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From: Mary Ann Walsh <walshmaryann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF
Subject: Stop CalFire's destruction of precious native habitat

Dear Ms. Hannigan:

I was distressed to read about the draft EIR submitted by CalFire to destroy millions of acres of irreplaceable California native habitat in a misguided plan to reduce fire danger. This plan, if it goes forward,

The draft ignores the comments that scientists and citizens made on the previous version of the report. I appreciate that CalFire has a very tough job, but this approach, if allowed to go forward, will cause irreversible damage to the ecology of our state. It could turn huge swaths of California into a desert. There must be a better way--one that recognizes the latest scientific thinking about fire ecology, and that sets up a transparent and cooperative process for CalFire to partner with experts who have the same ultimate goal--to protect California from fire devastation.

Respectfully,
Mary Ann Walsh
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