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Military aircraft crash closes Railroad track section on Elmendorf *Denali Star, cruise train passengers will transport part way by motorcoach*

Anchorage, AK — The Alaska Railroad's main line and a parallel siding were damaged by a military C-17 cargo aircraft that crashed on Elmendorf Air Force Base Wednesday evening. Freight train traffic is temporarily suspended until the tracks can be repaired. Rail passengers are being transported around the area by motorcoach, between Birchwood and the Anchorage Historic Depot.

Track maintenance crews estimate the tracks can be repaired in four to six hours. Railroad officials are coordinating with the military to initiate repair as soon as on-site response activity permits. Train traffic will resume immediately after track repair is completed.

Passengers needing information regarding train schedules can call the Alaska Railroad reservations line at (907) 265-2494 or 1-800-544-0552. The *Coastal Classic* and *Glacier Discovery* trains traveling between Anchorage, Whittier, Portage, Grandview and Seward are not affected.

Duration of track closure is unknown at this time, pending the military's assessment.

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