Recent advances in both airborne and terrestrial LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) technologies allow imaging of Lake Tahoe landforms in a completely different light. In 2010, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and partners funded the first airborne LiDAR survey of the Tahoe basin, providing an amazing dataset to explore landforms.

This technology allows the user to strip away trees (or study the canopy) to reveal an amazing picture of unheralded clarity (sub-meter horizontal and 3.5 centimeter vertical resolution). Active faults, landslides and other landforms jump off the screen, enabling discoveries such as the landward extension of basin-forming faults (such as the West Tahoe and Incline Village faults). Paleo-landslides abound... Together with Sonar mapping in the lakes of the Tahoe Basin, the first true baseline of the basin is recorded.

You will be amazed!

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