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Comments: The Forest Service has announced that all Wildernesses in two national forests (Sequoia and Sierra National Forests)-over 842,000 acres of Wilderness in total-are subject to the proposed burn plan.

While fire plays an important ecological role in these Wildernesses, the Forest Service proposal represents a huge human-driven manipulation of Wilderness that is inconsistent with the letter and spirit of the 1964 Wilderness Act. From a wilderness perspective, it is far better to allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its role, rather than to invade Wilderness to cut down "undesirable" trees and burn forests based on human wishes and desires. After all, we are not part of the forest ecosystem and have no idea what is "undesirable" from the perspective of myriad species that live there.

Therefore, I urge that the Agency instead allow natural lightning-initiated fire to play its normal ecological role in these wilderness areas, and not pursue a burning plan.