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Fire protection concerns

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To all concerned,

I have been a resident in Carmel-by-the-Sea for many years and have been concerned (worried) about the consequences should a fire like what is taking place now in Los Angles, take place here.

Our forest floors are covered with fallen branches waiting for a spark to ignite them. The road shoulders are covered with broken branches, dead brush and broken fences. Some owners take care of these city owned areas, but some don't. This should be maintained regularly by the city.

One of the worst places to see the forest in this reprehensible condition is at the Northeast corner of Highway One and Carpenter. The side of that hill is covered with fallen trees and dead brambles just waiting for a cigarette to be thrown from a car window.

My next concern is the matter of the lack of water and the condition of the fire hydrants in the L.A. Area. Are the hydrants here maintained regularly and is there water?

What about all the dead trees on owners' property. There is one across the street from me, (I'm on 11th) hanging over the neighbor's house.

Truly there is much to be done, but unless Carmel is to become another L. A., the work should have been started years ago. Please do not play Russian Roulet with our lives!

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