

Pre-Comstock and Contemporary Forest Conditions, Fuels, and Fire Behavior in the Lake Tahoe Basin, USA

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Pre-Comstock Conditions

Jeffrey pine forests, Lake Tahoe Basin

“Many of the sugar-pine trees about Lake Tahoe are five, six, and some eight feet in diameter; all are very tall and straight”

De Quille 1877



Prey Meadows 1873



