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## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### Crews Respond to Fires in Parks

The Windy Peak Fire in Kings Canyon National Park, discovered during a reconnaissance flight on August 23, has grown to an estimated 200 acres.

This lightning-caused fire is north of the Middle Fork of the Kings River near Simpson Meadow and Windy Peak.

Fire crews are working to hold this fire north of the Kings River. The fire is burning in brush and mixed conifer at 7,000 feet in elevation and has moderate to high potential for growth. There are currently no threats to life or property.

The Chagoopa Fire, near the Chagoopa Plateau in Sequoia National Park, is estimated to be 15 acres. This fire is in the wilderness and there are no threats to life or property. Firefighters are working to hold the fire's growth along the Kern River. The fire has crossed a segment of the High Sierra Trail. While the trail is not closed, hikers should plan to be escorted through the fire area. These escorts will likely be in the morning or when fire behavior allows.

The parks are attempting to suppress fires because of fire danger, drought conditions, and the need for crews on fires elsewhere. However, the response strategy is limited by the number of firefighters in the parks. Demand for firefighting resources is high because of a number of large fires throughout the state and nation.

The Fish Fire, located on the Sequoia National Forest south of the parks, has grown to approximately 1,000 acres. Smoke from this fire is drifting into Sequoia National Park, especially along the Kern River drainage. Visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3701/> for more information about this fire.

The Hotel Creek Fire has been contained at 30 acres.

The Hockett Fire has been contained at 41 acres. The trail leading from the Hockett Meadow Ranger Station to Evelyn Lake and Cahoon Rock is closed for firefighter and public safety.

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