

## 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.

<b>1. Regulation change:</b>  1) The Grant Grove area is closed to overnight visitor lodging, including Azalea, Crystal Springs, and Sunset Campgrounds and the John Muir Lodge. Violation of the closure is prohibited, except: firefighters and administrative personnel assigned to the Rough Fire, Park Ops Support, or other personnel deemed essential to those operations are exempt.	
<b>2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:</b> None.	
<b>3. Reasons for change:</b> The area was closed to overnight accommodations due to several factors related to operational efficiency, public health (air quality), safety for fire operations, and preservation of limited water resources.	
<b>4. Effective Date(s):</b> The closure is temporary in nature effective August 21, 2015 at 10 a.m. until rescinded by the Incident Commander.	
<b>5. Authority for adoption:</b> Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5.	
<b>Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks</b>  	<b>Date:</b>  August 21, 2015