



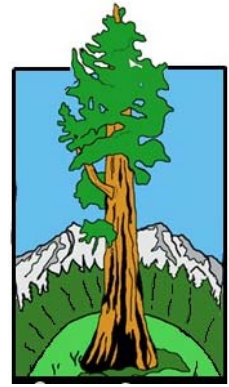
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Giant Sequoia National Monument

Western Divide and Hume Lake Ranger Districts

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Wildland Fire Consumes 75 Acres and Temporarily Closes Highway 190

SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST A wildland fire was discovered around 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening burning along Highway 190 in the Tule River Canyon on the Western Divide Ranger District, Giant Sequoia National Monument. The “Coffee Fire” started along the highway between Coffee Camp Day Use Area and the PG&E Powerhouse.

The fire burned approximately 75 acres but was surrounded by fireline by 7:00 a.m. this morning. Over 100 Forest Service firefighters are on scene today ensuring the fire doesn’t escape its containment lines. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Several roadside fires have been started within the last week in the local area, investigation is ongoing.

Highway 190 remains partially closed due to collapse of the flume that runs adjacent to the highway, clean-up is underway. Traffic control is in effect with lane closures, expect long delays if traveling through the area. The Forest Service is working with Southern California Edison, California Highway Patrol, Cal Trans, and Tulare County Sheriffs Department to coordinate reopening of the highway as soon as possible.

Please contact Cal Trans for latest road closure information #1-800-427-7623 or the Forest Service Springville Office #559-539-2607 ext. 0.

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