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Sycamore Canyon Road to close for storm damage repairs

GOLETA, Calif.— Los Padres National Forest officials announced that Sycamore Canyon Road between Highway 1 and Pfeiffer Beach in Big Sur will be closed while repairs are completed in several locations damaged during a January 2017 winter storm.

Repair work will begin September 24 at 6:00 AM, and is estimated to be completed in two months. During the construction period, Sycamore Canyon Road will be closed to public traffic from Monday at 6:00 AM to Friday at 12:00 PM. The repair work will consist of asphalt patch construction, chip seal placement, gabion wall construction, culvert replacement, and sign placement.

The damaged areas were determined to be eligible for funding through the Emergency Relief of Federally Owned (ERFO) roads program due in part to the high demand for recreational access by the public. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) selected and will oversee a contractor to perform the repairs.

Road repair crews will provide access to local residents and emergency services as needed while the repair work is being done. The recreating public will have access to the Pfeiffer Beach Day Use Area Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday during the two month project.

“We worked diligently to secure the funding needed to fix the storm damage,” said Monterey District Ranger Tim Short. “I recognize the inconvenience that a hard closure entails, but this will allow the repair crews to complete their work as quickly as possible while reducing public safety concerns.”

For additional information, please contact the Monterey Ranger District at (831) 385-5434 or visit Los Padres National Forest’s website at <http://www.usda.fs.gov/lpnf>.

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