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FYI

From: Paul Pease (via Google Docs) <paulpease@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 10:15 PM
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Subject: submitting comments for Thursday night meeting, Aug 16

Hi:

How do I submit comments for the meeting Thursday night regarding the Ellwood Mesa Open Space/ Sperling Preserve Butterfly Management Plan?

I'd like the following to be considered or read:

Regarding the Draft Ellwood Mesa Open Space / Sperling Preserve Butterfly Habitat Management Plan and 2018 Implementation Plan.

I live in The Bluffs and absolutely love to observe the Monarchs over-wintering, especially in the area near Sandpiper as it is so serene. However, many of the non-native eucalyptus trees in that area have fallen down, taking other eucalyptus trees with them, and seem to be drying out (perhaps invaded by pests). It's not just a danger to the people walking in the area, but the dead eucalyptus trees become a rather volatile fuel source for fire. I have also seen encampments in that area with evidence of cooking campfires. Some of the recent devastating and fast-moving wildfires that have occurred in California and our community were caused by cooking campfires.

I was wondering two things:

1. Has there been a re-assessment by the Fire Department regarding a potentially dangerous wildfire that would destroy the Monarch Butterfly habitat caused by a campfire and fueled by the new eucalyptus deadwood as well as live eucalyptus oil?
2. Are there considerations for removing the dead eucalyptus danger and re-planting with more native tree species, such as oaks?

Thank you

Paul Pease

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