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UPDATE-Flood Damage Halts Train Traffic *Repairs to the mainline continue*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) will continue to suspend freight and passenger train traffic between Talkeetna and Denali National Park on Sunday August 20 due to damage caused by heavy rains and subsequent flooding. Crews continue to make repairs to the mainline track between.

Slides have occurred along portions of the mainline with a number of track washouts between ARRC milepost 252 and 260. Repairs have begun on the washed out portions but the full extent of track damage is still being assessed as waters' recede.

Crews expect the mainline track could be open in the next day or two. The following locations have been affected:

- ARRC Milepost 174 to 175 Little Susitna River-Water on both sides of the railbed.
- ARRC Milepost 187.6 North of Willow-High water running just under bottom of bridge.
- ARRC Milepost 211 Montana Creek Bridge-Water rising slightly and debris collecting.
- ARRC Milepost 227.9 Billion Slough north of Talkeetna-Girders underwater. Large debris count.
- ARRC Milepost 236.6 Nine miles north of Talkeetna-Water on both sides of track.
- ARRC Milepost 238 eleven miles north of Talkeetna-Slide blocking track.
- 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. Bridge cannot be seen. 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 260.5 two miles south of Gold Creek-Culvert has washed out. About 40 feet of rail and tie is hanging.
- ARRC Milepost 305.7 BroadPass-High water.
- ARRC Milepost 407.6 south of Nenana-High water.

The northbound Denali Star running between Anchorage and Fairbanks on Sunday August 20 has been canceled. Northbound passengers will now travel by either bus and/or plane.

The southbound Denali Star will travel as far as Denali National Park and return to Fairbanks as scheduled. Passengers traveling south of Denali National Park will travel by air to Anchorage. Passengers with questions can call (907) 265-2494 or Toll Free at 800-544-0552.

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