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Comments: In regard to the forest treatments being proposed in the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests Prescribed Fire Project #65081, I strongly 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. Heavy-handed fire and mechanical treatments are antithetical to wilderness values and should not be imposed upon wilderness areas. Fire is a natural component of forest succession. It is the suppression of natural fires that have overburdened the landscape with flammable materials. Additional interventions are risky and destructive and should be avoided.