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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Attached are my personal comments about the U.S. Forest Service (FS) Sequoia and Sierra National Forests Prescribed Fire Project #65081 and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

What the FS proposes is illegal. It will create a massive amount of trammeling, change wilderness character, and interfere with natural ecosystem evolution and processes on 866,741 acres of wilderness. This proposal suppresses wilderness when lightning caused fires start when the FS should encourage burning due to natural fires from lightning strikes.

Some of the best known and most visited wilderness areas will be impacted by the FS including Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses. The Moses Mountain Recommended Wilderness Area should be added to Alternative C, which I do support.

I support Alternative C, the Wilderness Exclusion Alternative. The FS should remove all designated and recommended wilderness areas from this proposal to log and burn in the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. If this isn't done, the FS is breaking the law and the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Do the right thing and don't violate the 1964 Wilderness Act.