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Comments: The two National Forests that you are planning to control by use of fire are two of the last old forests in California. They are not available for the forestry service to play with fire! We have seen what all to often happens with CONTROLLED BURNS. The nature of the atmospheric conditions in all these areas is variable, a sudden change in wind direction and hundreds of Old Grow Trees are gone and they can't just be replanted. This is not only a bad idea but another example of trying to render conservation initiatives moot, we see it happening with your trying to tear the heart out of the Wilderness Act. Wilderness Areas on the Mexican border with roads and structures for Homeland security to keep people out, while we can't keep them out from destroying our southern desert or in mountainous regions for climbers to install permanent climbing aids! Next they will want a bus service to ferry the climbers in and out. Old Growth and Wilderness don't seem important to the Forestry Service any more and you ALL should hang your heads in SHAME!