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Alaska Air National Guard Rescues Injured Man *Hunter injured while hiking on the Grewingk Glacier saved by Guardsman*

CAMP DENALI, Alaska—The Alaska Air National Guard successfully rescued an injured hunter from the Grewingk Glacier northeast of Halibut Cove Saturday.

The 11th Rescue Coordination Center received a call for assistance from the Alaska State Trooper at 10:39 p.m. Friday.

The Alaska Air National Guard was tasked with the mission and launched a 210th Rescue Squadron HH-60 Pave Hawk with 212th Rescue Squadron Pararescuemen onboard from Kulis Air National Guard Base.

The injured man and his party of four other hunters were hiking through the Grewingk Glacier area when he suffered severe muscle strain in his back and dehydration.

At approximately 12:40 a.m. the Pave Hawk landed on a near-by sandbar where pararescuemen were able to safely reach the man and assess his injuries.

Pararescuemen placed the injured hunter on a Stokes litter, loaded him on the Pave Hawk and transported him to the Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna for further treatment.

“We do this so the public knows we are here to protect them when things go awry while on trips throughout Alaska,” said Capt. Jeff Meinel, 11th Rescue Coordination Center senior controller, when asked about performing missions like this one. “We are here to serve the people and we love what we do.”

The 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons were awarded one save for this mission.