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From: Elizabeth Wallace <eltwallace@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 9:47 PM
To: Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF
Subject: California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection DPEIR

Dear Ms. Hannigan:

The DPEIR fails to meet the requirements of CEQA because the proposed program has a significant impact on the environment. In the latest draft, the environmental impacts of clearance operations are dismissed without support.

I have seen the devastation of areas cleared as fire protection. I live in Southern California and watched as fire-hardy chaparral was cleared. The vegetation is replaced by weedy grassland that is prone to quick-moving fires. In addition, our property has been threatened by erosion due to the removal of chaparral.

This draft fails to address the most effective ways to protect lives and property from wildfire. Clearance of chaparral is destructive and allows wind-driven embers to threaten homes. The trees and chaparral I have growing on my property protected my home from fire in 2007 by stopping embers from blowing under my home's eaves.

This draft does not support Cal Fire's mission to protect life, property and natural resources. How will you re-draft this DPEIR to meet the requirements of CEQA and protect property and natural resources?

Sincerely,
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