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### Three Kayakers Rescued on the Snoqualmie River

[Monroe, Wa] - This afternoon at 2:30 PM Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue along with Duvall Fire received a water rescue call on the Snoqualmie River just downstream of the Crescent Lake Rd overpass. Three adult female kayakers were thrown off their kayaks and into the Snoqualmie River after hitting a strainer. All three were stranded with one trapped more significantly against the strainer.

A strainer is wood debris in rivers that create a natural obstruction such as a root ball or collection of fallen trees. It allows the water to pass through but strains out other objects coming downstream essentially trapping them in the obstruction. Strainers are extremely dangerous obstacles in rivers and can hold a person against the obstacle by the force of the water flow.

SRFR was the incident command and Duvall Fire crews used their rescue boat to retrieve the kayakers and bring them to shore. SRFR medic crews transported one of the kayakers for treatment and the other two were reported as healthy.

All three kayakers were wearing their lifejackets and that decision to wear them helped this rescue become a success. Life jackets save lives.



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