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Comments: As the U.S. Forest Service has moved forward a massive burning project for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests in California that covers 2.4 million acres-including all 866,741 acres of designated Wilderness on both national forests, I request that you go with Alternate C the Wilderness Exclusion Alternative. It is important to protect America's most loved Wilderness areas, including Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Klavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses. Under Alternative C, you would exclude all these designated Wildernesses from the burning project plus the Monarch Wilderness South addition, which is a total of 871,472 acres. We need these Wilderness to stay as they are and let nature take care of them. Please at the Moses Mountain Recommended Wilderness to Alternative C.

As far as fire playing a role, for hundreds of years these Wildernesses have been taken care of the natural way. It is far better to allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its role instead of man taking action, which can only harm the Wildernesses as man does not understand what the Wildernesses need for God has provides the natural way to handle them as He has done long before any of us were born. No help from mankind is needed for the Wildernesses. All mankind will do is harm the areas and NOT HELP IT. Plus these areas have living trees, bushes, and animals that depend on them. Starting fires by mankind using by helicopters or drone or invading the Wilderness to cut down "undesirable" trees based on mankind's wishes and desires is wrong. Leave the Wildernesses along and let nature take care of them as they have been taken care of for hundreds of years.

While we recognize that fire has played, and continues to play, an important ecological role in these Wildernesses, 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. In fact, the Forest Service is even proposing to ignite some fires in Wilderness using helicopters and drones. This should never happen as more harm will happen to the Wildernesses and every tree, bush, and animal living there will be harmed and most likely killed. We need every animal, tree, and bush in each of the Wildernesses as they are EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECOSYSTEM IN THEIR AREA. Wildernesses are here for a purpose. Protect them as they are and stop trying to control them. Leave them alone and allow them to continue as they have for hundreds or years. Thank you.