

# NEVADA TAHOE RESOURCE TEAM

HIGHLIGHTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2024-2025

## Nevada's Commitment to the Lake

The Nevada Tahoe Resource Team (NTRT) is an interagency team coordinated by the Nevada Division of State Lands (NDSL) and dedicated to preserving and enhancing the natural environment in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The team consists of eight members: five from NDSL; one from the Nevada Division of Forestry; one from the Nevada Department of Wildlife; and one from the Nevada Division of State Parks.

The NTRT implements Nevada's share of the Environmental Improvement Program and coordinates a wide range of projects designed to improve water quality, restore natural watercourses, improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and provide recreational opportunities.

### Promoting Sustainable Recreation

The NTRT-Nevada Division of State Parks is completing the construction of 1.7 miles of natural surface, sustainable multi-use trail within Spooner Lake and Backcountry State Park. The goal of the project is to reduce user conflicts on the nearby Tunnel Creek Road. Due to the potential for bi-directional traffic from several user groups, the primary goal of the project is to create a trail designed for user safety and reducing user conflicts.



### Reducing Pollutants in the Lake

Design was completed on the NTRT partnership with Nevada Tahoe Conservation District to transform Kahle Drive, in Stateline, NV, into a "complete street" by improving stormwater drainage and treatment, upgrading an outdated water main and hydrants, and repairing wastewater infrastructure. This project will upgrade the existing stormwater collection infrastructure, which is inundated with groundwater year-round and unable to adequately capture and treat stormwater runoff.



### Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species

The NTRT awarded the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency \$52,000 through the Nevada Lake Tahoe License Plate grant program, to purchase a portable Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) cleaning machine for Sand Harbor State Park. This will allow users of non-motorized aquatic recreational equipment to properly Clean, Drain and Dry their equipment to prevent the spread of AIS into Lake Tahoe. The AIS cleaning machine was delivered in early May 2025 and is now operational.





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## Tahoe State Land Parcel Management

Through a combination of pile burning, mechanical and hand-thinning of vegetation, the NTRT-Nevada Division of State Lands reduced wildfire fuel loading on over 75 acres of State-Owned Urban Parcels. Vegetation management, fire prevention, forest restoration, soil stability, and water quality represent the primary focuses of land management on State-Owned Urban Parcels in the Lake Tahoe Basin.



## Improving Forest Health

The NTRT-Nevada Division of Forestry and crews continued work on the 110-acre North Canyon Road Shaded Fuel Break located in Spooner Lake and Backcountry State Park between Spooner Lake and Marlette Lake. This area has seen a portion of the aspen die-off and increased bark beetle activity in the fir trees in recent years. The goals of this project include reducing hazardous fuels, providing safe ingress/egress for firefighters, increasing safety for park visitors, and improving forest health and resiliency. Crews also began preparation work for completing another understory burn in Tunnel Creek in Fall 2025, further strengthening forest health and reducing wildfire hazard.



## Preserving Sensitive Ecosystems

The NTRT has contracted with a vendor to design plans in preparation for a thorough hydrological and biological restoration of Spooner Meadow, in partnership with the NDSP and the Washoe Tribe. Post-Comstock Spooner Meadow was highly modified leaving behind a series of irrigation ditches and ranching improvements. This project ultimately seeks to restore meadow health and historical hydrological patterns, while taking into consideration future recreational infrastructure and usage. Design and permitting began in May 2025 and construction is planned for 2026.



## Protecting Native Wildlife Species

In support of multiple agency projects, the NTRT-Nevada Department of Wildlife surveyed more than 1,500 acres for sensitive bird species on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe. Improved forest health and reduced wildfire risk from NTRT and Nevada Division of Forestry projects will provide long-term benefits to wildlife species through habitat preservation. This data collection will ensure that our most sensitive wildlife species are protected and managed appropriately during various land management projects at Lake Tahoe.