



### ***Lake Tahoe - People and Nature***

***Human societies and natural systems shape each other.  
From the growth of individual organisms to changing global  
systems like economies and climates, flexibility at one scale  
often supports stability at other scales.***

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**Lake Tahoe - Forests and Fuel**

**Forests and forest fires evolved together, supporting different kinds of plant and animal communities speckled across mountain landscapes. Suppression of fire and accumulation of fuels can lead to massive and destructive burns.**

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### **Lake Tahoe - Fast and Slow Cycles**

**Low intensity fires burn scrub, fallen needles and dead wood, returning nutrients to the soil and reducing risk of catastrophic fire. Like avalanches and floods, fires are highly variable events that sustain diverse, resilient landscapes.**

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**Lake Tahoe - Density and Diversity**  
*Clear-cutting in the 1800's and fire suppression in the 20th century encouraged dense growth and a narrow range of species. Forests are now managed for diversity, increasing their resilience towards fires, droughts and pests.*

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### **Lake Tahoe - Mountain Gardens**

**Forest management is an ongoing task as ecosystems and societies change over time. Future forests, and society's relationships with them, are bound to be different than today's.**

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**Lake Tahoe - Stillness and Movement**  
*Relationships between life forms make up the intricate and beautiful scenery of mountain landscapes as growth and decay go on from season to season. Change is within stillness, moving through balance at every scale.*

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