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Comments: Regarding the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the so-called "Sequoia and Sierra National Forests Prescribed Fire Project, I urge you to spare designated Wilderness areas from this extensive burning and habitat manipulation project. This 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!

Some of America's most loved Wilderness areas are at stake, including the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Monarch, South Sierra, Dome Land, Jennie Lakes, and Golden Trout Wildernesses. I urge you to adopt Alternative C, which would exclude all designated Wilderness from the burning project plus the recommended Monarch Wilderness-South addition-a total of 871,472 acres.

Protect these wilderness gems from the tree cutting, burning, and manipulation.

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. No helicopters or drones!

Spare these crown jewels of the National Wilderness Preservation System from misguided cutting and burning plans.

You should also add the Moses Mountain Recommended Wilderness to Alternative C.

You should instead allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its ecological role in designated and recommended Wilderness on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

Keep Wilderness on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests wild!