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 **South Carolina State Parks > U.S. Forest Service**

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Notice smoke coming from Devils Fork State Park on Lake Jocassee? Don't fear. It's a controlled burn by the U.S. Forest Service to reduce fuel on the ground (like pinstraw & leaf litter) that might cause wildfires and to enhance wildlife & plant habitat. Now you know!



 **John Gorman** I live not far from Jocassee and just drive past there. I didn't see any smoke.  
at 17:22:41 on 2/28/2020 UTC

 **Becky Abraham** Hope it's not as windy there as here! Seems dangerous to burn during high wind days.  
at 17:28:02 on 2/28/2020 UTC

 **Mina Harrington** Great time to do it since we have had so much rain.  
at 17:28:26 on 2/28/2020 UTC

 **Ken Cothran** Interesting program that Patrick McMillan did for ETV. His series Expeditions. One thing he talks about is how historically fire was a big part of the upstate landscape, particularly before European settlers came here. The controlled burn is a good thing, and I am glad to see it being used.  
at 17:29:37 on 2/28/2020 UTC

 **Tony Ranucci** California could learn something from common sense programs like this. Thanks SCSP!  
at 17:36:42 on 2/28/2020 UTC

 **Brandon Lee Mathews** Moriah Mathews  
at 17:46:14 on 2/28/2020 UTC

 **Billy Presson** Not many common sense people in CA to start a common sense program.  
at 17:51:44 on 2/28/2020 UTC

 **Willow Brazzell** Do you honestly think they don't do controlled burns in California???? Geez, get real. They DO!  
at 17:55:56 on 2/28/2020 UTC

 **Tony Ranucci** Willow Brazzell Their brush management is an absolute joke! Why do you think the state burns every year? They have so many regulations against cutting brush down that it makes impossible for landowners to do any preventative measures. Geez! 🤔🤔🤔  
at 18:35:57 on 2/28/2020 UTC

**Tony Ranucci** Willow Brazzell



<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.forbes.com/sites/chuckdevore/2019/02/25/wildfires-caused-by-bad-environmental-policy-are-causing-california-forests-to-be-net-co2-emitters/amp/>



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**Doris Craven** So much "kindling" all over the state, it's a good thing we're soggy from all the rain.

at 22:48:03 on 2/28/2020 UTC



**Candice Hanson** Tony Ranucci Well we have brush that burns like turpentine, and it's dry most of the year with Horrible winds that come out of the west and blow down with almost 0% humidity. Totally different from South Carolina where my septic system was pumped out twice yesterday because the soil is so full of water and it was backing up into the house.

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**Tony Ranucci** Candice Hanson so, remove the brush, lift restrictions on water usage and let the people take proper steps to reduce the risk of fire. Or, let the government of California make those decisions for you. Cause, you know... the government in California always knows what's best for you. Right? Oh, and maybe a little more drain field would help your septic system.

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**Candice Hanson** Tony Ranucci I dislike the current governor. Most of the lands and forests that burn are under the U. S. Forest Service or BLM. It's the U.S. government that is not spending the money to mitigate the explosive nature of the grasslands and forests for California. I was once driving in Utah and witnessed a lightning strike and huge down draft that took over thousands of acreage in just a few minutes. The fire went up that mountain in a matter of moments. Most people have no idea of the rate of burn of fires in the Western U. S. It's unbelievable. PS. The amount of brush is larger then most states. Also, with 70 mph winds fires can send embers for miles.

at 13:42:54 on 2/29/2020 UTC



**Tony Ranucci** Candice Hanson the regulations on private land, not federally regulated land is a major contributor to the fires in the west. California's government over reach is absurd. You mentioned brush that burns like turpentine. You realize turpentine is made from pine trees, right?

SC is loaded with them. We have a system in place here which allows private landowners to assess the threat and mitigate the risk.  
I just don't understand the willingness of the people of California to continue to bow to the state government

at 13:52:13 on 2/29/2020 UTC



**Candice Hanson** Tony Ranucci Manzanita burns like turpentine. Research? Many of the worst fires started on federal land. You can't mow the mountains. Private lands that are not cleared around buildings are fined.

at 14:15:12 on 2/29/2020 UTC