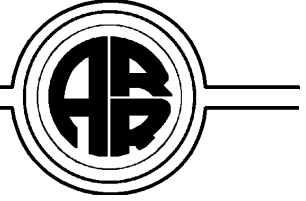


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Excessive Heat Damages Track; Six Empty Tank Cars Derail

ANCHORAGE-At approximately 4:30 pm Friday, six empty tank cars on a northbound freight train derailed about 30 miles south of Nenana. No injuries occurred and the six cars remained upright. The preliminary cause of the derailment is believed to be a, "sun kink," or buckle in the rail, caused by high temperatures.

Passengers aboard a northbound train from Anchorage heading to Fairbanks this evening were motor coached from Healy to Fairbanks.

On Saturday, passengers traveling south from Fairbanks will be bused to Denali where they will meet the train for the remainder of their rail tour. No disruptions to train service are expected for passengers traveling north from Anchorage to Fairbanks on Saturday.

Initial reports from the site indicate that Alaska Railroad crews will have the cars re-railed and the mainline open sometime Saturday morning. Full service is expected to resume at that time.

Passengers needing information regarding train schedules should contact the Alaska Railroad reservation number at (907) 265-2494.

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(For media requiring assistance on Saturday 6/18, please contact Wendy Lindskoog at 240-9571)