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I am a Federal Resource Manager (Retired) with over 30 years of Resource Management Responsibility in the NPS, USFS and BLM.

This Burning Plan attempts to "disguise" the use of other management actions that are generally not ALLOWED or Appropriate by Law in Wilderness Areas AND WSA's, under the guise of vegetation management via controlled and prescribed burning practices, but with attendant vegetation modification that is VERY inappropriate in a Wilderness Area.

Due to this apparent subterfuge, The Forest Service must 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 and to fulfill appropriate clearances related to the National Environmental Policy Act.

Significant amounts of America's most loved Wilderness areas are at risk from these inappropriate management actions, including the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses.

Alternately, the agency must instead allow and promote the use of natural, lightning-caused fire to play its significant ecological role in Wilderness on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests, which in turn will address many of the intents of this management effort.

This alternative action recognizes and takes advantage of the significant role that fire has played, and continues to play as an important ecological role in these Wildernesses.

The Forest Service proposal represents a HUGE Human-Driven Manipulation of Wilderness that is Highly Inconsistent with the Letter, Spirit and INTENT of the 1964 Wilderness Act, that is obviously influenced by Time Related artificial Demands Posited by Politics AND NOT BY Science!

From a Wilderness Perspective, as defined BY LAW, it is MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE to Utilize Natural, Lightning-caused fire to play its role, Rather than to Inappropriately Invade Wilderness, with the attendant long-term damaging impacts to Wilderness resources, to Cut Down "undesirable" trees and burn forests based on human wishes and desires.

RATHER, the USFS should be following the clear-cut INTENT OF THE LAW and supporting well vetted Natural Resource Science..