Road Construction Updates

May 16 - 29: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Plan to give yourself plenty of time to enjoy a great visit to our parks.

Generals Highway: Between Park Entrance at Highway 198 & Giant Forest

Schedule

Subject to change; weather-permitting

<u>Monday through Thursday from May 16-19</u>

- **Daytime Traffic:** From *6-7 a.m.* follow traffic signals. Expect up to 20-minute delays. Traffic may pass through the construction area only 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.*
- **Evening Traffic (Monday-Thursday only):** From *7-9 p.m.*, follow the direction of construction staff with safety flags and pilot vehicles. Expect up to 20-minute delays.
- **Late-Night Traffic:** Night work is scheduled from *9 p.m. through 6 a.m.*, Mondays through Fridays. *There is only one opportunity to drive through the construction area at 11:30 p.m. each night.*

<u>Friday, May 20:</u> No traffic allowed through construction zone from 12 midnight-6 a.m. From 6-7 a.m., follow traffic signals and expect up to 20-minute delays. Traffic allowed to pass through construction area at *7 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. After 2:30 p.m.*, follow traffic signals; expect up to 20-minute delays.

<u>Monday through Thursday from May 23-26</u>

- **Daytime Traffic:** Up to 20-minute delays with traffic signals from 5-7 a.m. In addition, traffic may pass through construction area at *7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m.*
- **Evening/Late-Night Traffic (Monday-Thursday only):** From *8-9 p.m.*, follow safety flags and pilot vehicles. Expect up to 20-minute delays. Night work is scheduled from *9 p.m. through 5 a.m.*, Mondays through Fridays. *There is just one opportunity to drive through the construction area at 11:30 p.m. each night.*

<u>Friday, May 27 -</u> No traffic allowed through construction zone from 12 midnight-5 a.m. From 5-7 a.m., follow traffic signals and expect up to 20-minute delays. Traffic allowed to pass through construction area at *7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 noon. After 12 noon,* follow traffic signals; expect up to 20-minute delays.

<u>Weekends:</u> Follow traffic lights/signs. Expect up to 20-minute delays between green lights.

Additional Information

The construction zone is a 1½-mile section of the Generals Highway in Sequoia National Park between the park entrance on Highway 198 and Giant Forest. The construction zone is located between two local landmarks –Amphitheater Point and Deer Ridge.)

- Traffic may be restricted to a steep, narrow, and winding single lane.
- Drivers must follow a pilot/lead vehicle when work is in progress.
- Uphill-bound vehicles will be allowed through the construction area first at the designated times listed in the schedule above.
- Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions and other factors.
- The portion of the Generals Highway from Hospital Rock to the Giant Forest Museum is **currently <u>closed to vehicles greater than 22 feet in length</u>. This restriction is expected to be in effect until May 2012.**

Other Minimal Road Delays

Follow signage and the direction of construction staff on-site. Minimal delays (15 minutes or less) expected in the next two weeks include:

- May 20 and/or 23 - Sequoia National Park, between Giant Forest Museum and Pinewood Picnic Area for water project work
- Various dates - Prep work for road seal anticipated in Sequoia National Park:
  - May 16-18 - Mineral King Road
  - Through May 18 - Between the park entrance station and Amphitheater Point, including turnouts.
  - May 19 - Buckeye residence roads and driveways, Canyonview Drive
- Various dates - Prep work for road seal treatment in Kings Canyon National Park:
  - May 19, May 23-25 - Cedar Grove residence road/housing area, Cedar Grove maintenance shop parking
  - May 23 - Cedar Grove Road, Road's End - Copper Creek Trailhead and long-term lot only.
  - May 23-26 - Cedar Grove area, from Road's End to west park boundary, including turnouts