

PROTECT TAHOE:

A BETTER PATH FOR FOREST REGENERATION



WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR

Protect Tahoe supports healthy forests, wildfire resilience, and successful reforestation.

We oppose the use of toxic synthetic herbicides as a tool for forest regeneration and believe the Tahoe region, with the Lake Tahoe Basin as its heart and hub, can become a national model for healthier alternatives.



THE ROLE OF TRPA

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) has unique authority within the Lake Tahoe Basin. Because TRPA's authority was established through a Congressional interstate compact, its Code of Ordinances carries the force of federal law throughout the Basin and applies to federal, state, and local agencies operating there.

Currently, TRPA ordinances discourage the use of synthetic herbicides and require certain best management practices, but they do not explicitly prohibit their use. As a result, herbicide spraying projects may proceed without a Basin-wide prohibition.

WE ARE ASKING TRPA TO:

- ✓ Fully evaluate the impacts of synthetic herbicide use in the Tahoe Basin.
- ✓ Update its Code of Ordinances to explicitly prohibit the use of synthetic herbicides within the Basin.
- ✓ Align Tahoe policy with its mission to protect water quality, ecosystem health, and environmental integrity.

A BIOREGIONAL SOLUTION

We want the U.S. Forest Service, TRPA, local governments, tribes, scientists, land managers, and community stakeholders to work together to create a new model of healthy forest and fire recovery.

From Tahoe to El Dorado, Plumas, Lassen, and beyond, we can restore forests without relying on synthetic poisons.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1 STAY INFORMED

Visit ProtectTahoe.com for updates, strategy meetings, and action alerts.



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2 ATTEND MONTHLY TRPA BOARD MEETINGS

Stateline, Nevada

Attend in-person or online and provide public comment.

3 CALL DECISION MAKERS

TRPA
(775) 588-4547

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
(530) 543-2600

El Dorado National Forest
(530) 622-5061

Lassen National Forest
(530) 257-2151

Plumas National Forest
(530) 283-2050



SAMPLE MESSAGE

"Lake Tahoe deserves healthy forests without synthetic herbicides. I urge TRPA to update its Code of Ordinances to explicitly prohibit synthetic herbicides in the Tahoe Basin and urge the U.S. Forest Service to pursue healthier forest regeneration methods instead."

HEALTHY FORESTS. CLEAN WATER. NO POISON.