Data Submitted (UTC 11): 11/17/2023 4:20:13 PM First name: Thomas Last name: Lewis Organization: Title: Comments: Dear US Forest Service:

While I recognize and understand the importance of using Rx fire to manage forests, the USFS is not exempt from compliance with the Wilderness Act. The USFS should exclude all designated Wildernesses from its proposed burn plans for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. Some of these Wilderness areas include the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wilderness areas.

The USFS should instead allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its ecological role in Wilderness on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

Thank you for considering my comments.