



MEMORANDUM

March 12, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Dale Way, Interim Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the April 1, 2025 Meeting

1. Recruiting Update – The District plans to open up a recruitment for Firefighters Paramedics for a fall academy in the near future.
2. Federal Grant Update – After reaching a tactical pause on all grants due to the Federal uncertainties of funding being pulled or reallocated, The District has gotten the green light to proceed and to continue working under those funding sources which include the following:
 - a. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HGMP):
 - Jasper Project – Completion date May 2026
 - Long Valley – Completion date of May 2026
 - b. Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Grant
 - Mt. Rose Corridor – Completion date of December 2028
 - c. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grant
 - Community Fire Assistance Program – Completion date of August 2029

We are currently working on surveying four additional HGMP grants for fuel reduction that have been awarded. This includes Numbers, Joy Lake, Loyalton and Rock Farm.

In addition, we are also working on grant applications for HMGP from our five declared Fire Management Assistant Grants (FMAG's). Davis Fire, Gold Ranch Fire, Trail Fire, Sullivan Fire and the Callahan Ranch Fire. Each one of these grant proposals will be used for fuels reduction and/or fire rehabilitation with each grant asking for around \$1.2 million.

3. Fire Adapted Nevada Summit Update - The Summit was held on March 17th and 18th at the Joe Crowley Student Union on the UNR campus. The summit highlighted the following:
 - Deepening your understanding of fire, community engagement, and strategies to reduce wildfire risk
 - Connecting with peers and engaging with fire agencies at the local, county, state, and federal levels
 - Learning practical methods for turning knowledge into action and implementing change in your community
4. Green Waste and Open Burning Update – The Spring Green Waste Event is typically lighter than the Fall Event. With this in mind and along with the Districts limited available funding for the remainder of the fiscal year, the District will cancel green waste for the spring of 2025. The district plans to use that time to grind and burn backlogged materials from the previous two years the Nevada Division of Forestry East Washoe location, as well as the Lemmon Valley and Silver Lake sites.
5. Open Burning Update – Springtime open burning will be held throughout the month of April as weather permits. Residents must obtain a current burn permit through the District’s website https://www.washoecounty.gov/gis/burn_permit/burn-permit-form.php
6. Legislative Update