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MCAS Yuma Marines Rescue Stranded Hiker

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (May 25, 2015) – Marines with the Search and Rescue team from MCAS Yuma, recovered a 44-year-old male hiker who had been stranded in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, southeast of Quartzite, Sunday.

The Marines responded to a call from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) via MCAS Yuma Emergency Dispatch at 9:25 p.m. requesting assistance in extracting the stranded hiker.

The aircrew of three Marines and a Navy corpsman departed MCAS Yuma within the hour. The hiker used a cell phone to signal his position and the crew was able to locate him in a box canyon on a cliff edge. They were successful in extracting the hiker and after an initial medical evaluation, he was safely transferred to BLM by 10:40 p.m.

Interviews will be available upon request. For additional information, please call the Public Affairs Office at (928) 269-5199 or email Yuma_PAO@usmc.mil.