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Firefighters Rescue Dungeness Lighthouse Hiker

Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 7:50 pm, Clallam County Fire District #3 Units were dispatched to the Dungeness spit lighthouse for a report of a hiker with an ankle injury. The reporting party stated that the hiker was approximately 4.5 miles out on the Dungeness spit and was unable to make it back to the Dungeness Recreational area. Due to current conditions, the two hikers were forced to make their way back to the lighthouse.

With the incoming tide, high tide being at 10:08 pm, it was determined that the fire districts utility task vehicle (UTV) would be unable to make the ~5.5-mile journey out and back to the lighthouse in time. Instead, CCFD#3 crews deployed the districts marine unit from the Dungeness Landing County Park to the lighthouse, where crews were able to contact the hiker and assess his injury. The patient, along with his significant other, was transported back to the boat launch via Marine 34 and he is expected to make a full recovery.

CCFD#3 covers 194 square miles within their jurisdiction which happens to include approximately 51.45 miles of coastline (from Deer Park to the Gardiner Boat launch). We can deploy our IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) from multiple preplanned locations to make quick contact in a variety of water-related emergency situations.

The Dungeness Lighthouse Trail is a popular destination for many visitors. The rocky slope combined with distance and constant changing conditions is something to be mindful of. Follow your general hiking safety tips to avoid any mishaps on the trail. But if something should happen, rest assured CCFD#3 personnel are here to provide a helping hand.

Questions may be directed to Battalion Chief, Chris Turner at (360) 683-4242. Ext. 132.

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Dungeness Landing County Park (Oyster House Rd)



Figure 1: Marine 34 Protecting EMS Gear for Transport



Figure 2: Crew is Under Way



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Figure 3: Marine 34 Back by Sunset

(Photo Credit Captain Jeff Albers)