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Comments: As a young Gaithersburg forest lover who is extremely concerned about the climate crisis, deforestation, and habitat loss, I strongly 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.

It would be an egregious crime to destroy some of America's most loved Wilderness areas, including the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses. Our country's natural heritage is an irreplaceable treasure that must be protected.

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.