

Hannigan, Edith@BOF

From: Ann Wellhouse <ann.wellhouse@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2016 12:13 PM
To: Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Re: Vegetation Treatment Program - By this you will be remembered.

If you really think it is the right thing to do - sign your own names to it so we know who to blame.

California is the most beautiful state in the world.

California has the highest diversity of wildlife and the most exquisite wild lands. We are so lucky and so stupid.

California is about to make a terrible mistake by poisoning our beautiful exquisite land and destroying delicate necessary habitats and all the wonderful frogs that call at night in the spring and poisoning the ground nesting birds.

You are making another Silent Spring. You will be remembered by your destruction.

People have made the ignorant mistake of putting their homes inside wild lands and now want to destroy those wild lands and the exquisite plants and animals forever. Instead of intelligently regulating safe home sites you choose to destroy habitat.

Chopping California's habitats into little disconnected pieces is a prescription for environmental collapse.

There is not enough water in California's climate to recover these lands once you have destroyed them.

Glyphosate remains in the habitat contrary to what you are telling us. Glyphosate has been shown to cause long lasting environmental health problems for both people and wildlife. I remember, and so do many of you, when people like you said DDT was safe. The sun may degrade Glyphosate but much of it goes into the ground away from the sun and into ground water.

The amount of released carbon will vastly increase our carbon footprint when what we want is to sequester carbon as it is in native habitats. Yes, fires release carbon also but if we allow for smaller fires as would be the natural way of things, that would be low enough to tolerate.

Natural habitats regenerate after fires and continue to sequester carbon. This unnatural zone of destruction will increase the albedo and the land will never recover as a natural carbon reservoir.

By your actions, climate change increases instead of doing the right thing to slow it down.

If you really believe this is the only and best solution, stand up and take responsibility personally. Tell us your individual names so we can know who caused the mess you are about to create.

Please, I beg you, do not leave a legacy of destruction. Protect our lands and stop this irreversible mistake now.

Thank you.

Ann Wellhouse