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I have recently read a report proposed by your agency suggesting the removal of large areas of native chaparral through the brutal method of "mastication".

I'm deeply concerned by it and the lack of scientific objectivity in regards to the damage of plants that are part of the natural environment.

Removal of these natives not only allows the proliferation of non-native weeds and grasses, but destroys habitat for animals and birds as well.

Plus the serious issue of potential wildfires that feed upon these non-native grasses and spread quickly to other areas.

Brush removal is not logical, realistic or environmentally sound.

Plus is simply looks awful and is extremely destructible and further damages the ecology and beauty of any area where this practice is used.

I respectfully suggest that this policy not be used now or any time in the future.

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