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While wildfires are a serious danger, they are not predictable, nor are they preventable. The process of clearing the understory is flawed in that once the ground covering is removed, the land more readily dries up along with the trees. A drier forest is not what we want.

While this approach may be helpful to protect urban areas, it's clearly not suitable for wildernesses. Therefore, 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 addition, this would be in compliance with the Wilderness Act.

These forests, along with the Moses Mountain Recommended Wilderness are essential and could be protected by adopting the Alternative C.

Thank you