



FIGURE 22
WILDFIRE AND LANDSLIDE HAZARDS (2012)

I am very concerned about a Wild Land - Urban Interface Fire in our area. We are in a Very High Fire Hazard Area. Danville and the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District has no evacuation plans for the Diablo Road Corridor and the surrounding area. The Environmental Impact Report does not address the ability of the existing residents to evacuate in an emergency situation, nor the effect of adding another 200+ residents and many more cartrips per day to the risk that people will be trapped should emergency evacuation be required.

This is a very dangerous life-threatening fire area. By approving this project you are putting 200 plus residents at risk of not being able to escape from the new project, and increasing the risk that current residents will be trapped.

Diablo Rd. is not capable of handling the traffic in an emergency situation. I would ask each of you to go to the intersection of Mt. Diablo scenic and Diablo Rd. and observe the morning and evening commute traffic. You will note that Diablo Rd. is already inadequate to handle the current commute traffic.

The last major fire on Mt. Diablo started in the Clayton area on Sept. 13, 2013 scorched more than 3,100 acres of rugged land on Mt. Diablo. The only reason the fire was stopped as it began to burn down the Danville/Diablo side was that the wind was keeping the fire from advancing down the mountain. With a wind from the East this whole valley will be in grave danger. It will be very similar to the Oakland Hills Fire or many of the fires of recent years in northern California that killed over 100 residents. I note that in the last several weeks there have been two fires in this area, one within the Diablo area and one at the Southgate entrance to Mt. Diablo State Park. Under dry, hot, and windy weather conditions and with very dry grass, those fires could have escalated with dangerous consequences.

I explained my concerns at the last Planning Commission Hearing about this project. My concerns fell on 6 deaf ears. I can only hope that you understand the severity of YOUR decision if you approve this misplaced development.

If approved, your responsibility to the residents is to require the Developer and/or the Town to improve Diablo Rd. to better handle emergency situations.

Thank you,
Ray Brant

Retired Fire Battalion Chief

How many people can evacuate in a wildfire emergency when the only escape route is a two-lane substandard width, winding road with blind -curves, no shoulders, trees, poles, walls, and a deep creek perilously close to the road edge?

The answer to that question demonstrates why public safety considerations alone require that Town voters VOTE "NO" in the March 3rd election. Vote "NO" to the rezoning needed for the phony Magee "Preserve" 69+ home residential development on Open Space land.

In the aftermath of the tragedy in Paradise last year during the Camp Fire, USA Today-California Network staff undertook an analysis of roads in Paradise and why people couldn't escape. The bottom line is that there were too many people on too narrow roadways.

Here's a link to the analysis:

<https://apnews.com/6f621c1c54734d0b95d374556c2cf5c0>

Paradise had more than 1,000 people per lane trying to escape. The eastern Diablo Road/western Blackhawk Road corridor has 1526 people needing to escape per lane.(based on Town Attorney's average of 2.71 residents per Danville household; and 1126 existing homes from the Diablo Road/Green Valley/McCauley Road intersection east about 3 miles to the Blackhawk Tennis Villas just below the soccer field).

The 1526 doesn't even count the 135 permanent residents at Athenian School and the additional 470 students that are there every school day.

And that's in an area designated by the Town of Danville 2030 General Plan (Figure 22) as having wildfire hazards that are an "Extreme Threat to Development".

Based on Danville averages, the phony Magee "Preserve" project will add about 185 residents, plus those that live in the attached second residential units (7 required, 50 possible), to this potential disaster. Given the large size of the luxury homes (about 3200 to 4500 sq. feet), there may be far more than 185 residents living in the homes.

So that's perhaps 200 more residents trapped in a wildfire, or preventing others from escaping.

It's no wonder that two fire chiefs that live in the corridor urge you to VOTE "NO" on the rezoning to allow 69+ more homes to be added to this potential disaster.

Please, protect your family and your neighbors from the overreach of special interests and a complicit Town Council. On March 3rd, vote your conscience---VOTE "NO".