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Comments: I am commenting to 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.

I understand that fire has played and will continue to play an important ecological role in these Wildernesses. However, 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. The Forest Service is even proposing to ignite some fires in Wilderness using helicopters and drones.

I believe that from a wilderness perspective it is much better to allow natural fires caused by lightning to play their role, rather than to invade Wilderness to cut down trees which someone has determined are undesirable and to burn forests based on human wishes and desires.

I also strongly support that the Forest Service should add the Moses Mountain Recommended Wilderness to Alternative C.