

Improvements Made to Red Rock Sanctuary Following Fire Damage

Over the past weeks, Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. has called meetings of the Sacred Oversee, staff, and Community members directly affected by the recent Bug Fire to discuss current problems caused by the fire and to make plans for development in the near and distant future. The group will meet bi-monthly to discuss progress and make plans for replacement of items lost in the fire as well as renovation and renewal of the Sanctuary itself.

The first phase the Sanctuary renewal project is the removal of debris.

Washoe County came out the week of October 8th and removed all the hazardous material, which allowed us to proceed with removal of other debris.

A private company was hired to remove the large tool and equipment shed (2600 sq.ft.) located near the Chapter House along with the tools, generator, and machinery there that were destroyed by the fire. (Below are photos of the cleared slab where the tool shed once stood.)

The next stage is the removal of the burnt remains of the Chapter House and the attached parsonage. The Church is still bidding out this project. In the meantime, Church work crews have disassembled the damaged fencing, green houses, and screen houses that once made up a green area and for a time provided fresh vegetables for the resident Community.

In addition, Nevada Environmental Consulting has completed their UAS Mapping Findings and Restoration Planning Recommendations for the reseeding and erosion abatement

project, which needs to be done this Fall before the snows come. Finally, the Nevada Division of Forestry will also be coming to the Sanctuary next week to begin their analysis for reseeding and erosion control.

In the meantime, improvements are also being made to the main gate. This is in relation to the Church's agreement with Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA). They will be paving the entrance this week.

Here are two photos showing the damage before the cleanup.



Below are some photos of the area as it looks now.



