

Truckee North Tahoe Forest Management Program 2024 Program Goals

Goal Statement: Increase regional wildfire resilience and community safety by supporting private landowners with forest management projects within the program boundary.

Projects funded will help meet the below program metrics.

	Landowners Served	Acres Treated	Acres Reforested
Total Target Goal	150	450	10
Accomplished to Date (1/8/24):	82	183*	0

Table 1. Program metrics in grant agreement with CAL FIRE

*Based on funding awarded to date, not project completion

Projects will be considered with alignment to regional plans and priorities AND readiness and ability to comply with program guidelines. Projects that receive funding should either fall within or be near priority areas identified in regional plans OR fill gaps in areas where no other funding or resources are available to further forest management efforts. Projects within an application round can also be evaluated for collective impact with regard to other project locations.

Regional plans to consider when identifying priority areas:

- CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones
- <u>Nevada County CWPP</u>
- Placer County CWPP
- Truckee Fire CWPP
- Lake Tahoe Basin CWPP

- Olympic Valley CWPP
- Northstar CWPP
- <u>Tahoe Central Sierra Initiative Goals and Strategies</u>
- <u>Middle Truckee Watershed Forest Health Partnership</u>**

**This website shares locations of many ongoing and future vegetation management projects on federal land in Tahoe National Forest. These lands do not qualify for funding through this program, but we encourage applicants to view where these projects are to determine if their property would strategically complement regional wildfire resilience efforts.

Funding Available for Allocation:

	Technical Assistance (RPF)	Implementation (Contractor)
Budgeted Amount	\$128,000	\$1,575,000
Funding Allocated 2023	\$82,625 (6 projects)	\$424,425 (1 project)
Funding Remaining	\$45,375	\$1,150,575

 Table 2. TNTFMP Grant Funding Available

2024 Distribution Goals:

Implementation (Contractor): Allocate funding to support a minimum of 134 acres of implementation projects in 2024 for a minimum of \$460,000 total allocation across at least two projects

 Average cost per acre for implementation projects should work out to around \$3500 based on program budget. Given that the cost per acre for implementation has risen above \$3500/acre since the original budget was written, projects that can provide matching dollars to supplement the cost of implementation should be prioritized.

Technical Assistance (RPF): Allocate full remaining funding amount of \$45,375 in 2024 across a minimum of 6 projects. In addition, serve at least 50 landowners through workshops and direct assistance from TNTFMP staff.

Glossary of Key Terms:

Acres Reforested – Acres of land where trees are planted or replanted as part of a project.

Acres Treated – Acres of land where a project is implemented using funding from this program. This metric does not include any project planning funded by the program.

CEQA - California Environmental Quality Act requires all projects funded using public funding or taking place on public land to complete an environmental review prior to beginning implementation of a project. CEQA compliance is required for all projects seeking implementation funding through this program, because the program is funded by the CA state agency CAL FIRE. Applicants can seek support to complete the environmental compliance process through the TNTFMP.

CWPP - Community Wildfire Protection Plans are planning documents completed by agencies to identify critical areas and projects to protect their jurisdiction and community members from wildfire. The TNTFMP Steering Committee strives to support projects that are in critical areas identified in CWPPs.

Implementation Projects – On the ground project work that includes timber stand improvement, pruning, site preparation, tree protection, tree planting, or follow-up to previous work. All implementation projects have CEQA compliance met prior to the start of implementation. Grants for implementation projects are used to pay contractors completing the project.

Landowners Served – Landowners engaged with through the application process and/or landowners connected to resources to support their private property forest management. This includes sub-grantees of the program, but is not exclusively sub-grantees of the program.

Technical Assistance – Planning or environmental compliance support from a Registered Professional Forester (RPF). RPFs can support grantees in developing a project plan, a Forest Management Plan, or to go through the CEQA environmental compliance process.