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Greetings,

The state of California's forests has become dire as a result of the drought and bark beetle induced mortality. According to the United States Forest Service, last year alone saw the death of an estimated 29 million trees in California. In an effort to try to get out in front of this problem, I am organizing a tree mortality and fire workshop to be held in Fresno, CA on June 2, 2016 from 11 am to 1:30 pm at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. The purpose is to bring together a high level working group of state and federal partners to hear an update on efforts to date to address this crisis and to determine the best course of action in the near term and work on developing a long term plan for California's forests.

It is my fear that this fire season could be one of the worst in California in years because there are so many compromised trees that have not been dealt with and will be perfect kindling for a fire. It is critical that we get the principals together to ensure that everything possible is being done to address this serious situation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to being able to sit down with administration officials from both state and federal levels. Should you have any questions between now and then please do not hesitate to contact Donald Grady ([Donald.Grady@mail.house.gov](mailto:Donald.Grady@mail.house.gov)) or Gary Chahil ([Gary.Chahil@mial.house.gov](mailto:Gary.Chahil@mial.house.gov)) on my staff.

Sincerely,

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The main of this letter is to inform you as a result of the thought and best  
possible information. A number of the United States Forest Service last year  
have been very much of an effort to bring this information in an effort to try  
to get out in front of this problem. I am organizing a new committee and the  
workshop to be held in Phoenix, AZ on June 2, 2016 from 11 am to 11:30 am in the  
Civic Center. The purpose is to bring together a high level  
working group of state and federal agencies to discuss the current status of  
address this issue and to determine the best course of action in the future and  
work on the problem.

It is my hope that this letter would be one of the ways in which you can  
be aware of the many opportunities that have been available with you  
will be perfect handling for a fact it is critical that we get the subjects together to  
on a regular basis to discuss the current situation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to being able to sit  
down with you and your staff to discuss the current status of the problem. Should you  
have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.  
Sincerely,  
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