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Five Empty Railcars Derail Near Birchwood

Anchorage-At approximately 5 pm Saturday, five empty oil cars of a northbound freight train derailed about three miles south of Birchwood near Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) milepost 133. The five cars remained upright and no injuries or spills have occurred. The preliminary cause of the derailment is believed to be a rail misalignment possibly caused by high temperatures on the track.

Passengers aboard the southbound train from Fairbanks will board motor coaches in Wasilla and continue to Anchorage. Alaska Railroad crews will have the cars re-railed and the mainline open sometime this evening. Northbound passenger service from Anchorage will run as scheduled on Sunday.