

Landslide repairs to take longer

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BIG SUR -- Caltrans said Tuesday that temporary repairs on Highway 1 near Rocky Creek will take longer than expected because the hillside where the highway collapsed March 16 remains unstable.

"Geologic instability continues to be a factor in roadwork progress," Caltrans said in a news release. Limited repairs that would open only the northbound lane are now expected in early May, Caltrans said.

Caltrans originally estimated that repairs could be completed by mid-April, and later moved the target to the end of April.

Big Sur is cut off to all vehicle traffic from the north, but pedestrians are allowed to cross the slide area twice a day, at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Highway 1 south of Big Sur is open to traffic, but Caltrans advises motorists to watch for falling rocks.