



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

Albert Alt, Executive Director

Active Projects:

Project	Update
Big Hill Maintenance (Usery, McGowan)	Closeout completed: Closeout requires written report/narrative along with before and after photos and financial reconciliation. Final payment has been issued on grant. Total award was \$414,141.00 and we spent \$399,363.06 on treatment (Remaining award: \$14,777.94)
Summerville (Johnson)	Closeout completed: Closeout requires written report/narrative along with before and after photos and financial reconciliation. Final payment has been issued on grant. Total award was \$396,539.00 and we spent \$379,232.27 on treatment (Remaining award: \$17,306.73)
Defensible Space (Fremd, McGowan, Lane)	<p>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.</p> <p>In consultation with Project Managers and Cal FIRE, upon completion of Pheonix Lake unit, will pause work to review lessons learned on potential implementation improvement.</p>
Groveland/120 Area (Lane)	<p>Smith Station treatment (Alpine) completed 02/09/2026. Treatment area, as verified by Cal FIRE on 2/11/2026 was approximately 34 acres total.</p> <p>Groveland Unit treatment completed 04/032026, total of 20.8 acres. Cal FIRE verified acreage 04/17/2026. Final treatment invoice from Alpine has been received and paid. Project does not have available area for additional treatment and will be closed out in coming months.</p>
Dragoon Gulch (Lewicki/TBD)	Treatment contractor (Left Coast) completed mastication in January. Handwork completed in March. Some piles were burned by Left Coast and by Columbia College Fire Academy in March.



	<p>Piles remain and Left Coast has responsibility for completing chipping or burning.</p> <p>Pile burning was in process the week of April 20, Monday through Wednesday and may be completed by Friday, April 24th.</p>
<p>Kewin Mills (TBD)</p>	<p>CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been obtained.</p> <p>Next step is to complete RFP for treatment contractor and plan beginning of treatment work.</p> <p>Project manager TB.</p>
<p>Tuolumne Area (Johnson)</p>	<p>Executed Grant agreement has been obtained.</p> <p>CEQA contract has been awarded to Westside with anticipated start late April through May for the environmental survey. Full completion of CEQA process is anticipated August of 2026.</p> <p>Budget amendment for salary and benefits of executive director is submitted and under review by Cal FIRE.</p>