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In my opinion, the current Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed program fails to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It also fails to address the most effective ways to protect lives and property from wildfire.

In the latest draft:

- Environmental impacts of clearance operations are dismissed without support
- Clearance of northern chaparral is justified by logical fallacies
- Research of several scientists continues to be misrepresented (despite corrections being submitted)
- Lack of transparency concerning public involvement and notification regarding clearance projects remains a significant issue

The document also reveals a significant number of inconsistencies as the document initially references current science to only qualify or ignore it later in order to support the Program's objectives. By using contradictory statements, undefined terms, and legally inadequate mitigation processes, the document is a testament in ambiguity. It appears to be a program in search of confirming data rather than one developed from examining the actual problem.

I think the Chaparral Institute has the right approach to wild lands management. Please listen to them and please implement their ideas. Thank you.

Stephen Weitz

Unless someone like you cares a whole lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.
Dr. Suess