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Comments: The role that I believe the agency should play is to just let fires from lightning run their course in the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests and exclude the designated Wilderness areas from the plans to burn. This is the only way to be in complete compliance with the Wilderness Act, and the only way not to endanger treasured Wildernesses like John Muir, Dome Land, and South Sierra.

While I recognize that fire has played, and continues to play, an important ecological role in these Wildernesses, the Forest Service proposal represents a huge human-driven manipulation of Wilderness that is inconsistent with the letter and spirit of the 1964 Wilderness Act. From a wilderness perspective, it is far better to allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its role, rather than to invade Wilderness to cut down "undesirable" trees and burn forests based on human wishes and desires.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do the right thing.