

Lake Tahoe Restoration Act Priority Projects

Under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act was amended. Within the fiscal year (FY) 2018 Omnibus Spending Bill, Division G includes: Lake Tahoe - The Committees are encouraged by the work conducted in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and expect the Service to prioritize funding the implementation of Public Law 106-506, as amended, and to do so in consultation with affected States, local governments, and other stakeholders. Within 60 days of enactment of this Act, the Service shall report to the Committees on these activities and the funding that will be allocated in FY 2018.

Current Status:

The Forest Service is spending \$3 million in FY 2018 on Lake Tahoe projects and activities, primarily for forest health restoration and fire protection. These include:

- \$500,000 to support National Environmental Policy Act work with the Lake Tahoe West Landscape-Scale Partnership;
- \$1,000,000 to prepare for FY 2019 work on hazardous fuels reduction and healthy forest restoration on 190 acres of land. These funds will be invested in a Good Neighbor Agreement with Nevada Division of Forestry;
- \$1,000,000 for Westshore Wildland-Urban Interface hazardous fuels reduction work on 400 acres of land. This will include harvesting 3 million board feet in FY 2019. This work will be completed using a stewardship agreement with the National Forest Foundation;
- \$360,000 to prepare all of the Westshore Wildland Urban Interface hazardous fuels reduction units in FY 2018; and
- \$140,000–160,000 for early support in the form of staff time for the following projects:
 - Lake Tahoe West Landscape-Scale Partnership
 - Incline Hazardous Fuels Reduction & Healthy Forest Restoration
 - Westshore Wildland Urban Interface Hazardous Fuels Reduction
 - Meeks Bay Ecosystem Restoration
 - Upper Truckee River & Marsh Restoration
 - Marlette Creek SR 28 Crossing Realignment & Water Quality Improvement.