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Bridge Damage from Truck Halts Train Traffic

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – At approximately 8:20 AM, an excavator loaded on a lowboy tractor-trailer struck a grade separated bridge at Alaska Railroad (ARRC) milepost 346.7 about a quarter of a mile south of the Denali Park entrance. Initial reports say that the driver of the truck is uninjured and five beams have been damaged compromising the integrity of the railroad bridge.

At this time, the highway remains open to vehicle traffic but all train traffic between Anchorage and Fairbanks has been stopped until damage to the bridge is assessed and the necessary repairs are made. Passengers on both the north and southbound Denali Star will be transported by bus to avoid the damaged bridge.

ARRC bridge and maintenance crews are on scene assessing the damage to the bridge and track. It is unknown when the track will be open.

The Northbound passenger train leaving Anchorage this morning bound for Fairbanks will travel as far as Talkeetna on its regular schedule. Those passengers traveling beyond Talkeetna will travel by bus to Denali Park. Passengers needing to continue to Fairbanks will meet the southbound train and continue north to Fairbanks by rail on schedule.

The Southbound passenger train leaving Fairbanks this morning and bound for Anchorage will travel as far as Denali Park. Those passengers traveling beyond Denali Park will travel by bus to Talkeetna. Passengers needing to continue to Anchorage will meet the northbound train and continue south by train on schedule.

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