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## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Institute Fire Restrictions

Due to high fire danger, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are instituting fire restrictions inside the parks. Beginning Wednesday June 18, 2014:

- No wood or barbecue fires are permitted in the Ash Mountain Picnic Area, the Hospital Rock Picnic Area, or the South Fork Campground.
- No wood or barbecue fires are permitted below 6,000 feet in the parks' wilderness. Year-round, site-specific wilderness fire restrictions also apply. See Minimum Impact Restrictions issued with wilderness permits.
- No smoking below 6,000 feet is permitted, except within a campground or picnic area where wood and charcoal fires are allowed, an enclosed vehicle, a designated smoking area, or a building which allows smoking.

Gas, propane, alcohol, and tablet/cube stoves are allowed at all park campgrounds and picnic areas and throughout all elevation zones in the wilderness. Wood or barbecue fires are allowed at park campgrounds in the Ash Mountain, Mineral King, Lodgepole, Dorst, Grant Grove, and Cedar Grove areas and in all picnic areas other than Ash Mountain and Hospital Rock.

Fire restrictions reduce the probability of an accidental human-caused fire that could threaten visitors and employees during times of high fire danger. If further restrictions are necessary in the future due to changing conditions, the parks will make another public announcement.

These National Park Service restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

Like most of California, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks experienced dry winter and spring seasons for the Kaweah River, Kings River, and Kern River drainages.

Visitors to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, by following these steps, can help ensure that their visit is safe, enjoyable, and helps to prevent unwanted fire.

Would you like more information about fire? Go to [www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki) and click on *Fire in the Parks* under Quicklinks.

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