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## Grand Canyon News Release

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### Tanner Trail within Grand Canyon National Park closes because of damage due to rock slide

**Grand Canyon, Ariz.** – The National Park Service closed the Tanner Trail within Grand Canyon National Park late yesterday afternoon after a rock fall caused significant damage to the trail. The damage occurred approximately one mile below the trailhead and includes approximately 1500 linear feet of trail and numerous switchbacks.

The Tanner Trailhead, located at Lipan Point on the Park's east rim, is a non-maintained trail that consists of a series of switchbacks and steep talus slopes. The length of the trail is approximately 10 miles between the Trailhead and the Colorado River.

Because of the steepness of slope, expanse of the rock slide, dangerous footing, and unstable rock, the trail is closed until further notice and until all repairs can be made. Repairs will include removing debris, re-establishing switchback alignments, regrading surfaces, and will require repairs to rock walls, tread structure, and erosion control devices (steps, checks and waterbars).

Approximately 46 permit holders will be affected by this closure between now and the end of the year. Those holding backcountry permits for the Tanner Trail are encouraged to contact the Park's Backcountry Information Center at 928-638-7875 to make changes to their itineraries.

All other trails in the park remain open. Backcountry permits are required for all overnight use of the backcountry, except for overnight stays at the dormitories or cabins at Phantom Ranch. For additional information, please contact the Park's Backcountry Information Center 928-638-7875. Phones are staffed Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Information on backcountry hiking can also be found on-line at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm>.

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