

# OES Wildfire Update

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## 2020 CAL FIRE Preparedness and Fire Season Update

Brian Estes – Unit Chief, NEU  
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# Fire Season Update – 2019 Fire Season

- 7,860 SRA wildland fires in 2019
- 258,823 acres were burned
- 732 Structures were destroyed
- 3 Fatalities directly related to fires
- Nevada County has 383,804 acres of SRA
- 259 Wildland Fires in NEU
- 100 SRA Wildland Fires in Nevada County
- All SRA fires in Nevada County were contained at 10 acres or less.



# Fire Season Update – 2020 Fuels and Weather



- May Snowpack in Sierra is at 59% of normal
- Late winter/spring rains
- Grass loading is higher than average
- Potential for increased lightning – dry in nature
- Low potential for monsoonal flows
- Abnormally dry pattern with predicted significant fire danger by July 1

# Fire Season Update – 2020 State level Preparedness



- CAL FIRE Peak Staffing in June
- Potential Budget impacts post COVID
- Fully funded Grass Valley Fuels Crew
- 2 CNG Crews through 2020
- 4 S-70 Blackhawks in service for fire season
- 23 Airtankers in service and C-130 program on track



# Fire Season Update – Fuel Reduction Efforts



- Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone
- 859 acres treated, 661 acres of private land completed, 198 acres County of Nevada being burned
- Protection of over 3000 residences
- At peak, over 70 personnel were assigned to Fuel Break
- CAL FIRE, CCC, NCFSC, Private Resources
- CAL FIRE has committed \$3.5 Million over 3 years. \$1 Million in year one. \$2.5 Million to be committed over the next two years.



# Fire Season Update – Eastside Nevada County Staffing

- Staffed a State Engine in Truckee through Winter of 2019
- Added benefit to Truckee/Tahoe Region – 88 MA to Truckee FPD
- 351 piles burned in Tahoe/Truckee Region
- Prescribed Fire efforts in Truckee Basin
- Added resource to I-80 corridor at upper end



# Fire Season Update – West Slope Nevada County



- Full Staffing at all Nevada County CAL FIRE Stations
- New Dozers at Station 20 and Station 60
- Washington Ridge Camp
- Upcoming WUI Drill in Nevada County
- Continued Collaboration with Nevada County OES and Law Enforcement



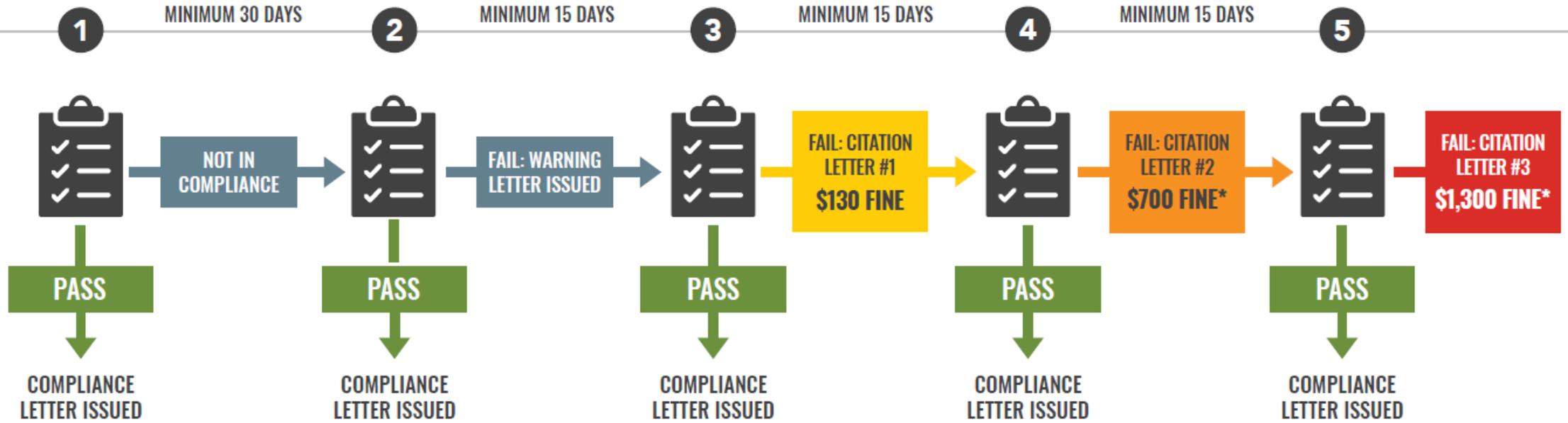
# Hazardous Vegetation Removal by Public Workers in Quarter 1





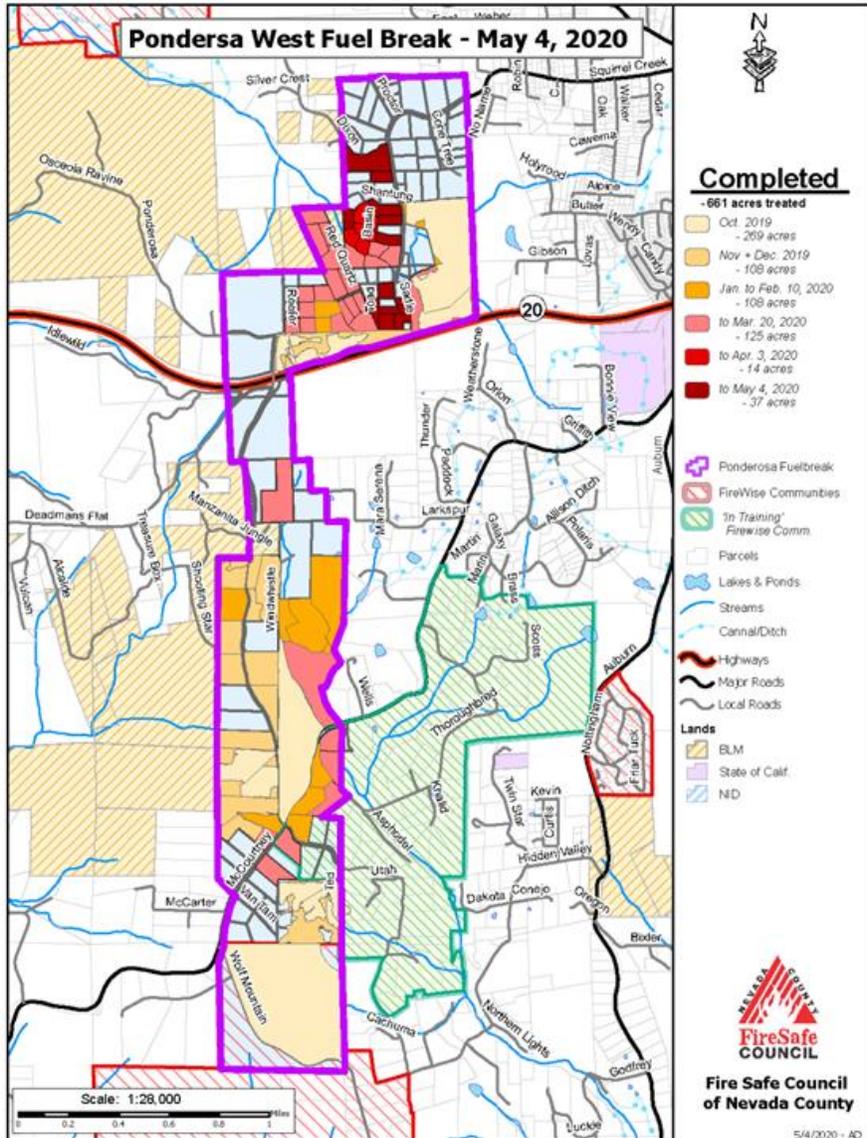
# DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM

## TIMELINE FOR PROCESSING INSPECTIONS



EDUCATION/VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

ENFORCEMENT \*Fines are cumulative.



# Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone

- Crews from CAL FIRE, Washington Ridge, private vendors, and the Fire Safe Council are currently conducting fuels reduction on the project
- Coronavirus has not impacted this essential fire mitigation work
- Over 54% of the project is complete

# FREE RESIDENTIAL GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL & FREE WOOD CHIP PICK UP

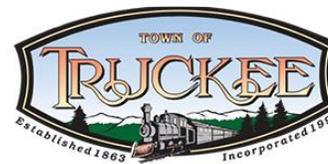
**MAY 17-JUNE 27 | 9AM-3PM**



# FREE RESIDENTIAL GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

Truckee Rodeo Grounds | 10695 Brockway Rd, Truckee, CA 96161

MAY 22 & MAY 29 | JUNE 19 & JUNE 26 | 8AM-2PM



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

# PREPARING FOR WILDFIRE IN WESTERN NEVADA COUNTY

**THURSDAY, MAY 21 | 12PM-2PM | YUBANET.COM**

*A live Zoom event presented by*



# READY, SET, GO!

## HANDBOOK

Your Guide to Wildfire Safety &  
Emergency Preparedness

County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services



More information at [ReadyNevadaCounty.org](https://www.ReadyNevadaCounty.org)

## 2020 Handbook Updates:

- ✓ Generator Safety
- ✓ 10 Tips for Finding Insurance
- ✓ A Message from the Town of Truckee and Truckee Fire Protection District
- ✓ More ways to dispose of green waste year-round
- ✓ Free Defensible Space Advisory Visits
- ✓ Request Assistance from an Emergency Preparedness Advisor
- ✓ Fire mitigation and forest improvement grants for private property owners offered by CAL FIRE & USDA

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# Nevada County Evacuation Plan

# Emergency Operations Plan Evacuation Annex



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