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From: Amber Swanson <ambswa1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 2:08 PM
To: Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF
Subject: Please preserve out California Habitat

Dear Ms. Hannigan and Members of the Board,

I have become aware of the problems with CalFire's Vegetation Treatment Program and the latest DPEIR. As a former botanist with the California Native Plant Society, I would like to voice deep concern with the proposal to destroy habitat in California.

Chaparral provides refuge for thousands of plants and wildlife (many rare and endemic to California) around the state. Once these ecosystems have been destroyed it is impossible to bring them back to the healthy native systems they once were. The benefits of Chaparral are varied from carbon sequestration to erosion control to simply beauty. It is simply not worth the cost of destroying these lands for possibly preventing some fire.

Please reconsider and do everything you can to preserve California's ancient heritage.

Sincerely,
Amber Swanson
Botanist