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Comments: I live in a high risk area (near Blodgett Canyon) and am also aware that climate change is recognized as a major player with wildfire considerations. In this project the removal of old growth trees will in the long run prove more detrimental than beneficial. Removal of smaller more combustible materials while leaving the old growth as the benefactor it is as a carbon sink is essential if we are to address the underlying issue of the climate impact on wildfires.