



# NEWS RELEASE

**Today's Date:** January 5, 2014  
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Caltrans Rock Climbers to Help Remove Rocks in Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) Closure

**Point Mugu** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) climbers will remove loose rocks from slopes along SR-1 south of Mugu Rock. Work is expected to begin Tuesday, January 6 at 9 a.m.

Media can enter the closure at the intersection of Las Posas Road and SR-1 on the north side or at the intersection of Yerba Buena Road and SR-1 on the south side.

On Friday, December 12, heavy rains caused twelve to fifteen mud, rock, and debris slides along Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) requiring the closure of the highway between Yerba Buena Road and Las Posas Road. The slides came from the May 2013 Springs Fire burn area. The highway is expected to remain closed until late January. No motorists or cyclists will be permitted access.

A contractor has been hired to remove the mud and debris, re-position K-rails that were displaced by mud slides, and repair highway shoulders and rip rap that were damaged or washed out.

Electronic message signs on the westbound Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) and SR-1 indicate that the highway is closed. Motorists should consider using alternate routes around the closure. Please visit [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov) for traffic conditions on freeways and highway throughout the state. Please **Be Work Zone Alert**.

**Photo Op** – The slope is approximately 150 feet tall and 250 feet wide. Climbers will use their anchors to repel down the slopes and use crowbars and their boots to release the rocks down the hillside.

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