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Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Fire Notice

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Ash Mountain Prescribed Fire Planned in Sequoia National Park

National Park Service fire crews will be working on the Ash Mountain hazard fuel reduction project in Sequoia National Park (between 1,700 and 3,000 feet in elevation) over the next two weeks. This project includes mechanical treatments (weed whacking), as well as prescribed fires.

The prescribed fire segments consist of eight small segments (between one and seven acres) between the Buckeye Housing area and Hospital Rock Picnic Area. Some segments are burned each year and others are on a bi-annual rotation.

The first prescribed fires are planned for Wednesday, June 6, weather and air quality conditions permitting. Possible segments include the Buckeye Housing Area, near the Foothills Visitor Center, and below the maintenance yard in Sequoia National Park.

Other units may be completed at a later date and include a roadside unit along the Generals Highway entering the park near Cricket Hollow, near the Research Center, and near Hospital Rock Picnic Area. Ignitions will occur when conditions are favorable and should be completed by June 22.

The segments are strategically located near park buildings, residences, and high-use picnic areas. By reducing fuels in these areas, the parks hope to prevent the spread of any accidental fires that might threaten people and structures during hotter, drier conditions.

Each burn segment takes less than a day to finish. In all segments, the ground fuels are grass and scattered brush, which burns quickly and produces smoke for very short periods. However, residents and employees near these areas are recommended to keep their windows closed on ignition days.

-- www.nps.gov/seki/fire/fireinfo/current.htm --