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Lightning-caused Fires Discovered in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Recent lightning activity has started four fires in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Due to their remote locations, these fires do not pose a threat to life or property. The combined acreage of all four fires is less than four acres. At this time, suppression action will not be taken, and park staff will monitor the fires by air.

Two fires were discovered in Kings Canyon National Park on July 24th:

- The **Center Peak Fire** is located 1.5 miles north of Forester Pass at 11,170 feet in elevation. This fire is burning in a whitebark pine stand and is about one-quarter acre in size, with low spread potential.
- The **Triple Falls Fire** is located west-northwest of the Simpson Meadow Patrol Cabin up Cartridge Creek at an elevation of 8,975 feet. The fire is burning in scattered red fir in very rugged terrain and has moderate potential for growth. The fire's size is estimated to be three acres.

The remaining two fires are in Sequoia National Park and were reported on July 25th:

- The **Rock Fire** is burning at 10,240 feet in elevation in a small stand of foxtail pine surrounded by rock about one-half mile to the west of Alta Peak. The fire has low spread potential and is currently about one-quarter acre in size. Smoke from this fire may occasionally be visible from Three Rivers.
- The **Heather Fire** is approximately three-quarters of a mile west of Alta Peak at an elevation of 10,300 feet. This fire is burning in a foxtail pine stand and, similar to the Rock Fire, it has low spread potential due to sparse fuels and rocky terrain. It is estimated to be one-tenth acre in size.

All of these fires are in the wilderness of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The parks' Fire and Fuel Management Plan includes the management of lightning-ignited fires as an important process in wilderness ecosystems.

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

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