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Helicopter Incident near Davies Creek Damage to helicopter, no major injuries reported

JUNEAU, Alaska— A U.S. Forest Service employee and pilot from Coastal Helicopters were involved in a helicopter incident near Juneau Monday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:30 p.m. in the north end of Davies Creek drainage, approximately 33 miles north of Juneau. While no major injuries were reported, damage to the helicopter was sustained. Both individuals went to Bartlett Regional Hospital for evaluation. Two other Forest Service employees were also at the scene at the time of the incident.

The Coastal Helicopter flight was chartered by the Forest Service for research work on the Heen Latinee Experimental Forest north of Juneau. The National Transportation Safety Board has been notified and a Forest Service team is being formed to investigate the incident.

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