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Parking Lot at Pu'u Pua'i Overlook to Close for Resurfacing

From Monday, March 15 through Wednesday March 31, 2010, the parking lot at Pu'u Pua'i Overlook will close to all vehicle and foot traffic.

The closure will allow the park's road crew—operating a paver, rubber tire roller, sweeper, oil distributor, watertanker, and front loader—to apply a 1½ inch layer of asphalt over the existing parking lot. Three tandem trucks will haul the asphalt from Hilo to the park.

A new striping pattern on the asphalt surface will ease turning around of buses and vehicles pulling trailers. Pu'u Pua'i parking lot will be a future stop for the park's test hybrid shuttle bus.

Crews will also construct a new walkway at the popular overlook located on Crater Rim Drive.

Because the asphalt treatment can only be applied to a dry road surface, wet weather could extend the closure.

During the closure, visitors can still access Devastation Trail and the overlook at Pu'u Pua'i from the parking area at Devastation Trail. The trail winds a half mile through the cinder outfall of Kīlauea Iki's 1959 eruption; from the overlook, visitors peer into Kīlauea Iki Crater.

The \$58,500 project is funded through the National Park Service maintenance cyclic repair program intended to maintain the integrity of park roads.

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