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## **UPDATE-Flood Damage Halts Train Traffic Crews begin repairs and clearing the mainline**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is suspending all freight and passenger train traffic between Talkeetna and Denali National Park due to heavy rains and subsequent flooding. The weather is affecting the mainline track between Talkeetna and Nenana.

Slides have occurred and the mainline has been washed out near ARRC milepost 252. Repairs have begun on the washed out portion at milepost 252 but the full extent of track damage is still being assessed. The following locations are affected:

- ARRC Mile Post 187.6 North of Willow – High water running just under bottom of bridge.
- ARRC Mile Post 227.9 Billion Slough-North of Talkeetna-Girders underwater. Large debris count.
- ARRC Milepost 236.6 Nine miles north of Talkeetna-Culvert is blocked. Water beginning to pool. Water near rail.
- ARRC Milepost 238 11 miles north of Talkeetna-Slide blocking track.
- ARRC Milepost 245.5 South of Curry-Loss of bank along river. Bank with sheer face is 3 feet from track.
- ARRC Milepost 252 Skull Creek-Washout of railbed. 55 feet long with 30-40 gap and 6 to 8 foot deep washout.
- ARRC Milepost 270 Near Chulitna-Slide blocking track.
- ARRC Milepost 270.5 Near Chulitna-Erosion of bank close to ties.
- ARRC Milepost 271 Near Chulitna-Trees across tracks.
- ARRC Milepost 272 Near Chulitna-Culverts plugged with trees.
- 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 was canceled this morning. Northbound passengers were rerouted by either bus or plane.

The southbound Denali Star has traveled as far as Denali National Park and will return to Fairbanks as scheduled. Passengers traveling south of Denali National Park will travel by air to Anchorage. Those passengers scheduled for Talkeetna will travel by bus from Anchorage.

Passengers with questions can call (907) 265-2494 or Toll Free at 800-544-0552

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