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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am writing to urge you to abandon your designated burn plans for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. This will put some of our nation's most valuable and treasured and vulnerable wilderness areas at stake, including the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses. To jeopardize those areas is unthinkable and unacceptable.

The agency should instead allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its ecological role in Wilderness on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. We have already wreaked enough havoc on our planet and its many endangered areas, and we must stop this this aggressive kind of destruction, even if it is in the name of "preservation." It's not preservation, and we cannot and must not add to the multitude of threats in this extraordinary region of our environment.

I'm adding my deeply distressed plea for wiser, and more natural approaches!

Thank you!

Bonnie Monte