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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed action.

I believe that 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. While controlled burns do have a role in forest management, and should probably be used more than they are, the spirit and letter of the Wilderness Act call for minimal human intervention in Wilderness areas. The Service should instead allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its ecological role in Wilderness on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.