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Subject: Please correct DEIR!

The current Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed program fails to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). **It also fails to address the most effective ways to protect lives and property from wildfire.**

In the latest draft:

- Environmental impacts of clearance operations are dismissed without support
- Clearance of northern chaparral is justified by logical fallacies
- Research of several scientists continues to be misrepresented (despite corrections being submitted)
- Lack of transparency concerning public involvement and notification regarding clearance projects remains a significant issue

The document also reveals **a significant number of inconsistencies** as the document initially references current science to only qualify or ignore it later in order to support the Program's objectives. By using contradictory statements, undefined terms, and legally inadequate mitigation processes, the document is a testament in ambiguity. It appears to be a program in search of confirming data rather than one developed from examining the actual problem.



Here is the result of mechanical "mastication" where huge grinders have clearcut the native vegetation, ripped apart the ancient soil crust allowing the spread of weeds, and destroyed

valuable watershed. Painted Cave area, above Santa Barbara, 7/09.



A close up of the invasive weeds that replace the native shrubland ecosystem after slashing and goat activity. Painted Cave area, above Santa Barbara, 7/09.

Do your job-Protect our lands, waters, wildlife, health & future! You work for citizens -Not industry!
Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species.

Thank you
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