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Subject: Re: Public Comment for the June 7, 2024 Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System
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Ellie, you did a fantastic job of presenting these on my behalf. The response FROM USFS, CURRENT & RETIRED, is off the charts and positive, galvanizing/ mobilizing disparate groups to stand up for new policy, practice and leadership in USFS. Within 24 hours this article was headlining on The Smokey Wire (USFS own news stream), two national & international online fire communities, and sent to all National Smokejumpers Association members. Explosive. Thank you for helping me out on distribution of the article which I am told may be a tipping point.
Dana

On Thu, May 30, 2024 at 6:18 PM Ellie [REDACTED] wrote:

Please accept these public comments for the June 7, 2024 meeting: Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System
Thank you, Ellie Waller

USFS CHIEF RANDY MOORE'S NEW 'LETTER OF INTENT' HAS PROVOKED REVOLT IN THE FIREFIGHTING COMMUNITY, FOR GOOD REASON. 'STRONG INITIAL ATTACK' AND '1ST PUT OUT THE FIRE' HAVE GIVEN WAY TO RAMPANT 'WILDFIRE USE' AND SO-CALLED "MANAGED" WILDFIRE THAT BURNS MUCH LONGER AND HOTTER THAN NEEDED—AT GREAT EXPENSE TO HOMEOWNERS AND THEIR INSURERS.

THE COLOSSAL FIASCOES OF CALDOR, TAMARACK AND DIXIE PROVE THE POINT. THEY WERE ALLOWED TO BURN FOR MONTHS, CONSUMING NEARLY 1.3 MILLION ACRES OF SIERRA NEVADA FOREST. THE COST OF CALDOR DAMAGES ALONE RAN IN THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THE BASIN, NOT INCLUDING TREES AND WILDLIFE LOST, OR DAMAGES TO 1200 RESIDENTS DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMES

YOU SHOULD KNOW, BURNING A MILLION ACRES A YEAR IS A [STANDING ORDER](#) FOR THE USFS IN CALIFORNIA AND OTHER STATES.

THE WHOLESALE USE OF "MANAGED" WILDFIRE UNDER THE GUISE OF FOREST HEALTH, RESILIENCE AND RESTORATION IS SCARRING LANDSCAPES, DEVASTATING FORESTS, AND LEAVING VAST LIFELESS ECOSYSTEMS WITH FEW SIGNS OF RECOVERY.

25% OF CALIFORNIA'S NATIONAL FOREST LANDS ARE GONE AND WE'LL NEVER GET THEM BACK.

THE CHARRED REMAINS OF SCORCHED EARTH ALONG US50 STAND AS A GRIM REMINDER OF WHAT LAKE TAHOE USED TO BE BEFORE IF WENT TO HELL IN A HANDBASKET. **#BURN BACK BETTER IS NOT WORKING**

I'M ASKING YOU TODAY TO TAKE ONE MEASURE TO FEND OFF FURTHER FIRE AGGRESSION IN THE BASIN. TRPA'S LONG LIST OF **EXEMPT MOUs** GIVES USFS FREE REIGN TO DO AS **THEY SEE FIT** WITHOUT TRPA REVIEW— AS LONG AS **THEY DEEM** THEIR ACTIONS TO BE "IN CONFORMITY WITH TRPA STANDARDS."

WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO HAVE YOU GIVE AWAY YOUR AUTHORITY, AGENCY & **RESPONSIBILITY** TO PROPERLY REVIEW ALL ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVING FIRE OR AGENCIES OPERATING UNDER SUCH ENVIRONMENTALLY DANGEROUS POLICY AND PRACTICE.

PLEASE TERMINATE THE USFS MOU EXEMPTION IMMEDIATELY.

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