



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

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Active Projects:

Project	Update
Big Hill Maintenance (Usery, McGowan)	<p>Project work was completed with 55 acres of mastication and 30.98 acres of handwork verified by CalFIRE on 2/12/2026. All consultant and Project Management time has been invoiced and sent to CalFIRE for payment.</p> <p>Project in close out process.</p>
Summerville (Johnson)	<p>CalVTP Herbicide treatment was completed in February. CalFIRE verified treated acres 2/12/2026 and all contractor work and PM work has been invoiced to CalFIRE for payment.</p>
Defensible Space (Fremd, McGowan, Lane)	<p>88 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.</p>
Groveland/120 Area (Lane)	<p>Smith Station unit had an LOP ending 2/15/2026. Contractor finished treatment, primarily mastication, on 02/09/2026. Treatment area, as verified by CalFIRE on 2/11/2026 was approximately 34 acres total. Originally planned for approximately 50 acres, the paved road through the middle of the treatment area and an additional exclusionary area found after the start of the project limited the acres treated.</p> <p>Contractor has demobilized until the beginning of March. Council is required to obtain a bird nesting survey as a condition of the Caltrans encroachment permit. PM Lane is working with Caltrans to ensure qualified individual completes survey. Contractor must start work within 14 days of completion of bird survey.</p>
Dragoon Gulch (Lewicki)	<p>Mastication began in November, and December rain slowed project advancement. 48 acres of mastication and 16 acres were completed in December. Remaining 16 acres and pile burning anticipated to be completed, per permit, in inclement weather.</p>



	February storms have limited work and pile burning but project is anticipated to be completed in March.
Kewin Mill/Belleview	Project start up activities completed, CEQA submitted to CalFIRE.
Tuolumne Area (Johnson)	Grant notification received, TFSC signed/accepted agreement. Awaiting signature from CalFIRE prior to any activities commencing. Communication from CalFIRE representatives on 02/17/2026 suggested executed grant agreement should be received in the mail within 2-3 weeks.