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## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Fire Update

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### *Firefighters Continue Efforts to Contain Hidden Fire*

The *Hidden Fire*, located near Hidden Springs in the North Fork of the Kaweah River drainage, continues to show growth in spite of aggressive efforts to contain the fire. It is approximately fifty acres in size. Initial attack operations are continuing. This fire was ignited by a lightning strike on the evening of September 10.

Forty-five firefighters are on this fire with an additional crew ordered. An engine crew from Santa Monica National Recreation Area is also in the parks to augment initial attack coverage. Five helicopters and five air tankers are also assigned to the fire to support ground operations with water and retardant drops. Spotting and roll-outs are creating control issues on the north and east flank. The west and south flanks are currently holding. The fire is approximately 50% contained.

This fire is burning in steep terrain and heavy fuels at approximately 6,000 feet in elevation. It has a high potential for growth. Firefighters are attempting to contain this fire at the smallest acreage possible due to the probability for undesired fire behavior, rapid growth, smoke impacts, and the potential for the fire to spread into developed areas.

The *Muir Fire*, started by the same lightning storm, has been contained and controlled at one-half of an acre. This fire is being patrolled regularly.

-- [www.nps.gov/seki/fire/fireinfo/current.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/fire/fireinfo/current.htm) --