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Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Fire Update

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Kid Fire Found in Kings Canyon National Park

A new fire was reported to fire management after it was discovered by park employee in the backcountry of Kings Canyon National Park.

The *Kid Fire* is approximately two miles northwest of Paradise Valley and southeast of Kid Peak. It is burning in fir and manzanita at 9,900 feet in elevation. It is one-quarter of an acre. Backing fire and 1-2 foot flame lengths have been observed. It has moderate potential for growth.

The *Kid Fire* will be managed for ecological benefit. This fire can spread naturally, restoring the cycle of fire into the wilderness.

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.

There are three other fires being managed in the parks: The *Willow Fire* is currently 185 acres. Although the fire is still active, precipitation from the latest series of storms has stalled its growth.

The *Quintero Fire* is located in the Tehipite Canyon near Blue Canyon. It is named in memory of Dave Quintero, a member of Sequoia National Park's Crew 91 who died in an automobile accident last year. It is at 8,400 feet in elevation and is .1 acre in size. It is smoldering in sparse timber and has low to moderate potential for growth.

The *Baldy West Fire* has been suppressed at one-quarter of an acre. The fire is contained and is in patrol status at this time. This fire was suppressed because of its proximity to infrastructure and the Forest Service boundary.

An air quality alert is in place for the San Joaquin Valley. This is because of two large wildland fires, the *Moonlight Fire* on the Plumas National Forest and the *Lick Fire* east of San Jose. Yesterday, the *Moonlight Fire* grew 9,000 acres and the *Lick Fire* grew 13,000 acres. This smoke will likely filter into the foothill communities and the parks. Please see the link below for more information from the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District.

http://www.valleyair.org/recent_news/Media_releases/Rls%20Wildfire%209-2007.pdf

<http://www.nps.gov/seki/naturescience/current-fires.htm>

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