Days after deadline, dozens of kids still not with family

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| Climbers are warned of hazards after a massive icefall on Ingraham Glacier at Mount Rainier.

A field of debris with head-high ice blocks covers the popular climbing route on Ingraham Glacier near Disappointment Glacier, shown Sunday morning.

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