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Comments: I am writing to urge the Forest Service not to proceed with plans for massive burning of 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 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. The Forest Service should also add the Moses Mountain Recommended Wilderness to Alternative C.

While fire plays an important role in nature's own forest management, the Forest Service proposal is a manipulation of Wilderness that is inconsistent with the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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.

I urge the Forest Service to spare Wilderness areas of the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests; including John Muir Wilderness, Ansel Adams Wilderness, and other treasured areas; from its planned cutting and burning.