



TAHOE FUND PROJECT PORTFOLIO

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

DEAR FRIEND OF THE TAHOE FUND:

When an organization has been around for over a decade, it's rare to continue to encounter firsts. And yet, that's what the Tahoe Fund experienced with our incredible projects this fiscal year, which ended on March 31, 2023.

We celebrated the completion of the first-ever cleanup of Lake Tahoe's entire shoreline, with scuba divers from Clean Up the Lake removing 25,000 lbs of litter. We joined Nevada State Parks in opening a brand new visitors center and amphitheater at Spooner Lake State Park, which will serve nearly 150,000 visitors annually. And we gave scholarships to every student in the inaugural year of Lake Tahoe Community College's new Forestry Program, helping more young people pursue careers in the understaffed forestry workforce.

These are just some of the impactful projects happening because of our Stewardship Circle members and donors like you.

We are proud to share that since its inception in 2010, the Tahoe Fund has supported over 130 environmental improvement projects. In the last 12 months alone, we funded more than 50 such projects, awarding \$1.4 million-plus in grants. These philanthropic dollars helped leverage upwards of \$7 million in public funds.

Please read on to learn more about the projects we funded this past fiscal year alongside our outstanding partners. Each initiative falls within one of the Tahoe Fund's five focus areas—forest health, lake clarity, sustainable recreation, stewardship, and transportation—and showcases the transformative power of your philanthropy.

With sincere gratitude,



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Tahoe Fund CEO



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Tahoe Fund Board Chair





Lake Tahoe Community College's Forestry Program

FOREST HEALTH

Tahoe Fire & Fuels Team Social Science Workshop

A workshop co-hosted with NV Energy featuring U.S. Forest Service social scientist Dr. Sarah McCaffery. The event drew 75 Tahoe fire professionals, with whom McCaffery shared her cutting-edge research about how best to engage with communities around wildfire.

★ **Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) Forestry Program**

Scholarships for every student in the inaugural year of LTCC's Forestry Education & Job Placement Program, along with a grant to match public funds to hire a new administrator to ensure student success.

★ **Wildfire Vulnerable Populations Research**

A multilingual and multi-faceted research effort to understand how best to assist Tahoe's most vulnerable residents in preparing themselves and their homes for wildfire. Findings will be included in Tahoe's new Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and steer future wildfire preparedness grantmaking.

Kodama Systems

The Tahoe Fund's first-ever investment, Kodama is working to automate forest health treatments and find merchantable options for woody biomass.

Caldor Forest Treatment Study

A study to determine how different forest health treatments near South Lake Tahoe impacted the spread and intensity of the Caldor Fire.

Tahoe Forest Products (TFP) Sawmill

We brought together the Washoe Tribe and TFP to build the region's first sawmill in decades, which will process 40-50 million board feet of timber per year, providing a badly-needed offtake solution for material from forest health treatments in the Basin and surrounding area.

STEWARDSHIP

★ **Achieve Tahoe Adaptive Outdoor Recreation Summer Program**

This program offers summer activities such as archery, climbing, hiking, paddling and sailing for people with disabilities and their families.

★ **Adventure Risk Challenge (ARC) Community Leadership Program**

A year-long program empowering underserved high school students through outdoor education and leadership development.

★ **Boys & Girls Club Lake Tahoe Climbing Program**

A six-week program that teaches young people how to rock climb at Blue Granite Climbing Gym in South Lake Tahoe.

★ **Generation Green Summer Internship**

An eight-week work-study program with the U.S. Forest Service for local high school students that provides career experience while fostering a love of the outdoors.

Incline Education Fund: Trash to Treasure

A series of trash cleanups conducted by students, local service groups and community members. The litter collected will be turned into art pieces to remind the public about the importance of taking care of Tahoe.



Adventure Risk Challenge Community Leadership Program



Tahoe Backcountry Alliance's Winter Recreation for Washoe Youth

Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Plan

A new plan for tourism and outdoor recreation developed by more than a dozen partners that will balance the needs of the environment, businesses, visitors, and local communities.

★ **McConkey Eco-Challenge**

A student competition designed to inspire and engage the next generation to help solve the region's environmental challenges.

★ **SOS Outreach**

This youth mentorship program brings outdoor recreation opportunities to underserved youth in North and South Lake Tahoe.

Surfaced Art Sculpture

An art sculpture created from trash removed by scuba divers during the 72-mile lake cleanup. The sculpture will be installed outside of the new Tahoe Blue Events Center in South Lake Tahoe.

★ **Tahoe Backcountry Alliance (TBA) Winter Recreation for Washoe Youth**

New cross country skis and snowshoes for TBA's winter recreation programs serving Washoe Tribe youth.

Tahoe In Depth

An environmental newspaper published by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Take Care Tahoe

New signage and billboards on highways leading into the Basin reminding people to take care of Tahoe.

Take Care Tahoe Ambassadors

Take Care Tahoe ambassadors spread stewardship messages at high-use recreation sites during the summer.

★ **Tahoe Institute for Natural Sciences (TINS) Nature for All Program**

Free nature experiences for underserved communities, including young people struggling with mental health issues, survivors of domestic abuse, and low-income families.

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION

Big Meadow Trail Improvements & Realignment

Relocation of the Big Meadow trailhead by the Tahoe Rim Trail Association (TRTA) to create a safer highway crossing.

Caldor Trails Restoration

An effort by the Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association (TAMBA) to rebuild and restore trails that were damaged during the Caldor Fire.

★ **Improving Accessibility at Tahoe Meadows**

Planning is underway for the new Tahoe Meadows Interpretive Trail, a 1.3-mile loop that would be the first ADA and ABA compliant trail in the Tahoe Rim Trail system.

Incline Flume Trail

Crews are installing a final bridge on the Incline Flume Trail, which will complete a multi-year restoration effort.



Upper Tyrolian Trail Reconstruction

★ *Projects focused on access and inclusivity*

★ **Increasing Access on the Tahoe Rim Trail**

Inclusive resources throughout the Tahoe Rim Trail system, including trailside information and stories in multiple languages, along with free outdoor programming for underserved and under-represented members of the Tahoe community.

Meeks Ridge Trail

A new 4.5-mile trail connecting Meeks Bay to the Lost Lake Trail, creating a 10-mile loop on the west shore for hikers and bikers.

Nevada Nordic Grooming

Grooming for over 19 km of winter recreation trails that are free to the community.

★ **Ski Run Community Park**

A new community park that will serve over 1,000 kids in the Ski Run neighborhood of South Lake Tahoe.

Spoooner Lake State Park Upgrades

A new visitors center and amphitheater at Spooner Lake State Park that will serve 150,000 annual visitors.

Trail Crew Funding

Support for TAMBA's professional trail crew and TRTA's trail maintenance throughout the region.

Upper Tyrolian Trail Reconstruction

A new trail that connects Tahoe Meadows to the start of Tyrolian Downhill, featuring banked turns, jumps and beautiful singletrack where an eroding fire road once existed.

TRANSPORTATION

Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transportation (TART) Connect

A free, on-demand, door-to-door shuttle service in Tahoe's north shore communities.

Parking Enforcement Study

A collaborative effort among 20-plus organizations to develop a regional parking enforcement strategy that would alleviate dangerous on-highway parking and congestion.

Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition

Basinwide programs that provide free bikes, as well as bike safety gear, to residents in need.

East Shore Trail Expansion

Planning is underway for the next phase of the trail, from Sand Harbor to Spooner Summit. This includes transit solutions and parking improvements.



TART Connect Shuttle Service

LAKE CLARITY

72-Mile Cleanup & Hotspots

Scuba divers from Clean Up the Lake completed the historic 72-mile cleanup of Lake Tahoe's shoreline, collecting 25,000 lbs of litter. They are now back in the water removing more debris from hotspots.

EarthViews Nearshore Mapping

The first-ever "street view" style map of all 72 miles of Lake Tahoe's shoreline, along with thousands of nearshore water quality data points.

Emerald Bay Aquatic Invasive Species Removal

A collaboration with TRPA to remove a Eurasian watermilfoil infestation in Emerald Bay.

State of the Lake Report

An annual report from the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center that tracks short- and long-term clarity trends in Lake Tahoe.

Deep Water Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV)

A deep water ROV that can reach the bottom of Lake Tahoe, collect trash and debris, and live stream the process.

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The Tahoe Fund acknowledges that we live, work, and recreate on the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Wašičiw (Washoe people - the people from here).