

TAHOE FUND



powered by philanthropy

MISSION

The Tahoe Fund uses the power of philanthropy to improve the Lake Tahoe environment for all to enjoy.

VISION

We envision a Lake Tahoe where the natural and human environments are in balance and a growing community of passionate supporters enjoys and cherishes this mountain treasure.

WHO WE ARE

We are an energetic, forward-thinking and nimble organization focused on getting great things done for Lake Tahoe.

Supported by a dedicated and growing group of generous donors, we do our part by playing a few key roles.

Funder

We serve as a consistent source of private funding to match, secure and leverage public dollars that help our partners complete environmental improvement projects in the Tahoe Basin.

Convener

We convene stakeholders to facilitate dialogue and problem solving. We add value by being neutral, inclusive and innovative.

Catalyst

We are a catalyst for projects and pilot initiatives, helping to bring innovative solutions to the challenges facing Tahoe.

Communicator

We build awareness of the need to care for Tahoe and act as storytellers for positive change happening in the region.



THE EXPERIENCE

Tahoe provides unparalleled outdoor recreation experiences, but managing the surge in visitation in the busy months creates challenges for our communities and the environment.

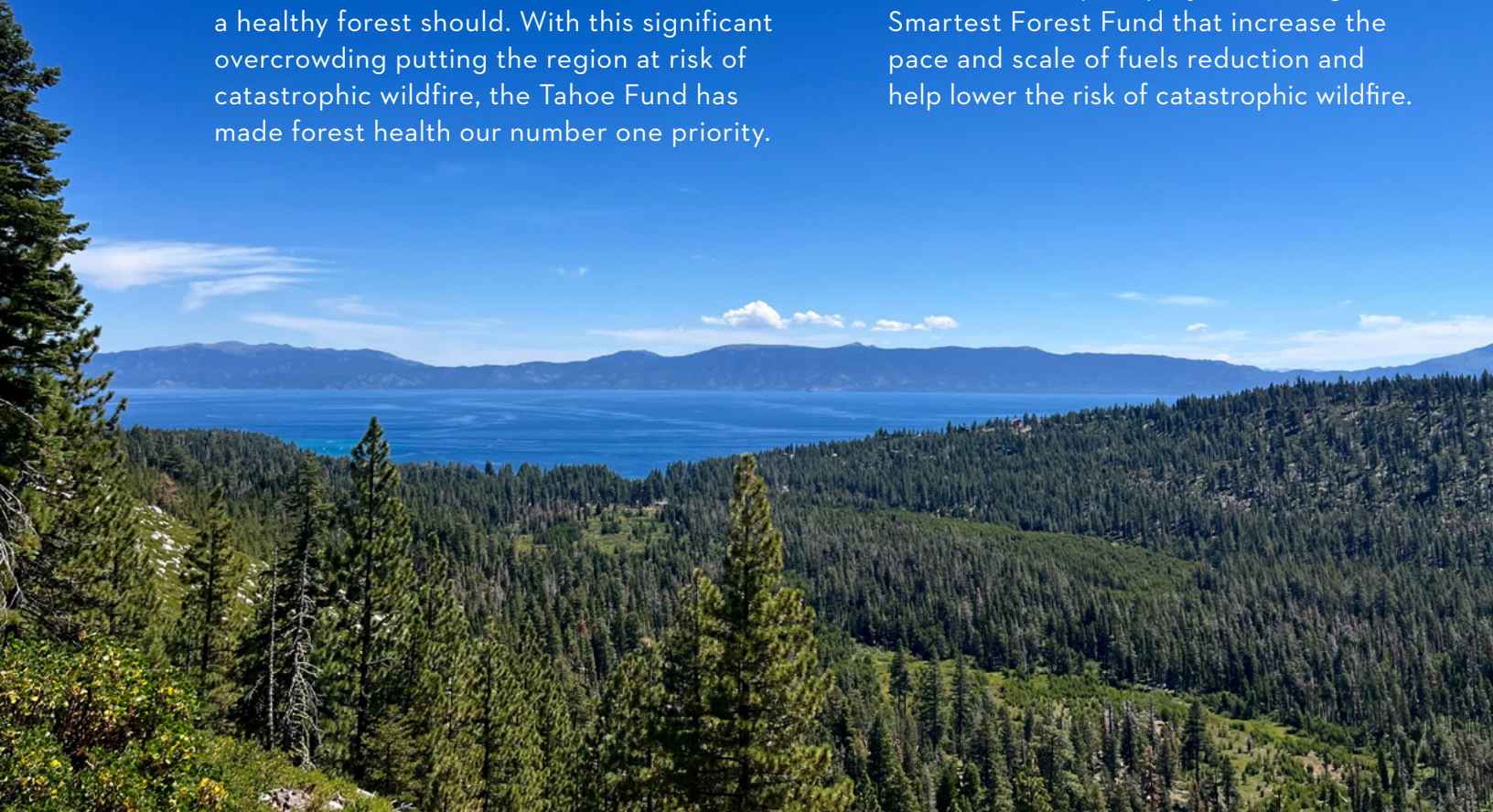
We are working to make it easier to get around, enjoy and take care of Lake Tahoe by investing in a sustainable trail system, finding innovative ways to reduce traffic congestion on busy days, and improving access to recreation opportunities, especially for underserved communities.



THE FOREST

According to a report from Vibrant Planet, the Tahoe Basin has 22 million more trees than a healthy forest should. With this significant overcrowding putting the region at risk of catastrophic wildfire, the Tahoe Fund has made forest health our number one priority.

We are investing in promising new ideas and innovative pilot projects through our Smartest Forest Fund that increase the pace and scale of fuels reduction and help lower the risk of catastrophic wildfire.



THE LAKE

External stressors like aquatic invasive species, algae, and wildfires are creating new challenges for Lake Tahoe's famous blue waters.

We are helping to improve the health of the Lake by restoring high-priority watersheds, preventing and controlling aquatic invasive species, and reducing sediment and pollutants from entering the Lake.



BE PART OF TAHOE'S FUTURE

Everything we do is made possible by the generous support of our donors. With a gift to the Tahoe Fund, you are helping to build a sustainable future for Lake Tahoe.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Tahoe Fund Board provides support, leadership and inspiration. They are recognized annually for 100% board giving by the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada.

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DONATE TO A PROJECT

If you are passionate about restoring our forests, improving the health of our Lake, or making it easier to get around and enjoy Lake Tahoe, then we have a project for you to support.

Visit tahoeFund.org/donate to give today.

ENROLL IN OUR \$1 FOR TAHOE PROGRAM

Businesses across the region are making it easy for their customers to add \$1 donations to lift tickets, room reservations, restaurant tabs, and other items to support our efforts. Learn more at tahoeFund.org/dollarfortahoe.

BECOME A FRIEND OF TAHOE

With a gift at any level, you can become a Friend of Tahoe and help us improve the Lake Tahoe environment for all to enjoy. Make a tax-deductible donation today at tahoeFund.org/friend.

JOIN THE STEWARDSHIP CIRCLE

Stewardship Circle members are a distinguished group of individuals, foundations, and corporations that provide the long-term support that makes our work possible. You can join this group of leadership donors today with a tax-deductible contribution of \$2,500 or more for each of the next three years.

Stewardship Circle Gift Levels:

DOUBLE PLATINUM \$50,000 X 3 YEARS	SILVER \$5,000 X 3 YEARS
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PLATINUM \$25,000 X 3 YEARS	GRANITE \$2,500 X 3 YEARS
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\$10,000 X 3 YEARS

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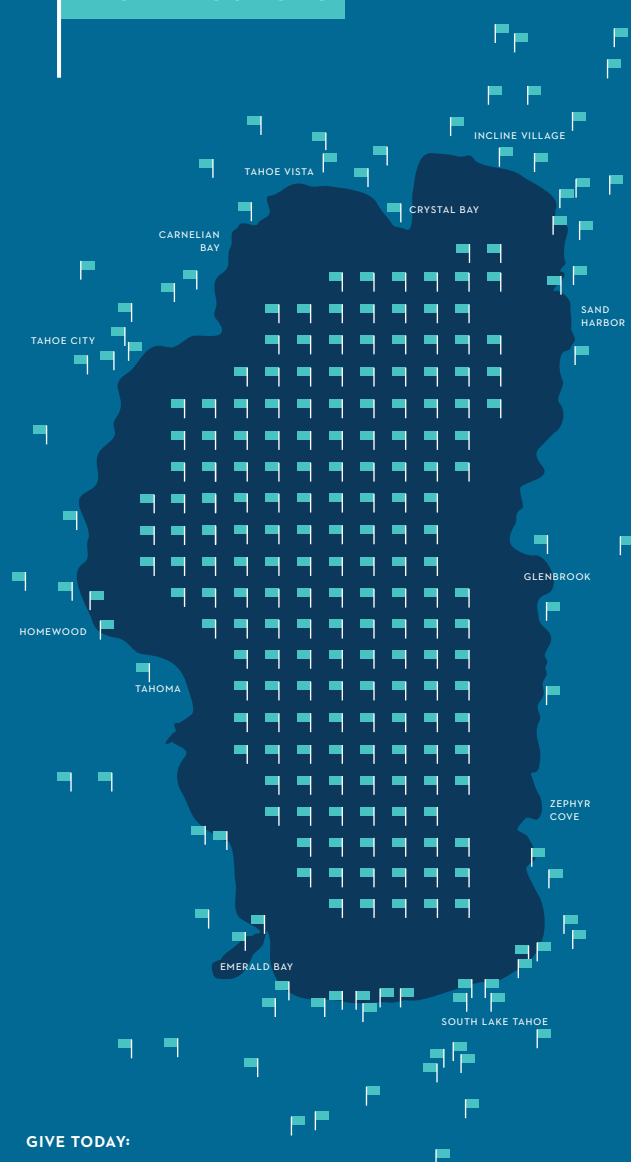
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TAHOE FUND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

220+ PROJECTS



GIVE TODAY:



THE FOREST



INCLINE FIRE SMART COMMUNITY PILOT

The Tahoe Fund convened partners for an innovative pilot project in Incline Village aimed at making a local neighborhood the most fire-ready community in Tahoe. The Incline Fire Smart Community pilot is using technologies and data-driven strategies to execute a series of connected wildfire mitigation efforts across public lands, utility corridors and a neighborhood of 228 homes.



NORTHSTAR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BIOMASS-TO-HEAT PLANTS

The Tahoe Fund provided a joint grant with Vail Resorts—made possible by dollar donations from guests—to help build a biomass plant that will provide heat to the Village at Northstar using wood waste from nearby forest health treatments. This plant will replace six natural-gas-fired boilers, reducing emissions and furthering our goals of preventing catastrophic wildfire.



FORESTRY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

The key to increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration work is a robust and growing workforce. For the third year in a row, the Tahoe Fund has offered scholarships to students in Lake Tahoe Community College's Forestry and Fire Academy programs. We also provided a private match to hire an administrator to oversee student success in both.

THE LAKE



FORMER MOTEL 6 DEMOLITION

The California Tahoe Conservancy is demolishing the former Motel 6 building, adjacent restaurant and parking lot in the Upper Truckee Meadow to restore the sensitive land beneath. After providing initial funds for the acquisition of this property, the Tahoe Fund raised \$200,000 to move this project into the demolition phase.



TAYLOR-TALLAC AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

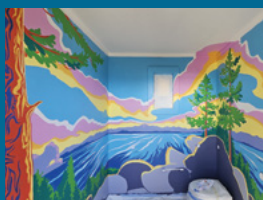
This collaborative effort to remove 17 acres of invasive plants in the Taylor and Tallac creeks and marshes is the largest Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) project in the Tahoe Basin. The Tahoe Fund provided \$100,000 to close the funding gap to install the bottom barriers, which have now successfully eradicated one of the highest concentrations of invasive species anywhere around the lake.



72-MILE CLEANUP & HOTSPOTS

The first ever scuba cleanup of all 72 miles of Lake Tahoe's shoreline was completed by Clean Up The Lake, thanks to major support from Tahoe Blue Vodka, Vail Resorts and more than 135 Tahoe Fund donors. The team pulled out 25,000 pounds of trash from the Lake, and they are back in the water removing debris from hotspots.

THE EXPERIENCE



FOREST SERVICE RESTROOM MURALS

The Tahoe Fund teamed up with the Forest Service to hire local artists to paint murals inside restrooms at four popular recreation sites around the Tahoe Basin. Featuring sweeping views of Tahoe, magnified depictions of native species, and more, these murals are inspiring people to take better care of our environment.



MEEKS RIDGE TRAIL

The Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association (TAMBA) is building a 4.5-mile multi-use trail that will connect the Meeks Bay area to the Lost Lake Trail, creating a new 10+ mile loop for hikers and bikers on Lake Tahoe's West Shore. The Tahoe Fund raised \$100,000 for a paid crew to build the harder to access segments of trail at higher elevation.



EMERALD BAY TRANSIT PILOT

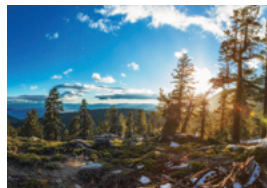
Beginning in July, parking will be banned along the highway in Emerald Bay for the first time ever. A new shuttle system funded by the Tahoe Fund and the League to Save Lake Tahoe will offer an alternative way to access one of Tahoe's most visited recreation sites.

PROJECTS THAT NEED YOUR SUPPORT



TAHOE XC TRAILHEAD RELOCATION

Tahoe XC welcomes over 20,000 visitors on their year-round groomed and multi-use trails. Now, they need our help to relocate their popular trailhead and provide easier access for outdoor adventures. The new trailhead will have state-of-the-art facilities, EV chargers, and will help reduce overflow parking in nearby neighborhoods. In honor of Tahoe XC's 50th year of trail grooming, we're doubling all donations up to \$50,000.



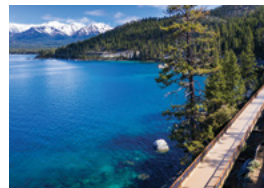
SMARTEST FOREST FUND

Reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire is the Tahoe Fund's top priority. With a gift to our Smartest Forest Fund you can help us invest in innovative ideas and technologies that modernize project planning and implementation, create new outlets for the excess fuel in the forest, increase the capacity of the forestry workforce, and better prepare our community for wildfire.



TAHOE TRAILS ENDOWMENT

With higher trail usage now than ever before, there's a greater need to care for everyone's favorite trails. The Tahoe Trails Endowment supports much-needed trail work—removing downed trees, clearing rock fall, and addressing erosion issues—by our partners at Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association and the Tahoe Rim Trail Association. With your support, the endowment will help cover the costs of annual trail work in the region.



EAST SHORE TRAIL EXPANSION

One of the most iconic trails in Tahoe needs your support. Help us build the next phase of the Tahoe East Shore Trail from Sand Harbor to Spooner Summit by purchasing an engraved trout plaque or by adding your name to the next donor wall by September 1, 2025. Scenic vista points will also be available, so secure your spot today.



TAHOE CITY BEARS

The Tahoe Fund is offering engraved bear plaques that hang along the railings at Heritage Plaza and SR 28 in Tahoe City. Available in two different sizes, the plaques feature a personalized message of your choosing, and proceeds support important trail work like the upcoming improvements to the West Shore Trail.

Give today at TAHOEFUND.ORG/DONATE