Editors-in-Chief, Forest Ecology and Management

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To the Editors:

I am submitting the revised manuscript “Changing spatial patterns of stand-replacing fire in California conifer forests” to be considered for publication as an original research paper in *Forest Ecology and Management*.

We have fully addressed the helpful comments from two reviewers, including clarifying the relationship between weather and our other explanatory variables, clarifying that fuels were not directly assessed, adding a map figure and revising figures 2, 3 and 4 as requested by both reviewers. We believe the manuscript is much improved and appreciate the reviewers’ thoughtful feedback.

I apologize for the additional 1-week delay beyond the initial 1-week extension that was granted by the editor. Summer schedules were difficult to coordinate among co-authors with pre-existing vacations and fieldwork schedules.

I certify that the accompanying manuscript, and the data contained therein, has not been published and is not under consideration for publication with another journal. On behalf of my coauthors I have approved the current version this manuscript for publication with *Forest Ecology and Management*.

Sincerely,



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