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Reds Meadow Road to Open May 22

The Reds Meadow Road is scheduled to open on Friday, May 22th, weather permitting. Although California is in its fourth year in a severe drought, late spring storms, including those forecast for this week, may affect the opening of the road. While the road is still scheduled to open, visitors should expect that the road will not open or will re-close if winter storms prevent safe travel to the Reds Meadow Valley.

The Reds Meadow area is a popular recreation destination for visitors and locals alike and provides access to the Devils Postpile National Monument, trailheads that access the John Muir Trail and destinations such as Agnew Meadow, Thousand Island Lakes, Rainbow Falls, and the Minarets. Fishing, camping, horseback riding, and the Reds Meadow Resort are also popular with visitors.

Employees with the Inyo National Forest and Devils Postpile National Monument have been working to clear snow and trees from roads, trails, and campgrounds as well as repairing potholes, and currently working on water and sewer systems.

The Devils Postpile National Monument will open with the opening of the road. Bring potable water as the water systems are not yet fully functional. Vault toilets will be available.

Camping opportunities will be available in the Reds Meadow Valley through the US Forest Service. Devils Postpile Campground is anticipated to open on June 12th and be open until early to mid September.

The mandatory Reds Meadow Shuttle Bus, operated by the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, will run for Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. Only exception vehicles will be allowed to drive into the Reds Meadow Valley.

After Memorial Day weekend, the mandatory shuttle bus will not resume operation until June 13th and run through Labor Day.

The roads in the Reds Meadow Valley are narrow and visibility is limited. All vehicles should use caution on both the Reds Meadow and Devils Postpile roads. For more information about Devils Postpile National Monument, visit nps.gov/depo, or contact Devils Postpile at 760-934-2289 or at depo_visitor_information@nps.gov.

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