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Comments: Burning and thinning the forests is NOT the answer...all you are doing is significantly decreasing the localized biome moisture levels in the understory, making it more flammable, and destroying the seed banks within these forests. Over time these areas become ecologically impoverished.

Take the longer, more sustained path to ecological" best practice" custodianship by enabling these ecosystems to develop an interdependent ecosystem that is by nature - biodiverse, nutrient rich, and moist; thereby decreasing the likelihood that a fire able to spread. This of course will require a more 'hands on" approach in terms of monitoring. If you don't stop this "slash and burn" policy mindset Californians and all the organisms who call those forests home, will inherit a barren wasteland.

Thank you.