

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.

1. Regulation change:

1) All roads, campgrounds, and developed areas within the Cedar Grove subdistrict from the West boundary of CA State Hwy 180 to Roads End, and the Don Cecil Trail from Kings Canyon Road to the Park boundary, are temporarily closed to all persons except:

- Administrative use by employees (NPS, Delaware North, Kings Canyon Pack Station) with authorization from their supervisors,
- Fire employees assigned to the Rough Fire,
- State employees (CHP, DOT, Sheriff, etc.) directly assigned to evacuation efforts,
- Other individuals administratively determined as necessary by the evacuation Incident Commander or Rough Fire Incident Commander, or
- Members of the public who are returning from wilderness trips to a trailhead in Cedar Grove. The public exception applies under the following restrictions:
 - These visitors may remain in the closed area until the next evacuation shuttle (anticipated at 0900, 1300 and 1900 daily).
 - Visitors that arrive after the last daily shuttle may camp in Sentinel Campground overnight; they must take the first shuttle available shuttle out.
 - Once relocated from Roads End to Sentinel Campground, visitation is restricted to the confines of Sentinel Campground, the administrative offices and Market Area.

2) Violating the closure is prohibited.

2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change: None.

3. Reasons for change: The Rough Fire has necessitated an emergency closure of Highway 180 by CHP. Evacuation of Cedar Grove is required for public safety.

4. Effective Date(s): The closure is temporary in nature effective August 17, 2015 until determined safe by the Incident Commander.

5. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5.

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1. Regulation change: 1) The Tehipite Trail from the park boundary (36.925044, -118.824043) to the trail junction at Simpson Meadow (36.971354, -118.632016) is closed to all persons except: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrative use by NPS employees with authorization from their supervisors,• Fire employees assigned to the Rough Fire, or• Other individuals administratively determined as necessary by the evacuation Incident Commander or Rough Fire Incident Commander. 2) Violating the closure is prohibited.	
2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change: None.	
3. Reasons for change: The Rough Fire has necessitated an emergency closure of the area for public safety.	
4. Effective Date(s): The closure is temporary in nature effective August 17, 2015 until determined safe by the Incident Commander.	
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