



# Nevada Shared Stewardship

## 2024 Annual Report

The Nevada Shared Stewardship Agreement commits federal and state agencies to protecting communities, livelihoods, and ecosystem health by:

- Increasing the pace and scale of restoration work in priority landscapes.
- Maintaining past treatments so they remain effective.
- Employing state, federal, and other partners to achieve collaborative ecosystem restoration and wildfire risk reduction throughout the state.

Agencies will collaboratively:

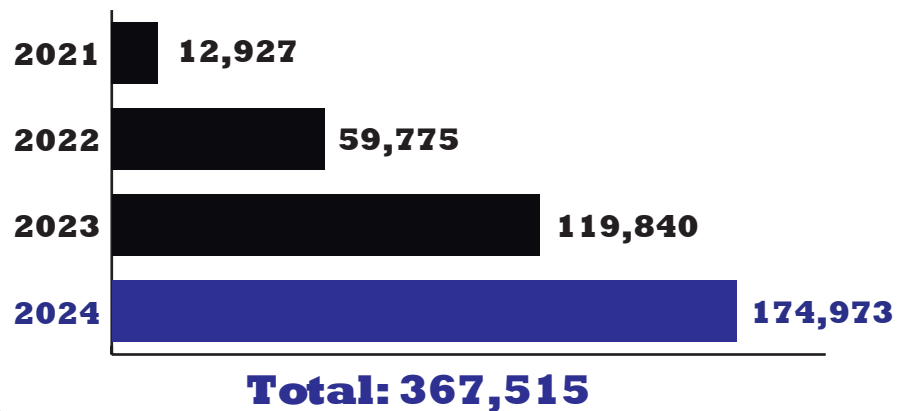
- Determine management needs and priorities statewide.
- Do the right work in the right places, at the right scale.
- Use all available tools and resources for active management.



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**Treatments  
in 2024**

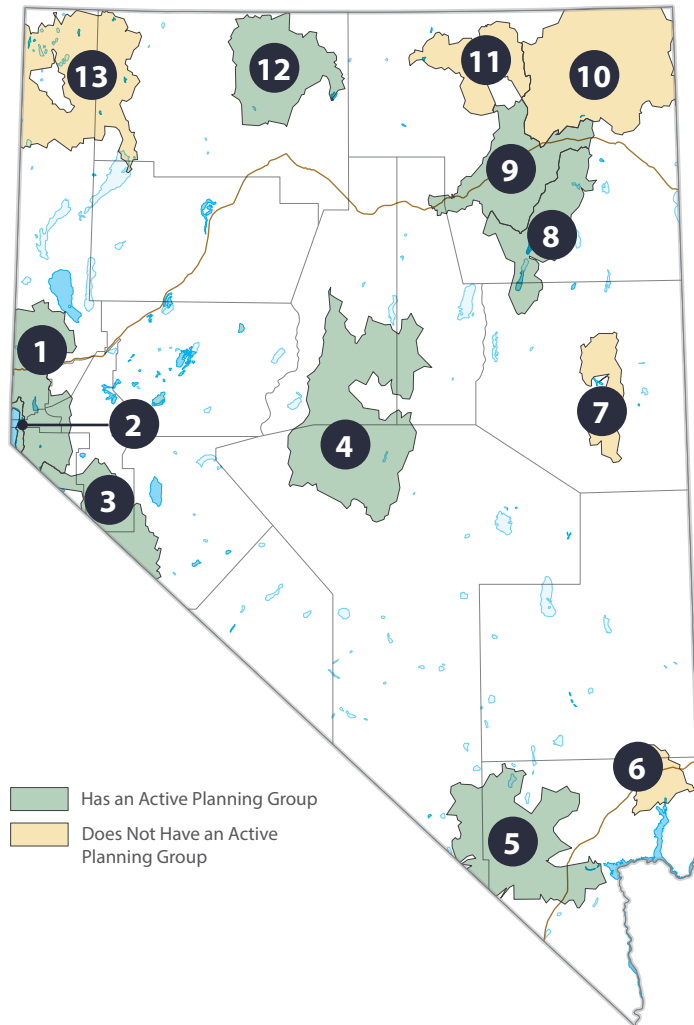
### Acres Treated Since 2021



### Partners



# 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

## Treatments by Landscape, 2024

| Landscape                 | Treatments | Acres  | Landscape                      | Treatments | Acres          |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Sierra Front              | 72         | 9,762  | South Rubies - South Fork      | 21         | 26,932         |
| Tahoe Basin, NV           | 27         | 879    | Elko - Spring Creek - Lamoille | 59         | 4,811          |
| Carson - Walker           | 5          | 1,316  | Marys - Northeast Elko         | 4          | 11,431         |
| Basin & Range             | 18         | 38,319 | Headwaters                     | 3          | 387            |
| Spring Mtns - Pahrump     | 60         | 18,732 | Paradise                       | 36         | 43,011         |
| Virgin - Muddy            | 14         | 1,434  | Black Rock - High Rock         | 8          | 9,431          |
| Duck Creek - Schell Range | 44         | 8,528  | <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>371</b> | <b>174,973</b> |

## Milestones in 2024

The Shared Stewardship partnership achieved major milestones in 2024, including establishing a Tahoe Basin Landscape Planning Group and renewing the Shared Stewardship Agreement for another five years.

The partnership continued work on priority landscapes, developing or maintaining five-year work plans for eight of the thirteen designated landscapes.

Multi-agency planning groups, composed of agency staff and other stakeholders, treated about 174,973 acres across more than 371 high-risk areas—an increase of nearly 32% from the previous year. This continues the steady growth in treated acreage since 2021.

Landscape planning groups carried out projects that restore natural ecosystems and habitats, reduce the risk of severe wildfires, and protect critical infrastructure such as homes, public buildings, utilities, roads, and watersheds. Shared Stewardship partners also established the Science Subcommittee and hosted two webinars and one field day to help agency staff

understand and apply the best available science. The subcommittee supports the expansion of outreach and education efforts.

Partner agencies highlighted successes and the need for state funding for priority work in front of the Legislature's Joint Interim Committee on Natural Resources, resulting in a recommendation to the Governor to provide funding in the executive budget. A \$6 million allocation now awaits legislative approval.



*Prescribed burn at Williams Creek.  
Photo courtesy of Bureau of Land Management*

## Applied Treatments Acreages, 2021-2024

| Treatment type   | 2021   | 2022   | 2023    | 2024    |
|--|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Prescribed Burning/Broadcast Burning/Pile Burning        | 409    | 120    | 333     | 28,884  |
| Fuel Breaks/Green Stripping/Biomass Removal              | 647    | 7,583  | 25,708  | 16,405  |
| Seeding/Planting   | 15     | 19,666 | 1,202   | 32,749  |
| Targeted Grazing   | 0      | 8,205  | 9,264   | 7,895   |
| Thinning/Pile Building/Chipping                          | 1,285  | 6,926  | 23,538  | 36,963  |
| Weed Control and Management/Invasive Species Eradication | 10,569 | 17,015 | 58,949  | 51,317  |
| Brush Management   | 0      | 0      | 528     | 1       |
| Critical Infrastructure                                  | 0      | 253    | 250     | 1       |
| Compacting/Crushing of Fuels                             | 0      | 0      | 0       | 756     |
| Riparian Restoration                                     | 2      | 7      | 7       | 2.5     |
| <b>Total</b>   | 12,927 | 59,775 | 119,840 | 174,973 |

# Shared Stewardship in Nevada

Nevada has a long history of partnerships that address wildland fires, landscape restoration, and the wildland urban interface. In 2019, the State of Nevada and federal agencies signed the initial Shared Stewardship Agreement to guide collaborative work for a five-year period ending in 2024. In November 2024, Governor Joe Lombardo and federal partners renewed the agreement for an additional five years. The updated agreement recognizes progress to date, setting forth goals along three major themes: 1) wildfire risk reduction, 2) science and data-driven planning and collaboration, and 3) conservation, funding, and sustainable stewardship.

## Wildfire Risk Reduction and Landscape Resilience

- Increase treated acres for wildfire risk mitigation and ecosystem restoration by 50% by 2029.
- Evaluate high human-caused wildfire occurrence areas and develop mitigation, prevention, and fuels management strategies.

## Science and Data-Driven Planning and Collaboration

- Use science and data to reassess priority landscapes and designate new areas for treatment.
- Identify additional outcome-based metrics to track shared stewardship's success.
- Establish and maintain landscape planning groups and five-year programs of work for all priority landscapes.
- Update or create Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) for all at-risk communities by 2029.
- Update the Nevada Cohesive Strategy/Shared Stewardship Strategic Plan by 2027 using designated collaborative groups (Nevada Shared Stewardship, Fire Adapted Nevada, and Nevada Fire Board) and produce annual accomplishment reports.
- Develop and implement a strategy to institutionalize shared stewardship as the working model for agency collaboration.
- Continue phased development of priority landscape planning groups.

## Conservation, Funding, and Sustainable Stewardship

- Explore Threat-Based Strategic Conservation approaches to protect, grow, and connect core habitats.
- Research collaborative funding models and identify funding sources that could support development and operation of shared stewardship projects in Nevada.



*Governor Lombardo poses with Smokey Bear, Shared Stewardship partners. Photo courtesy of Nevada Division of Forestry.*



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