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### Ignitions on Dorst Prescribed Burn Now Complete

*SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK*, Calif. October 12, 2016 – As of this afternoon, ignitions are complete for the Dorst Prescribed Burn. The total area treated since Monday morning is 191 acres. The additional acres are due four spot fires that crossed uphill of the Generals Highway that were quickly contained by fire crews.

The completion of this project ensures that an area which hadn't seen natural fire in approximately 100 years will begin the process of restoration for a healthier forest and watershed. Furthermore, the prescribed burn will better protect the Dorst Creek Campground in the event that a wildfire threatens the popular area.

“Firefighter and public safety is paramount to the National Park Service. While there were traffic delays on the Generals Highway, we greatly appreciate the visitors' patience and understanding as we reintroduced fire into this unique environment with complex terrain,” said Todd Bates, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Fuels Management Specialist and Burn Boss on the Dorst Prescribed Burn.

The trail between Lost Grove and Dorst Campground and the Muir Grove Trail remain closed and will remain closed during the burn-down period. The reopening of these trails will be contingent on fire activity and / or hazards which would affect hiking safety.

Smoke from the interior of the unit will remain visible as remaining fuels continue to be consumed and should lessen over time. Visitors can learn more about air quality and smoke by visiting either [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov) or [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org).

For more information on this prescribed fire please, visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5057/>. There, the public can find information about the prescribed burn, maps, and photos.

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### About Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks' Fire Management Program

For over forty years, our mission has been to use the full range of options and strategies available to manage fire in the parks. This includes protecting park resources, employees, and the public from unwanted fire; building and maintaining fire resilient ecosystems; reducing the threat to local communities from wildfires emanating from the parks or adjacent lands; and recruiting, training, and retaining a professional fire management workforce.

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