



# News Release

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## **ARRC Service Restored North of Anchorage**

*High water near Seward results in motor coach service for some passengers*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) restored freight and passenger service following several days of cancellations and alternative transportation caused by a retaining wall failure and forest fires.

Regularly scheduled overnight freight service between Anchorage and Fairbanks resumed Tuesday night. Passenger service resumed Wednesday morning with trains departing Anchorage for Talkeetna, Denali, and Fairbanks. Traffic had been disrupted since Friday, August 16, when a retaining wall failure at ARRC MP 355.2 in Healy Canyon necessitated transporting passengers by motor coach between Denali Park and Healy. A second disruption of service was caused by the McKinley Fire north of Willow requiring motor coach service for all passengers between Anchorage, Talkeetna, Denali, and Fairbanks.

ARRC personnel will continue to monitor the condition of the tracks in both areas as well as continuing to work with officials managing the McKinley Fire as a safety precaution.

ARRC is currently providing motor coach service between Seward and Moose Pass to passengers arriving and departing Seward on the Coastal Classic Train. High water on Snow River at ARRC MP 15.2 north of Seward has not flooded the tracks at this time, but passengers will be moved via motor coach as a precaution. ARRC personnel will continue to monitor the situation

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