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Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Institute Fire Restrictions

Due to high fire danger, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks are instituting fire restrictions inside the parks. Beginning Friday, July 10, 2009:

- No wood or barbecue fires are permitted below 6,000 feet, except in designated campgrounds. This includes Ash Mountain Picnic Area, Hospital Rock Picnic Area and backcountry travel below 6,000 feet. Gas or propane stoves may be used at all elevations.
- No smoking below 6,000 feet is permitted, except within a developed area, a campground, an enclosed vehicle, or a building which allows smoking.

Fire restrictions reduce the possibility of an accidental human-caused fire that could threaten visitors and employees during times of high fire danger. If further restrictions are necessary in the future due to changing conditions, the parks will make another public announcement.

These National Park Service restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

Visitors to these parks, by following these steps, can help ensure that their visit is safe and enjoyable while protecting these beautiful parks from unwanted fire.

Would you like more information about fire? Go to www.nps.gov/seki and click on *Fire in the Parks* under Quicklinks.

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