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**To:** Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF  
**Subject:** RE: Support for the Cal-Fire Plan

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection  
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Dear Edith Hannigan,

As a resident and property owner in Silverado Canyon since 1970, I support Cal-Fires plans to cut fuel brakes to prevent the spread of wildfires. I have lived through the devastating 2007 Santiago fire, the 2014 Silverado Canyon Fire (that burned 5 acres of my property) and the recent threat from the Canyon and Canyon 2 Fires. I Cal-Fires efforts of cutting fuel brakes atop ridge lines would provide added protection for our community. However, I am aware that some conservation groups (AKA Tree Huggers) are opposed to disrupting any form of nature in their misguided attempt to preserve the canyons from any intrusion by man. Many of these folks are naive new arrivals to the canyons, renters, or just ill informed of the wildfire danger. I am sure you will be hearing from them. For the rest of us, who own property and are concerned, we support your efforts.

Regards,  
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