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**From:** Marina <marzlatin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 3:31 PM  
**To:** Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF  
**Subject:** draft for vegetation clearance on 22 million acres is unreasonable

Dear Ms Hannigan:

The latest draft for vegetation clearance on 22 million acres (1/4 of California) by burning, mastication, or spraying of herbicides is unsound. I would even call it environmental crime.

It will exacerbate the drought, contaminate environment with carcinogenic pesticides, and destroy wildlife.

I hope it will be reviewed, rejected, and new plan with input from independent environmental scientists drafted instead

In the latest draft:

- Potential impacts are dismissed without support
- Mitigations of impacts are unenforceable and unmeasurable
- Clearance of northern chaparral is justified by logical fallacies
- Research of several scientists continues to be misrepresented (despite corrections being submitted)
- Lack of transparency remains a significant issue

One of the most egregious examples of the DPEIR's failure is the continued use of outdated and inadequate data that provides the foundation for the entire Program. Although updated data is available from Cal Fire itself, **the DPEIR ignores this rich resource** and depends instead on questionable information from decades ago.

My son is a resident of California, and he should not live, literally, on a "scorched earth", especially chemically scorched. Use of herbicides in forestry should be forbidden.

I hope this unwise proposal is cancelled

Sincerely,

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