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Alaska Railroad adds “Gravel Trains” page to web site ***New section offers info, background on current gravel train operations and traffic impacts***

Anchorage, AK — Motorists in Palmer and Anchorage have noticed an increase in summer train traffic, particularly at crossings, as gravel trains are added to the Alaska Railroad’s daily mix. To help drivers plan ahead to avoid delays at train-occupied crossings, the Alaska Railroad has added a “Gravel Trains” page to its corporate web site. The page includes information on road/rail crossing delays in Anchorage and Palmer along with alternate routes to avoid those delays. The section also includes background information about how and why gravel trains are scheduled, impacts to specific road/rail crossings, and the economics of moving gravel. Check it out at:

www.AlaskaRailroad.com/Corporate

Click on Community, then Gravel Trains

With summer comes Alaska’s construction season and a corresponding demand for gravel. Alaska Railroad hauls between two and three million tons of gravel each year in support of southcentral Alaska capital projects, such as the major expansion project at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and numerous road improvement projects. Train transport remains one of the most economical, least disruptive and safest ways to move gravel and other bulk commodities.

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