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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the U.S. Forest Service's massive burning project for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests in California that covers 2.4 million acres-including all 842,448 acres of Wildernesses in both national forests.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.