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NPOA Board of Directors

October 29 @ 9am

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November 26 @ 9am

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December 14 @ 9am

NPOA Board of Directors

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We hope all of you had an enjoyable summer filled with memorable moments at the Rec Center. As we transition into autumn, I would like to provide you with some summer highlights, a financial report on our Operating Budget and Reserve Replacement Fund and upcoming projects.

New Board Members

I would like to personally welcome our three new board members: Dan Cox, Jim O'Gara and Gene Roeder. We are delighted to have them on board. Every board member brings something different to the table and that is always appreciated.

Homeowner Events

This summer we continued our commitment to building community by hosting a variety of homeowner events. We started the summer by celebrating July 4th with free ice cream for the kids followed by a Homeowner BBQ on July 20th. In August we hosted a cocktail party and a musical artist in the renovated lounge. All events were well received and attended by homeowners. In December we plan to host a holiday party – so watch your email for upcoming details! Thank you to Colette Findley, Chair of the Activities Committee, for spearheading these events.



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New Massage Service

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New Snack Vendor

This summer we asked Northstar Poolside (owned by Inclined Burger) to be our food and beverages vendor. They did a fantastic job offering a creative and delicious menu and they also catered our Annual Meeting BBQ. We are looking forward to having them return next summer.

Homeowner Lounge

It has been one year since the completion of the homeowner lounge in the Entry Building. I am delighted to report that the space is being utilized for a variety of uses including a co-working space, yoga classes, homeowner events, NPOA board meetings as well as annual meetings for the various Northstar condominium associations. Homeowners can also reserve the space for a book, wine or bridge club gathering. We have also established a small lending library for your enjoyment. We encourage you to stop by and enjoy the space.

Lifeguards

In recent years, we've encountered challenges in securing lifeguards for the summer months due to a nationwide shortage, exacerbated by schools resuming in August. Our persistence paid off this summer by initiating our search well in advance and continuing to offer competitive wages. We were delighted to have been well staffed this past summer and to have offered many homeowners' children the opportunity to work at the Rec Center. We hope to continue to have a fully staffed lifeguard team in the upcoming summers. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining our team next summer, please refer them to Sean Cutunilli at the Rec Center. NPOA is committed to covering lifeguard certification costs and is eager to engage with potential candidates.

Pickleball and Tennis

Thank you to Tony Ramsdell our Director of Racquet Sports for spearheading our program as well as Fred and Susan Safipour for managing the pickleball clinics and socials on a day-to-day basis. Unfortunately, Tony will not be able to return to NPOA next summer since he and his family have taken up permanent residence in Texas. Therefore, we are searching for a new tennis director for summer 2025. Please refer any candidates to Tim Fulton, our General Manager.

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Homeowner Communications

While Northstar Living Magazine remains a valuable communication channel, we are enhancing our homeowner engagement by sending out regular e-blasts. These updates cover facility changes, operating hours, upcoming events, policy modifications, and our new Board Report. The Board Report, concise and informative, is dispatched 1-2 weeks after each Board meeting. If you aren't receiving our email communications but wish to stay informed, please contact our office, and Sean Cutunilli will assist you. He can be reached on 530-562-0320.

Financial Report

Our July financial figures for the Operating Budget indicate that our 2024 expenses and income are in alignment, and we are trending towards a small budget surplus. Our income from guest fees is meeting our forecasts and our expenses are slightly under budget. We plan to use this small operating surplus wisely. While we budgeted funds in 2024 to manage our forest area, this Fall we will dedicate some additional operating funds to remove some priority trees that are dead or that are disease-ridden near the Rec Center. We also plan to commit some additional funds to removing dead trees from the Nature Trail to improve user accessibility. In September we stained and painted the Entry, Game Room, and Fitness Center Buildings at the Rec Center using

approximately \$50,000 from our Operating fund per the Budget for 2024.

As many of you know the Reserve Replacement Fund is used to maintain our existing infrastructure for the Rec Center. Our Reserve Replacement Fund stands at approximately \$2.6 million, reflecting a robust 97% funding rate. Keep in mind that we must continue to repair and replace our assets in our facilities while simultaneously keeping our Reserves adequately funded. The Reserve Replacement Fund is funded each year from our operating budget. In 2023 & 2024 we contributed \$250,000 to the Replacement Reserve Fund. All funds are allocated to specific maintenance and replacement needs. Given the overall increases in the costs of infrastructure, maintenance, and repair, we anticipate making larger contributions to the Reserve Replacement Fund in upcoming years.

In 2024 we have had several projects funded by the Reserve Replacement Fund. We resurfaced the middle tennis courts for approximately \$30,000 in 2024 and we plan to resurface the top tennis courts and add permanent pickleball courts on those upper courts in May of 2025. Numerous sections of fencing were replaced totaling \$8,000. There were also numerous pool & spa components that were replaced totaling approximately another



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\$40,000 this year. We recently purchased improved dining and seating furniture and sturdier shade structures for the dining area located near Northstar Poolside. All the components of this upgrade will be installed at the pool by May of 2025. In addition, we are hoping to begin the renovation of the Women's Bathroom. We have recently initiated this project and are partnering with a contractor to firm up estimates and project scope.

Board Goodbyes

In September, we bid farewell to three dedicated Board members. Mark Patel served on the Board for 2 years, contributing significantly to various committees, including the Executive Finance Committee, Audit Committee, and Budget Committee. Mark also accepted the role of Treasurer and Secretary this past year. We thank Mark for his invaluable service to our community and to the Board.

I would also like to express our appreciation of Steve Klei, whose six-year tenure was marked by an impressive list of accomplishments. Steve helped us upgrade our technology infrastructure as well as our accounting system. He performed two in-depth homeowner surveys and was the Chair of the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. Under his leadership NPOA was able to build a large pool shade structure, create a multi-purpose Homeowner Lounge and secure improved dining and

shade options for our pool area. Steve's vision and passion for improvement will be greatly missed.

Finally, I would like to thank Paul Schumacher for his dedication to our community and the NPOA Board over these last six years. He has participated on various committees including the Membership Communications Committee, Personnel Committee, Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and the Reopening Taskforce. He also chaired the Community Development Committee, Risk/Legal Committee and was the board liaison to the Design Review Committee. While he made time to actively participate on all these committees, he also has spent countless hours reviewing legal documents, contracts and homeowner communications. While I know he will enjoy his newfound leisure time, we will miss his attention to detail, wisdom and knowledge.

I hope you find this update helpful, and we look forward to seeing you at the Rec Center in the coming months.

Warm regards,



Jackie Apple,
Board President

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general manager's report

As our summer season has come to a close, I would like to thank both our year-round and seasonal NPOA staff that worked tirelessly to provide all of our Members & Guests a memorable experience this summer. I would also like to thank the many contributions from our independent contractors / vendors. Our summer operations and programs would not be possible without their efforts.

Annual Membership Meeting & Homeowner Barbeque

We again had a tremendous turnout for our Annual Membership Meeting & Barbeque. Thank to everyone who helped make it a memorable event and a great success, particularly Northstar Poolside Cafe and their team for providing the amazing food for us to all enjoy. For those who were unable to attend, I would like to share a few highlights from my presentation:

- Operations - Fully staffed with excellent employee retention over the last year; clean Audit; proactive management of investments; achieved a modest insurance rate increase despite a very challenging insurance market; expanded forest management efforts to address the high loss of trees at the Recreation Center; and nature trail maintenance.
- Projects - many different pool & spa components; pool & spa covers; tennis courts 3- 5 resurfacing; tennis court fence repairs; parking lot kiosk; chemical storage building garage door; flooring in office, game room, and massage room; AC for offices; light pool refurbishment and retrofit project; fitness center building trellis repair; Exterior building painting; and converted the gender specific bathrooms in the game room area to family restrooms to address requests from members in a very cost efficient manner.

Fall Rec Center Operations

The end of Labor Day weekend also historically triggers the beginning of Fall & Winter season operations at the NPOA Rec Center. The hours of operation at the Rec Center have transitioned to 8am to 9pm daily. Seasonal amenities such as the Main Pool, Kiddie Pool, Splash Pad, and Tennis Pro Shop are closed until next summer season. As the weather permits, the Tennis & Pickleball courts, Bocce Ball Court, Horseshoe Pit, Basketball Court, and Playground area will remain open. Please contact the NPOA Entry Desk at 530-562-0322 if you have any questions regarding the updated hours or available amenities.

Fall Clean Week

Fall Clean Week is scheduled for October 21st - 24th. This clean week provides staff the opportunity to deep clean the facilities before launching into the winter season. We have also scheduled some additional dead tree removal work during this week while there are no members/guests within the recreation center property. An email notification will go out to membership and an update will be provided on the Website and Resident Portal to inform members of the scheduled closure.

Parking Lot Policy

Northstar-California plans to begin winter operations at Northstar on Friday, November 22nd (weather permitting). Our staff would like to remind all of our Members of the Recreation Center Parking Lot Policy. This policy gets emailed or mailed out to every NPOA Member each year as part of the annual disclosure packet. As the parking policy states, and as the signage within the parking lot indicates, this parking lot exists to provide access to the Recreation Center. The Recreation Center parking lot was never intended to provide skier parking, thus skier parking is

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Bears

It is that time of year again when our local bear population is trying to bulk up for a long winter season. Please live responsibly with our local bears. Properly secure and dispose of domestic waste, do

not let your domestic trash be a source of food for bears or other local wildlife. If you find that a bear has bedded down or is trying to create a den in somewhere under your residence and would like assistance moving a bear along to a new location, please contact the Bear League.

Wildlife

If you have direct conflicts with any of our local wildlife, please contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at 916.928.2537.



Tim Fulton,
General Manager

election results

2024 NPOA Annual Board Of Directors Election Results

Directors:

Dan Cox - 264
Don Jeanette - 218
Roger Lenz - 107
Jim O'Gara - 241
Gene Roeder - 351

Congratulations to Dan Cox, Jim O'Gara, and Gene Roeder for their election to the NPOA Board!

NPOA Standing Special Resolution:

Yes - 325
No - 5



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- Attend river talks to stay informed of past and present threats to the Truckee River Watershed and learn how you can protect and restore it.
- Participate in the Adopt-A-Stream program to monitor water quality in Tahoe Donner's creeks and streams using fun and easy-to-learn scientific techniques.
- Help our ecosystem by planting native plants and trees, stabilize streambanks, and improving habitat on Truckee River Day!

Additionally, attend other fun events like the River Breakfast in May 2024 to get to know a team of like-minded and dedicated environmental stewards in your community.

To sign up for our e-news and learn more about TRWC's work and partnerships, scan this QR code.



Volunteer Wish List

25 Ambassadors over the next twelve months: Invite 10 of your friends to a one-hour informational River Talk by TRWC.

10 Adopt-a-Stream Team Leaders: To lead important biological and chemical monitoring at various streams within the Truckee River watershed.

20 new Truckee River Day Group Leaders: To lead volunteers in the field on our project sites each year in October to help with planting, mulching, repairing, and restoring.

Truckee River Watershed Council



The image above shows how we're utilizing equipment in Lacey Meadow to reconnect the floodplain. TRWC is facilitating the restoration with the help of Balance Hydrologics Inc. and Folchi Construction, with outcomes expected for improved habitat and meadow hydrologic function. Photo: Sumner Cornacchia



Sawtooth Site.

Restoring Nature, Restoring Hope

One of the most rewarding parts of our jobs at the Truckee River Watershed Council is to transform our collective worries about our environment into optimism. We've been on the ground making real progress this Summer and Fall—it's happening right now. We are wrapping up construction on Lacey Meadow near Webber Lake (photo above), in Coldstream Canyon, and many other projects, that help prevent catastrophic wildfires, to capture the snow melt to recharge the groundwater, and to restore meadows to support wildlife.

These are the great moments in the field when we can share how our favorite places are being protected and restored.

Also, in our policy work, we are committed to increasing water releases out of the dams at Prosser, Stampede, and Boca to improve flows for miles of stream – improving habitat for fish and birds – so their numbers can increase.

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Course update: After the grasshopper invasion (no joke a billion grasshoppers) the golf course and grass came back and the course is in very good condition. The driving range will also close on October 12. Some course projects were done this season and we hope to continue those focus areas next season.

We appreciate the business and loyalty of those NPOA residents for the daily play and passholders. We want to remind everyone around the area (non-golfers) that the course is for golfers ONLY and walking or riding the golf course is prohibited.

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Jarrett Bower,
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- Exterior paint/stain projects
- Bear box installations
- Roofing projects
- Exterior lighting
- Decks
- HVAC installations
- Generators
- EV charging stations
- Landscaping
- Windows
- Hot tubs
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Importantly, for all projects, including home and landscaping improvements under NPOA's jurisdiction, owners are strongly encouraged to first contact NPOA Staff to make an initial determination whether the project review may be handled solely by the staff and which projects may require payment of review fees. Discussions with Staff would also include general limitations on the proposed building and landscaping projects, as well as all required document submissions. Finally, NPOA staff will be able to advise owners whether review and final approval would require involvement from the Design Review Committee ("DRC"), or possibly in some instances (such as variances), NPOA Board involvement.

In addition, please note that every construction project is unique and will be approved on an individual basis. The approval of any element for any particular project is not considered a precedent.

DRC Administrative Procedures - Design Review Guidelines Section IV

To begin the design review process, the owner or owners representative shall submit the following to NPOA: (1) the NPOA Project Review Application, (2) the appropriate completed Conceptual, Preliminary, or Final Review Checklist, (3) a digital copy in PDF format of project plans, and (4) the appropriate review fee. Please note that an additional fee is required for a variance request and/or a quick turn-around review.

NPOA Staff Reviews

(minor improvements, maintenance projects, etc.)

Generally, for staff level reviews, if all is in order, staff will provide the owner with an approval letter. Depending upon the project, the letter may further require a construction deposit to be submitted and contractor packet reviewed, signed, and posted on site prior to any work commencing.

DRC Reviews

(new home construction and large/small remodels)

For Design Review Committee reviews of major remodel/additions or new home construction projects, the owner or applicant must

secure a DRC Final approval letter. However, prior to any work commencing, NPOA must also issue a NPOA Construction / Improvement Permit ("NPOA Permit"). The NPOA Permit will only be issued once NPOA has verified that all appropriate Placer County permits have been issued, construction deposits have been paid, and the contractor packet has been reviewed, signed, and posted on site. Only at that point may construction work commence.

NPOA Staff drive the community on a daily basis and note/monitor exterior project activity and have the option of "red tagging" projects and calling owners to hearing if all necessary required project steps are not complete or contractor rules are not being followed. Our purpose is to maintain the design elements of our outstanding community and to make sure that neighboring properties are not impacted by project work.

You can find a NPOA Project Review Application at (www.npoa.info), by contacting NPOA or at the NPOA Recreation Center.

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Fuels Management Update

The Northstar Fire Department completed its third year of Measure U Forest Fuels Reduction work, and the department would like to thank its partners for another successful year of work to protect the Community of Northstar from wildfire.

Not only has this been a hot and dry summer, but we also see the impacts of weather with wildfires occurring in California and our neighboring state Nevada. It is imperative to articulate the need to be vigilant in both residential/ commercial defensible space and forest fuels reduction within our open space common areas and to ensure our evacuation routes are treated to ensure the safest possible community wide evacuation.

The Northstar Fire Department wishes to thank the residents of the Northstar Community Services District who maintain their properties, ensuring compliance with defensible space.

Since 2010 the Community of Northstar has been recognized as a Firewise Community. This nationally recognized program is based on wildfire education such as defensible space, home hardening and evacuation preparedness.

Check with your insurance company if are eligible for a discount being a Firewise Community. If eligible, please scan this QR code to obtain our Firewise Certificate to present to your insurance company.



As a reminder every spring, it is important to have your defensible space in place as early as possible and maintain your property.

This fall and next spring there is still time to clean your property with the Green Waste Dumpster Rebate Program. This is a program that is available until funds are exhausted. To learn more, please scan this QR code.



For a better understanding of Measure U and the Fuels Management program, please visit the following links.



Fuels Management HUB



Measure U Story Map

Below are 2023-2024 project season totals for the work that was accomplished through Measure U and partner match funding.

1. 83=Total number of acres treated.
2. 742.5 cords of split-wood/fuel-wood products (firewood) using four CAL FIRE 1038 EXEMPTIONS were extracted from all four partner project areas. The breakdown is as follows:
 - a. Northstar Property Owners Association (NPOA) = 257.5 cords of wood extracted
 - b. Vail Resorts (Trimont) = 272.0 cords of wood extracted
 - c. Condominium Association Management Company (CAMCO) = 100.0 cords of wood extracted.
 - d. Mountainside (Timberland Highlands LLC) = 113.0 cords of wood extracted.
3. 207 burn piles were created and burned during the 2023-2024 project season.
4. 20,625 cubic yards of biomass were removed from the 83 acres treated. This estimation includes chipping (broadcasting and hauling off-site), cords of wood removed, and piles burned.

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Western Boun. Acres: 56 (A1)

- SOW - Hand crew thinning and limbing (40 acres). Mastication (<16 acres).
- Target Prescription: Capture all dead, dying, and diseased tree's + Capture <12" DBH tree's + Capture brush components directly under tree canopies + Achieve <90' basal area stand density spacing.
- Main Disposal Method - Chip and broadcast (40 acres).

Measure U Total Acres: 93 (A2)

- SOW - Hand crew thinning and limbing (93 acres). Mastication (<25 acres).
- Target Prescription: Capture all dead, dying, and diseased tree's + Capture <12" DBH tree's + Capture brush components directly under tree canopies + Achieve <90' basal area stand density spacing.
- Main Disposal Method - Chip and broadcast (88 acres). Burn piles (<5 acres).

Western Boun. Acres: 48 (A1)

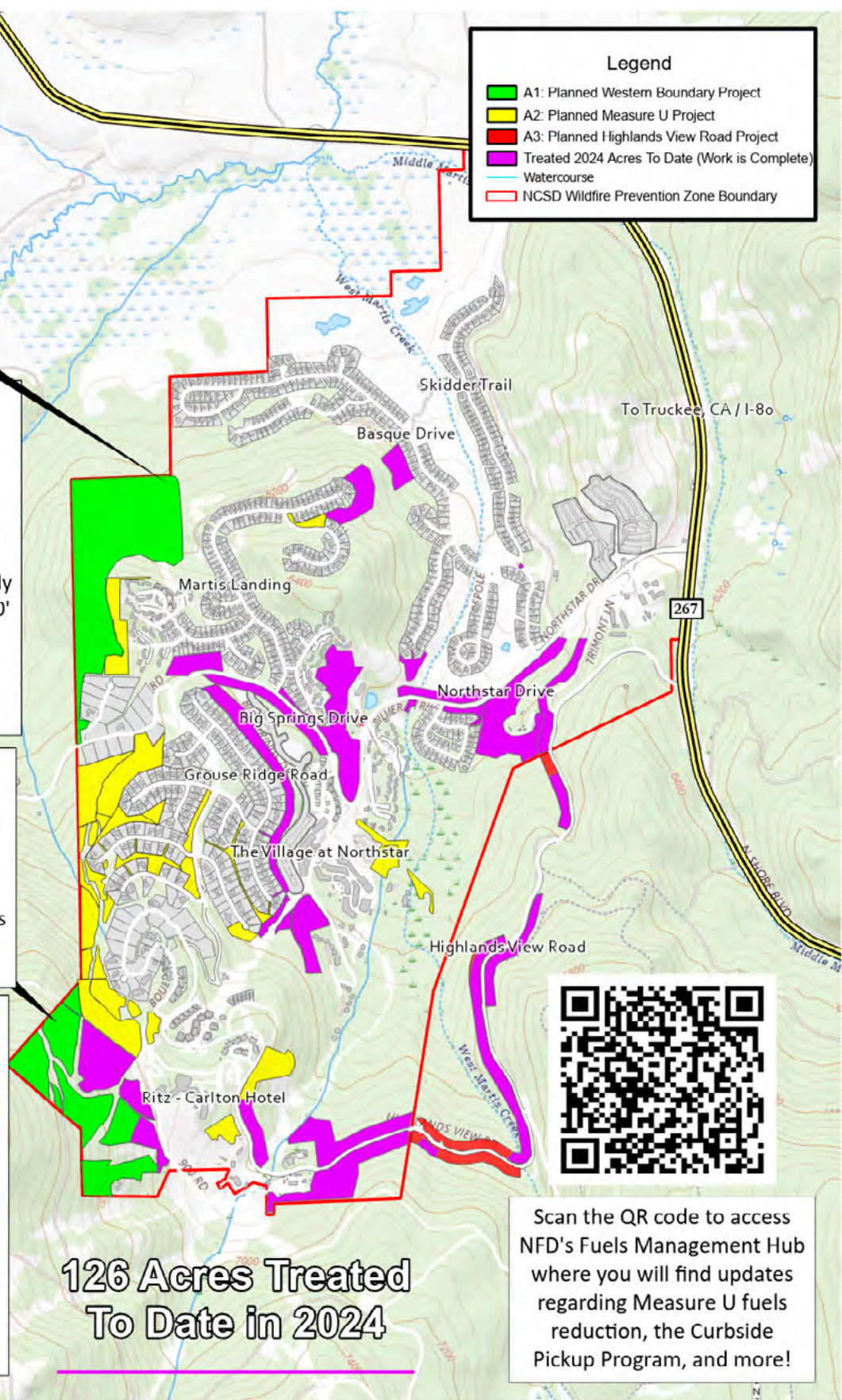
- SOW - Hand crew thinning and limbing (48 acres).
- Target Prescription: Capture all dead, dying, and diseased tree's + Capture <12" DBH tree's.
- Main Disposal Method - Burn piles (44 acres). Chip and broadcast (<4 acres).

HVR Total Acres: 25 (A3)

- SOW - Hand crew thinning and limbing (25 acres). Mastication (<4 acres).
- Target Prescription: Capture all dead, dying, and diseased tree's + Capture <12" DBH tree's + Capture brush components directly under tree canopies + Achieve <90' basal area stand density spacing.
- Main Disposal Method - Chip and broadcast (20 acres). Burn piles (<5 acres).

Legend

- A1: Planned Western Boundary Project
- A2: Planned Measure U Project
- A3: Planned Highlands View Road Project
- Treated 2024 Acres To Date (Work is Complete)
- Watercourse
- NCS Wildlife Prevention Zone Boundary



126 Acres Treated To Date in 2024

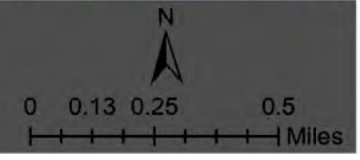


Scan the QR code to access NFD's Fuels Management Hub where you will find updates regarding Measure U fuels reduction, the Curbside Pickup Program, and more!



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- 250 cubic yards is the estimated amount of biomass removed on a per acre basis.
- 672 dead, diseased, dying and pest infected conifer trees that were 12.0 inches or greater at diameter Breast Height at 4.5' were removed. These trees posed a threat to wildfire or represented a public safety hazard.
- Each Measure U project season entails a total of five curbside pick-up sessions. The 2023-2024 project season and fiscal budget year covered the following pick-up sessions.

2023 - 2024 Measure U Fiscal Year Project Days Total Project Days = 15

- July 10 - 12, 2023, 147.0 cu yds
 - July 24 - 25, 2023, 100.0 cu yds
 - August 7 - 9, 2023, 119.0 cu yds
 - June 3 - 7, 2024, 227.0 cu yds
 - June 17 - 18, 2024, 108.5 cu yds
- Total Cu Yds Collected = 701.5

The Northstar Fire Department would like to thank the following for their assistance in Fuels Management:

- Northstar California (Vail Resorts)
- Northstar Property Owners Association
- Community Association Management Company (CAMCO)
- Mountainside California, LLC
- CAL FIRE (California Climate Investments)
- Tahoe Truckee Airport District
- Tahoe Mountain Resorts Foundation
- Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation
- California Fire Foundation
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- California Fire Safe Council
- Placer County Air Pollution Control District

The map shows forest fuels reduction work that is underway for the 2024-2025 project season. This work must be completed by June 30th, 2025.

September 17, 2024 News Release - New Lake Tahoe Regional Evacuation Plan

Developed by Regional Fire, Law, & Emergency Management Personnel, a new Lake Tahoe Regional Evacuation Plan was developed by the cooperative efforts of the Lake Tahoe Fire Chiefs, Lake Tahoe Law Enforcement Agencies, and Emergency Management Personnel following experiences gained during past major wildfires. The Plan is a "living document" intended to provide the public with critical information related to evacuations and will be updated from time to time.

The Plan pulled together a diverse team of experts from two different states and five different counties which all have jurisdictional responsibilities around Lake Tahoe. The efforts resulted in a robust and critically needed Regional Evacuation Plan.

The plan is organized so that the evacuation information in the front of the plan is applicable to ALL parts of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Then there are seven annexes in the back of the plan that allows for more specific information which is only pertinent to the specific areas.

The Plan emphasizes regional cooperation and collaboration in event of a large wildfire that may occur in the future. Local emergency experts recognize that planning for a large wildfire that will require evacuations is a reality for the Tahoe Basin. Fire, Law, and Emergency Management partners are more prepared to manage these events as a result of this new Plan.

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to view The Plan





the course of my 20+ year tenure at the Northstar Community Services District, most of it as the General Manager, I've got to personally interact with many of the NPOA membership and staff. The relationships we built together have allowed the District to evolve in so many positive ways to ensure the services we deliver met the expectations of our collective constituents throughout a extremely dynamic period in the history of Northstar. We've navigated the largest real estate and resort expansion at Northstar with the Village, Highlands and Ritz-Carlton Hotel developments, transition of resort ownership from Booth Creek to Vail Resorts, the Great Recession, multi-year droughts and record winters, a global pandemic and unprecedented wildfire threats. Our community has one of the most robust sources of high-

quality water in the State, an advanced fire fighting fleet with highly trained staff, unprecedented forest management, a well-maintained road system with best-in-class snow removal, a community trail network with regional connectivity and internal systems to ensure all our assets will have the resources to perform in perpetuity. None of these achievements would have been possible without dedicated staff and strong leadership on the boards of both NCSD and NPOA and a constituent base that supported our collective efforts. I feel very fortunate to have been able to be a part of this community while serving in my capacity at the NCSD. I wish the best for Northstar in the future and thank you for this opportunity.

– Mike Staudenmayer

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As I transition towards my retirement at the end of December, I wanted to express my gratitude for the privilege of serving this great community. Over

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Left to right standing: Sandy Campion, Astrid Cousins, Marian Hansen, Cindy Denham, Ruta Rudisill and Linda Sweeney. Seated Jennifer Polishook & Sheree Rife.

Another spectacular golf season for the Northstar Women's Golf Club has come to an end. We would like to thank all of the employees of the golf course from the cart people, to the grounds people to the staff that works in the pro shop and on the course. You have made our Tuesday play days ideal.

It was an interesting year with the invasion of grasshoppers. While the East Coast had their cicadas, we had an invasion of grasshoppers that no one ever remembers seeing before. You may have noticed them driving along 267, well they took over the golf course especially hole 7 turning it into a brown desert. Thanks to the maintenance staff and the crows, ducks and never seen before ibis (check that out on Wikipedia) who showed up

for lunch, plus a few cold days, the course came back after a few weeks and we are looking forward to the final gorgeous autumn days before the course closes on October 13.

The NWGC held its Championship Tournament on August 27. This year low gross winner was Linda Sweeny and low net winner was Sheree Rife. Marian Hansen had longest drive on #7 and Astrid Cousins had longest drive on #18. Closest to the pin on #6 was Sandy Campion and Sheree Rife had closest to the pin on #15. An enjoyable time was had by all especially with the "buy a mulligan" format that has continued for the last three years with the funds going towards lunch following the tournament. As you can tell, we like to have a good time.

While we are a small group, we have big fun and hope to see more women join us next season. We understand that there are many options of courses to play in our area, but none are closer or as reasonably priced as Northstar. Not to mention it is a challenging, beautiful course to play. You do not have to live at Northstar to join NWGC, so if you have friends or family in the area who are looking for a group to play with, pass this along.

To everyone who joined us this year, thank you for your support and we look forward to playing with you next year. If you would like information on joining the group for the year, or just for a day, contact Marian at sidebcorp@aol.com or Carol at pawlakcarol@gmail.com. We play every Tuesday with tee times starting around 9:00 am. Membership in the Northstar Women's Golf Club (NWGC) automatically enrolls you in the Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN), a service offered by the USGA to golf association worldwide, which tracks scores and ranks handicaps.

Soon it will be time to wax up those skis or pack up for better weather and more golf.

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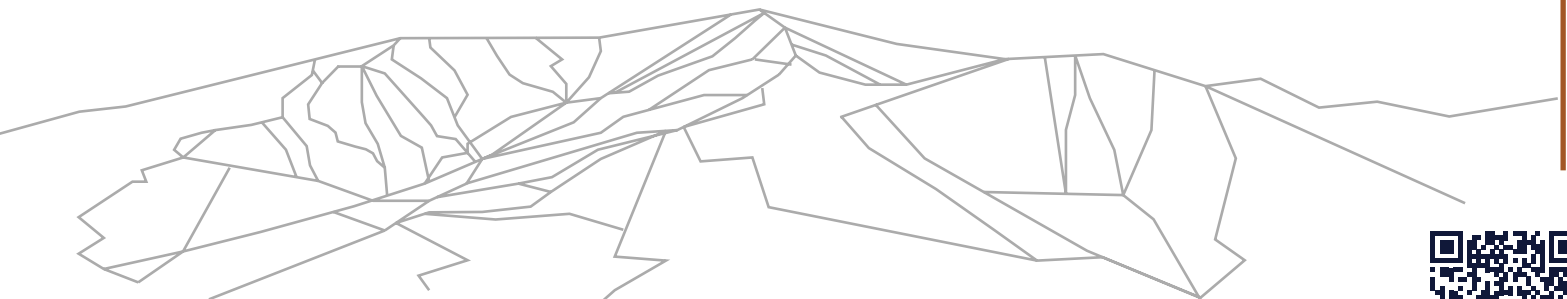
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Aspen Grove annual work party

Aspen Grove

This article is dedicated solely to the wonderful Aspen Grove volunteers who contributed their time and energy on July 20th at the 6th Annual Volunteer Work Day sponsored by the Landscape & Aesthetic Committee.

Over 40 homeowners and family members came out on a very hot day to help with the fulfillment of our defensible space mandates from the Northstar Fire Department.

Volunteers raked up pine needles and pine cones around building structures and in common areas throughout our community. Volunteers also collected discarded construction materials, branches and wood obstructing the flow of water in our creeks and garbage thrown in and around dumpster enclosures. Approximately, 5-6 dumpsters were filled with green waste.

The following volunteers enjoyed a catered deli lunch from Raley's following



3 hours of clean up: Sheree, Scott and Ashley Angel, Donna and Tom Amen, Cleve and Dick Bjur, Dave Campos, Phyllis and Bret Cunningham, Linda, Rick and Andrew Duste, Margaret Edwards, Sabina Giri and Hoan Tran, Harris Hall, John Kelm, Patricia Kinzel, Lindsay & Alex Krueger, Paula & Mark Mendenhall, Susan Quintana, Tim Ranstrom, Lindsey and Andrew Sackheim, Alex and Christine Sherer, Bob and Kim Storm, Sylvia Toth and Dan Takacs, Chris and Pete Vall-Spinosa, Judy & Jack Warner.











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Thank you also to Tim Sawyer (Camco) who provided equipment and tools for the work day event and also to the Northstar Fire Department who contributed a couple dumpsters for green waste disposal.

Indian Hills

Summer at Indian Hills and Northstar came and went too quickly. It seems we were just putting away skis from the extended winter ski season last year and now are preparing for next winter's ski season. Many consider fall the best season in Tahoe. The colors of the leaves are already changing. We are truly blessed to live in a community that shares in the appreciation for natural beauty and healthy lifestyle activities.

Thanks to Bryan Miller and Jodee Brydges, who were elected for two-year terms to serve on our Board of Directors. The Annual Homeowner Meeting was held in person and on Zoom at the NPOA Recreation Center. Thanks also to the NPOA Board for making room for us to hold our Homeowner meeting. The Indian Hills Board Officers for this year will be Bryan Miller, President; Gary Neiman, Vice President; Steve Anderson, Treasurer; Jodee Brydges, Secretary; and Jim Kooler, Member at Large.



With many visitors to Indian Hills and Northstar, trash and noise remain concerns. Some single-family homeowners who didn't install bear boxes and the cleaners of those properties continue using the condo trash bins when they should be using the community dumpsters at the entrance to Northstar.

If you rent your condo or single-family home, you are required to have a valid Short-Term Rental permit from Placer County. Please note that the County has instituted stricter Short-Term Rental policies with the intent to assist in managing the impact of rentals in residential areas. Rental properties must now be identified by placing the round blue stickers in the front windows or on bear boxes. If there is a nuisance problem with a renter, or the rental property does not display the blue sticker, please notify the County using the Short-Term Rental Nuisance Line is (530) 448-8003. You can also submit a complaint at www.hostcomplianace.com/tips.

While condo owners represent 45% of the NPOA membership, Condo Boards feel that the issues of concern to condo owners are not always heard. In response, NPOA formed a Condo Committee comprised of Board Members from each of the

condo associations. Some of the issues currently being discussed are parking, trash, and reasonable improvements to the Recreation Center. In response to Vail instituting a reservation system last year with more parking fees that may encourage skiers to seek parking at condos, Indian Hills installed "No Parking" signage. Additional signage seemed to keep the day guest parking under control in Indian Hills.

Members of the Condo Committee also reached out to candidates running for the NPOA Board to get their feedback on issues of interest. All five candidates graciously answered the questions and congratulations to Gene Roeder, Dan Cox, and Jim O'Gara for winning seats on the NPOA Board. Thanks as well to Don Jeanette and Roger Lenz for your willingness to run for the NPOA Board. All the candidates expressed interest in hearing input from homeowners and spending our resources wisely.

Some of the wise investments we are looking at in Indian Hills include treating our roofs to extend the life expectancy, pre-emptively identifying siding that needs repair/replacement, and exploring the design and replacement of new entryways. We anticipate doing a model entryway next Spring/Summer for homeowners to consider and comment.

We encourage all our owners to become engaged in shaping our community to meet your needs through communicating with your HOA Board and the NPOA Board. There is ongoing concern on the Indian Hills Board and the NPOA Condo Committee about the changes made to the Recreation Center. Our hope is the new Board will be more grounded in gathering homeowner input and using our money effectively. We believe Northstar can be the best family-friendly community in the area. Your voices and ongoing input are necessary to ensure we follow our true Northstar.





Vegetation Management Overview

Vegetation management is a critical department of an electric utility. Inspecting, pruning, and removing trees, branches, and other vegetation to maintain power line clearance is essential to providing safe and reliable electric service to customers and the local communities.

The trees and forest are part of what make the Lake Tahoe/Sierra region beautiful, and Liberty works hard to reduce hazards while still preserving this beauty. When trees are identified as potential hazards, crews prune branches and vegetation back to a minimum of 12 feet from high-voltage power lines to maintain adequate clearance. Additionally, trees that have the potential to fall on power lines because they are dead, diseased, or structurally unsound are identified and scheduled for removal.

On average, Liberty's vegetation management department removes or prunes about 15,000 trees each year on approximately 300 acres. Liberty chips branches and removes wood where feasible to assist with fuel reduction efforts, and local facilities and agencies help to process and repurpose the biomass that results from this vegetation management work into wood chips or firewood. This work is an important part of Liberty's wildfire mitigation plan, sustainable vegetation management practices, and provision of safe and reliable electric service to customers and communities.

Liberty employs International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborists to manage its vegetation program. ISA-

certified arborists must demonstrate a high level of knowledge and experience to gain certification and are required to maintain certification by continuing their education in the science and best practices of proper tree care.



Liberty's vegetation management program is active year-round to maintain power line clearance and consists of a variety of tasks. The vegetation management department plans and schedules areas for vegetation treatment, manages contract crews, upholds quality control of vegetation treatments, acts as environmental stewards, maintains and contributes to customer relations, and works with agencies such as the United States Forest Service, local fire protection agencies, and the California Tahoe Conservancy. The vegetation management department is also dispatched to assist or manage crews in removing downed trees and debris during high wind or storm events, helping to clear the way for linemen to make repairs.

Liberty works with large agency landowners such as the United States Forest Service and the California Tahoe Conservancy to implement vegetation projects that help promote sustainable ecosystems in the powerline corridors, foster healthy forests adjacent to power lines, and help reduce potential fuels on the landscape. These collaborations often result in increased efficiency and more treatments completed than would otherwise have been possible by a single agency.

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