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Comments: Firefighting agencies must change their policies. Presently they are non-corroborative and unaccountable. Local state agencies do not seem to deal with the federal forest fire agency at all. Examples are the Tamarack fire where the decision was made to allow it to burn. BAD DECISION Another good example would be the devastating fire in Grizzly Flats, California where the entire area was essentially commercially logged and destroyed, and then fire came, and the entire town burned down. An excellent example of inept firefighting policies would also be the Caldor fire where multiple fires were back lit to try and burn the fire into the Crystal basin. However, the wind changed directions ,like it does on a daily basis ,and the Caldor fire came blowing into Southlake Tahoe.

The piles of timber the local firefighters left 25 years ago are an extreme fire danger and depict the LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY the firefighters enjoy.

The lack of knowledge and science is astounding!

My local fire chief has a high school education. He may be trained in fire science, but he does not understand environmental science or ecology yet he is allowed to make recommendations and receive contracts to remove vegetation and remove 80% of trees, including in a riparian area and including trees that are species like cedar that are fire resistant he does not understand about the mycelia's network and how trees support each other or how old growth trees have a thick bark, which is fire resistant!

The firefighters and firefighting agencies need to evolve and change. They need to be accountable and they need to use science, not just create fear that if you look at a tree it will spontaneously combust. I am personally disappointed with our regional and national firefighters.

The recent policy is ineffective and needs to evolve