



**Forbestown Ridge Fire Safe Council**  
**Forbestown Firewise Community**  
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Board of Forestry,

Forbestown Ridge Fire Safe Council (FRFSC) supports the Statewide Vegetation Treatment Program (VTP) - Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). Under certain conditions on State Responsibility Area lands (SRA), the PEIR will act as an umbrella to meet CEQA requirements. Enactment of VTP will help to reduce wildfire fuel threat at a state wide scale and will save time and money allowing forest health and thinning projects to occur without having to complete CEQA requirements for each individual project.

The FRFSC has worked for many years with Butte County Fire Safe Council, Yuba County Fire Safe Council, and local State and Federal Agencies to propose and implement public grants for fuel reduction and wildfire safety evacuation routes. The challenge of time and cost to meet the required CEQA for each individual project has limited the number of critical projects that have been implemented.

Forests, homes and watersheds in Butte County are at risk to wildfire. The past wildfire season has been devastating to California and the VTP will help to streamline the process needed to reduce wildfire, improve forest health and public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin A. Lee".

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