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Comments: Dear Representatives,

Fire prevention is an evolving skill set.

Folks have discovered the 'Wood wide web' with the discovery of mycorrhizal fungi rhizobean bacterial symbiotic exchange with all the roots of the trees in forests.

Disturbing this delicate soil aggregate will weaken trees. These soil pores with their Hyphae retain more water than disturbed soil. It has been shown that the forest ecosystems when undisturbed develop the diversity needed for withstanding droughts better . The Earth needs its trees in the forest to create oxegon and take in carbon. The streams with the fish in them need shade to create safe habitat. The animals living in their homes in the forest are needed by all of us people to know and feel good about our wildlife. Thank you for your attention. Sincerely, Vj Ross