

TAHOE DONNER & US FOREST SERVICE MASTER SHARED STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT UPDATE

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AGREEMENT NEED AND BENEFIT

The USFS and Tahoe Donner staff recognize the importance of better managing the public lands in and surrounding the association.

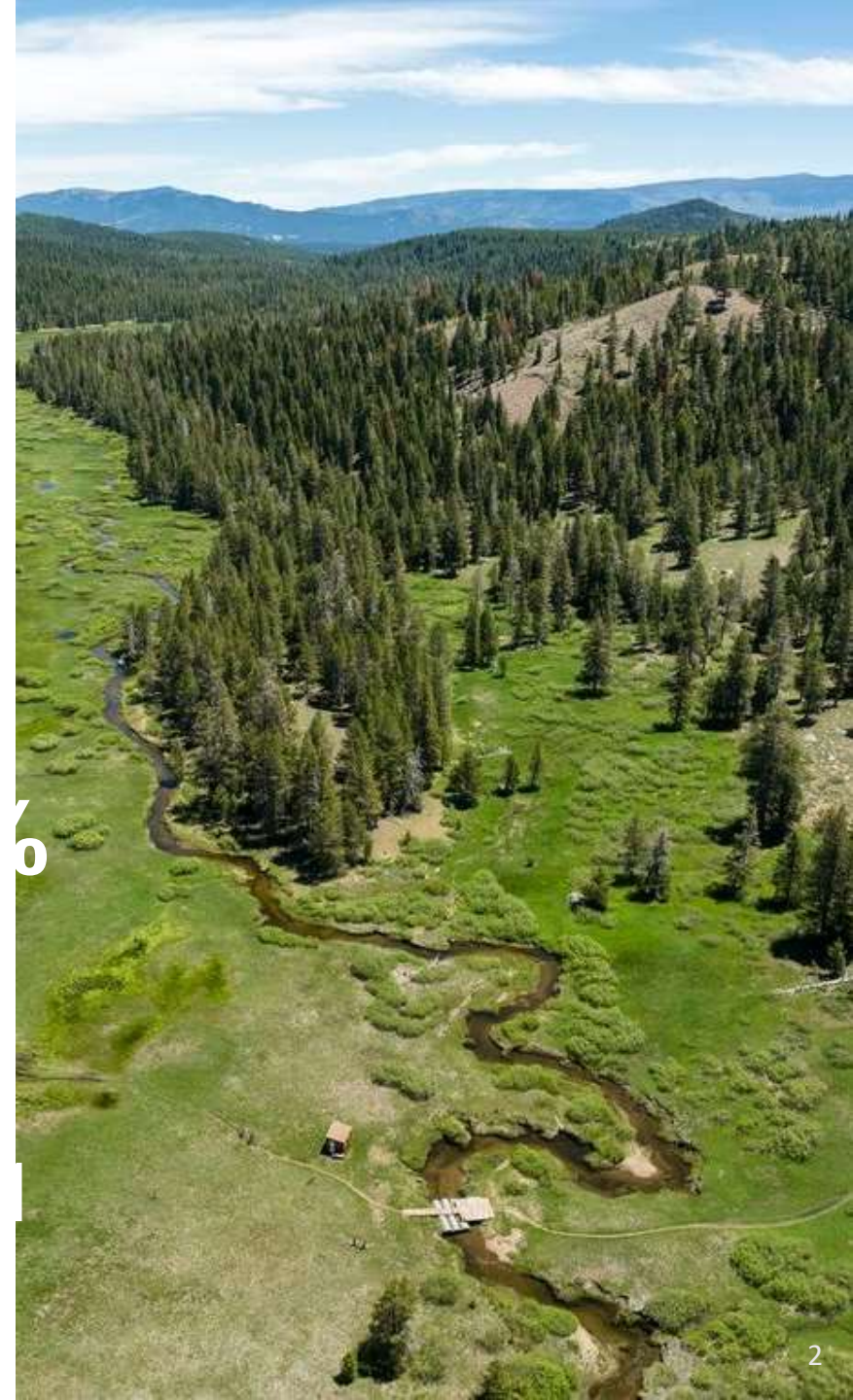
To memorialize this goal, staff from both organizations have drafted a Master Shared Stewardship Agreement (MSA). This collaborative effort was identified in the 2024 Annual Strategic Objectives.

What is a Master Shared Stewardship Agreement?

MSAs are a tool the Forest Service can use to engage with any non-federal partner when there is mutual interest and mutual benefit specific to ecosystem restoration.

MSAs need to meet one of the seven land management goals outlined in law:

1. Road and trail maintenance or obliteration to restore or maintain water quality.
2. Soil productivity, habitat for wildlife and fisheries, or other resource values.
3. Setting prescribed fires to improve the composition, structure, condition, and health of stands or wildlife habitat.
4. Removing vegetation or other activities to promote healthy forest stands, reduce fire hazards, or achieve other land management objectives.
5. Watershed restoration and maintenance.

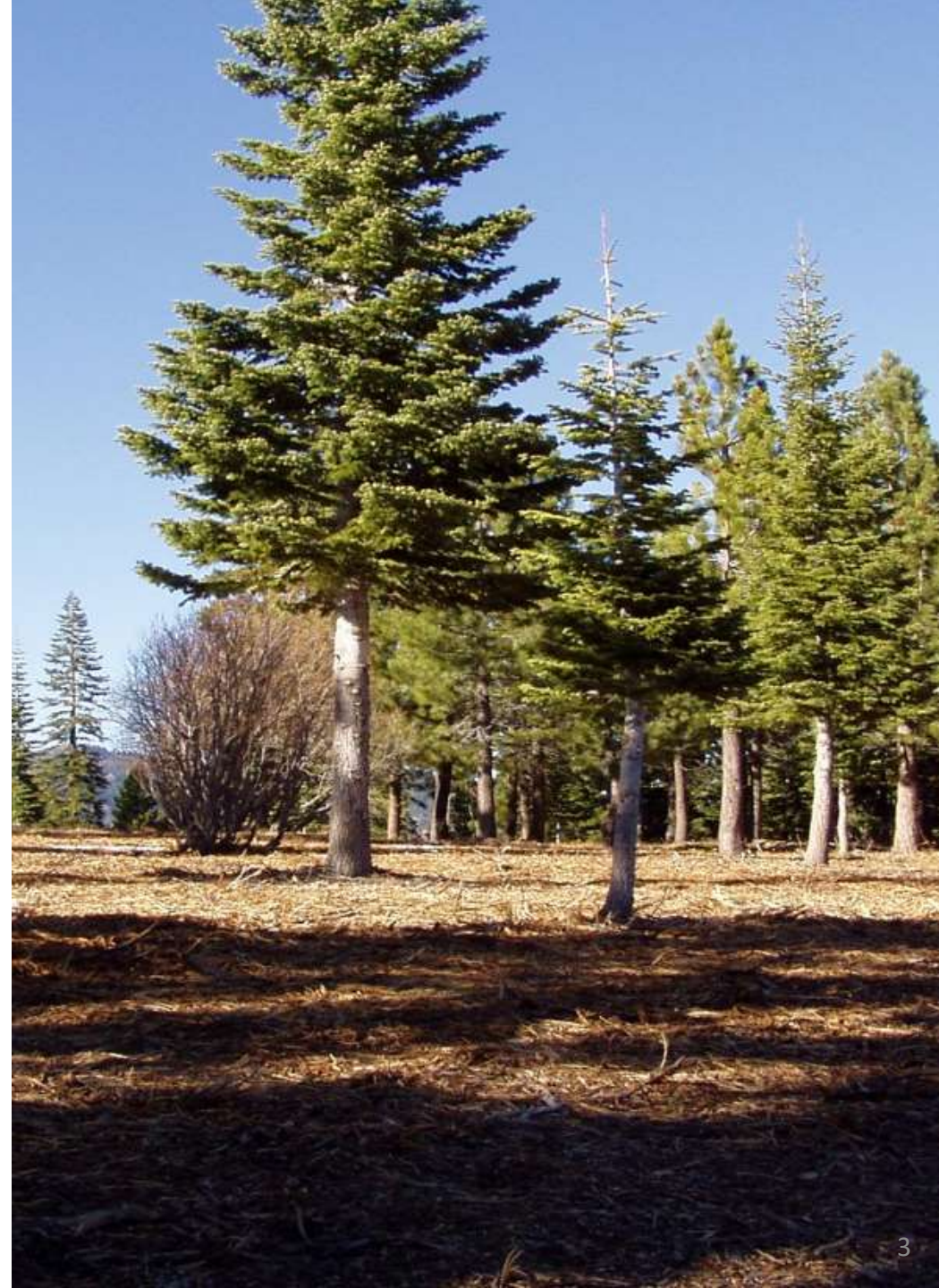


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2025 PROJECT GOAL: WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Tahoe Donner is proposing to perform fuel reduction work on USFS public lands surrounding the association.

The USFS cannot allow TD to perform work on USFS lands without a formal agreement in place.



AGREEMENT UPDATE

STATUS:

Agreement is drafted and ready to be finalized

CHALLENGE:

- Executive Branch has paused all federal agency agreements

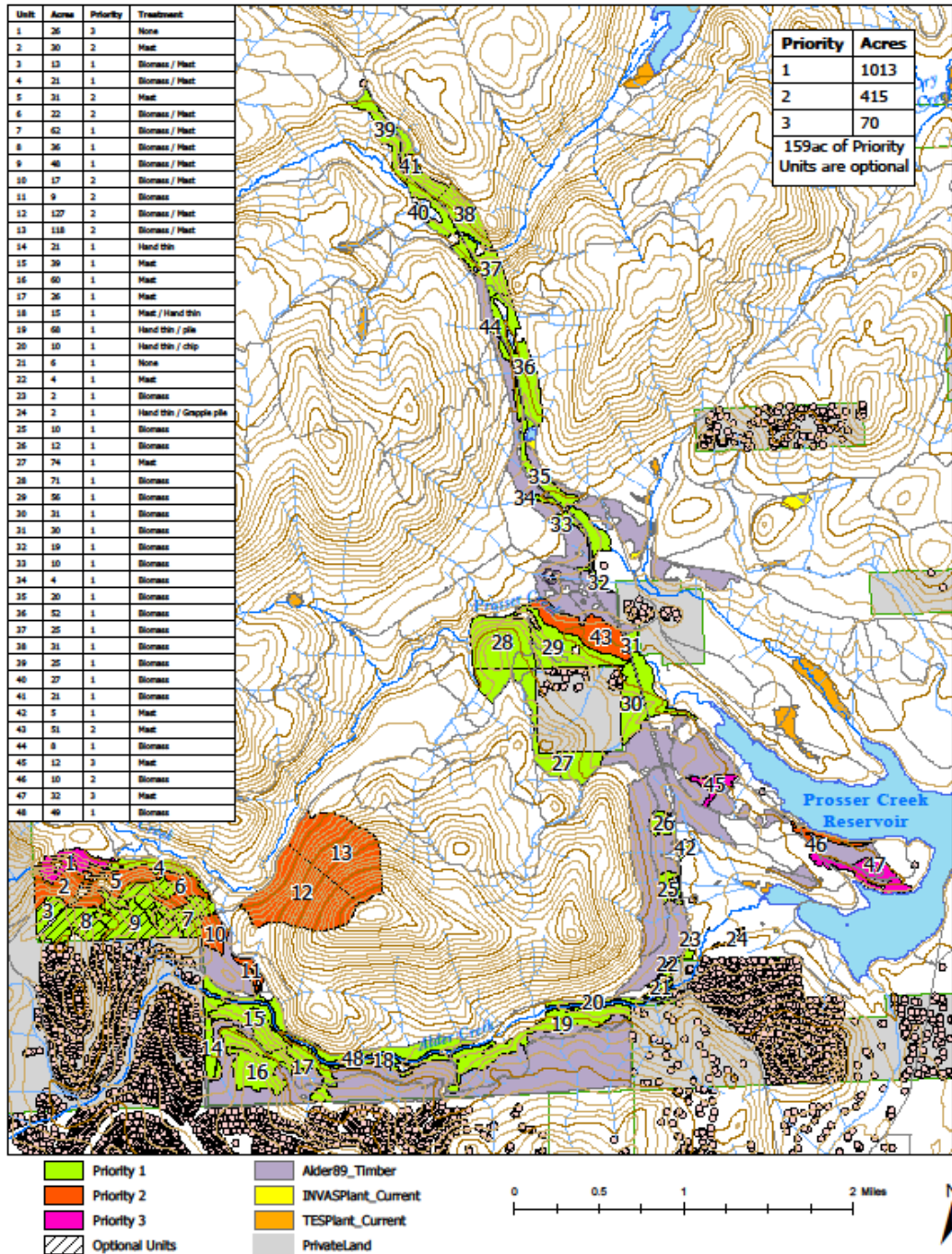
NEXT STEPS:

TD and local Forest Service staff are investigating options to move forward. Possibilities include:

- Forest Service may have the authority to issue a 20-year special use permit for TD to maintain fuel breaks around the association
- The TD Forestry program may bid as a contractor to perform fuel reduction work on FS lands surrounding the association
- Federal Agreements may be un-paused. TD and the US Forest Service may be able to sign an agreement



Alder 89 Fuels Project



PROJECTS IMPACTED
AREA 1. Alder 89 Fuel Reduction
(Tahoe Donner shown in lower left of map)

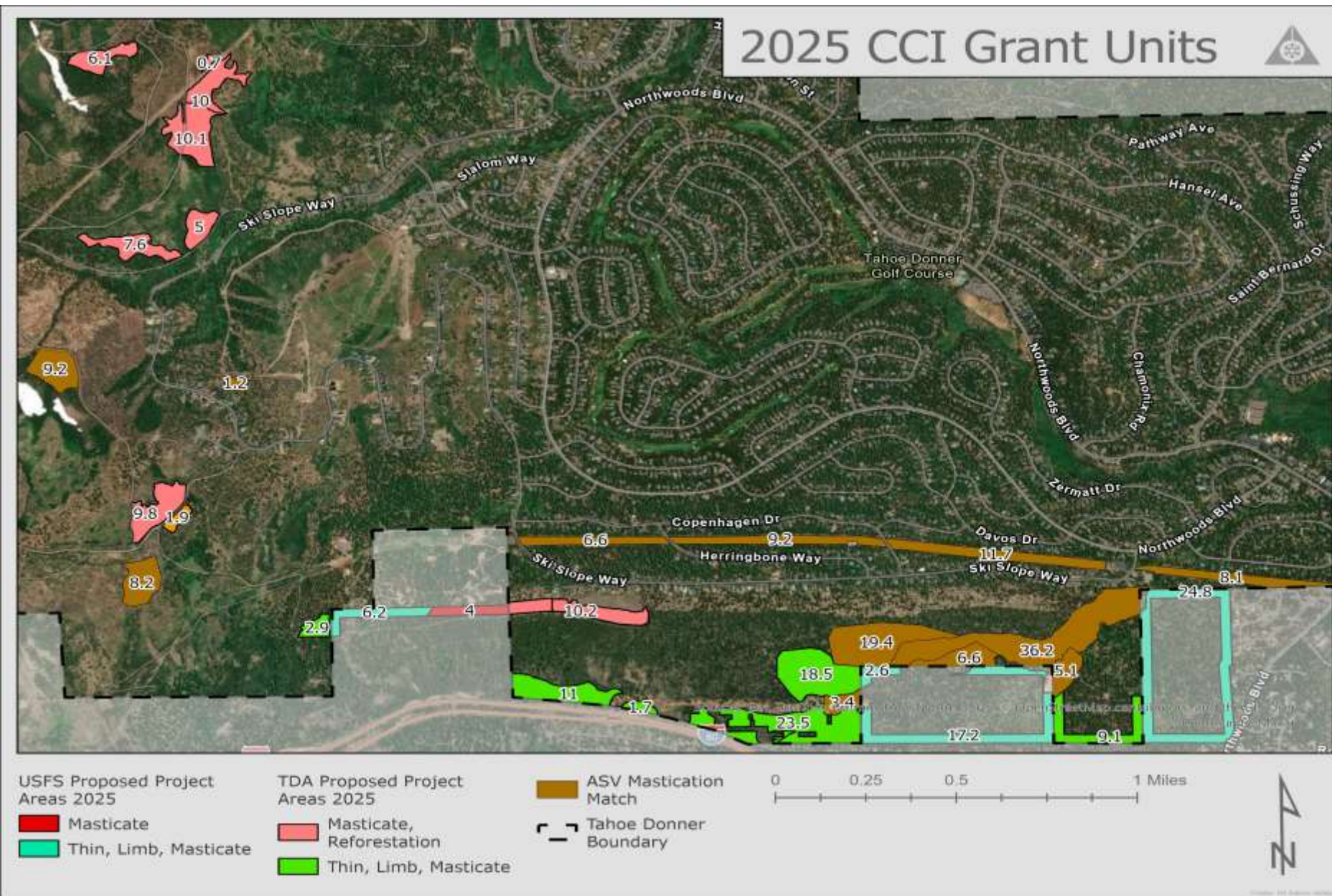
2025 CCI Grant Units



PROJECTS IMPACTED

AREA 2.
CalFire grant projects on TD southern perimeter

USFS lands and proposed areas of treatment shown in teal color



QUESTIONS