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MCAS Yuma Marines Rescue Stranded Couple

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (January 19, 2015) – Marines with the Search and Rescue team from MCAS Yuma, recovered two people who had been stranded on the Colorado River, not accessible by boat or land, Monday.

The Marines responded to a call from the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 11:17 a.m. requesting assistance extracting two individuals who had gotten their airboat stuck in the marshes of the Colorado River.

The aircrew of three Marines and a Navy corpsman departed MCAS Yuma within the hour. The crew made contact with YCSO and was able to quickly locate the trapped airboat. They were successful in finding a dry patch in the marsh to conduct a landing, 100 meters from the boat. After initial medical evaluation, it was determined that the male patient would get walked out to the helicopter and the female patient, whom had recently had surgery on her foot, would require a hoist. A hoist operation was successfully conducted and both were safely transferred to YCSO by 1:37 p.m. Neither of the victims required immediate medical attention.

Interviews will be available upon request. For additional information, please call the Public Affairs Office at (928) 269-3682 or email Yuma_PAO@usmc.mil.