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## Search and Rescue has 3rd mission in week

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS Routt County Search and Rescue has had a busy week.

On Thursday, they were called to help a sick hunter in the Flat Tops Wilderness Area.

Incident Commander Delbert Bostock said officials were contacted by the 25-year-old Afton, Wyoming man's wife.

The man was hunting alone and used a Spot Communicator to contact his

"He was having difficulty breathing and was nauseous, and he felt like he was going to pass out," Bostock said.

Because the man had a satellite communicator, Search and Rescue knew exactly where he was.

Search and Rescue deployed a team, which hiked 3 miles on the Sunnyside Trail to the Harper's Reservoir area southeast of Dome Peak.

"Once we got there, he was not able to walk out on his own power," Bostock said. "He could only walk 10 steps and then take a break and rest."

Classic Air Medical was able to send a helicopter from Glenwood Springs to pick up the man in an area that did not have wilderness designation.

He was flown to Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs.

It was believed he may have been suffering from altitude sickness.

The mission started at about 2:20 p.m. All the Search and Rescue members were back in Steamboat Springs by 11:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Search and Rescue had their second mission in a week on Emerald Mountain.

A mountain biker on the backside of Emerald on the Beall Trail had passed out while riding and was not feeling well.

Incident commander Kristia Check-Hill said rescuers took four-wheelers to the top and then hiked down to the man.

Paramedics believed he should be flown out.

They put him on a stretcher and took him to a landing zone.

A Classic Air Medical helicopter flew the man to the Front Range.



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