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Metro-North Railroad Service Suspension Continues Monday Repairs Underway to Tracks, Power and Signal Systems Damaged by Hurricane Irene

Metro-North Railroad cannot operate regular service on any of its three Lines, Hudson, Harlem and New Haven Lines, on Monday, August 29. There is still significant damage to many portions of the Metro-North system. Local streams and the Bronx River continue to overflow their banks and high winds continue to fell trees across the right-of-way.

New Jersey Transit also has announced that it will not operate Monday for the same reasons. Therefore, there will be no service on the Port Jervis and Pascack Valley lines.

The most significant issues include:

The signal system is not fully functioning on any of the three lines.

Various sections of track along Hudson line have been damaged by mudslides and washouts. One mudslide in the area of Spuyten Duyvil has also undermined a home that is up a steep hill from the track. Another mudslide in the area of Scarborough has damaged 300-feet of third rail.

There is no signal or third-rail power on the Upper Harlem Line because of downed transmission poles and water-damaged substations.

The tracks through Tuckahoe station are flooded with up to 4 feet of water as the Bronx River continues to overflow its banks.

There is significant flooding at stations and parking lots. The underpass at Beacon Station is completely under water as is the North White Plains station parking lot.

Trees have fallen on the tracks on all three Metro-North lines.

West of Hudson, the Port Jervis Line has a dozen severe washouts and both the Port Jervis and Pascack Valley lines have numerous trees on the tracks.

Until the water recedes, the full extent of the damage cannot be determined. The National Weather Service has extended the flood warning for Metro-North's service territory until Monday night at midnight.

Metro-North work crews will continue to inspect and repair the infrastructure throughout the night.

Metro-North's goal is to restore as much service as possible as soon as it is safe to do so. This will take some time as employees and equipment must be in place before any level of service can begin.

Grand Central Terminal will open Monday morning at its normal hour, 5:30 a.m.

Customers should monitor media reports for the latest information, check mta.info and sign up for customer email and text message alerts.