



# News Release

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## **Railroad Outage North of Denali Park**

*Recent heavy rainfall causes erosion failure*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) is experiencing a service outage north of Denali Park due to erosion below a retaining wall caused by recent heavy rainfall in the area.

A retaining wall below Alaska Railroad tracks at ARRC MP 355.2 in Healy Canyon has failed due to a slope failure below the wall causing it to be compromised. The lower slope slipped due to saturated soils from recent heavy rains. Passenger and freight service will be suspended through the area until late Monday, August 19 at the earliest. Passengers traveling north to or south from Denali Park on the Alaska Railroad or on an Alaska Railroad provided service through Holland America / Princess or Premier Alaska Tours should expect delays. Motor coach service around the affected area will be provided to passengers departing or arriving Fairbanks.

ARRC crews are mobilizing equipment into the area to commence work on the wall. Work will include driving pilings and sheet pile to fortify the structure and prevent any further erosion.

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