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ARRC continues work on slide derailment along Turnagain Arm *Safety and damage assessments continue*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska Railroad (ARRC) personnel continue to make good progress with efforts to clear the tracks, assess damage and plans to rerail locomotives following yesterday's incident. Snow removal (pictured) should be completed today with rerailing of locomotives starting tomorrow.



However, progress with rerailing the locomotives and any necessary repairs to the track depend on

weather conditions. ARRC continues to monitor winter storm forecasts as maintaining snowfall safety thresholds is paramount to protect crew and equipment working onsite.

If work continues as expected, ARRC will have an update tomorrow regarding mainline track clearance and repairs. Freight train schedules are pending based on daylight progress today and tomorrow.

The incident began yesterday when the northbound freight train departing Whittier just after 1 a.m. encountered an avalanche less than an hour later, causing a derailment of two locomotives and partial derailment of a third. There were no injuries.

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