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Popular Sections of Sequoia National Park Expected to Open, Weather-Permitting, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, After Recent Storms

Three Rivers, CA – Several popular areas of Sequoia National Park are expected to be open on Dec. 22 for the holiday season, if weather permits, from along the Generals Highway at Hwy. 198 to the Giant Forest, Lodgepole area, and Wuksachi Lodge. The Foothills Visitor Center and Lodgepole Visitor Center are expected to be open. Visitors will be charged the standard entrance fee of \$20 for a seven-day pass.

Plan your visit carefully around road construction to maximize your visit:

Wednesday, Dec. 22

- Night work continues from 12 midnight until 6 a.m., with no ability for vehicles to pass through the construction zone.
- Flaggers will assist with traffic flow from 6-7 a.m.
- *Traffic may pass through the construction area at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m.*
- From 7-9 p.m. - Follow traffic lights and signs. Expect up to 20-minute delays between green lights
- Night work is scheduled from 9 p.m.-12 midnight. *Vehicles will be able to pass through the construction zone at 11:30 p.m.*

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Thursday, Dec. 23

- Night work continues from 12 midnight until 6 a.m., with no ability for vehicles to pass through the construction zone.
- Flaggers will assist with traffic flow from 6-7 a.m.
- *Traffic may pass through the construction area at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 noon*
- After 12 noon, follow traffic lights and signs. Expect up to 20-minute delays between green lights.

Upcoming Holiday Schedule - From Dec. 24-Jan. 2

Follow traffic lights, signs, or direction from construction staff with flags. Expect up to 20-minute delays between green lights. *Road construction work will resume on Jan. 3.*

Please be sure to check for road safety updates before your visit, as weather conditions may change and chains or cables for tires and/or four-wheel drive vehicles may be required for visits to the park. More rain and snow is expected in the next couple of days. For the latest road conditions updates at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, please call our 24-hour recorded weather line at 559-565-3341 (once on the main phone tree, dial 1 then 4 for road conditions) or visit our park website at <http://www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/newsreleases.htm>. For updates on roads outside the park, please visit the Caltrans website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/>.

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