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Comments: One purpose of Wilderness is to let nature take its course. Fire is natural. Fire suppression was unnatural and created an unnatural forest. We seem to finally be learning and accepting fire. Fire management is also unnatural. We may not like what fire does in our forests, but a natural forest needs natural fire. Wilderness is the only forest where natural processes must take place.

Just as fire suppression was a mistake based on human fears and the belief that we know better than nature, how the forest operates. That same thinking is behind the belief that we know best. Time for a new way of thinking. Try it in Wilderness, our children will thank us.

Stop trying to manage what little Wilderness we have left. Do not manage the Wilderness by imposing your plan to burn in the Wilderness.