



Tuolumne Fire Safe Council – Executive Director’s Project Report: February, 2026

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Active Projects:

Project	Update
Big Hill Maintenance (Usery, McGowan)	Project in close out process. Final closeout report must be approved prior to invoice submission requiring before/after photographs. Report submitted, awaiting approval. Final invoice will be submitted upon approval.
Summerville (Johnson)	Project in close out process. Final closeout report must be approved prior to invoice submission requiring before/after photographs. Report submitted, awaiting approval. Final invoice will be submitted upon approval.
Defensible Space (Fremd, McGowan, Lane)	Over 100 residences have been treated to date with work continuing in the Pheonix Lake area. Treatment in this area is nearly complete and project managers are planning for the next unit. In consultation with Project Managers and CalFIRE, upon completion of Pheonix Lake unit, will pause work to review lessons learned on potential implementation improvement.
Groveland/120 Area (Lane)	Smith Station completed 02/09/2026. Treatment area, as verified by CalFIRE on 2/11/2026 was approximately 34 acres total. Groveland Unit bird survey required for Caltrans encroachment permit. Bird survey completed 2/27. Treatment contractor (Alpine) mobilized and began work on unit 3/2/2026. The total project area is approximately 21 acres. Currently about half of the treatment area is completed. Treatment is anticipated to be completed by March 27, 2026. While there is significant time remaining on the grant, the funds will be substantially expended once treatment is concluded.
Dragoon Gulch (Lewicki/TBD)	Treatment contractor (Left Coast), completed mastication in January. Remaining hand work included approximately 16 acres as of February. Handwork has since been completed. Some piles



	<p>were burned by Left Coast and by Columbia College Fire Academy. Piles remain and Left Coast has responsibility for completing chipping or burning. Burning may need to be completed in fall, pending weather. Left Coast contract includes \$20,000 retention for uncompleted work, should the work not be completed, Council will retain that amount from payment for other options to complete burning.</p>
<p>Kewin Mill/Belleview (TBD)</p>	<p>CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been obtained. Next step is to complete RFP for treatment contractor and plan beginning of treatment work. Project manager TB.</p>
<p>Tuolumne Area (Johnson)</p>	<p>Executive Grant agreement in hand. Next step is CEQA, contract not issued for CEQA yet.</p>