

Submitter: Deborah Knapp

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB795

Dear Senate Committee Members,

In late summer of 2021 there were some fires near us in the Hagg Lake area. The smoke permeated our community, our property, and our home. It affected our eyes and our breathing, as well as our pets. We considered evacuating. Surely it must adversely affect wildlife in the forested areas near us. Allowing underbrush to spread underneath the trees creates a tinderbox for forest fires and makes it difficult to control. In the interest of public health and safety, ours included, I support this bill for proper forest management to prevent forest fires from getting out of control. Allowing counties to secure oversight of some forest management keeps it local and more efficient to maintain. I hope you will consider a yes vote on this bill. Thank you.