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Comments: I've been staring at my screen for minutes now, feeling helpless that I know I won't come up with words to move those who make these decisions to decide to stop the plans to burn massive amounts of forests.

I'm gutted and stupefied that this is even an option, much less a very realistic possibility that the actual US Forest Service plans to burn, cut down and bulldoze forests. Nevermind that we've lost as of May this year (2024) over 4 million acres of forests to wildfires. Mature and old growth trees especially are desperately needed by us, by the planet, to help all other species survive and yet all around the world forests, including old growth forests just disappear at an alarming rate like they are "nothing". This is horrible and so very easily preventable.

I can only hope that someone will come up with words or provide statistics that move those of you who are making these decisions to spare wilderness areas and forests especially at Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wilderness locations.

Please be protectors of wilderness and forests. Thank you for reading my comment.