

## Determination to Change Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Regulations

Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent makes the following changes to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Regulations.

<b>1. Regulation change:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Camping in Lower Paradise Valley is limited to a one night camping limit in designated sites only</li><li>• Camping in Middle and Upper Paradise Valley is limited to a one night camping limit</li></ul>	
<b>2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:</b> <p>Camping in Paradise Valley was limited to a one night camping limit in designated sites only.</p>	
<b>3. Date of this Regulation Change:</b> <p>June 24, 2013</p>	
<b>4. Reasons for change:</b> <p>Tree die off has created hazardous conditions surrounding previously designated campsites throughout Paradise Valley. In the Spring of 2013, several hazard trees were removed and some designated sites in Lower Paradise Valley were relocated. Designated sites in Middle and Upper Paradise Valley near hazard trees were restored to natural conditions in preparation for dispersed camping. Campers will be notified to carefully select their dispersed campsite in Middle and Upper Paradise considering all hazardous conditions, including dead and dying trees.</p>	
<b>5. Effective Date(s):</b> <p>The closure will become effective at 0001 hours on June 25, 2013. This closure will remain in effect until rescinded.</p>	
<b>6. Authority for adoption:</b> Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5	
<b>Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 