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## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Fire Notification

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### Falls Prescribed Fire Planned

Fire crews plan to begin ignitions on the Falls Prescribed Fire in Kings Canyon National Park on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, weather and air quality conditions permitting.

This unit is located in Cedar Grove along the north side of Highway 180. The project area will begin near the Canyon Viewpoint and extends east to the Roaring River Falls area. This project area is 150 acres and ignitions will likely last two days.

The road to Cedar Grove will remain open with possible delays due to smoke. Please observe posted speed limit signs and travel with your lights on for your safety and the firefighters' safety. Access to the historic Knapp's Cabin will be restricted during the burn to ensure public safety. However, all other trails will remain open.

Fire is a vital process in the Sierra Nevada and has been excluded by the intervention of fire suppression activities. This has resulted in abnormally high levels of forest fuels. This prescribed fire will allow for the reduction of these fuels under controlled conditions.

The Cedar Grove area may be impacted by smoke. Park visitors who are sensitive to smoke or have pre-existing respiratory problems should limit their outdoor activities, particularly in the morning, and keep car windows closed during the burn. For more information about how to limit exposure to smoke, please visit <http://www.airquality.org/smokeimpact/>.

<http://www.nps.gov/seki/naturescience/current-fires.htm>