

## 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><b>1. Regulation change:</b>  <u>The following area in Mineral King, known as the Deadwood Prescribed Burn Unit is temporarily closed to all individuals except firefighters, overhead personnel assigned to the Deadwood Prescribed Fire Unit, or other NPS individuals approved by the Burn Boss:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atwell – Hockett Meadow Trail               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ From the Atwell Mill Campground to the bottom of the East Fork of the Kaweah River</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The area inside the Deadwood Prescribed Burn Unit.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:</b>            This is a temporary closure due to prescribed fire activity.</p>	
<p><b>3. Date of this Regulation Change:</b>            November 10, 2016</p>	
<p><b>4. Reasons for change:</b>            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><b>5. Effective Date(s):</b>            The closure will become effective at 0600 hours on November 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><b>6. Authority for adoption:</b> Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5</p>	
<p><b>Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks</b></p> <p>//signature on file//</p>	<p><b>Date:</b></p> <p>11/7/16</p>