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Comments: USGS Spatial study on the efficacy of prescribed burns found zero percent effectiveness

The impact of antecedent fire area on burned area in southern California coastal ecosystems

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"29 years of historical fire mapping to quantify the relationship between annual wildfire area and antecedent fire area in predominantly shrub and grassland fuels in seven southern California counties, controlling for annual variation in weather patterns... We found little evidence for a leverage effect (leverage = zero). Specifically our results showed no evidence that wildfire area was negatively influenced by previous fires"

The significance of the error of those that perpetuated prescribed burning for 29 years, and the associated damage was done under the guise of fire reduction is big. While locations and conditions vary, agencies and researchers that are paid to burn cannot be relied upon to provide data on the efficacy of fire reduction with prescribed burning

Given the errors of in claims of efficacy we should know by know that we cannot rely on the USFS to provide us unbiased assessments, and that the USGS is needed for the truthful assessment of the efficacy of burning in Western North Carolina's forests .

<https://www.usgs.gov/publications/impact-antecedent-fire-area-burned-area-southern-california-coastal-ecosystems>