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To: Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF
Subject: Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report

Dear Members of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection:

Unfortunately, the current DPEIR fails to address problems pointed out with previous versions, and doesn't properly take into account the current state of fire research.

For example, it's clear that attention to ember vulnerabilities in homes and communities is much more important than clearance of habitat that's more than 100 feet from homes.

(My credentials: I've coauthored -- with Joe Mitchell, based on our research following the 2003 Cedar Fire -- a paper at the 2007 Fire and Materials conference in San Francisco entitled "Firebrand Protection as the Key Design Element for Structure Survival during Catastrophic Wildland Fires." And I've attended all the Wildland/Urban Interface sessions at the Fire and Materials conferences since then.)

I've seen the California Chaparral Institute letter dated 24 May 2016. Addressing the objections they raise in that letter would, in my opinion, go a long way toward improving the DPEIR. I urge you to do that.

Sincerely,
Oren Patashnik