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### For Immediate Release

## Utah Army Guard's 2-211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Assists with Emery County Rafter Rescue

EMERY COUNTY, Utah – Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard's Second Battalion, 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation, assisted Emery County Search and Rescue this morning (June 12) in locating six rafters missing since yesterday on the San Rafael River.

In keeping with the Utah National Guard's mission to respond at the request of state and local authorities during emergencies, the 2-211<sup>th</sup> (Second of the 211<sup>th</sup>) has been training with Emery County and other local jurisdictions this week on search-and-rescue and medical-response procedures. UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crews were in the area and were asked by the Emery County Sheriff's office for assistance.

The Utah Army National Guard unit responded immediately, transporting Emery County search-and-rescue personnel. The 2-211<sup>th</sup> crew located the missing rafters and landed the helicopter nearby. Emery County Sheriff personnel administered first aid to the tired and dehydrated rafters.

At this moment the Utah Army National Guard helicopter is preparing to airlift the rafters to an awaiting ambulance a few miles away.

For more information please contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Andy Lovejoy at (801) 528-8923 or Captain Kyle Ekker of the Emery County Sheriff's office at (435) 749-2105.

Updates on this situation will be sent out via Twitter @UTNationalGuard, hashtag #utahguard.