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Comments: Extensive burning is not a valid option for healthy forests. Native Americans organized limited burns that for hundreds of years created healthy forests.

The Forest Service should exclude all of the designated Wildernesses from its proposed extensive 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.