



House Committee On Wildfire Reduction and Recovery  
Chair Golden and members of the committee

RE: SB 1516 Forestry modernization

WE ARE A STRONG NO

We strongly oppose the conversion from proper forest management to firefighting infrastructure. Firefighting has become an enormous expenditure. Instead of spending, allow sustainable harvest and thinning logging which will fund our rural communities and schools, which will in turn reduce so much spending on firefighting.

We pay department heads a large salary to keep departments running efficiently and up-to-date. Is the modernization allowed by a third-party an excuse for poor management? Converting temporary position for fighting wildfires to full time requires a structure to keep them working through the winter. It should be developed in a modernization plan prior to bringing a bill for change.

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