Road Construction Updates

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

June 23 – July 6, 2012: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Plan carefully to maximize fun and minimize delays during your visit. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for everyone's safety. Thank you for your patience.

Where are the longest delays or inconveniences?

You will find 20-minute to 1-hour delays between the Hwy. 198 entrance to Sequoia National Park and the Giant Forest sequoia grove and General Sherman Tree. *Construction schedules may change with little notice*.

How to avoid long delays

Traffic is permitted to pass from either side of the construction zone according to the following schedule. Plan your travel to arrive at the construction zone close to these times.

DAYTIME - Traffic passes through construction zone:

Monday - Friday, June 25-29

• 6 a.m. - 7 a.m. Every 20 minutes on green light

• 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Every hour at:

7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m. and 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 p.m.

Monday - Thursday, June 25-28

• 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Every 20 minutes on green light

Monday, Tuesday & Friday, July 2, 3 & 6

• 6 a.m. - 7 a.m. Every 20 minutes on green light

Monday, Thursday & Friday, July 2, 5 & 6

• 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Every hour at:

7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m. and 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3

• 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Every hour at: 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Monday & Thursday, July 2 & 5

• 5 p.m.– 9 p.m. Every 20 minutes on green light

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: TUESDAY - THURSDAY, JULY 3-5

From 12 p.m. Tuesday until 7 a.m. Thursday traffic passes through construction zone every 20 minutes on green light.

NIGHT TIME - Road closed overnight with only one pass-through at 11:30 p.m:

Sunday - Friday, June 24-29

From 9 p.m. Sunday until 6 a.m. Friday

Sunday, Monday, Thursday & Friday, July 1, 2, 5 & 6

From 9 p.m. Sunday until 6 a.m. Friday

WEEKENDS - Traffic passes through construction zone every 20 minutes:

Friday - Monday, June 22-25

From 5.p.m. Friday until 6 a.m. Monday

Friday - Monday, June 29 – July 2

From 5.p.m. Friday until 6 a.m. Monday

How Can You Minimize Delays?

- Give yourself plenty of time to visit.
- Stop by a visitor center, and ask a ranger to help plan your visit.
- Visit our park website for major road construction updates: www.nps.gov/seki (the only official website for these parks).
- For the latest road updates call (24 hrs): 559-565-3341 (press 1, 1, 1).

RVs AND TRAILERS

The main road (Generals Hwy) to the General Sherman Tree, Giant Forest, and Lodgepole is <u>closed to vehicles</u> <u>longer than 22 feet (total combined length)</u> shortly after the Sequoia National Park entrance. Longer vehicles should enter and exit the parks via Hwy. 180 at Kings Canyon National Park.

MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES

Road project work may cause slick, oily, and hazardous road conditions. Slow down and be safe!