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Susitna River Flooding Halts Some ARRC Trains Flooding due to ice jams prevents train service north of Talkeetna

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Flooding and ice overflow due to ice jams on the Susitna River near Curry shut down Alaska Railroad train service north of Talkeetna this morning and is expected to last through Monday. Water is over the rail for approximately two miles and there are potential washouts in several locations from ice overflow between ARRC mileposts 247 and 250. ARRC personnel are continuing to assess damages in the area.

Passengers on Saturday's northbound Aurora train from Anchorage were transitioned to motorcoach in Talkeetna to complete trips to Denali and Fairbanks. The southbound Aurora train as well as northbound and southbound freight trains for Sunday, May 13, are cancelled. Potential cancellations of Monday's train service will be determined on Sunday.

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