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## Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### 2021 Ash Mountain Prescribed Burn Scheduled June 6 – June 9

*SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK*, Calif. June 1, 2021 – After a one-year hiatus, fire managers with Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks have scheduled the annual Ash Mountain Prescribed Burn in the foothills of Sequoia National Park, near the parks’ headquarters and entrance station along the main road, Generals Highway. Ignitions are planned to begin on June 6, 2021 and continue through June 9, 2021.

Prescribed burning in the parks’ foothills ecosystem reduces concentrations of fine fuels such as exotic grasses that aid in the rapid spread of wildfire; a critical factor that later in the year could limit access for first responders and hamper evacuations.

“The benefits of this prescribed burn are that our parks’ historic buildings and critical infrastructure will be better protected in the event of an unwanted wildfire,” said John Ziegler, parks’ fire management officer. “Please drive with caution when you see us as we complete this critical work.”

The 2021 Ash Mountain Prescribed Burn consists of 12 segments, for a total of approximately 40 acres between the Sequoia National Park entrance station and the Foothills Visitor Center, one mile inside the park. Nearly seven of those acres in the foothills are being treated manually through the grazing of the parks’ stock animals.

Information about this prescribed burn will be post to the parks’ website, social media pages, and Inciweb at <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/7505>

Visitors may see smoke, active fire, and firefighters during the burn, and are asked to drive slowly and follow all firefighter instructions. Smoke impacts are expected to be minimal and short-lived, as the vegetation in the unit is chiefly fine fuels that will be consumed quickly. Visitors can learn more about air quality and smoke by visiting [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov) or [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org).

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

For over fifty 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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