



**TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA TITLE: Strategic Initiatives – Wildfire Mitigation – 2026 Projects – Part 2

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2026

PREPARED BY: Robb Etnyre, General Manager

Strategic Plan: 4.C. RESTORE: Continue to preserve and restore high-value natural areas within Airport District boundaries.

4.C.1. Evaluate opportunities to contribute to protecting key areas/land within the District.

4.C.1.a. Continue to engage with local fire districts and Cal Fire to prioritize opportunities to build upon the success of the Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Initiative. Provide prioritized recommendations for collaborative projects for board consideration which fall within annual strategic initiative budget funding guidance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and additional project collaboratively developed by CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit (NEU), United States Forest Service, and National Forest Foundation.

Background:

1. The Truckee Tahoe Airport District (“District”) has established a recent history, over the past ~10 years, of utilizing tax revenue to support community programs.
2. In 2023, the District updated the underlying Board Policy Instruction (PI311) to better define the use of tax revenue related to the “Purpose of an Airport”.

3. In 2023 & Update in 2025, the District adopted a new strategic plan, which identified the following focus area goals related to the use of tax revenue.
 - a. 4.C. RESTORE: Continue to preserve and restore high-value natural areas within Airport District boundaries.
 - b. 4.C.1. Evaluate opportunities to contribute to protecting key areas/land within the District.
 - c. 4.C.1.a. Continue to engage with local fire districts and Cal Fire to prioritize opportunities to build upon the success of the Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Initiative. Provide prioritized recommendations for collaborative projects for board consideration which fall within annual strategic initiative budget funding guidance.
4. The District approved a budget for 2024, which included \$2M for Wildfire Mitigation Projects as a Strategic Initiative to benefit the entire airport district. Proposed projects were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors on April 24, 2024, which included 8 projects covering 739 Acres for \$1,935,055, as depicted in the attached graphic.
5. The TTAD Board approved \$2M for Strategic Initiative – Wildfire Mitigation Projects for 2025. The 2025 projects totaled 5 projects, ~645 Acres for \$1,970,000.
6. The TTAD Board approved \$1,503,000 of a planned budget of \$2,000,000 for FY2026.
 1. Olympic Valley Fire Department: 100 acres \$400,000
 2. North Tahoe Fire Protection District: 10 acres \$400,000
 3. Northstar Fire Department: 181 acres \$400,000
 4. CA State Parks: 101 acres \$303,000

DISCUSSION:

In addition to 2026 projects already approved, there is an additional project that has been coordinated with the U.S. Forest Service to address ~200-300 acres on public lands in the vicinity of the USFS Big Jack East project immediately adjacent to Sierra Meadows, Ponderosa Rancheros, and Martiswoods off the 06 road. The USFS has a Master Stewardship Agreement with the National Forest Foundation to conduct work on USFS public lands. A letter from Rachel Hutchinson, District Ranger (Acting) is attached, with the following excerpt below.

“This project is the first phase of the broader Truckee WUI Maintenance Strategy, being developed by TNF, NFF, and the Middle Truckee River Watershed Forest Partnership (MTRWFP). The effort will coordinate state, local, and federal wildfire experts, along with key land managers, to plan, prioritize, fund, and implement fuel reduction projects that reduce wildfire risk to the Truckee community. This WUI maintenance strategy will complement the approximately 60,000 acres of forest health treatments being planned and implemented across the Middle Truckee watershed under the MTRWFP’s 10-year Vegetation Management Strategy.”

2026 Proposed Project Fiscal Impact:

USFS Big Jack East WUI Maintenance:

425’-450’ Treatment (Attachment 2 Map)

~200-300 Acres

~\$400,000-\$500,000

Recommended Motion: I move to (approve, deny) the proposed USFS Big Jack East WUI Maintenance project presented as part of the District Community Wildfire Mitigation Projects in the amount not to exceed \$500,000, as presented in this staff report, and authorize the General Manager to enter into professional service agreement with the National Forest Foundation for this project for a duration not to exceed 18 months.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [2024-2026 Community Wildfire Mitigation Projects Graphic](#)
2. Big Jack East WUI Maintenance Map
3. Letter from Rachel Hutchinson, District Ranger (Acting)
4. Master Stewardship Agreement – USFS - NFF