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Comments: The U.S. Forest Service has moved forward a massive burning project for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests in California that covers 2.4 million acres-including all 866,741 acres of designated Wilderness on both national forests. I am very concerned about the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the so-called "Sequoia and Sierra National Forests Prescribed Fire Project".

I recognize that fire has played, and continues to play, an important ecological role in wilderness. I feel the Forest Service's proposal represents a huge human-driven manipulation of wilderness that is inconsistent with the letter and spirit of the 1964 Wilderness Act. In fact, the Forest Service is even proposing to ignite some fires in Wilderness using helicopters and drones. From a wilderness perspective, it is far better to allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its role. 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.

Therefore, 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.

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