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Deer Valley Estates Property Owners' Association has represented the 84 property Owners in the Deer Valley Subdivision for the past 40 years. From the outset, Owners have recognized that the greatest danger to their property and, for residents, their personal safety, is wildfire. Deer Valley is surrounded on three sides by US Forest lands effected by this project. Over the years, the Owners and our Association have been supportive of numerous initiatives by the US Forest Service to provide for improved forest health and reduced risk for the Wildland Urban Interface. These have included tree thinning around the perimeter of Deer Valley, as well as numerous prescribed fires. While these actions have been intrusive at times, the benefit of reducing the risk of catastrophic fires is highly beneficial and is appreciated.

Our Association is incredibly supportive of your plans. In the past, the best results have occurred when the US Forest Service has adequately communicated both its plans and activities so that our residents are not caught off guard. We have some disabled residents, some that are on oxygen, and some that are severely allergic to smoke. Our advice is to continue to communicate with all our Owners the details of your plans.

Many of our residents recreate in the surrounding forest regularly. Recently, several questions have arose, and it be helpful if you would answer the following questions

- a. Why are trees marked blue vs. orange?
- b. What is the timetable for thinning operations and burning?
- c. Will firewood be available?

These are all questions we received from our Owners. We regularly communicate with our Owners and are willing to help facilitate your efforts in that regard. For example, not all our Owners received the Scoping Notice. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to receiving more information in the future and working with you to protect our great natural resource.

Sincerely,

Terry J. Beebe, President
Deer Valley Estates POA