Data Submitted (UTC 11): 11/17/2023 3:45:40 AM First name: Paula Last name: Shafransky Organization: Title: Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. I am writing because I have hiked in these areas and have concerns about what is being proposed.

I am asking the Forest Service to spare the designated Wilderness areas there from this extensive burning and habitat manipulation project.

I believe 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.

From a wilderness perspective, it would seem 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. Where is the science?

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 your consideration in this important matter.