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From: Brooke Colbourne <brookecolbourne@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 7:16 AM
To: Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF
Subject: Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report

Hello Ms. Hannigan,

As a student who is devoting her life to studying the Environment and the ways which humans can change the way we see the world, I was deeply saddened to be informed by what is in the DPEIR for the states proposed Vegetation Treatment Program. As I read through the plan I noticed many errors that truly do not address what long term effects will be as a result of the plan. I find this incredibly alarming and upsetting. Over my short 23 year life I have gotten to see many parts of California, from San Francisco to Yosemite, to Death Valley, to Borrego Desert, but mostly the coastal regions; Big Sur and Encinitas. As an Environmental Studies major I have learned how important Chaparral is as a habitat for animals specifically in our coastal region. I have seen so many homes built growing up because California is surely a popular place to live. However, I don't think it is fair to take away the homes of animals who dwell in Chaparral. I think this plan needs to be reassessed and the impacts need to be clearly outlined so that people can really see how harmful it is to the environment. Please know that my concern is genuine and as a student I will continue to learn what I can do to minimize the impacts while addressing that other parties may not agree. I fully respect alternate opinions, yet I think that this plans errors need to be reassessed and the plan ideally redeveloped.

Sincerely,
Brooke Colbourne