



# Nevada Shared Stewardship

## 2025 Accomplishments Report

In 2025, Nevada’s Shared Stewardship partners made significant progress on wildfire resilience and landscape restoration across the state by expanding into new landscapes, securing critical funding, and advancing on-the-ground projects that protect communities, safeguard water resources, and restore wildlife habitat. By aligning priorities, coordinating investments, and focusing on the areas that need it most, partners are working together to reduce wildfire risk across Nevada.

### 2025 Accomplishments at a Glance



**170,753**  
Acres treated



**706**  
Treatments

Landscape	Acres	Landscape	Acres
Tahoe Basin	420	Black Rock-High Rock	14,887
Virgin-Muddy	2,201	Sierra Front	15,621
Carson-Walker	4,538	South Rubies-South Fork	16,003
Elko-Spring Creek-Lamoille	4,860	Basin & Range	17,842
Headwaters	8,178	Marys-Northeast Elko	20,190
Duck Creek-Schell Range	9,985	Spring Mountains-Pahrump	35,589
Paradise	13,164	Acres treated outside of landscape bounds	7,277

Treatment Type	Acres	Treatment Type	Acres
Critical Infrastructure	4	Prescribed Burning/ Broadcast Burning/Pile Burning	9,827
Biocontrol/Survey	44	Seeding/Planting	16,016
Herbicide	235	Targeted Grazing	27,003
Fuel Breaks/Green Stripping	411	Thinning/Pile Building/ Chipping/Biomass Removal	32,015
Mesic/Wet Meadow/ Riparian Restoration	1,509	Weed Control & Management/Invasive Species Eradication	83,668

### Partners



## State Funding Supports Better Together Initiative in 2025

Shared Stewardship partners worked with the Nevada Legislature and Governor Lombardo to secure \$6 million in state funds, leveraging more than \$100 million in federal investments across Nevada’s priority landscapes. Partners quickly established criteria for awarding funds, prioritizing landscapes that have not received significant funding through previous initiatives.

The investment made by landscape planning groups to develop five-year programs of work, identifying the highest priority projects, proved invaluable and helped set the program up for success by ensuring that a list of projects was established in advance of available funding. In a competitive, short-turnaround request for proposals, 23 applications were submitted, totaling \$10.6 million. An interagency review panel selected thirteen projects across eight landscapes, with the goal of treating approximately 71,500 acres by May of 2027.

Planning groups have also identified 142 unfunded projects totaling more than \$31 million. Leveraging local, state, federal and nongovernmental funding, along with gaining efficiencies through partnerships with industry and private landowners, will help address this unmet need and better protect Nevada from wildfire.



Prescribed burning at Galena Creek Regional Park. (Photo by NDF)

### Better Together Funding Awarded

Project Name	Lead Agency	Priority Landscape	Amount Awarded
O'Neill PPA Sagebrush Restoration	NDOW	Mary's-NE Elko	\$400,000.00
Northwest NV Sage Grouse Brood Rearing Habitat	BLM (AGFO)	Black Rock-High Rock	\$350,000.00
Mahogany Creek Corridor Enhancement	Summit Lake Paiute Tribe	Black Rock - High Rock	\$581,327.72
Cottonwood Peak Fire Restoration	NDOW	Headwaters & adjacent	\$910,692.60
Northwest NV Large-Scale Rangeland Restoration	NDOW	Black Rock-High Rock	\$340,000.00
Mountain City Winter Annual Treatments	NDOW	Headwaters	\$700,000.00
Indian Valley & Cloverdale Summit Habitat Improvement	NDOW	Basin & Range	\$200,000.00
Horse Springs Complex Restoration	USFS	Spring Mountains - Pahrump	\$ 75,000.00
Queen Springs Habitat Restoration	NDOW	Duck Creek-Schell Range	\$336,395.00
Monitor Valley Habitat Restoration	NDOW	Basin & Range	\$500,000.00
Incline Village GID Fuels Reduction	NLTFPD	Tahoe Basin (Outside NOFO)	\$562,200.08
Duck and Cave Creeks Protection & Restoration	NDOW	Duck Creek-Schell Range	\$456,687.00
Muddy River WUI Hazardous Fuels Reduction	BLM	Virgin Muddy	\$587,697.60
<b>Total Awarded</b>			<b>\$6,000,000.00</b>

## Disaster Relief Funding Supports Work on Non-Federal Lands

The U. S. Forest Service (USFS) provided the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) with \$25.56 million to expand treatments in the Sierra Front and Elko priority landscapes onto state, private and tribal land to improve community wildfire protection. This work includes fuels treatments on nearly 13,500 acres across 14 priority project areas, including the Mount Rose Corridor, Genoa Foothills, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Virginia City Highlands, Zephyr Cove, and the Elko Front.

Efforts will expand community defensible space and existing fuels treatments, improve watershed protection, enhance landscape-scale habitat connectivity, and support wildland fire response. Funding will also support Fire Adapted Nevada in developing or updating Community Wildfire Protection Plans for 62 communities across the Sierra Front (38) and Elko Front (24) landscapes to identify wildfire risks and mitigation needs.

## Black Rock-High Rock, Virgin Muddy Priority Landscapes Activated

In 2020, the Nevada Shared Stewardship Executive Committee designated 13 priority landscapes based on analysis of shared values, wildfire risk, collaborative opportunities, and “shovel-ready” work.

In 2025, Shared Stewardship partners activated two new priority landscape planning groups: Virgin-Muddy and Black Rock-High Rock. Shared Stewardship leads are

engaging partners to collaboratively prioritize projects and leverage funding to increase the pace and scale of restoration efforts. In total, there are 10 active landscape planning groups, with the remaining three anticipated to launch in 2026.

### Virgin Muddy Priority Landscape

Invasive species increase wildfire risk and threaten wildlife habitat in the river corridors of this Southern Nevada priority landscape. Restoration efforts will protect wildlife habitat and the value it provides to surrounding communities that rely on outdoor recreation, including hunting, birding, fishing, off-highway vehicle use, and mountain biking. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is helping lead activation of the Virgin-Muddy landscape planning group.



Shared Stewardship efforts included 105 acres of tamarisk mastication along the Virgin River to reduce wildfire risk to the community of Mesquite. The next phase of treatment will include herbicide application to reduce noxious weed growth, followed by restoration to reintroduce native plant species. Tamarisk (saltcedar) is an invasive species that absorbs vast amounts of water, ruining wildlife habitat and increasing the risk of wildfire.

### Black Rock-High Rock Priority Landscape

This remote Northern Nevada landscape contains the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge and Nevada’s portion of one of the best, largest and most intact sagebrush landscapes in the Great Basin. It supports game species such as antelope, mule deer and sage grouse. Targeted treatments such as invasive species eradication and revegetation will help protect family ranching, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation from wildfire and other threats. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is leading activation of the Black Rock-High Rock landscape planning group.



During its June 2025 field tour, the Black Rock-High Rock landscape planning group checks out a project area on Sheldon NWR sprayed with aerial application of Imazapic, an herbicide, in the previous year. Good suppression of cheatgrass was observed. Cheatgrass is an invasive species that degrades wildlife habitat and livestock forage and drastically increases the frequency of wildfires. (Photo Credit: L Enders USFWS)

## Basin & Range Priority Landscape

### Morey Bench Fuels Treatment and Restoration Project, Nye County, Nevada

The Morey Bench project focused on improving the health and resilience of sagebrush and sagebrush steppe ecosystems by reducing encroachment from Utah juniper and single leaf pinyon pine within important greater sage grouse and mule deer habitats. Through a Shared Stewardship partnership, the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and the BLM worked together to enhance habitat quality and lower wildfire risk across approximately 3,500 acres.

Work included manual removal of encroaching trees, completed in 2025, followed by native seeding in 2026 to restore desirable plant communities. BLM contributed funding and seed, while NDOW led implementation and conducted pinyon jay surveys to inform conservation strategies. Both agencies collaborated closely throughout planning and implementation, demonstrating a strong commitment to restoring Nevada's sagebrush landscapes.



The Bureau of Land Management and Nevada Department of Wildlife teamed up to reduce wildfire risk and protect habitat for mule deer and sage grouse at Morey Bench in Nye County. The agencies removed trees through "lop and scatter" and then reseeded with native plant species.



**17,842**  
**Acres Treated on  
the Basin & Range  
Priority Landscape**

## Sierra Front Priority Landscape

### Galena Creek Regional Park Forest Health and Fuels Reduction, Reno, Nevada

Under a Good Neighbor Agreement with the USFS, NDF is using its workforce, conservation camp crews, and local industry to decrease wildfire risk and restore forest health at Galena Creek Regional Park. The park borders communities on the outskirts of Reno as well as lands managed by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

In 2025, Eureka Mill Company of Mound House completed more than 169 acres of mechanical and hand thinning, mastication, and pile building in the project's first phase. In fall 2026, NDF will resume contour felling of burned trees to stabilize slopes along the eastern perimeter of the Davis Fire adjacent to Mt. Rose Highway.

To date, this project has supplied 185,500 board feet of timber to Tahoe Forest Products sawmill, a new forest products processing facility located on Washoe tribal land near Carson City, Nevada. In addition to substantial private investment, the mill has received support from the USFS Wood Innovations grants program.

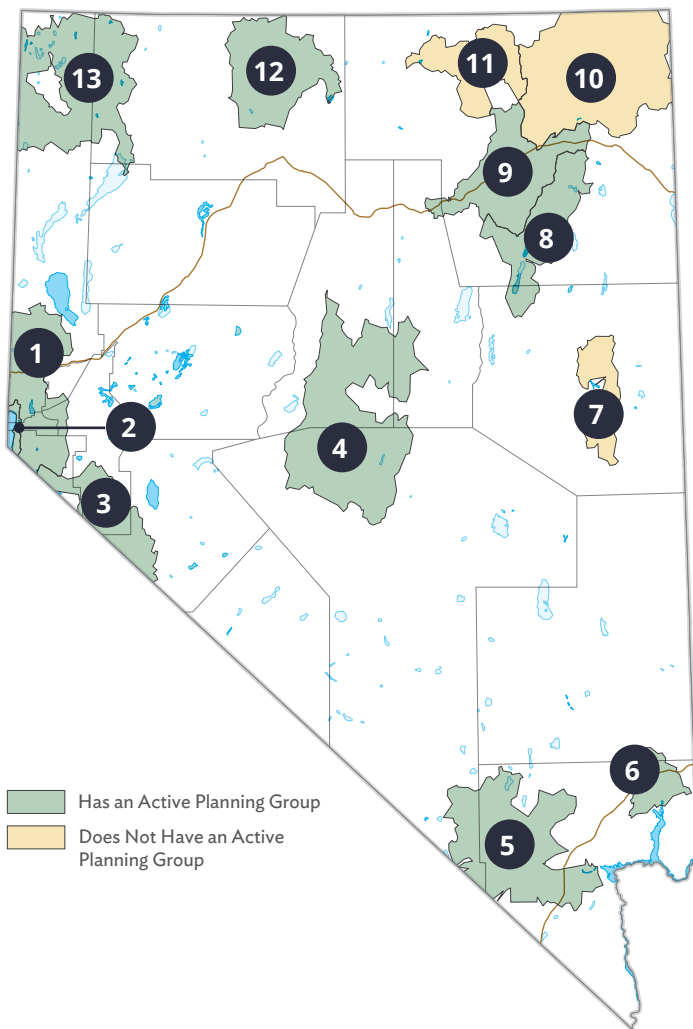


Jim Kelley, owner of Eureka Mill Company, Mound House, Nevada, explains his company's role in the Galena Creek Regional Park project. Industry, both contractors and forest products/biomass processing, are essential partners in wildfire risk reduction efforts along the Sierra Front.

## Additional 2025 Highlights

Shared Stewardship partners adopted a spatial Work Planning Tool in 2025 to streamline the mapping, storage, tracking, and reporting of ongoing and completed work. Projects administered by landscape groups outside the boundaries are also tracked.

Partners also facilitated educational opportunities through presentations, webinars, and agency-led programs. A highlight was the “Threat-Based Tools for Strategic Sagebrush Landscape Planning” panel discussion on conservation strategies to assist in treatment planning. Over 150 land managers attended these presentations.



### Priority Landscapes

- 1 Sierra Front
- 2 Tahoe Basin, NV
- 3 Carson - Walker
- 4 Basin & Range
- 5 Spring Mountains - Pahrump
- 6 Virgin - Muddy
- 7 Duck Creek - Schell Range
- 8 South Rubies - South Fork
- 9 Elko - Spring Creek - Lamoille
- 10 Marys - Northeast Elko
- 11 Headwaters
- 12 Paradise
- 13 Black Rock - High Rock

## About Nevada Shared Stewardship

Under the Nevada Shared Stewardship Agreement, federal and state agencies work together with local partners to protect and enhance communities, livelihoods, and ecosystem health by increasing the pace and scale of restoration work, maintaining past treatments so they remain effective, and sharing resources to achieve collaborative ecosystem restoration and wildfire risk reduction throughout Nevada. Agencies collaborate to determine management needs and priorities across the state, while using all available tools and resources for active management, in order to do the right work, in the right places, at the right scale.



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