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From: George Ollen <ollengeorge@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 7:36 AM
To: Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF
Subject: Stop Clearing Chaparral - Keep the Carbon In the Soil !

Dear Ms. Hannigan,

I am writing to demand the end of the clearing of chaparral ecosystems in the name of fire prevention.

Fire prevention of this nature is not a long range strategy with benefit to the planet's climate. Sequestering the excess carbon produced by human civilization can be done most effectively and economically by utilizing the ability of soil and plants to store the carbon we emit. Clear-cutting habitats in the name of fire prevention is a direct threat to the natural ability of Earth's ecosystems to lessen the impacts of our carbon pollution in the atmosphere, which causes climate warming and the demise of the human species as well as that of millions of other species on this planet.

There is no justification for Chaparral clearance that outweighs this basic fact.

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