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## **UPDATE 8/20-Flood Damage Halts Train Traffic** *Track could be open as early as Monday*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Alaska Railroad (ARRC) crews are working to replace washed out rail and railbed material between ARRC milepost 252 and 260. Work to open the mainline could be completed as early as Monday morning.

ARRC has suspended freight and passenger train traffic between Talkeetna and Denali National Park due to damage caused by heavy rains and subsequent flooding. Debris continues to be cleared between Talkeetna and Hurricane.

The following locations have been affected:

- ARRC Milepost 174 to 175 Little Susitna River-Water on both sides of the railbed. Water receding.
- ARRC Milepost 227.9 Billion Slough north of Talkeetna-Girders no longer underwater.
- ARRC Milepost 232.0 north of Talkeetna-Bank and railbed erosion.
- ARRC Milepost 252 Skull Creek-Washout of railbed.
- ARRC Milepost 254.2 north of Skull Creek-About 117 feet of rail covered with debris.
- ARRC Milepost 254.3 –78 feet of rail covered with debris.
- ARRC Milepost 255.1 bridge two miles south of Sherman-Water and debris covering bridge. About 350 feet of rail including the railbed is damaged.
- ARRC Milepost 255.8-Trees across track.
- ARRC Milepost 256.1-About 150 feet of rail is covered with debris.
- ARRC Milepost 305.7 BroadPass-High water.
- ARRC Milepost 356.0 south of Denali Park-Slide area.
- ARRC Milepost 379.5 along Nenana River-Bank erosion.
- ARRC Milepost 407.6 south of Nenana-High water.
- ARRC Milepost 409.5 south of Nenana-High water.

The northbound Denali Star running between Anchorage and Fairbanks on Sunday August 20 was canceled. Northbound passengers traveled by either bus and/or plane.

The southbound Denali Star, scheduled to run between Fairbanks and Anchorage, traveled to Denali National Park and will return to Fairbanks as scheduled. Passengers traveling south of Denali National Park were flown to Anchorage. Passengers with questions can call (907) 265-2494 or Toll Free at 800-544-0552.

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