



NEWS RELEASE

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ROUTE 1 CLOSED AT DEVIL'S SLIDE INDEFINITELY Update 5 p.m.

Pacifica—Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol closed Route 1 between Pacifica and Montara on Sunday, April 2 at 6:45 p.m. due to two slip outs within one mile of each other that made the road unsafe for motorists.

Route 1 near Shamrock Ranch (approximately postmile 40.0, 1 mile south of Linda Mar Blvd). The slide at this location has continued to move since last night. This morning, the slide continued to move another 1.5 inches. The northbound lane dropped about two feet since Monday, March 27. Cracks in the roadway surface have grown wider and deeper since last night. Today and tomorrow, the Caltrans geotechnical department is continuing its investigations to determine the extent of the slip out below the road surface. The geotechnical investigations are necessary before a permanent repair can be formulated.

Route 1 at Devils Slide (approximately postmile 39.0) Since last night, the slide has accelerated appreciably since one-half-inch wide cracks were noticed last Friday, March 31, along the length of the lanes. Additionally, vertical settlement has increased to six inches and the width of the cracks has increased to greater than four inches. This area is not safe for public traffic. The Caltrans geotechnical department will need to complete investigations to assess the extent of the slide.

This afternoon, several large boulders broke loose from 350 feet above the roadway. Rocks will continue to fall. This rockfall will need to be assessed independently from the slip out once rain stops. The loose rocks on the slope have to be removed prior to opening to traffic.

At both locations, the continued rain pattern will cause additional movement of the slip outs and further deterioration of the roadway. Additionally rocks will continue to fall at Devil's Slide. **At this time, Route 1 will be closed indefinitely.**

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