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Main Road into Sequoia National Park and the Road Between Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Closed Until Further Notice

Three Rivers, CA – Flooding, mudslides, and rockslides, part of a major winter storm to hit the Sierra Nevada Mountains, have caused the closure of inbound traffic through the southern access into Sequoia National Park, as well as the road between Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, until further notice. The Generals Highway is closed from the entrance station at Ash Mountain at Sequoia National Park in Three Rivers, CA, to Hwy. 180 in Kings Canyon National Park. Weather conditions are expected to worsen in the immediate future. Park visitors and guests at Wuksachi Lodge are being provided notice of a voluntary evacuation or advised to consider sheltering in place for up to several days.

The safety conditions warrant an R1 rating, or requirements for all vehicles entering Kings Canyon National Park to either have four-wheel drive or chains, cables, or snow tires. Vehicles without the proper equipment are not being allowed into the park. Access to the General Grant Tree and the Kings Canyon Visitor Center is currently open. However, access to the Generals Highway is closed at Hwy. 180. The entrance to Kings Canyon National Park is open with snow falling at this time.

For the latest weather updates at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, 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).

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