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Comments: This whole planet doesn't need to be covered in charcoal in order for it to be the way you imagine it should be. The USFS is imagining that fire played a certain role in wilderness. That doesn't mean that fire did play that role. Composting also plays a part. Nothing lies on the forest floor ignored by fungi and ants. Your prescribed fire drastically reduces the population of those fungi and ants. It also reduces or eliminates food sources for mammals and birds. For example, mice eat ants that feed owls. And bears eat rotten logs filled with termites

And let's get this out in the open. Burning up the forest would reduce the tree population and that reduces the water that the forest uses, making more water flowing down the river to LA. That's a big part of these burning projects, isn't it. Changing the wilderness so it suits LA is the hugest breech of the wilderness act.