



IMPACT STRATEGY



We bring together trusted partners to align strategies and inspire philanthropy to nurture a resilient community and environment.

FOREST FUTURES: OVERVIEW

Tahoe's forests are the foundation of our communities. When healthy, these forest ecosystems provide clean water, clean air, and homes for diverse species. But when our forests get overcrowded and vulnerable to fire – we risk losing everything.

Our Forest Futures program takes a **regenerative approach to forest stewardship** – leveraging strategies to simultaneously care for our communities and environment.

We are dedicated to **protecting communities** in the face of growing wildfire risks, safeguarding all of our neighbors, including the most vulnerable, through disaster preparedness and response.

Recognizing that what happens to our forests ripples out beyond the Sierra, we support strategies for forest restoration that prioritize environmental wellbeing: **reducing overcrowding, reintroducing beneficial fire, and reducing the risk of dangerous and ecologically devastating burns.**

And to make these efforts sustainable over the long term, we find economic opportunities in forest restoration: **driving solutions that create the jobs and capital needed to ensure both ongoing ecological stewardship and strong, resilient communities.**

We support all of this work through **regenerative capital** – blending finance mechanisms and forging partnerships that facilitate the flow of forest restoration benefits to the costs of implementation. **Through collaboration, innovation, and a sense of shared responsibility,** we are dedicated to advancing solutions that ensure forest health today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

AREAS OF IMPACT

PROTECT COMMUNITIES

- ✓ Fund home-hardening and defensible space.
- ✓ Prepare our neighbors.
- ✓ Respond to disaster.
- ✓ Build collective resilience.

STEWARD OUR FORESTS

- ✓ Mitigate the risk of wildfire.
- ✓ Advance ecological resilience through sustainable management.
- ✓ Cultivate a sense of collective stewardship.

BUILD A FOREST ECONOMY

- ✓ Fund new biomass infrastructure.
- ✓ Develop forest and fire careers.
- ✓ Support forest-to-housing solutions.
- ✓ Drive market solutions.

PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES

Respond to growing wildfire threats.

Protecting our mountain communities from the growing risk of wildfire – with sharp attention to the most vulnerable among us – requires immediate collaborative action and widespread public education.

Invest in neighborhood hardening. Home hardening and neighborhood defensible space efforts are critical to managing wildfire threats. TTCF supports partners and community volunteers across the region who are clearing excess trees and brush and making homes and neighborhoods more resilient to fire.

Help community members prepare. Preparing for a wildfire means developing an evacuation plan, knowing where to get information, and understanding how to mitigate health risks from smoke and other threats. TTCF supports partner organizations to get important information in the hands of those who need it – ensuring that people know how to stay safe during wildfire season.

Respond to disaster. In the event of a wildfire emergency, community members need real-time communication and networks of support. TTCF supports the work of agencies and organizations across the region who coordinate disaster response and recovery and share other vital resources – including with our most vulnerable community members.

Build collective resilience. Growing wildfire risks and other environmental challenges threaten health and safety, homes and livelihoods, and mental health and wellbeing. These stresses are felt across our entire community, from the most well-resourced to the least, from the elderly to the young. Through a community-centered approach, TTCF works to build access to a range of resources and networks of support to cultivate resilience on both individual and collective levels.

STEWARD OUR FORESTS

Support healthy, climate-resilient ecosystems.

Making our forests resilient to wildfires and a growing array of other environmental challenges requires a comprehensive, coordinated approach.

Support comprehensive forest management. A suite of forest treatments can help restore health to the region's severely overcrowded and vulnerable forests: thinning, prescribed fire, and ongoing understory maintenance. TTCF supports partners in planning and implementing forest management projects on federal, state, and locally managed landscapes and alongside major roadways important for wildfire evacuation.

Advance ecological resilience. The health of our forests impacts the health of our watersheds, our air quality, our climate, and the diverse species inhabiting our region. Through an environment-centered approach, TTCF promotes forest management practices that are sustainable and aligned with the needs of our local communities and ecosystems.

Build a sense of stewardship. Engaging community members in forest restoration activities simultaneously advances local environmental priorities and builds a sense of stewardship. Through public education and opportunities to participate in local mitigation and restoration efforts, TTCF supports the community in caring for our collective home and cultivating a sense of belonging.

BUILD A FOREST ECONOMY

Lay the groundwork for a stronger local economy.

Forest restoration can bolster the economic resilience of our region if we focus on empowering our community's workforce and seeding local business opportunities.

Fund new infrastructure. Today, hundreds of thousands of piles of biomass sit on forest floors with few places to go to be transported and processed. Removing hazardous biomass from overcrowded forests requires new regional infrastructure that turns excess materials into local economic opportunity – a priority investment for TTCF.

Develop forest and fire careers. Forest restoration, fire mitigation, and biomass processing provide a vast array of job opportunities that are currently left unfilled – as well as entrepreneurial ventures that can strengthen the local economy. TTCF supports partners in educating, training, and mobilizing the workforce of tomorrow.

Support housing solutions. Processing excess biomass from the forest can help fuel local housing solutions, including through the development of fire-resistant construction materials. At the same time, protecting existing housing stock in the region, including for those working in our forests, requires sharp attention to wildfire resilience and corresponding insurance challenges. TTCF works to create integrated “forest-to-housing” solutions that engage all aspects of this challenge.

Drive innovation. New market solutions can speed and scale forest restoration by providing new demand for biomass and sustainable sources of funding. Through deploying flexible capital, TTCF encourages innovative approaches for making use of woody material – prioritizing value-added products that respond to community needs and create local economic opportunity.