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Comments: Having visited multiple of these sites, it saddens me to think that massive burn and cutting projects are being proposed. The problem in California is not just that there are too many fuels for fires to spread from, it is that for some reason, California still thinks that it's smart to have big agriculture and farms in a state that has no water. The farms suck up the little bit of available water there is, leaving everything else to dry up and be fuel for fires later. It is an unfortunate and unsustainable way of living that needs to be addressed before you burn down even more of your state. Let water accumulate back into the state. Put water restrictions on anyone using so much water that it depletes the rest of the state's water. Our weather pattern has changed and big farms in California are no longer sustainable so you must consider what needs to be done to fix THAT issue instead of just lighting everything else on fire until there's nothing left to burn.

I support Alternative C, the Wilderness Exclusion Alternative. The Forest Service should exclude all designated and recommended Wildernesses from its proposed cutting and burning plans for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests in order to comply with the Wilderness Act.

The Forest Service should also add the Moses Mountain Recommended Wilderness to Alternative C.

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