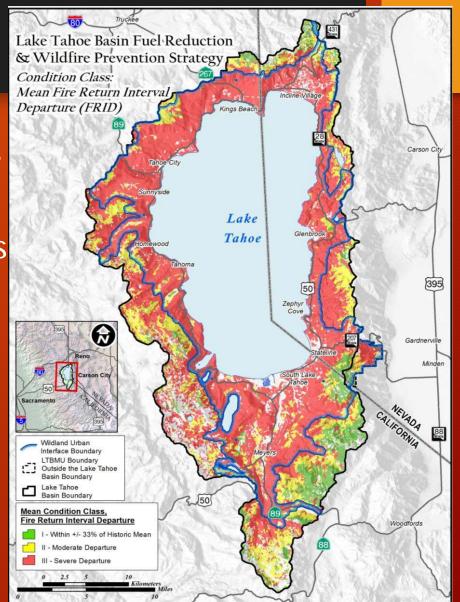
# IN JEFFERY PINE DOMINATED FORESTS BEFORE AND DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

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## Background

- 4 times as many trees as historic conditions
- Burns less than historic
- Severe departure from reference conditions
- Increased urbanization



#### Goals and Methods

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  - Improved Forest Heath
  - Less susceptible to mortality
  - Reduction of wildfire risk
- Methods
  - Hand thin and Pile
  - Pile and understory burn

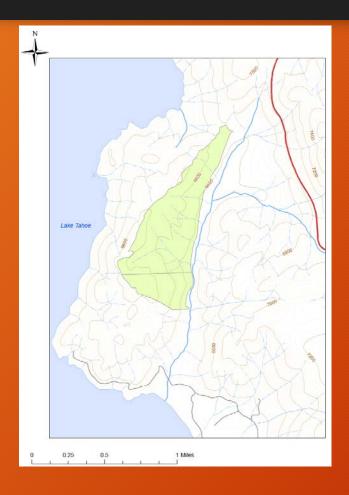


#### East Shore Burns 2010-2014

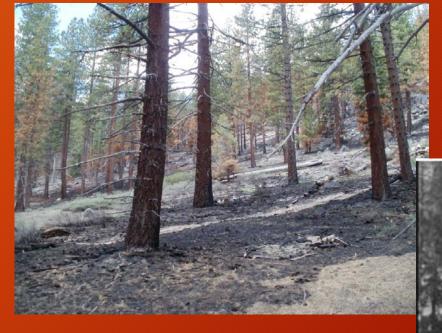
- Jeffrey Pine Dominated
- Even Aged (Comstock)
- Slaughterhouse 2010
- Montreal 2013
- Summit 2014
- Montreal Aspen 2014

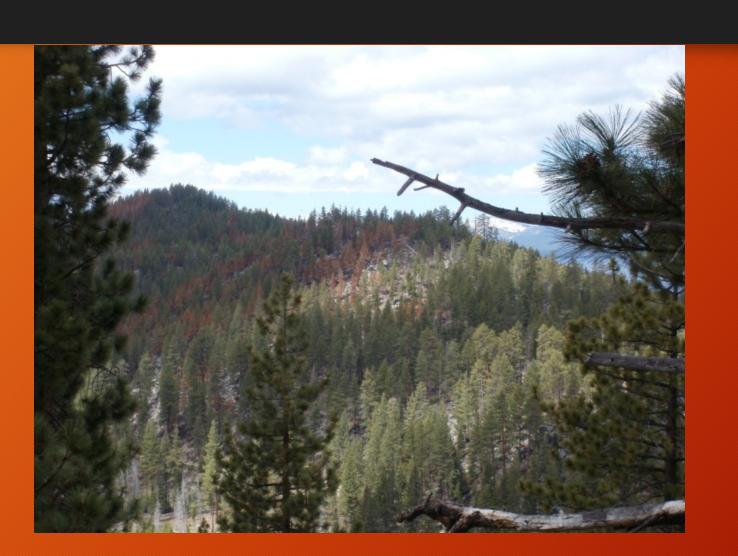


# Slaughterhouse Burn -245 acres April 18-19, 2010

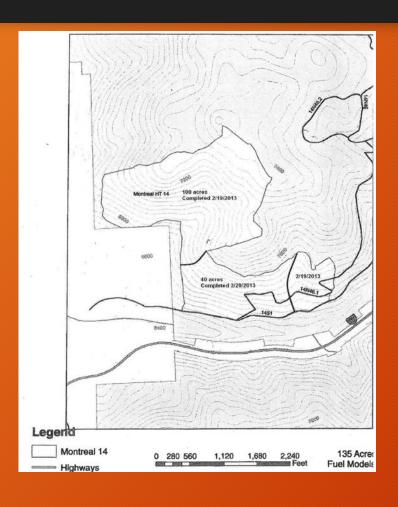


	Burn Plan	4/18/2010	4/19/2010
MFWS	<20	0-5	0-6
TEMP	<85	54-56	50-55
RH	>20	37-45	51-55





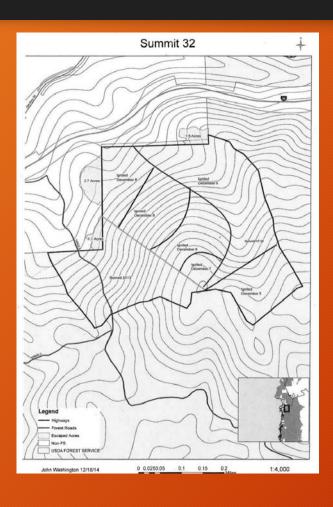
# Montreal- 135 acres February 19-20, 2013



	Burn Plan	2/19/2013	2/20/2013
MFWS	<20	5-10	5-10
TEMP	<85	29-33	30-37
RH	>20	66-77	70-76



# Summit- 219 acres December 5-11, 2014

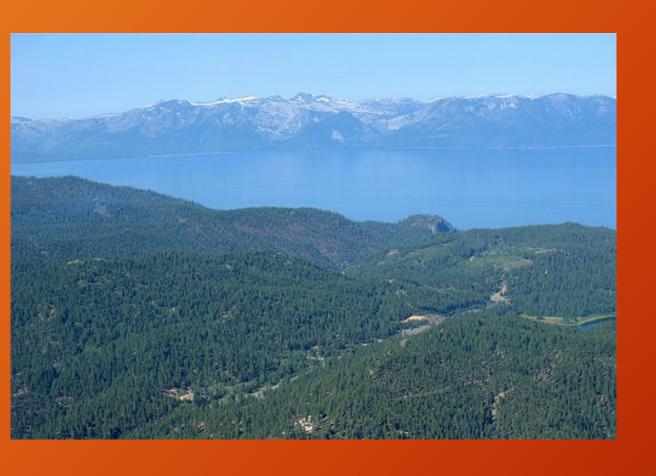


Burn Plan	12/5-9/2014	12/11/2014
<20	2-5	8-12
<85	37-48	35
>20	80	78
	<20 <85	<20 2-5 <85 37-48

#### Mitigations

- Higher RH
- Cooler Temps
- Higher Wind Speed
- After Precipitation
- Modified Ignition Pattern

## Summit- 2016 Photos



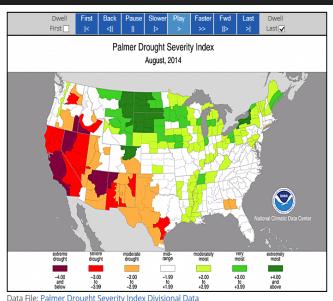


# Montreal Aspen- 30 acres December 5, 2014

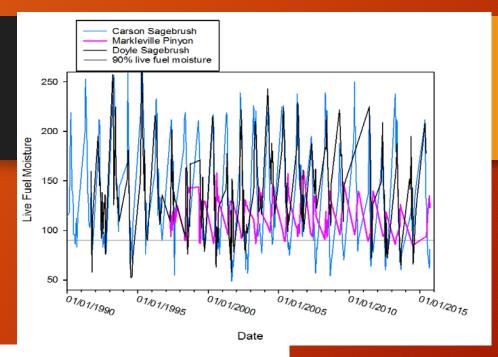
- Scorch 12 feet
- June 80% red needles
- Less mortality in Aspen areas

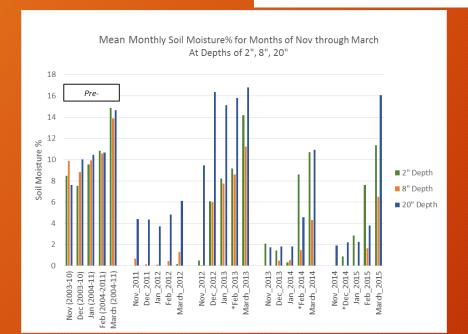


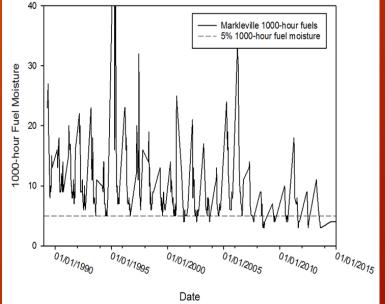
## Drought



Data File: Palmer Drought Severity Index Divisional Data







## Mortality

- Land Resource Management Plan
  - NEPA
  - Public Opinion
- Fuel Treatments / Wildland Fire
  - The Future ?
    - Drought
    - Climate Change
  - Additional Monitoring

### Questions??? Thanks - AMSET

