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Comments: RE: Protection of Designated Wilderness Areas from Habitat Manipulation

I wish to express my concern about the proposed burning and habitat manipulation in several of America's most treasured Wilderness areas, including the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses. These areas face the risk of irreversible damage, which could impact their natural beauty and ecological balance for generations.

I strongly support Alternative C, the Wilderness Exclusion Alternative, and urge the Forest Service to remove all designated and recommended Wilderness areas from the proposed cutting and burning plans for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. This action is necessary to ensure full compliance with the Wilderness Act and protect these areas from unnecessary human interference.

Additionally, I request that the Moses Mountain Recommended Wilderness be included in Alternative C. Allowing naturally occurring lightning-caused fires to fulfill their ecological role within these Wilderness areas would be a more sustainable approach, preserving their integrity as intended.

Thank you for considering these crucial steps to protect our Wilderness heritage.