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Comments: I strongly oppose the USFS Proposed Action outlined in the 2024 1007Sequoia Sierra NF Prescribed Fire Draft EA, especially for designated and recommended Wilderness Areas (such as Moses Mountain). This Proposed Action does not comply with the National Wilderness Act or the best up-to-date science as required by NEPA. As experts have confirmed, based on extensive study of California wildfires, prescribed burns and logging actually create hotter, more destructive wildfires that burn much larger areas than natural fire in undisturbed forests. Desiccating soil and creating wind tunnels for fire by use of prescribed fire and logging exacerbates climate-induced drying and susceptibility to out-of-control fire spread. Prescribed fire is unnatural and does not mimic natural, lightning-caused fire in its impacts on flora and fauna and behavior of the fire. Alternative C, with the addition of Moses Mountain recommended wilderness area to the area protected, should be the preferred alternative adopted, though exclusion of ALL forested USFS land from burning and logging would be the better course of action, since it would offer the greatest climate and biodiversity protection and therefore be the action most in keeping with USFS's Congressional Mandate to provide the greatest benefit to the American people.