



Fire prevention and safety is one of the Tahoe Community Foundation's top priorities. In 2018, the Community Foundation created its Tahoe Fire Safe Initiative to fund fire prevention strategies in the Tahoe Basin, focusing on people and property.

*Since its inception, the Tahoe Fire Safe Initiative has:*



#### **Strategy and Community Preparedness**

- **Fire Break Map** – Funded a fire break map that will be used to create shaded fire breaks, a halo of fire safety, around all Tahoe-Nevada communities.
- **Pre-Attack Maps** – Worked with the Tahoe Douglas Fire Prevention District and North Lake Tahoe Fire Prevention District to fund the creation of pre-attack fire maps, helping first responders strategically plan for wildfires in the Tahoe Basin. These maps were first used during the 2021 Caldor Fire.



#### **Innovation and Technology**

- **Fire Aside Software** – Provided funding to the Tahoe-Nevada fire districts for Fire Aside software to improve community fire preparedness by streamlining the process of defensible space inspections and community chipping events. This funding, in conjunction with support from Tahoe Fund, ensures that all fire districts around Lake Tahoe have access to Fire Aside software.
- **Equipment purchases** – Purchased vital equipment for local fire districts to protect Tahoe communities from the treats of wildfire.
- **AlertTahoe Cameras** – Funded the installation of two AlertTahoe cameras in the Tahoe Basin. To date, more than 100 fires in the Tahoe Basin have been stopped due to the AlertTahoe cameras, a system of networked cameras designed to protect the entire Tahoe region from catastrophic wildfires, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.
- **AlertTahoe Maintenance Endowment Fund** – Established an endowment at the Community Foundation to ensure the availability of resources for maintaining and fixing Tahoe fire cameras in perpetuity.



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### **Advocacy and Sustainability**

- **Nevada Insurance Survey** – Developed and distributed an insurance survey to collect data to demonstrate the need for fire insurance reform in Tahoe-Nevada to combat the dramatic insurance premium increases and cancellations of coverage.
- **Tahoe Fire Safe Fund** – Established the Tahoe Fire Safe Fund, a fund dedicated to supporting fire prevention projects that are critical to the safety of Lake Tahoe's communities-protecting people and property.



### **Education and Awareness**

- **Outreach Events** – Funded resources and outreach events through Fire Adapted Communities and FireWise Communities, National Wildfire Coordinating programs which focus on informing the community about wildfire and providing strategies on how to protect their homes and properties, preparing citizens to collaboratively plan in order to safely coexist with wildland fire.
- **Translated Preparedness Guides** – Provided funding for publications and translations for Tahoe Living with Fire, which provides tools for homeowners, community members, educators, and fire professionals with recommendations and resources on preparing for wildfire.
- **Tahoe-Nevada Community Fire Forum** – Hosted a Community Fire Forum featuring Tahoe-Nevada Fire Chiefs and insurance experts to educate the community about wildfire and fire insurance concerns in Tahoe-Nevada.
- **Insurance Commissioner Meeting** – Hosted a townhall event featuring the Nevada State Insurance Commissioner who spoke on the issues impacting Tahoe-Nevada and answered questions from community members.



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