



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH & CITY OF KETCHIKAN



MEDIA RELEASE | Debris Removal at Wolfe Point Delayed Until Morning for Safety

Date: March 20, 2025

Contacts: Anthony Pio, Borough Public Information Officer, 907-228-2340
Kim Simpson, City Public Information Officer, 907-204-0010
EOC Phone: 907-228-2394

For Immediate Release:

KETCHIKAN, Alaska – In coordination with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), SECON and DOT&PF crews, officials have decided to postpone debris removal until the morning to ensure the safety of all involved.

Concerns remain regarding the potential shifting of large rock blocks within the landslide debris. While the slope currently appears stable, crews will conduct a 6 a.m. site assessment to confirm no overnight changes. If conditions remain safe, work will begin at 6:30 a.m.

Borough Mayor Rodney Dial and City of Ketchikan Mayor Bob Sivertsen have signed a joint declaration of disaster emergency, which has been adopted by the Ketchikan City Council. The declaration is set to be presented to the Borough Assembly at a special meeting in the near future.

Displaced residents in need of temporary shelter are encouraged to contact Sarah Harney at sarah@stacalaska.net for assistance.

We appreciate the public's patience as we prioritize the safety of our workers during this excavation. Updates will continue as the situation progresses.

For the latest information, visit <https://www.kgbak.us/1113/Wolfe-Point-Landslide>.

#