

JB Charleston, MCAS Beaufort search-and-recovery team locates F-35B debris field



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JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. – Personnel from Joint Base Charleston and Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, in close coordination with local authorities, have located a debris field in Williamsburg County.

The debris was discovered two hours northeast of Joint Base Charleston.

Teams from Joint Base Charleston, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing out of MCAS Cherry Point, Navy Region Southeast, the FAA, the Civil Air Patrol, as well as local, county, and state law enforcement across South Carolina have been working together to locate the U.S. Marine Corps F-35B.

Members of the community should avoid the area as the recovery team secures the debris field.

JB Charleston transferred the incident command to the U.S. Marine Corps on the evening on Sept. 19, as they began the recovery process.

The mishap is currently under investigation, and we are unable to provide additional details to preserve the integrity of the investigative process.

We would like to thank all of our mission partners, as well as local, county, and state authorities, for their dedication and

support throughout the search and as we transition to the recovery phase.