



MEMORANDUM

March 25, 2024

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Charles A. Moore, Fire Chief

Re: **Chief's Report for April 2024**

1. Open Burning

Open burning will take place during the month of April. This is available to Washoe County citizens with an approved permit and acceptable weather conditions. There is a minimum lot size of 1 acre, and the lot location must be outside the boundary of Hydrographic Basin #87. When citizens apply for a burn permit, the software automatically checks for these conditions.

Before burning, citizens are asked to call the burn line each morning at 775.328.6000 option 3 or go to the website's homepage at TMFPD.us (or .com) for the daily burn status. Both the phone message and website are updated daily. This will be the only time for residential open burning until late fall.

2. Jasper Fuels Reduction Project. HMGP Grant Award.

TMFPD Wildland Crews have begun implementation of the Jasper HMGP Project. The funds to pay for this project are from a Fire Management Assistance Grant awarded by FEMA for the Jasper Fire that burned in 2019. The treatment will cover roughly 500 acres on the west side of Spanish Springs behind neighborhoods with a northern boundary of Spanish Springs High School. Additional areas of treatment are on the southwest side of Sun Valley near Sun Valley Regional Park.

Work to be completed includes but is not limited to removing brush along private property boundaries, removing all dead juniper trees and brush species, and thinning of living juniper and brush within the project boundaries. The Spanish Springs component is being completed first, and crews will move into the Sun Valley area when documentation and agreements are finalized for that location. A map of the project area and photos are included.

3. Green Waste Collection

Spring green waste collection will be held on April 13 and 14, one weekend only. Locations include the north and south ends of the District. The north location will be at the Lemmon Valley Station, 130 Nectar Street. The south location will be the Nevada Division of Forestry Fire Station, 885 Eastlake Blvd, Washoe Valley.

Washoe County residents are encouraged to dispose of their dry and dead vegetation, shrubs, tree branches, and other wildland fuels to encourage the creation of defensible space to protect homes and property from wildfires. We will resume green waste collection in the fall.

A map of where our green waste customers originated in 2023 can be found at the end of this report. I am encouraged that citizens from all over the region have used the program. Now, there is a boundary drop!

4. Curbside Chipping

Curbside chipping is back beginning May 14 through 20. Curbside Chipping is only intended for the **disabled, low-income, and the elderly**. This program assists residents who cannot travel to chipping locations like the Fire District's green waste collection locations. We will begin to take requests early this month. All chipping will occur on the homeowner's property and requires the presence and approval of the property owner.

5. Public Education Events

TMFR Crews visited seven (7) Washoe County Schools since the last BOFC Meeting. March was "Reading Week," and our firefighters read to our young students in the classroom.

The Fire Prevention Division also presented safety information at two federally operated Head Start programs.

This map illustrates the origin of our green waste customers in the 2023 collection.

