



Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia Monument

## Forest Service News Release

### Happy Fire Update


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**November 5, 2024** -The Happy Fire has provided the opportunity to reintroduce fire back into this landscape. The local management team based on the Sequoia National Forest in coordination with the Sierra National Forest and Kings Canyon National Park has been monitoring and managing the benefits this fire is providing since it began on July 16, 2024.

Forest Officials actively engaged to manage the fire on October 31, 2024 through November 3, 2024 with ignitions north of Hwy 180 along the South Fork of the Kings River, changing the status from a monitored fire to a managed fire.

Aerial and hand crew ignitions over a recent two day period contributed to over 4000 acres of treatment accomplished. Ideal fire effects are providing benefits to natural resources with the treated acreage to 10,571 acres.

Fire activity for the Happy Fire is expected to decrease and smoke has cleared out with the weather change as the fire is now in monitoring status. As the vegetation dries out, smoldering may increase and produce more smoke.

The fire will be monitored until rainfall and winter-like conditions put the fire out. Managed fire can help achieve resource objectives and restore and maintain fire as an essential ecological process. This will be the last update unless there is a significant change in the fire. 

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