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Each forest in our state is different. We do need to do the home/residence hardening that you all know about, to prevent homes from burning. But.....thinning is just another way of clearcutting and scraping the ground, and spraying, etc. that the Forest Industry keeps pushing. Please follow the money, and read up on the many articles out there by a lot of knowledgeable scientist who say the generally, thinning just adds...as a fire starts, more oxygen to the fire, so it grows and heats up.

Please ask yourselves 1) who gains from the thinning in areas where there are no houses? 2) What governmental agencies are paid by timber harvest? 3) How much are you, the Legislators assisted by the logging industry, and their lobbyists?
4) What role does high wind and climate change play in our forest fires?

Many thanks. Please look at this bill carefully and put the money into "home hardening".