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Re: Proposed Statewide Vegetation Treatment Program – Letter of Support

To whom it may concern:

As I write this letter a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Deputy is asking for assistance in the "removal" of yet another victim stuck in the mud waist high from the Thomas Fire storm damage in Montecito.

The extraordinary loss of life, profound property damage and subsequent economic losses from the 2017 Napa, Sonoma, Orange, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara fires should be sufficient evidence that current land use and management practices are, at best, a failure.

The Wildland Residents Association, San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Department supports the Proposed Statewide Vegetation Treatment Program proposal and urges its approval and implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Williams
President-Executive Director

cc: Rob Hazard
Battalion Chief, Deputy Fire Marshal
Santa Barbara County Fire Department