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YARTS to run temporary express service to Yosemite

MERCED – The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) will run an express bus service on Highway 140 to Yosemite Valley starting June 17, 2017. The El Portal Road and Arch Rock entrance to Yosemite National Park on Highway 140 have been closed since earlier this week due to a rock slide. YARTS will operate on the following schedule daily to Yosemite Valley from Hwy 140 until the road reopens. The service will run as follows:

Depart: Yosemite View Lodge at **7:00 am**

Arrive: Cedar Lodge at **7:15 am**

Arrive: Bug Hostel: **7:40 am**

Arrive: KOA: **7:50 am**

Arrive: Mariposa Roadside Rest Stop: **8:06 am**

(All passengers are to transfer to Bus 2 at Mariposa Roadside Rest Stop)

Arrive: Yosemite Valley Visitor Center: **11:06 am**

Depart: Yosemite Valley Visitor Center: **3:15 pm**

Arrive: Mariposa Roadside Rest Stop: **6:15 pm**

(All passengers transfer to Hwy 140 Run 6 at the Mariposa Roadside Rest Stop)

Passengers must be on the bus when it departs the Visitor Center at 3:15 pm to travel back to Mariposa, Midpines and El Portal. Passengers not on the bus leaving the Visitors Center will be responsible for their own travel back to their accommodations.

For more information about YARTS or the seasonal schedules, please visit www.yarts.com or contact Cindy Kelly at cynthia.kelly@yarts.com

YARTS is a California Joint Powers Authority comprised of Merced, Mariposa and Mono Counties in partnership with Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration, National Park Service and the United States Forest Service. MCAG provides staff services and operational support for YARTS.

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