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**From:** Sandy Greenwald <sandy.green.wald@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 12:15 PM  
**To:** Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF  
**Subject:** DPEIR Comments

Dear Ms Hannigan and board members,

The DPEIR for the proposed Vegetation Treatment Program fails in the most basic sense, and by its own admission: it actually states that determining environmental impacts is impossible. This is a remarkable conclusion for an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

It appears to me this document is a blatant attempt to eviscerate existing environmental protections and allow the Board of Forestry to inflict mortal damage on native shrublands randomly and without suffering the inconvenience of public input or scientific guidance.

I cannot for the life of me imagine any excuse for including 25 year old data, which pre-dates the GIS and digital revolutions. This lack of interest in data quality tells me there is also no interest in conclusions drawn from that data. Apparently the conclusions are foregone, and this entire Report is intended more to minimize outside interference than to arrive at appropriate best management practices.

This document puts huge areas of wildlands at risk of ill-advised devastation, with no assurance that the result will actually increase fire safety. In addition it ignores positive feedback to climate change, which is driving much of our increased hazard. The "old-growth" chapparral must be actually defined and mapped as part of any credible EIR process.

You have not done your homework, and you have ignored people trying to help you. You have wasted time on this failed document that will not pass legal muster. These shortcuts will increase red-tape and obstacles instead of resolving and avoiding them.

Please take this mess back to the drawing board.

Sincerely,

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