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Possible incendiary device discovered near glacier visitor center

Juneau, AK –U.S. Forest Service officials are asking visitors to the east side of the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area to exercise caution this morning, as law enforcement officials investigate the discovery of an apparent incendiary device.

The road has been partially blocked, and motorists are being routed to the second parking lot near the Steep Creek viewing platform as a precaution. Recreationists are also being diverted to a safe distance around the area.

Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer David Zuniga reports what appears to be an explosive device was discovered on the bench of the bus shelter shortly before 10 a.m.

The Juneau Police Department was alerted, and officers are on the scene to assess the situation and determine the proper course of action.

Until the area has been cleared, motorist and recreationists will be diverted to a safe distance. If you are going to visit the area, please follow directions of law enforcement officers.

Updated 11:30 a.m.:

Law enforcement officers at the scene of this morning's discovery of an apparent incendiary device near the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center have given an "all clear."

The device was rendered safe, and removed from the area.

The Mendenhall Recreation Area is now fully open, and traffic patterns have returned to normal.

The Juneau Police Department will issue further information as it becomes available.