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Alaska Railroad consolidates summer trains

Hurricane Flagstop service added to Denali Star

The Alaska Railroad will consolidate the *Hurricane Turn Flagstop* service with the regular daily *Denali Star* summer train service between Anchorage and Fairbanks, starting July 1. The Hurricane Flagstop service previously scheduled for June 4 will continue as planned.

In April, the Alaska Railroad announced that regularly scheduled summer trains — the *Denali Star* with service between Anchorage and Fairbanks, and the *Coastal Classic* with service between Anchorage and Seward — would be delayed until July 1. Scheduled times for the *Hurricane Flagstop* will change to accommodate the *Denali Star* schedule between Anchorage and Fairbanks. Additionally, due to schedule changes, the *Hurricane Turn's* Thursday-Monday roundtrip between Talkeetna and Hurricane will not be offered at this time. Please check online at www.alaskarailroad.com/ride-a-train/schedules for all changes and schedule details.

“This consolidation represents our ongoing evaluation of passenger needs and finding the most efficient and safest ways to meet them,” said ARRC President and CEO Bill O’Leary.

The scheduled daily service changes include:

- *Denali Star* train with *Hurricane Flagstop*: daily northbound service July 1 to Sept. 12, 2020; daily southbound service July 2 to Sept. 13, 2020.
- *Coastal Classic* train: daily service July 1 to Sept. 13, 2020.
- *Glacier Discovery* train: daily service July 3 to Sept. 7, 2020.
- *Hurricane Flagstop* train: flagstop service available only on *Denali Star*.

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All passenger trains will operate in compliance with applicable public health guidelines. Depots and trains will be capped at 50% occupancy to allow for social distancing. Face coverings will be required to enter depots, and while boarding and moving about trains; face coverings may be removed once seated in designated dining areas and while seated in assigned seats. Onboard the train, a dedicated custodial porter will sanitize surfaces, door handles, and restrooms every 30 minutes, and depots and trains will receive a full sanitization each night.

The changes in passenger schedules do not affect freight service. To support customers during this period of uncertainty, the Alaska Railroad is extending a flexible 24-hour cancellation policy through the summer 2020 season, to provide some peace of mind for travelers. ARRC will continue to regularly evaluate passenger service and provide updates on its website during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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