

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/8/2023 5:47:08 PM

First name: Roxanna

Last name: McLaughlin

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am concerned about the proposed Goose Creek Fuel Break project because the proposed method would :

1. Ruin my recreational experience. I hike. I seek quiet and the environment that old growth, diverse habitat supports. It's getting harder and harder to find such areas.
2. Damage this wildlife habitat. Especially species that roam to find mates. Don't make life even harder for them.
3. Will dry out and heat up the land rather than stop fires from spreading. 'Nuff said.
4. Increase the spread of noxious weeds. Noxious weeds also destroy wildlife habitat. And cheat grass alone creates tinder to start wildfires
5. Thinning and clearing around structures is the most effective fire prevention action. Support and promote this. It's kind of like cancer treatment. Way better to target the issue than do a broad kill of all cells.
6. Intact forests absorb CO2 to combat global warming. Holy Moses, save our carbon sinks. Don't add to the problem by reducing them.

Thank you. I follow your news thru various sources.

Even if wildfire occurs, it is a healthy thing for the environment. If you feel the need to burn part of the forest, get indigenous people who practice "good burn" methods.