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Prescribed burns occurring at Tunnel Creek in Oct. and Nov.

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The Nevada Division of Forestry will be conducting prescribed burns at Tunnel Creek in the Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park backcountry during October and November, 2012, weather permitting.

The Tunnel Creek road, from State Route 28 to Tunnel Creek Station, may be closed in order to conduct the burns. Signs will be posted throughout the area when burns are being conducted. Nearly 75 acres will be treated in 12 separate treatment units.

The burns are part of ongoing fuels treatment and forest restoration efforts being conducted by the Nevada Tahoe Resource Team in the Lake Tahoe area. The goal of the project is to create a healthier forest and to make the area more resistant to catastrophic wildfire.

The Tunnel Creek burns are being conducted by the Nevada Division of Forestry in cooperation with the Division of State Parks, the Division of State Lands and the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District.

Weather patterns will be monitored for smoke management prior to and during burns. The timing of the burns depends on optimum weather conditions and steps will be made to minimize impacts to park visitors.

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The **Nevada Division of State Lands** coordinates the Nevada Tahoe Resource Team, a multiagency team responsible for implementing the environmental improvement program in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

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