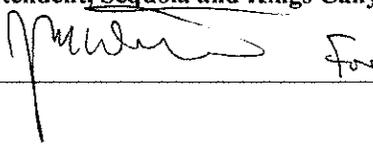


Determination to Change Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Regulations

Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent makes the following changes to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Regulations.

<p>1. Regulation change: <u>The following areas and trails in the Dorst Campground Area and the Dorst Prescribed Burn Unit are temporarily closed to all individuals except firefighters and overhead personnel assigned to the Dorst Prescribed Fire Unit, or other NPS individuals approved by the Burn Boss (reference attached Map):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorst / Lost Grove Trail south and west of the Generals Highway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ AKA: Junction Dorst-Lost Grove Trail / Generals Highway - Junction Dorst-Lost Grove Trail / Dorst Loop Trail • Muir Grove Trail • Muir Grove Trailhead to the connection with the Dorst Loop Trail. • Access to any of the above listed trails via the Dorst Campground Road. • Dorst Campground 	
<p>2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change: This is a temporary closure due to prescribed fire activity.</p>	
<p>3. Date of this Regulation Change: October 10, 2016</p>	
<p>4. Reasons for change: The fire activity along the trails and inside the burn unit boundary creates a hazardous condition for the public. Adequate trails and features exist in the nearby areas that can provide a comparable visitor experience.</p>	
<p>5. Effective Date(s): The closure will become effective at 0600 hours on October 10, 2016. This closure will remain in effect until conditions in the area of the prescribed fire have progressed to a stage where minimal public hazard remains, as determined by the Burn Boss or the Sequoia District Fire Management Officer.</p>	
<p>6. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5</p>	
<p>Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> For</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10/7/16</p>