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Pavement Preservation Project Underway in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

To prolong the life of the roadways, ninety-five percent of all roads and parking areas in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks will receive a road surface seal treatment. This Federal Highways project has begun in the lower elevations, will continue throughout the summer, and is scheduled for completion in mid-November.

This project is very sensitive to environmental conditions. Surface and ambient air temperatures and surface moisture are contributing factors for a successful product; therefore advertised schedules are subject to change. As this is a phased project; multiple tasks may take place simultaneously throughout the park. Phase I includes the 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.

Visitors and park residents should expect delays to be intermittent and short in duration with fifteen-minute maximum wait times. As the project nears the Generals Highway Construction Zone, the contractor will make an effort to coordinate delays with scheduled pass through times, reducing the inconvenience to travelers.

Some facilities, including one-way roads, will be closed briefly (24-48 hours) during project work, including Panoramic Point Road, Crescent Meadow/Moro Rock Roads and the Mineral King Road.

The schedule for the next two weeks is as follows:

- The Sycamore Service Road- April 28 & 29
- Ash Mountain Resident Road (Mather, Cammerer, Cricket Hollow and the Ash Mountain Visitor Center Picnic/Parking Area- April 29
- Ash Lane (includes some park offices)- May 2
- Southern Sierra Research Center- May 3
- Hospital Rock Picnic Area- Half of the parking area will remain open at all times. May 4
- Buckeye Flat Campground and Access Road- Campground and access road closed at Generals Highway on May 4.

Updates will be provided on a regular basis to keep local residents and visitors informed about the progress.