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## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Fire Update

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### Horse Fire Continues to Grow in Sequoia National Park

The *Horse Fire* (discovered 7/19/09) 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 now 13 acres in size. Fire behavior includes creeping ground fire with some isolated torching. Two monitors have been assigned to this fire to further assess fuels and potential for growth. *There are no trail closures in place near the Horse Fire at this time.* Hikers may notice limited smoke in the vicinity.

The *Burnt Fire* (discovered 7/18/09) 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. This fire has been placed in inactive status.

The *Scaffold Fire* (discovered 7/19/09) is in Kings Canyon 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 has been placed in inactive status.

The *Laurel* (discovered on 7/18/09) is 1/10 of an acre and has been placed in inactive status. It is at 10,000 feet in elevation. This fire is located in the Kern River drainage near Laurel Creek in Sequoia National Park

The *Red Spur* (discovered on 7/19/09) has been placed in inactive status. This 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.

Prior to Euro-American suppression policies, 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>