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## **Eagle River campground to open Friday, June 7 at 5 p.m.**

**(Eagle River, AK)** – The Eagle River campground will open for visitors today at 5 p.m., a week earlier than expected, after rapid repair of damage to the park’s access road caused by last November’s earthquake.

“We’re really excited to get that work done ahead of schedule, and to welcome campers to this popular campground during what’s shaping up to be a good summer,” said Kurt Hensel, superintendent of Chugach State Park.

The Nov. 30, 2018 earthquake measured 7.1 on the Richter scale, and has been followed by numerous aftershocks. As the spring thaw revealed the extent of the damage to Hesterberg Road, it became clear the earthquake had created dangerous cracks, prompting park managers not to open the campground as normal this spring.

Repairs included removing about 600 feet of roadbed, adding material and repaving the surface, at a cost of about \$108,000 in state road maintenance funds, Hensel said.

Operated by private concessionaire Lifetime Adventures, the campground has about 50 campsites, available to the public at \$20 per night. For more information, visit:

<http://www.lifetimeadventure.net/eagle-river-campground/>

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