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Comments: I thank the Service for accepting public comments regarding this project. To be fair, fire plays an important ecological role in the cycle of Wildernesses, but this 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.

I urge the Forest Service to spare our crown jewels of the National Wilderness Preservation System from these well-meaning, perhaps, but misguided burning and cutting plans. Please exclude all of the designated Wildernesses from the proposed burning plans for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests in order to comply with the Wilderness Act. Please, instead, allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its ecological role in Wilderness on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

Some of our most beloved and iconic 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. Thank you for all you can do to help us steward our lands in a way that allows nature to take the lead, trusting that nature can heal itself if we would only stand aside and let it.