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Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Propose Annual Pass Fee Increase

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS, Calif. September 20, 2017 – Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks is proposing an increase in the price of its park-specific annual pass from its current \$50 price to \$60. The proposed increase would be enacted on January 1, 2018. The \$10 price increase would put the park in line with the service-wide pricing guidelines for park-specific annual passes.

The park's \$30 per vehicle entrance fee, \$15 per person entrance fee, \$25 motorcycle entrance fee, are all currently priced as recommended by National Park Service-wide pricing guidelines and would not change. Fee revenue supports special park projects and helps to reduce deferred maintenance.

This action is taken to bring the price of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Annual Pass in line with similar National Parks, like Death Valley, Olympic, and Mount Rainier. Fees collected from the sale of the pass will be used to address deferred maintenance needs within Sequoia and Kings Canyon, as well as present educational programming and conserve wildlife and Giant Sequoia groves.

Fees paid by park users play a critical role in caring for national parks. This year the parks will be replacing the roof at Lodgepole Visitor Center, upgrading restrooms to meet accessibility requirements, and repairing sections of John Muir Trail and Pacific Crest Trail for public safety – all made possible through user fees.

The parks are interested in hearing your thoughts about the increase in the parks' specific annual pass. To provide input on the proposed increase in the annual pass fee, please visit the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/SEKIAAnnualPass>

To submit written comments, you may send them via mail or hand-deliver to: Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Attn: Annual Pass Fee Increase, 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA 93271, or fax written comments to (559) 565-4202.

All written comments concerning this project must be transmitted, postmarked, faxed or hand-delivered by October 4, 2017.

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