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SUBJECT FOREST FIRE MITIGATION PLAN

AS A RESIDENT OF THE BITTER ROOT VALLEY FOR EIGHTY EIGHT (88) YEARS I HAVE WITNESSED THE ACCUMULATION OF FLAMABLE ORGANIC MATTER THAT WAS HISTORICALLY REDUCED BY PERIODICALLY RECURRING FIRE. THE SITUATION NOW IS EXPLOSIVE.

WITHOUT EXTREME MEASURES TO LOWER THIS RISK THE DANGER LEVEL WILL CONTINUE UNTILL THE "BIG BLOWUP" OCCURS.

CONCLUSION ALL ARGUMENTS AGAINST ANY FIRE MITIGATION ARE FALLACIOUS AND NOT BASED ON AVAILABLE SCIENCE!

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