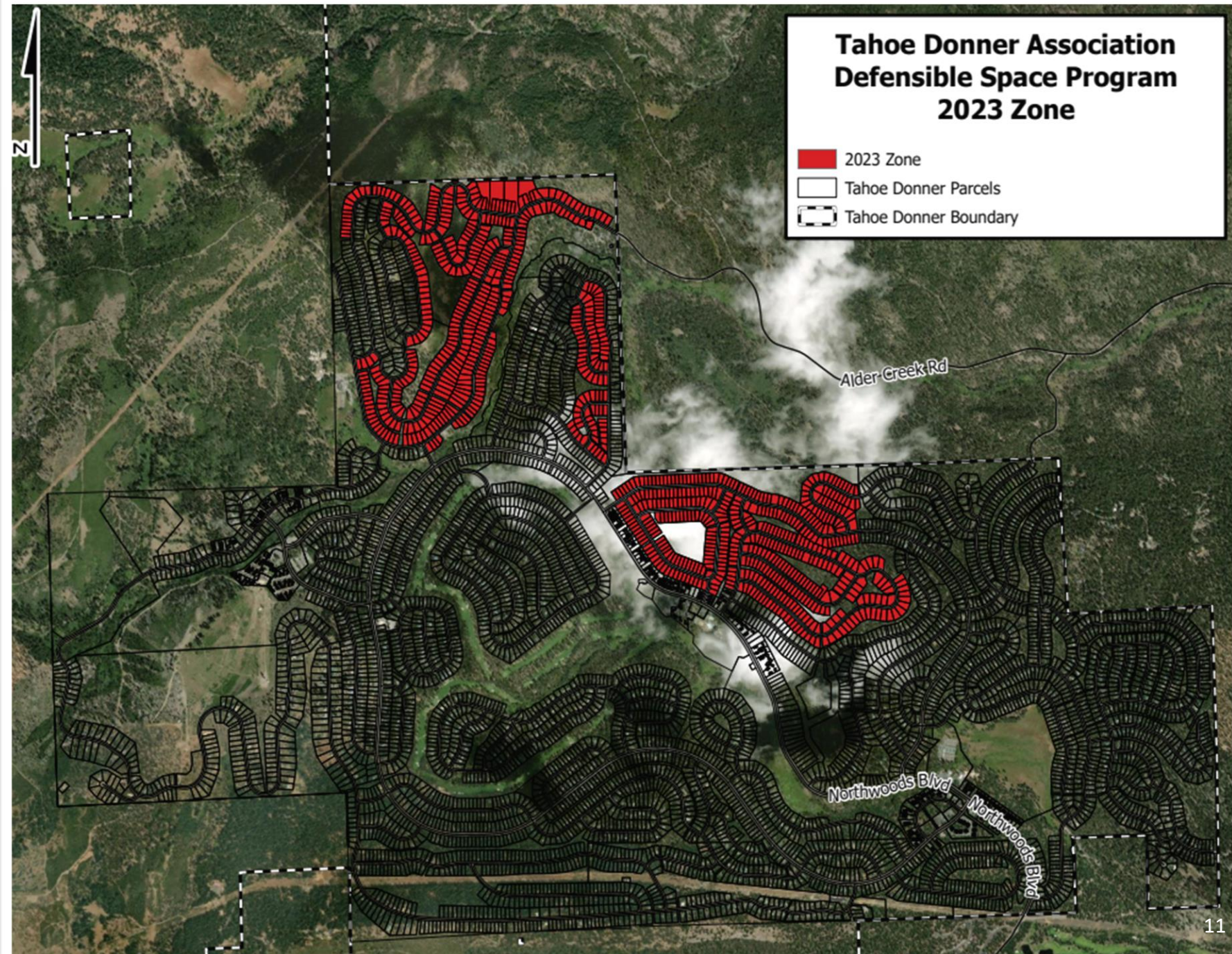
DEFENSIBLE SPACE CONTRACTORS' USE OF THE CHIPPING PROGRAM

- Forestry staff sampled 77 contracts from 2022
- Of the 77 contracts, 52 itemized green waste disposal fees with an average of \$747
- Key takeaway: Members who use TDA chipping save approximately \$750



2023 DEFENSIBLE SPACE ZONE

993 properties in the cycle
this season



FORESTRY PROJECT UPDATE

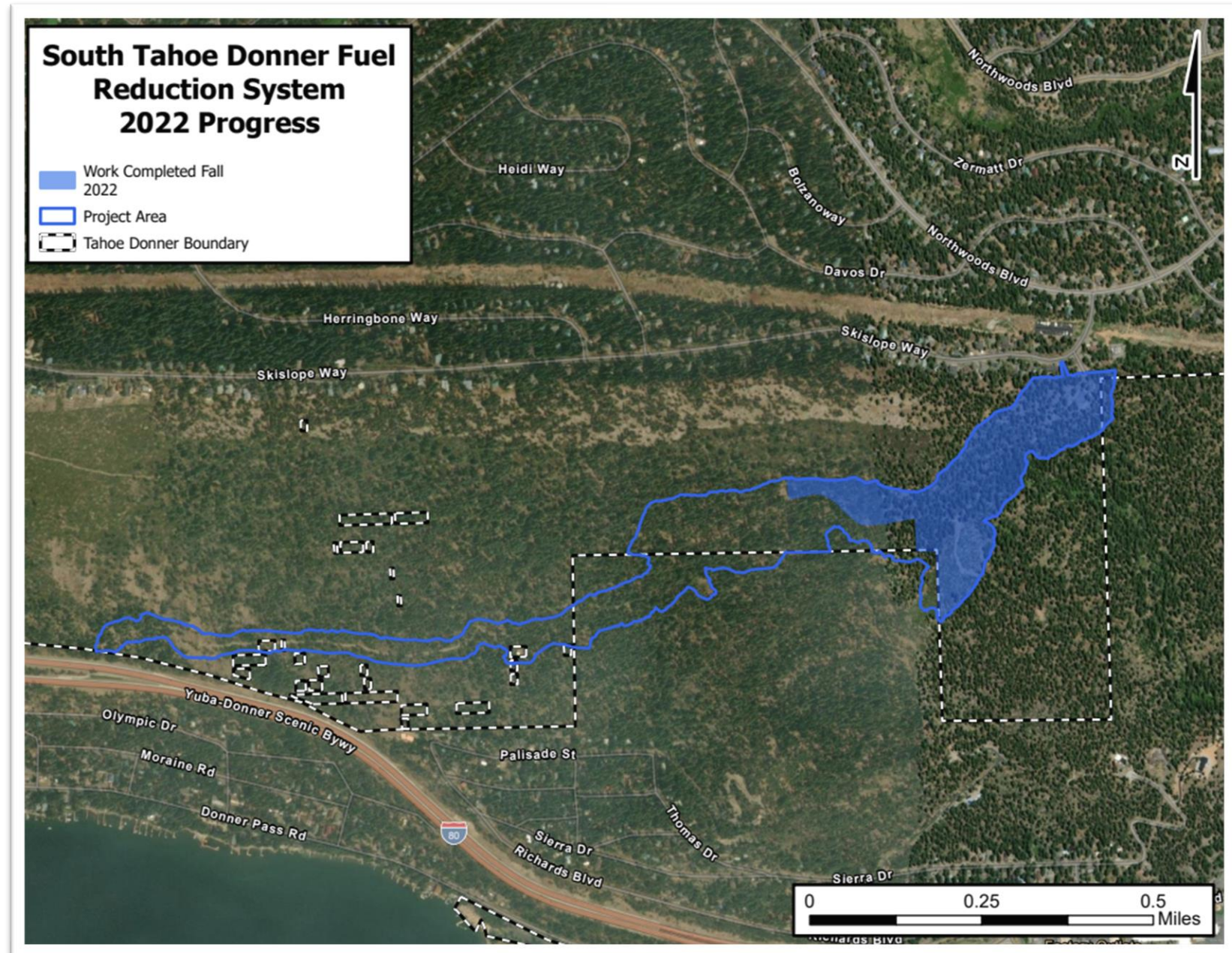
PARTNERS

- Truckee Fire Protection District
- Tahoe National Forest
- National Forest Foundation

SOUTH TAHOE DONNER FUEL REDUCTION ZONE TOUR

Invitation to members to tour
fuel reduction progress and
gain a greater understanding
of the fuel reduction and fire
safety measures being taken
by the association

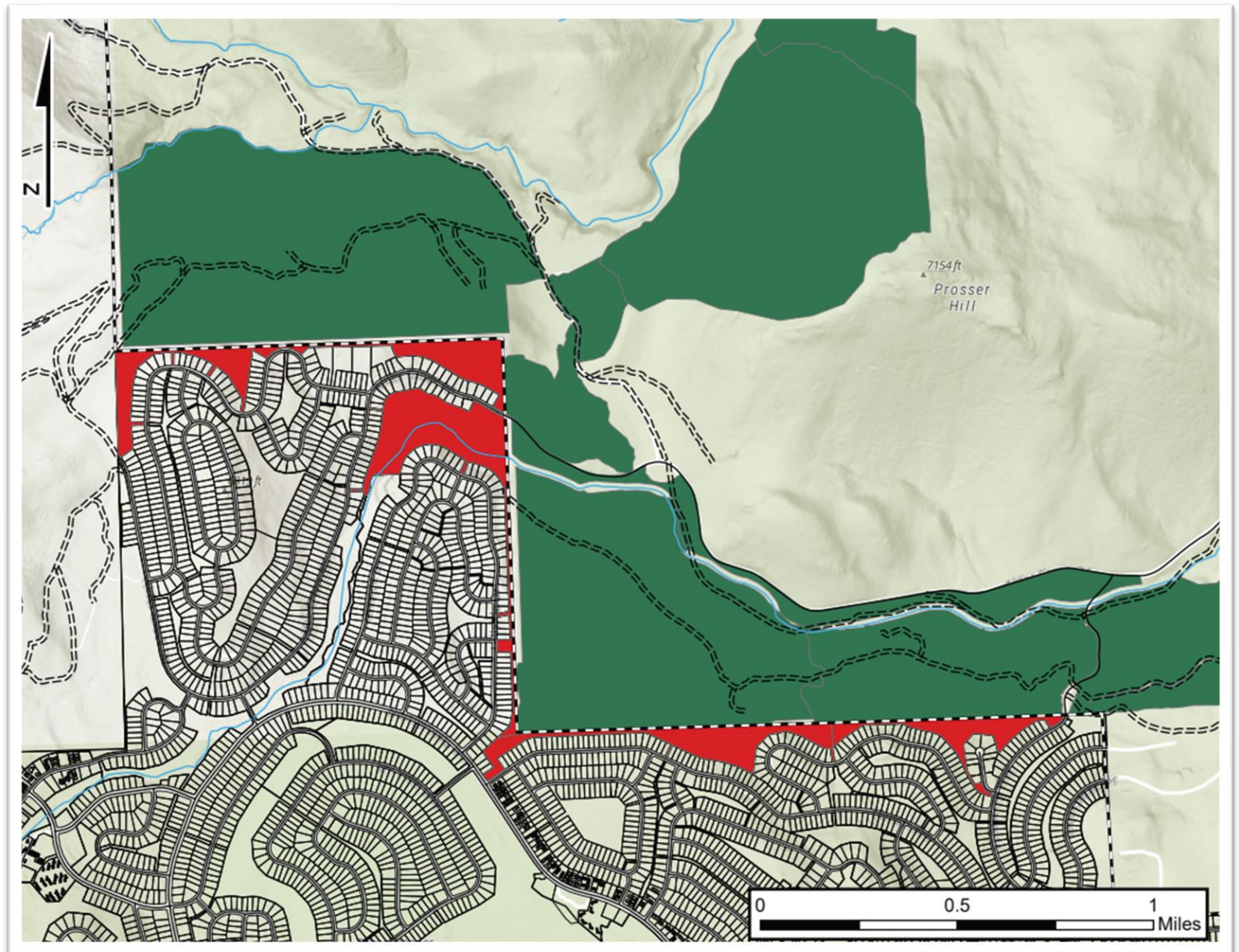
Thursday, July 6 at 5:30PM
Communication forthcoming



U.S. FOREST SERVICE ALDER CREEK FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT TOUR

Invitation to members to tour
fuel reduction zone and learn
about fire safety measures
being taken by the association
and partners

Friday, July 7 at 5:30PM
Communication forthcoming



QUESTIONS?