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Comments: The Forest Service plan to burn designated Wilderness areas in the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests to comply with the Wilderness Act is wrong and should not be implemented. Areas including the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses should instead be left alone to adapt to changing climate conditions rather than be artificially managed with uncertain results.

While it is important to manage some areas to protect human life and some property, the better option is for the agency to instead allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its ecological role in Wilderness areas of the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. There are other ways to minimize fire damage than by burning large swaths of land that will contribute massive amounts of dangerous pollutants to the air, causing damage to human health and inflicting suffering on the wildlife that inhabits these areas.