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You people need to listen to the people who actually know about the importance of not disturbing the native soil. It is a living ecosystem . It is horrifying to see pictures of the horrible destruction you have caused to native vegetation communities. this is senseless. A healthy chaparral area is resistant to diseases and to fires. It is the invasive weeds that come up after you destroy the native vegetation that cause tinder box conditions. People cause wildfires not plants. You need to follow the rules CEQUA and commonsense. Trimming vegetation in places or thinning is not mastication. Look at areas that have suffered these horrible procedures before and you see fields of weeds that are highly flammable.

I agree completely with the Chaparral Institute's very well worded and supported comments. You need to pay attention to the many people who have tried to give you good input. (Many of the productive suggestions provided to the Board of Forestry on how they could improve the draft DPEIR were ignored, including those from the California Legislature's required review by the California Fire Science Consortium, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, fire scientists, and environmental groups.)

Do you not remember that you work for the citizens of California and supposedly are on our side and not against us??

Theresa Acerro, a lover of our native vegetation and habitats that does not want them to be destroyed by our very own government.