

# Fire Atlas 2000

## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



**Fire Atlas – 2000**  
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**December 31, 2000**

**Total Acreage Burned by all Causes: 81.9**

**Wildland Fires (57.9 acres)**

Unplanned fires started by humans or lightning. Human-caused fires are always suppressed. Lightning-caused fires are evaluated to determine the appropriate management strategy. Some of these fires are allowed to burn for resource benefit, others are suppressed.

- **Used for Resource Benefit (WFURB) (.3 acres)**  
Lightning caused, and actively managed to maintain natural ecosystem processes. Includes one small fire totaling .3 acres.
- **Suppressed (57.6 acres)**
  - **Lighting Fires**  
Lightning-caused fires, suppressed due to factors such as proximity to park boundary, unacceptable smoke impacts, unacceptable weather conditions, or competition for firefighting resources regionally or nationally. Includes fifteen small fires totaling 4 acres.
  - **Human-Caused Wildfires**  
Unplanned and unwanted fires that were aggressively suppressed. Includes five fires totaling 53.6 acres.

**Prescribed Fires (24 acres)**

Fires planned and set by NPS staff in designated areas to reduce hazardous fuels and/or restore natural conditions. Due to the National Park Service moratorium on prescribed burning west of the 100<sup>th</sup> meridian, Sequoia and Kings Canyon did not ignite fires during the summer of 2000. Twenty-four acres burned in January of 2000 from a prescribed fire, Deadwood, that began on November 22, 1999. The fire totaled 417 acres, 393 of which burned in 1999.

- Mineral King Units  
Deadwood (24 acres)