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If we want to protect communities from damages resulting from wildfire, the most effective way to do so is by hardening homes and structures to reduce structural flammability. The other commonly proposed method for preventing damage to communities during wildfires is preventive forest thinning, which is largely ineffective, may increase fires severity, and often wastes money, time, and people-power. As the fire season continues to lengthen as a result of the climate crisis and misguided, overzealous fire suppression, it is imperative that we increase resources to our communities to become more fire resilient. Home hardening is the most effective and cost-efficient way to do so.