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Possible historic aircraft accident debris discovered

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – Possible historic aircraft accident debris has been discovered by military aircrew flying a routine training mission June 10.

The debris was discovered at approximately 1 p.m. local time by Alaska Army National Guardsmen flying a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter in the Knik Glacier area. The aircrew conducted aerial surveillance of the site to ensure it was aircraft debris before returning to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Material evidence and possible osseous materials were discovered at the site.

The Federal Aviation Administration has issued a Temporary Flight Restriction around the area. Civil aviators are asked to avoid flying near or over the area as recovery personnel begin the initial stages of investigating the site.

The U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) has been contacted and is assessing the viability of a future recovery operation. Falling under the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), JPAC's mission is to conduct global search, recovery, and laboratory operations in order to support the Department of Defense's personnel accounting efforts.

More information will be released as it becomes available.