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Comments: Prescribed burns, as we have learned, can go out of control and cause horrific wildfires. Additionally, the process requires interfering with the natural order in the wilderness, with machinery, trucks, etc. Please consider this and the other points raised before making a decision on this important matter.

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.