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Recent Bus Inspection Makes Visitors and Roads Safer at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA – The National Park Service (NPS), with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), held a recent commercial bus inspection near the entrance of Kings Canyon National Park in an effort to keep visitors and roads safer at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. On Saturday, September 22, 2012, from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., the NPS and CHP inspected 22 commercial buses. Five bus drivers received warnings for various issues (i.e., deficiencies), including excessive smoke, defective brake parts, an improperly-secured load, log book violations, a cracked windshield, tire tread less than 2/32", light issues, and leaks to various mechanical systems. Two buses were placed out-of-service, with one citation for a bus with a leak in the air suspension system and a warning for a defective tire. Overall, park visitors on the buses and bus drivers expressed positive comments about the inspections.

There has been a major increase in commercial bus traffic entering Kings Canyon National Park in past years. Specifically, commercial bus traffic in the park has nearly tripled since 2003.

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SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, which lie side-by-side in the southern Sierra Nevada in central California, serve as a prime example of nature's size, beauty, and diversity. With the world's largest trees (by volume), grand mountains, rugged foothills, deep canyons, vast caverns, and the highest point in the lower 48 states, it is a place that attracts 1.6 million visitors a year from across the U.S. and the world. Visitor activities vary by season and elevation. The majority of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, nearly 97% of the land or approximately 835,000 acres, is managed as wilderness, including the Sequoia-Kings Canyon and John Krebs wildernesses. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/seki or call 559-565-3341.

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