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Subject: EIR Proposed Vegetation Treatment Program

May 30, 2016

California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Attn: Edith Hannigan, Board Analyst

Email: VegetationTreatment@bof.ca.gov

Dear Ms. Hannigan and members of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection:

The Cold Creek Community Council is concerned that your current Programmatic EIR for California's proposed Vegetation Treatment Program does not meet the CEQA requirements. The lack of detail in the EIR and the passing on of responsibility for potential impact to project managers has us deeply worried.

Our community is surrounded entirely by chaparral and is entirely within the borders of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. It is clear to us that this proposed program will cause significant and irreversible impacts to natural resources in the SMMNRA, while producing few, if any, fire-safety benefits.

The board of our homeowners association voted unanimously to recommend that Cal Fire withdraw its Vegetation Treatment Program Programmatic EIR and produce one that is based on best available science and that contains sufficient criteria to determine impacts to the state's biological resources, especially the chaparral habitat that is our home.

Sincerely,

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