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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Fernberg Corridor Landscape Management Project.

The proposal to burn up to 84,000 acres within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) violates the Wilderness Act's directive to preserve the area's wildness and wilderness character. As previously promised the Forest Service should start allowing natural lightning-caused fires to play their role in the BWCAW.

I note that your draft EA fails to analyze whether, when, or how the Forest Service will allow natural fires to burn in the BWCAW should your proposed action proceeds.

I strongly advocate for Alternative 3, the alternative that calls for No Action in the Wilderness.