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Comments: In his early years with the Forest Service Aldo Leopold once wrote that the Forest Service was entrusted with the protection and development of The Forest. He said it is the job of the Forest Service to sharpen its tools and make them cut the right way. The proposed Sequoia and Sierra National Forest Prescribed Fire Project cuts the wrong way.

To burn and cut in designated Wilderness areas cuts at the heart of the Wilderness Act "where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man". Wilderness areas at stake include the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses. It is wrong to include these areas in the proposed burn. Let natural, lightning-caused fire play its ecological role in Wilderness on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my opposition to the proposed prescribed fire project.

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