

SLCWD Moves to Make Its Properties Fire Safe

The SLCWD owns a number of pieces of property in the Serene Lakes basin and recognizes the importance of forest health and fire safety.

The SLCWD Board has embarked on a project to make all its properties fire safe and will begin the project in the Spring of 2010. In May, Bob Belden of the Truckee Fire District will be invited to look at four properties the SLCWD owns and devise prescriptions. His focus will be on making the parcels fire safe. He will recommend limbing trees, depending on size, from six to ten feet from the ground, removal of slash or ladder fuels, and removal of some trees. The object will be to prevent any fires from starting on the ground and spreading by traveling up the trees and then from tree to tree. Trees to be removed will be marked so the public can see what is intended, with notice going to the community in the March SLPOA newsletter.

At the June SLCWD Board meeting the Board will decide on the course of action to be taken: how much will be done and by whom. Bids will be solicited with the hope that local contractors will participate. Work will be done in June-July following which the SLCWD work will serve as an example of other property owners in the basin.