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ARRC track repairs completed along Turnagain Arm ***Mainline track reopened***

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — After conducting morning avalanche control work, ARRC crews worked through the day to complete track repairs by late afternoon. Mainline track reopened today at 4:30 p.m. allowing trains to resume as needed. The third and final locomotive remains onsite but is not impeding train traffic. Final locomotive will be rerailed sometime next week depending on safety conditions as ARRC continues to monitor winter storm forecasts and snowfall.

The incident began Tuesday January 17 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.



Alaska Railroad milepost 71.5 overview of track repairs and remaining locomotive clear of the tracks.

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Alaska Railroad crew works to repair the tracks at rail milepost 71.5.

View of the Alaska Railroad's third and final derailed locomotive resting clear of tracks.



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