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**Dear Board,**

**I apologize for the delay in getting in my email so that it would be available for the meeting tonight. I would like to support the maintaining of the 100yd fuel break perimeter requirement. I realize that this is costly, time consuming, possibly unnatural or not as visibly appealing and involves hard work but I think that NOT making bigger efforts like this at fire prevention are way worse on every measure and I think that folks from Santa Rosa, Paradise and other areas who have experienced the ravages of huge fires might agree. We are in the throes of unusual times.**

**I attached here a podcast about the Canadian fires of this summer and I encourage folks to listen as it conveys the impact of overgrowth and the challenge of hotter and more severe fires from more fuel. As it says below about the podcast, it has forced an international re-evaluation of how the world handles fires.**

**I would also like to note that a neighbor here in Moraga is unable to get homeowners insurance and a State Farm Agent has advised us that they are no longer covering policies here when they had been up until recently.**

**And, this is a big pile of trimmings from our area where the lots are large and neighbors are working to clear fuel and make our neighborhood safer and MOFD has been extremely helpful in coming by for the chipping of these piles for free!**





**It is now the time for more extreme measures and I support the proactive activities by MOFD and Chief Winnacker to make Orinda and Moraga as FireSafe as possible.**

**Thank you!**

### **Fighting Canada's Unending Fires**

The Daily

The wildfires sweeping Canada have become the largest in its modern history. Across the country, 30 million acres of forest have burned — three times as much land as in the worst American fire in the past 50 years. The scale has forced an international response and a re-evaluation of how the world handles wildfires. Firefighters on the front lines discuss the challenges they face, and David Wallace-Wells, a climate columnist for The Times, explores how climate change has shifted thinking about wildfires. Guest: David Wallace-Wells, a climate columnist for The New York Times.

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“Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well

preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, wow! what a ride!!!”

Anonymous

Sent from my iPhone