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Search ends for teenager swept into ocean

Coast Guard searched the Oregon coast near Neskowin for signs of a teenage boy, after two boys were swept out to sea.

According to a U.S. Coast Guard press release, Tillamook dispatch notified the Coast Guard Air Facility in North Bend that two boys had been swept out to sea and were in need of assistance at approximately 5 p.m. on Friday. An HH-65 helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Facility North Bend, the crew of a 47-foot motor lifeboat from Station Depoe Bay and local fire department crews were dispatched to search the waters near Nestucca Beach.

Search and rescue operations found one of the boys and took him to waiting emergency personnel at Nestucca Beach. No injuries were reported and the boy was said to be in good condition.

The search for the second boy went on for about 24 hours. Crews, including three HH-65 helicopters from the North Bend Air Station, a HH-60 helicopter from Astoria and a motor life boat from Depoe Bay, searched several miles surrounding the area where the boys had disappeared but found no sign of the boy.

The search continued until approximately 3 p.m. on Saturday, before Coast Guard officials suspended the active search.

"We've been flying that area and boats are keeping an eye out, but we've exhausted all of our resources at this point," said Petty Officer Joshua Britton.

Coast Guard officials refused to release the names of the teenage boys. No further information was available at press time.

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