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Area Closure in Sequoia National Park for Lion Wildfire ***Fire Likely to Enter the Park***

With the Lion Fire spreading towards Sequoia National Park, and to provide for public and firefighter safety, the park is implementing an area closure southeast of Windy Ridge near Farewell Gap.

The fire perimeter will likely extend into the park below Windy Ridge. This area provides a safer and easier holding line for firefighters than the winding boundary between the park and the forest.

“Wildfire functions outside of the man-made boundaries we have in place,” said Karen Taylor-Goodrich, Park Superintendent. “We need to work with our neighbors to help them provide a safe response to the Lion Fire.”

While the closure within the park is limited, it does restrict some very popular loop hikes that extend into the forest lands. An area closure is already in place in a segment of the Golden Trout Wilderness on Sequoia National Forest. Visitors will find a more specific map of trail closures in the park and in the Golden Trout Wilderness of the forest on Inciweb: <http://inciweb.org/incident/2400/> .

Anyone planning to travel into the Forest’s Wilderness is asked to contact the Western Divide Ranger District at 559-539-2607 to obtain your permit for overnight stay in areas outside the closure area. Those planning wilderness travel in the southern area of Sequoia National Park should call the 559-565-3766.

The Quinn Patrol Cabin, located in the park near Quinn Peak, was constructed by the US Cavalry in 1890 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Fire crews are working near the cabin to ensure this special historic landmark is protected during the fire. Currently, they are creating defensible space around the cabin and clearing the area of significant fuel accumulation. Strategic burn-out operations are underway near the cabin to remove fuels in front of the main fire.

Fire information lines are established at Kernville #760-379-5646 ext. 515, or Springville #559-539-2607 ext. 214 or visit <http://inciweb.org/incident/2400/> .