

If you encounter a marijuana grow site:

Safety First!

Before going into the field:

- 1 Pre-plan
- 2 Have a Safety Tailgate
- 3 Check in/out with dispatch or wilderness roundup
- 4 Travel in pairs when possible
- 5 Stay on trails when possible

*Employee safety is vital to carrying out the mission of the National Park Service. At Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, **keeping our employees safe** is the number one priority!*

Illegal marijuana cultivation occurs year-round. Always be aware of your surroundings while working inside the park!

Increasing pressure from law enforcement has made it more difficult for drug trafficking organizations to grow marijuana on public lands. **Over the last several years, there have been confrontations between marijuana growers and employees of land management agencies!**

Clues that you may be near a grow site:

- Smell a skunk? Marijuana, especially on hot days, smells like a skunk.
- Visiting isolated areas? Many marijuana grow sites are in isolated locations and in rough steep terrain between 500 and 10,000 feet in elevation.
- See plastic pipes? Hoses or drip lines will be located in unexpected places.
- See unusual trails? Is there a well-used trail where there shouldn't be one?
- Hearing voices? Are there sounds coming from an unusual place in the woods?
- Are people loitering? Do you see people standing or walking along roadways without vehicles present, or in areas where loitering appears unusual?
- Do you see individuals in camouflage clothing and/or armed when it's not hunting season?
- Are there signs of an elaborate mountain camp containing cooking and sleeping areas? Are there propane canisters? Do you see fertilizer, weapons, garbage, or dead animals in the camp?

If so, BACK OUT and get HELP! As soon as you become aware that you may have entered a marijuana grow site or experienced any of the situations listed above, **immediately** leave the area. Walk, crawl, or run out the way you came in, making as little noise as possible. The growers may not be aware of your presence. Get to a safe location and then radio or call Dispatch at 559-565-3195 or contact a law enforcement ranger immediately. Report the location & all details of the incident.

Help protect park resources by being observant and reporting suspicious activity. Contact SEKI's Marijuana Interdiction Group at x3718 or x4225.