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**Sent:** Sunday, May 29, 2016 8:19 AM  
**To:** Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF  
**Subject:** vegetation treatment

Dear Ms. Hannigan-

As a native Californian, hiker, trail-builder, habitat restorer and student of native plants and environments, it is with great concern when I read that an eco-system is going to be "treated" or "managed", or otherwise dealt with. Especially when that management "plan" is superficial and based on convenience, destructiveness, and shortsightedness.

I would urge you to consider the thoroughly studied, tried, and successful strategies of the Chaparral Institute as you formulate plans for 'managing' the few open spaces left in California. I must bring to your attention that when native plants are removed indiscriminately, wholesale, from an area, the first plants to recolonize are invasive grasses that readily burn, invasive mustard that readily burns, and many other invasive plants that are a fire danger, prone to allow erosion because they are annual plants without substantial roots, do not provide acceptable habitat for native birds and mammals, and are ugly.

Sincerely,

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