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TO: HEAD DEPUTY FORESTER ARTHUR M. ARNDT
FROM: SENIOR DEPUTY FORESTER KLAUS RADTKE K.R.
SUBJECT: BIBLIOGRAPHY - HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE

As requested, following is the bibliography on the booklet, "A Homeowner's Guide to Fire and Watershed Management at the Chaparral/Urban Interface."

Radtke, Klaus W-H

Living More Safely at the Chaparral-Urban Interface, A Guide to Hillside Property Management for Fire and Watershed Protection.

Please note that this information is listed on page 1 of the Homeowner's Guide, which further states that the data is also based on research by the Forestry Bureau of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Forest Fire Laboratory of the Pacific Southwest Station in Riverside, California. It also incorporates state of the art knowledge in various wildland disciplines and the experience gained by the author in dealing with fire and flood in his work and as a homeowner at the chaparral boundary.

Note that the homeowner's condensed version, while not copyrighted, is still considered original work and written by me as a Wildland Resource Scientist, as well as a Forester, under contract approved by the Board of Supervisors with an outside agency.

The fact that the Board became aware of the importance of this publication and recognized the need to expedite the contract resulted in an ongoing investigation of me by the Fire Chief immediately after the booklet was published. You have witnessed the negative attitude toward me from this investigation and the fear it caused as well as the intense pressure put upon us.

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In short, I have been intimidated and threatened and my reputation has been undermined by the Department. At times the work atmosphere was intolerable because of this. Now, I feel I am requested to deny my scientific background and involvement in producing an original document in which I also put a lot of personal time and finances. This I cannot do.

Request clarification from the Fire Chief on the status of the reprinting of the booklet and why this request for a bibliography is actually being made when it is clearly stated on page 1 of the Homeowner's Guide.

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