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To Whom It May Concern:

The Monterey County Regional Fire District has determined that vegetation treatments out to 100 ft from structures, particularly around the Garland Ranger Station compound, the historic Cooper Barn, and their associated outbuildings, can be implemented at Garland Ranch Regional Park as long as they do not result in the take or any negative impact to endangered, threatened or rare plant or animal species potentially found in these areas. This determination has been made due to the accumulation of vegetative fuels that increase the risk of hazardous wildfire conditions in the coming fire season. Removing fuels in these areas generally in line with a Zone 0 through Zone 2 Defensible Space model will address unnaturally high fuel conditions and help buffer critical park infrastructure, offices, and residential structures from catastrophic fire events.

Likewise, The Monterey County Regional Fire District has determined that vegetation treatments up to a 30 ft buffer along designated access roads used for emergency vehicle traffic, can be implemented at Garland Ranch Regional Park as long as they do not result in the take or any negative impact to endangered, threatened or rare plant or animal species potentially found in these areas. This emergency ingress/egress route is at risk of severe fire due to overgrowth and dense fuel accumulation, especially within 30 feet of these roads. Removing fuels in these areas generally in line with a Zone 3 Defensible Space model will mitigate the unnaturally high fuel conditions, and help facilitate timely and efficient emergency response. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at 831-455-1828 or by email, sanderson@mcrfd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Anderson".

Scott Anderson
Deputy Fire Chief
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*Serving the Northern Salinas Valley, Highway 68 Corridor, Communities of Chualar,
East Garrison, Carmel Valley, Mid Carmel Valley & Santa Lucia Preserve*