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## **KNP Complex Fire Recovery Fund for Sequoia National Park Funds will support recovery efforts within Sequoia National Park.**

*THREE RIVERS.* Calif. September 18, 2021 – Sequoia Parks Conservancy announces the creation of the KNP Complex Fire Recovery Fund for Sequoia National Park in response to the wildfires ignited from lightning storms in the Sierra Nevada Mountains on September 9, 2021.

As hundreds of firefighters from across the county converge to battle the growing wildfire complex, Sequoia Parks Conservancy is rallying the public to raise funds for recovery efforts in the park. Sequoia National Park is America's second-oldest national park and is home to many famous natural wonders including the giant sequoia tree, one of the largest and longest living organisms on Earth, and Mount Whitney, the highest peak of the contiguous United States.

With 2020's SQF Fire destroying 10–14% of all mature giant sequoias in the world, Sequoia Parks Conservancy's Executive Director Savannah Boiano emphasized the importance of supporting the new fund: "Sequoia National Park is written into the fabric of America's story. The image of giant sequoia cones and tree are on every NPS ranger uniform. It is critical at this time that we come together as a country to help the very park that inspired the creation of the National Park Service."

You can learn more and donate to the fund at [www.sequoiaparks.org/firefund](http://www.sequoiaparks.org/firefund).

### **About the Fund**

Donations to the KNP Complex Fire Recovery Fund for Sequoia National Park will fund efforts to rebuild trails, protect sequoia groves and meadows, safeguard cultural and historic features, reestablish access to Crystal Cave, restore wildlife habitat, and more.

### **About Sequoia Parks Conservancy**

Sequoia Parks Conservancy is the official nonprofit partner of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and Lake Kaweah, working hand-in-hand with the National Park Service to support projects including trail improvements, educational programs for the public, and the protection of wildlife and their natural habitat.

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This is a photo of the KNP Complex fire taken Sept. 17, 2021. Photo by NPS

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This is a photo of a helicopter flying near the KNP Complex Fire taken on Sept. 10, 2021. Photo by Hunter Tidd

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This is a photo of the Paradise Fire taken on Sept. 11, 2021. Photo by Dendron Photography

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This is a photo of the Paradise Fire taken from the top of Moro Rock on Sept. 11, 2021. Photo by Meghan Opgenorth

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This is a photo of the Colony Fire taken on Sept 11, 2021. Photo by Meghan Opgenorth

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