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Comments: 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.

Your proposal represents a huge human-driven manipulation of Wilderness that is inconsistent with the letter and spirit of the 1964 Wilderness Act. In fact, you are even proposing to ignite some fires in Wilderness using helicopters and drones!

Under Alternative C, you would exclude all designated Wilderness from the burning project plus the recommended Monarch Wilderness-South addition-a total of 871,472 acres.

I support Alternative C, the Wilderness Exclusion Alternative. Please exclude all designated and recommended Wilderness from its proposed cutting and burning plans, as well as habitat manipulation project for the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests in order to comply with the Wilderness Act.

Please also add the Moses Mountain Recommended Wilderness to Alternative C.

Allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its ecological role in designated areas and recommend Wilderness in the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

You have moved forward with 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!

From a wilderness perspective, it is far better to allow natural, lightning-caused fire to play its role, rather than to invade Wilderness to cut down "undesirable" trees and burn forests based on human wishes and desires.