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## Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### Access to Road Connecting Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Will Close Temporarily; Parks May Be Accessed Via Other Roads

*Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA* – The National Park Service is expected to temporarily close the section of the Generals Highway connecting Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park from January 6, 2014, through April 15, 2014; however, both parks may be accessed via other roads, weather-permitting. These dates may be subject-to-change due to weather conditions and/or budget considerations. The road between the parks will be closed from Wuksachi Lodge to the Woodward gate since staffing levels will not allow for the road to be plowed to a level required for safe public access.

Access to the most-visited sections of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks will continue to be maintained year-round via the following roads:

- Sequoia National Park - via Hwy. 198
- Kings Canyon National Park - via Hwy. 180

Superintendent Woody Smeck said, “Given the continuing fiscal uncertainty, the National Park Service is exercising extreme caution in spending to ensure that available funding is directed to the highest resource priorities and serves the most visitors.”

To plan a fun and safe trip to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks during the winter or spring, visit the parks’ website at [www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/currentcond.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/currentcond.htm) or call 559-565-3341. **Note:** Snow chains or cables may be required to visit the parks at any time, even for 4x4 vehicles.

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