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Comments: We've had more than enough burning in these wilderness areas. Research and information on prescribed burning is unclear at best, and certainly not accepted across the board. Natural burns are natural, and controlling spread to inhabited areas is of course important, but too much management is not appropriate in our wilderness areas--and historically we haven't always gotten it right with suppression, but let's not swing to the other side. We are stuck with the logging industry, but tree removal should not be allowed in wilderness areas. That was the point, wasn't it?

The Forest Service should exclude all of the designated Wildernesses from its proposed burning plans for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests in order to comply with the Wilderness Act. Some of America's most loved Wilderness areas are at stake, including the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses.

The agency should instead allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its ecological role in Wilderness on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.