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California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
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Dear Ms. Hannigan,

This letter is in response to the call for comments on the April 2016 Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR). My name is Robert Kiang, and I am a concerned citizen regarding wild fire protection in Southern California. I lived through the Witch Creek fire of 2007, and am keenly aware of such devastating events.

First, let me commend your organization in making this herculean effort of drafting this 1300-page DPEIR. But I am also aware of the May 24, 2016 letter sent to you from the California Chaparral Institute. In their letter, they are able to highlight many specific criticisms about the overall strategy adopted in the DPEIR. Just to quote one example, why isn't the "from the house out" strategy be given in-depth analyses? It is inconceivable that a non-profit organization with very limited resource could map out a more practical strategy than a state funded program.

As a retired aerospace engineer doing research in my entire career, I am well aware of how one should tackle a very complicated problem. Rather than using a broad-brush approach to cover all aspects of a problem, some major, many minor, one needs to first identify the critical issues, then direct the majority of the resources to tackle those issues. "Prioritize" is the key word.

I'll be most grateful if my two-cents worth of opinion is given at least a consideration in your continuing efforts forward to make us safe and to preserve the natural environment that no one can live without.

Thanks for your attention,

Best regards,

Robert Kiang
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