



**TAHOE FOREST  
PRODUCTS**

October 24, 2023

Re: Grant Application for USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-CWSF

Dear Reviewer,

The Glenbrook, NV Homeowners Association (GHOA) has requested a letter from our Company in support of their 2023 CWDG application. Tahoe Forest Products enthusiastically endorses the projects outlined in the proposal and looks forward to collaborating with the community in the grant.

Tahoe Forest Products is a new Nevada based company dedicated to the sustainable sourcing and milling of logs from the Tahoe region. We support forest health by providing a convenient location for the disposition of timber products harvested and salvaged from fuels reduction work. In partnership with the Washoe Development Corporation, an affiliate of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada, we are completing the construction of the first large sawmill in the Sierra Nevada in over a century. We provide employment to tribal members and local residents and look forward to expanding our workforce in the coming years.

Critically, our mill will provide an outlet for logs (and potentially other biomass) from fuels reduction efforts in the greater Lake Tahoe region. Currently, there is no market for such materials, so the majority of fuels reduction work planned for the Tahoe basin has gone unperformed for several years. The community needs a facility like ours to improve forest health and we need logs from communities like Glenbrook in order to remain a viable business.

This grant is seeking \$1,700,300.00 in Federal share funding to conduct wildfire fuels mitigation necessary to ensure the safety of their community on the East Shore of Lake Tahoe. Our company has reviewed these projects and looks forward to partnering with Glenbrook on alternative methods for removing biomass from the site. Glenbrook's population is vulnerable to the air quality hazards that come with pile-burning forest waste. By the later years of this grant, our mill will be ready to test alternative methods for handling these materials. Glenbrook is the closest Lake Tahoe community to our new mill. We believe they represent the ideal location to collaborate on bringing new technologies to the Tahoe Basin.

Glenbrook's application accurately reflects both the costs and workforce capacity issues at Lake Tahoe. We look forward to adding one more effective measure to help Tahoe communities maintain their fuels reduction work. Federal assistance is appreciated to expedite the protection of the lake.

Thank you for your time and support in considering their request.

Sincerely,

Kevin Leary  
Chairman, Tahoe Forest Products