



MEMORANDUM

December 26, 2024

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Charles A. Moore, Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the January 7, 2025 Meeting

1. Capital Projects Update

a. Hidden Valley Station 37. Demolition is scheduled to commence after the New Year. The existing apparatus building should be razed in early January. Construction fencing has been installed.

b. Station 35. On your agenda are contractual items to finalize details for construction and funding.

c. Washoe Valley Consolidated Station.

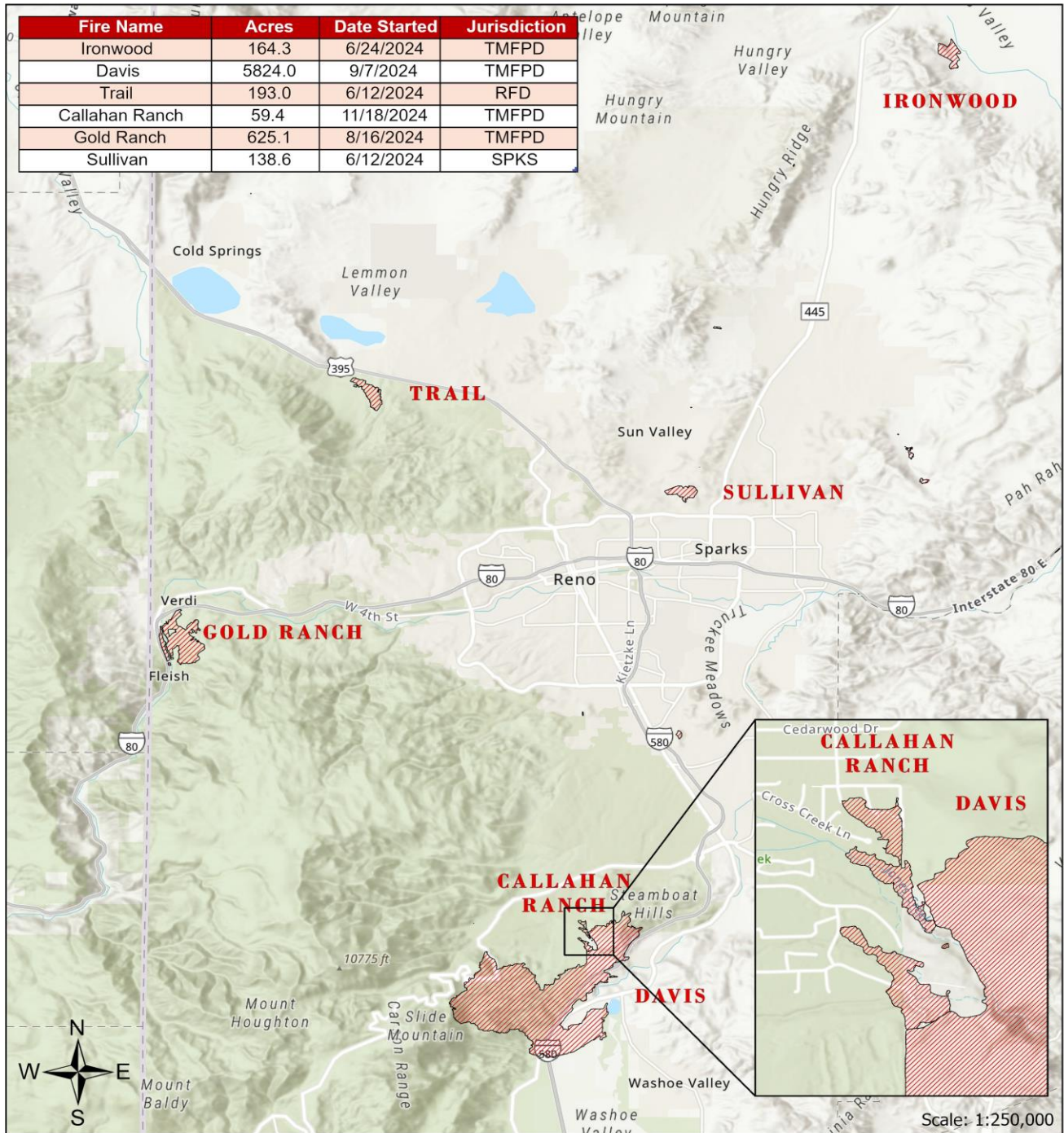
I have met with the Porter Group and requested a proposal to retain them. The Porter Group specializes in securing federal money for projects. It is a bipartisan federal government affairs and business consulting firm led by former U.S. Congressman Jon Porter. Its members have depth and versatility in policy, legislative/regulatory process, politics, and business. PORTER has access to an extensive network of bipartisan government and professional business relationships in Washington, D.C.

2. Spanish Language Outreach

To expand our public outreach and risk reduction education, we are continuing our communication outreach to the Spanish-speaking population through social media and the local Spanish-speaking media. Throughout November and December, we performed multiple media interviews with our Spanish-speaking media outlets on holiday fire prevention topics. One of our newest fire prevention inspectors is fluent in Spanish and communicates effectively in Spanish. We continue to build upon our Spanish-speaking social media platforms.

3. Wildland Season Overview

The wildland division produced the following map of the major wildland fires for 2024 and the burned acres, including wildland fires in the City of Sparks and Reno jurisdictions.



2024 TMFPD Wildland Fire Perimeters

Total Acres Burned In District = 7,004.3 ac.

Date: 12/16/2024

Author: Brett Taylor

Note: Includes fires also on NV-RNOX and NV-SPKX jurisdictions but managed by TMFR employees.

Spatial Reference Datum: WGS 1984

The year 2024 will long be remembered as one of the most significant wildfire seasons in our fire district's history. Multiple large-scale wildfires ignited across various jurisdictions, stretching resources and testing our community's resilience, firefighters, and partnerships with neighboring agencies. Despite the immense challenges, it was also a year that highlighted the strength of collaboration, the importance of preparation, and the hard work of front-line firefighters.

Challenging conditions, including erratic winds and dryness, caused wildfires to ignite and rapidly spread on multiple occasions. Our district faced several significant fires, each threatening lives, hundreds of homes, and critical infrastructure.

The most significant fire, the Davis Fire, had the potential to burn through hundreds of homes. The Fire Behavior Analyst (FBAN), supported by computer modeling, warned of severe fire behavior, and the NWS issued a rare PDS (Particularly Dangerous Situation).

The FBAN predicted possible fire spread through Arrowcreek and into Reno to the McCarran loop. On the day of that model, sustained 50 mph winds occurred. However, that prediction did not manifest because area firefighters diligently worked to strengthen containment lines.

Interagency cooperation was pivotal. Command structures and mutual aid agreements allowed us to deploy significant resources and personnel and maximize effectiveness. Firefighters from different jurisdictions worked side by side, demonstrating the power of interagency cooperation

4. Chief Comments

I will provide commentary on what we have accomplished in the last twelve years and my thoughts on the district's future.