



Purpose and Need

Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to reopen and restore full access to the section of State Route 140 that was damaged by the Ferguson rockslide. Currently, motorists use a temporary bypass route to travel this portion of State Route 140. Restoration of the original route would eliminate inconvenient detours and extended commute times to residences, businesses, and workers in the area. Restoration of the original route would also give travelers a direct route to Yosemite National Park and other destinations along State Route 140. Eight build alternatives and the no-build alternative are being considered.

Project Need

The project is needed because the closure of State Route 140 has delayed the movement of goods, children traveling to schools, commuters traveling to work, emergency response times, and tourists traveling to Yosemite National Park. Businesses in Mariposa, El Portal, and Yosemite National Park are being economically impacted as a result of the closure. Prolonged closure of State Route 140 would continue to drastically affect the economic vitality of Mariposa County, whose primary source of revenue is drawn from tourism.

