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Comments: I support Alternative C, the Wilderness Exclusion Alternative for these national forests. Also, please add Moses Mountain Alternative Wilderness to Alternative C.

Fire does play a role in the health of forests. But using drones, helicopters, and chainsaws to start fires and eliminate trees in a wholesale manner is not compatible with wilderness-designated protected areas. Do not set a dangerous precedent. Do not slash and burn forests, as that will only make our problems worse.

May I suggest that the Forest Service consult local indigenous tribes and follow their wisdom and advice. The native people have co-existed with forests forever, and they understand what the forests need. Here in the eastern United States they have led many limited, proscribed burns and tree-thinning that have benefited forests.