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Newsletter of Citizens for Sensible Forest Management

We're Official!

BY MATT BROMLEY

Citizens for Sensible Forest Management is now an official non profit, registered in the state of Oregon. Being an official non-profit allows us more credibility when we interact with politicians and other organizations, raise funds and provide protections for our members. It's important to note that we are not a tax exempt organization and it is more likely we will self register as a 501(c)4 which would allow us to focus more on advocacy and lobbying.

There are some great non-profit organizations focused on helping folks impacted by the forest fires - be sure to lend your support to organizations like the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund.

Communication is critical as we grow. We are very happy to welcome Caroline Pradeau Fonseca to CSFM. Caroline comes with a wealth of experience in Forest Management issues and communications. Caroline will be helping us reach out to a broader set of constituents and organizations



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COMMUNICATE!

Caroline Pradeau Fonseca

I am very excited to be part of the CSFM team! It's an opportunity to bring my knowledge and experience to the service of our forests and our community.

I hold a Master's Degree in Sustainable Forest Management from the University of Bordeaux, France. I acquired international experience as a policy advisor for a Southern European organization. In recent years, I gained online communication expertise and social network management with my blogs.

My first goal is to work on a position paper for CSFM. This will serve as an expansion of our policy document and include what we believe are sensible actions to meet our objectives. One of the purposes of the position paper will be to have other groups and associations sign on to it. This will give us the power of numbers!



California Representative Gallagher has introduced a bill (AB297). Both CSFM and HFHC are supporting this bill as a sensible approach to the urgent forest management challenge. We are working with Representative Gallagher's office and the Republican caucus to provide letters of support. We need Democratic co-sponsors!

In the California Senate, SB332 (introduced by Senator Dodd). This bill looks to support prescribed burns by mitigating the liability on the 'burn boss'. Unfortunately sometimes prescribed burns escape and liability for that has dramatically reduced the prescribed burns in the state.



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We have a great partnership with Healthy Forests Healthy Communities. We know that we are very well aligned with our strategy and goals. We recently met with HFHC executive director, Nick Smith, to work out how to strengthen our relationship.

There are some many issues that need to be addressed that we have decided to partner closer with HFHC in mutual support. We are looking to support HFHC on federal issues and the federal government. CSFM will focus state and local advocacy. We will look to share resources to make sure we can be as successful as possible.

We continued to work with Jeff Aiello. Through a cross posting on Talk of the Hill we reached new members, both for our Facebook group and petition. Keep the momentum going!

We are also working closer with Frank Bigelow to understand the passage of bills through Sacramento. It will take us time to fully understand the process but we are working through letters of support and how to follow those bills through committees.