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**To:** Public Comments@BOF; Office of the Secretary CNRA  
**Subject:** RE: Item 9, December 11, 2019, California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) - Opposition to VTP

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Dear Chairperson Gilless and Members of the Board:

We are losing natural habitat here in California at an alarming rate. Steps should be taken to protect this habitat - not destroy it. While reducing wildfires in California is also important, destroying native habitat via the Vegetation Treatment Program (VTP) which proposes to remove 250,000 acres of native vegetation each year is NOT the solution. Not only is it absurdly costly, but may wind up making things worse by promoting the growth of highly flammable weeds.

Please direct the Natural Resources Agency and CalFire to take a step back before implementing the VTP to confer with fire ecologists, fire managers and stakeholders about how and where vegetation treatments can actually achieve benefit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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