

Three rescued after helicopter iced on Alaska volcano (Update)

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Two researchers and their pilot have been rescued from a remote Alaska volcano after freezing rain left thick ice on their helicopter.

Alaska State Troopers spokeswoman Megan Peters say the rescue came at about 5 p.m. on Friday.

None of the three people was injured, identified as pilot Sam Egli, USGS geophysicist John Paskievitch and University of Alaska-Fairbanks researcher Taryn Lopez.

Peters said the helicopter remains on Mount Mageik (ma-GEEK'), about 280 miles southwest of Anchorage at Katmai National Park and Preserve.

The three people stranded were well-equipped with survival gear and food. They remained in the helicopter until they were rescued.

The researchers were working on recovering short-term volcano-monitoring equipment before they were caught in the freezing rainstorm Wednesday evening.

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