

Mount Rainier National Park

Nisqually to Paradise Road Construction Update



Wayside Notes

In the early 1900's, the Nisqually to Paradise Road was built to offer the best views possible as visitors approached the mountain. As you can imagine, this historic route requires maintenance and periodic repairs. Due to adverse winter weather, road work must take place during the busy summer season.

This year the majority of the project will occur between Longmire and Paradise.

Each year thousands of vehicles, cycles of freeze and thaw and falling trees take their toll on the road. Improvements to the road are necessary to preserve its integrity as a popular and historic scenic drive and to provide continued safe access for years to come.

What to Expect

- **Road Construction** will take place until late October, 2016.
- **Work for the next few weeks** will be focused at Edith Creek Bridge. Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm
- **Be Aware of Closures.** The entire Ricksecker Point Loop Road and the parking area at Glacier Bridge will be closed June through late October, 2016.

For more information go to:

<https://www.nps.gov/mora/getinvolved/nisqually-paradise-road.htm>

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Just the Facts: A New Home for Fishers

"This is the assembly of life that took a billion years to evolve. It has eaten the storms-folded them into its genes-and created the world that created us. It holds the world steady." E. O. Wilson

Although few visitors will ever get the chance to see a Pacific fisher, the fact that they will once again roam the old-growth forests in and around Mount Rainier is a conservation success story we can all feel good about. The recovery of fisher in the area began last winter and will continue in the Southern Cascades for the next two years. Fisher releases will take place November—February in Mount Rainier and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.