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Short Delays Due to Pavement Preservation Project at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks through Mid-November 2011

Visitors and park residents of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks should expect short intermittent delays of up to 15 minutes each from 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. from Mondays through Fridays through mid-November 2011 due to a road construction project. Approximately 95% of all roads and parking areas in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks will receive a surface seal treatment to prolong the life of the roadways. This project is happening at the same time as other construction in the parks. However, efforts will be made to coordinate delays with scheduled pass-through times for the Generals Highway construction zone to reduce any inconvenience to travelers. Some facilities, including Panoramic Point Road, Crescent Meadow/Moro Rock Road, and Mineral King Road areas, will be closed briefly (24-48 hours) during the seal treatment project work.

Updates will be provided on a regular basis to keep visitors and local residents informed about the project. However, advertised work dates are subject to change, as the project requires specific environmental conditions for the best seal treatment. The tentative schedule for seal treatments in Sequoia National Park during the next two weeks is as follows:

- Generals Highway: Sequoia National Park Entrance (Hwy 198 and the Generals Highway) to Amphitheatre Point (which is located 11 miles inside the park) including turnouts (Tunnel Rock, Entrance Station parking, etc.) – May 11-18
- Mineral King Road – May 11-12 & May 16-18
- Buckeye Residence Roads, driveways, & Canyon View Drive – May 19

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The schedule for the next two weeks in Kings Canyon National Parks in the Cedar Grove area is as follows:

- Cedar Grove Road: From Roads End to west park boundary including turnouts – May 23-26
- Roads End Parking: Copper Creek Trailhead and long-term parking lot only – May 23
- Cedar Grove Residence Road, Cedar Grove Housing Area, and Cedar Grove Maintenance Shop – May 19, May 23-25

The National Park Service appreciates your patience during this and other road projects. The seal treatment is a phased project, so multiple tasks may take place simultaneously throughout the park. Current work, or Phase I, includes preparatory work such as pothole patching, sealing cracks, sweeping, and cleaning. Phase II includes application of tar, rock chips, and road oil to seal the road surface for prolonged life.

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