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Hello,

We had an issue arise last summer with a conflict between those who thought we needed prescribed fuel reduction in our area, and those who believed that a large excavator and slash burning sites would be very damaging to the watershed of our lake. It is a spring fed lake, the watershed contains many springs and run-off stream beds, but the only professional who was to be consulted was a forester, picked from the number of recently unemployed forestry workers. Though there is an excess of downed trees in the area, I personally feel that the watershed to a beautiful fishing lake should not be taken for granted. It is also the watershed for many shallow wells used by cabin owners.

The media coverage of wild fires has many cabin owners in forested areas willing to sacrifice that forest for "fire protection". They are attempting to use the Urban Interface management plans in a recreational setting. I whole heartedly think the watershed and ecosystems therein should have first consideration, and should be addressed prior to the implimentation of some fire reduction plan. Fuel reduction should be done under the guidance of an environmental or watershed expert, and eliminate the possibility of ruining a beautiful lake.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

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