



NEWS RELEASE

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Helicopter Rock Netting Project: Intermittent Closures on Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1)

Photo Op: Several rock climbers using a Sikorsky S-58 helicopter to install 35, 150 to 215-foot long and 12-foot wide, rock nets (or drapery) on steep slopes, 90-feet above Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1).

Point Mugu - Caltrans will intermittently close both directions of Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1), 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28 from south of Las Posas Road to La Jolla Canyon in Point Mugu State Park (west of Malibu). Motorists and cyclists should expect delays up to 30 minutes. **Motorists should plan ahead and use alternate routes.** Signs will be posted in advance of the closure area to advise motorists of delays.

A helicopter and rock climbers are used to install the rock netting at this location because of the steep slopes along the highway. The rock netting will help prevent rocks from falling from the slopes onto the highway below. Natural erosion was accelerated by the Springs Fire that occurred in May 2013 that denuded the slopes of vegetation.

ALC from San Luis Obispo, CA is the contractor on this state funded maintenance project.

Caltrans reminds motorists to **Be Work Zone Alert.**

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