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Comments: I am writing to state my opposition to the Forest Service plan to burn 2.4 million acres in the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests in California, including all acres of Wildernesses in both national forests. This is in direct contravention of the lawful protections that govern Wilderness areas, especially given the enormous impact this will have in these areas. I therefore ask you to leave the Wilderness areas out of the burn plans, as required by the Wilderness Act. Instead, the Forest Service should allow natural, lightning-caused fire to determine ecological impacts in Wilderness areas in the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.