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Railroad announces bike path closure at Girdwood *Culvert replacement at Tidewater Slough requires access via bike path*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) will close a short stretch of the bike path along the Seward Highway at Girdwood on April 20-21. The Thursday-Friday closure is necessary to facilitate replacement of a culvert under the railroad tracks at Tidewater Slough, near Girdwood. The project will swap the smaller existing culvert with a larger one in order to increase the flow of water, and thereby enhance fish passage through the channel.

This project is part of a larger effort over the past few years to enhance fish passage in various waterways along the railroad's mainline track. Using culvert size, shape and installation designs that comply with Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources standards, the fish passage enhancement effort has been funded in large part by grants from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

For the Tidewater Slough project, construction crews and equipment, including dump trucks hauling clean fill material, must use the bike path to access the site. The project duration – from preparation to cleanup – will be two full days. Construction will take place during normal daytime working hours to minimize disruption to local residents. Private driveways will remain open.

For questions regarding the project, please call ARRC's Public Involvement Officer Stephenie Wheeler, 265-2671.

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