A Symposium on Forest Management Decision Support Tools: How can they inform decisions in the Tahoe basin?

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Forest management, particularly the reduction of forest fuel loads, remains a high priority throughout the Lake Tahoe basin. Numerous management and fire suppression agencies are engaged in complex and costly efforts to reduce fuel loads and wildfire risk while trying to avoid undesirable impacts to air quality, water quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and wildlife habitat. Decision support models and other tools are being developed to help inform the planning and evaluation of these forest management activities. This symposium will bring agency and science community representatives together to better understand how these tools can be used to inform management activities in the basin.

Symposium Objectives

The specific objectives of this symposium are to

- Understand inputs, outputs, and intended applications for the various forest management decision support tools being developed or refined for the Tahoe Basin.
- Examine how new datasets include remote sensing and meteorology can improve these tools.
- Identify opportunities for synergy and integration of research products.
- Identify further research needed to refine the tools and help managers address remaining management needs.

Who Should Attend?
Managers and staff of federal, state, and local agencies involved in forest management, forest researchers, and any interested members of the public.

On-Line Registration:
Please register at http://tahoescience.org/EventImage.aspx?sa=1&id=338 by **October 15, 2010**. Registration is free but required and limited to the first 150 people. For registration information contact Jill Falman at (775) 881-7566 or jcfalman@ucdavis.edu. For workshop content information, contact Zach Hymanson at 775-881-7561 or redfir@sbcglobal.net or Jonathan Long at (775) 881-7560 x 7482 or jwlong@fs.fed.us. A detailed agenda will follow.

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