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Community Description

Cascade Properties is a gated community on the shore of Lake Tahoe. It is bounded by Cascade Creek to the north, Lake Tahoe to the East, Baldwin Beach to the south, and route 89 to the west. There are 31 single family dwellings in the community. 8 people live there year-round but the majority of the homes are vacation properties. Short term rentals are not allowed. The roads are maintained by the home owner association so there is year round access. The land is sloped in the direction of the lake of varying degrees. There is relatively large spacing between the homes.

Year 1 – 2025

Education and Outreach Goals

1. As part of the annual AGM, include information to inform the community of the steps involved in becoming a Firewise Community and our progress to date. This meeting will also include information about what individual Cascade Property members can do to support the endeavor (home hardening, defensible space and current conditions of wildfire danger.)
2. Develop a mailing list of all of the owners in Cascade Properties. Send at least 2 mailings a year related to the Firewise Community.
3. Develop and maintain a Cascade Properties Firewise USA community website.
4. Provide information to members on a community workday and related events in South Lake Tahoe.
5. Develop a Cascade Properties Firewise packet for distribution to all residents.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Provide Cascade Property owners with a means to capture volunteer work hours and money spent on home hardening and defensible space work.
3. Provide information on the fine mesh screening for all vents and chimneys to minimize ember intrusion.
4. Encourage residents to remove wooden fences that are attached to their homes and replace them with non-combustible fencing.
5. Encourage homeowners to remove wood that is piled next to their home or under decks.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Seek community cooperation/support to reduce combustible material by 50% in the next 3 years in order to mitigate the potential for tree torching and ember production during a wildfire.
2. Maintain defensible space on common areas.



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3. Encourage homeowners to not cover wood piles with tarps.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness and Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Initiate an effort to standardize address markings (location, size and style).
2. Send an email to all cascade Property residents about evacuation routes devised by the City of South Lake Tahoe.
3. Provide all homeowners with links to community wildfire websites including “Ready for Wildfire” and The City of SLT Emergency/Disaster information website.
4. Provide all homeowners with information about what they should do in advance to prepare for a wildfire at their home and what they should have prepared in their “go bag.”

Year 2 - 2026

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Continue to seek community support to reduce combustible materials by 50% in the next 2 years.
2. As part of the annual AGM, include information to keep homeowners apprised of the efforts of the Firewise Community.
3. Share resources for defensible space work and sources of approved fire-resistant tarps.
4. Provide information handouts to members on community workdays.
5. Encourage homeowners to maintain defensible space around their house, logging hours spent and money invested.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Provide information to homeowners about proper skirting for decks and protection of siding with 6 inches of the ground.
2. Cooperate with the Cascade Property HOA to manage common properties.
3. Cooperate with the Tahoe RCD (Resource Conservation District) to ascertain progress on meeting goals.
4. Provide information on screening for all vents and open areas to minimize ember intrusions.



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Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue to seek community support to reduce combustible materials by 50% in the next 2 years.
2. Provide time at the AGM to keep homeowners apprised of the efforts in maintaining our Firewise Community.
3. Develop a program utilizing volunteers to complete home defensible space assessments for residents and property owners.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness and Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Continue the effort to standardize address markings (location, size and style.)
2. Keep the Cascade Properties community informed about the evacuation routes devised by the City of South Lake Tahoe.
3. Send a mailing to remind all residents about what they should do in advance to prepare for a wildfire at their home and what they should have prepared in their "go bag." Include the information about the local emergency/disaster information.
4. Inform residents how to sign up for emergency notifications from the City.

Year 3 - 2027

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Review all educational efforts and expand upon awareness and threat of wildfire risks within Cascade Properties Firewise USA Community
2. As part of the annual AGM include information to keep members of Cascade Properties apprised of the progress of the Cascade Properties Firewise community.
3. Share resources for defensible space work.
4. Provide information handouts to members on Community work days.
5. Encourage individual homeowners to maintain defensible space around their homes.
6. Distribute the Cascade Properties Firewise packet to new owners and residents.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Provide resources to owners about fire resistant materials that can be incorporated into their homes.
2. Coordinate with the Lake Valley Fire Department to do defensible space inspections of individual

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properties.

3. Provide homeowners with access to the wildfire home retrofit guide.

Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue to emphasize that all residents / property owners should maintain defensible space in the "Lean, Clean and Green zone (0-30 feet) and that adequate treatment of fuels in the "Reduced Fuel Zone (30-100 feet) will provide additional protection to improve the survivability of their home and other structures within the Cascade Properties community.
2. Coordinate with the Lake Valley fire department and the Tahoe RCD to provide access to a chipper as needed.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness and Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Continue the effort to standardize address markings.
2. Keep the Cascade Property residents and owners informed about the evacuation routes devised by the City of South Lake Tahoe.
3. Send a mailing to inform all residents about what they should do in advance to prepare for wildfire at their home and what they should have prepared in their "go bag."
4. Coordinate with the South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue to perform an evacuation drill with the homeowners.