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Comments: Dear Agency,
Please do not consider burning anything in this time of severe air pollution caused by wildfires and climate change. We are in the midst of an Upper Respiratory pandemic. Anything that reduces our resistance to the Coronavirus should be avoided at this time. There is no strong evidence that burning forests helps anybody but logging concerns that did monoculture planting and those need thinning. Fires go through these burned areas. Burning doesn't impede wildfires.
Please give consideration to banning fires in fire prone areas. This would get at one of the root causes of wildfires-human negligence. Other countries have done this. Surely we can get that campfire nonbesense out of citizens' minds. We have gotten rid of slavery, we can get rid of the outmoded notions about use of our public lands.
"Prescribed burning" sounds like recopmmending cigarette smoking to cancer p[atients.
Please move away from this unsupported notion that a prescribed burn will prevent a fire. Fires jump 5 miles at a time. So these burns do nothing but worsen our air quality and add more co2 to our atmosphere, worsening the human cause climate crisis.
We must stop exposing our forest workers to smoke. We just don't know which worker will have a permanent lung disability as a result of exposing them to this smoke.
Too many of these intentionally started fire go out of control. That is not worth the risk.
Put out fires, don't intentionally start them!
Respectfully,