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Comments: As a northern Californian I understand the devastating affects of forest fires. While I recognize that fire plays an important ecological role in these Wilderness areas, the Forest Service proposal represents a huge human-driven manipulation of Wilderness that is inconsistent with the letter and spirit of the 1964 Wilderness Act. One example is the proposal to ignite fires in Wilderness areas using helicopters and drones.

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.

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. These should be controlled, to avoid devastating spread of the fires.

Keep up your excellent work in protecting our beautiful forests. Thank you,  
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