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Fires Discovered in Wilderness of Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Five fires are burning in the wilderness of Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. These fires were ignited by lightning after thunderstorms passed over the parks on July 18th and 19th.

The *Horse Fire* is located in the south end Sequoia National Park in the vicinity of Hockett Meadow near the headwaters of Horse Creek. It is at 9100 feet in elevation. It is one and a half acres in size. Fire behavior is creeping ground fire with active burning in sunny, exposed areas. Two monitors have been assigned to this fire to further assess fuels and potential for growth.

The *Laurel Fire* is in the Kern River drainage near Laurel Creek in Sequoia National Park at 10,000 feet in elevation. It is 1/10 of an acre. It has low potential for growth.

The *Red Spur Fire* is also in the Kern River Drainage, south and east of Mt. Kaweah, in Sequoia National Park. It is 1/10 of an acre and at 7750 feet in elevation. It has low potential for growth.

The *Scaffold Fire* is in Sequoia National Park north of the Roaring River Ranger station near Scaffold Meadow. It is at approximately 8,000 feet in elevation. It is 1/3 of an acre in size and fire behavior is slow creeping ground fire. It has moderate potential for growth.

The *Burnt Fire* is in Kings Canyon National Park north of Tehipite Valley near Burnt Mountain. It is at 9000 feet in elevation and is 1/2 acre in size. It has little to no potential for growth.

These lightning fires can be safely managed to promote forest health by reducing forest fuels and returning the natural cycle of fire to the parks. At this time, there is no threat to lives or property.

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

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