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## Kudos & Kindness: Thanks for the help

BOB MCDOWELL,

I would like to give a double kudos to the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District. First, on Aug. 9, they hosted a public meeting on the site of their recent fuels reduction and forest health project near the Kingsbury Middle School. Experts in forest ecology, wildland fire behavior and soils spoke about forest stand structure, tree density and how different fire intensities affect natural and man-modified forests and forest soil. It was very enlightening to hear experts in forestry, soils and wildfire behavior explain why forests need management and what can be done to create a more natural functioning ecosystem to protect the environment (and human life and property) from the ravages of wildfire. Thanks also for the great barbecue they provided.

The second kudos was earned on Aug. 15 around 3 p.m., when a fire occurred in my neighborhood. Neighbors called 911 and tried to dampen the fire until the fire engines arrived and arrive they did. In force with several fire engines, and a district fuels-fire crew, as well as a USFS engine. All were on the scene in minutes. I don't know what started the fire, but I am thankful for the quick response of our fire department and the USFS, and that it was not a windy day. Thank you and kudos to our local fire district, and the U.S. Forest Service, for taking preventive actions like the fuels reduction work they do and for being so responsive when a fire does break out.

-- Bob McDowell

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