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## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Fire Update

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### ***Horse Fire Shows Moderate Growth in Sequoia National Park***

The *Horse Fire* has shown a moderate increase in fire activity due to warmer and drier weather over the region. Fire behavior includes smoldering, creeping ground fire with some isolated torching. Three fire monitors have been monitoring this fire to assess the fire and map its growth.

The *Horse Fire* was started by lightning and discovered on July 19<sup>th</sup>. It is currently 407 acres. The fire is located in the south end of Sequoia National park in the vicinity of Hockett Meadow near the headwaters of Horse Creek. It is at 9,100 feet in elevation. This fire is being managed for resource benefit.

There continues to be no immediate threats to life or property.

Residents in the East Fork drainage of the Kaweah River may notice limited smoke, especially during the nights and into the mornings. *There are no trail closures in place at this time.* Hikers may notice some smoke in the area.

Historically, fires ignited in the summer months by lightning storms would burn throughout the late summer and fall in the Sierra Nevada. These fires would slowly smolder with the cooler and shorter days and eventually be extinguished by rain or snow.

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