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Corps continues assisting search and recovery effort at Youghiogheny River Lake

The Army Corps of Engineers continues today to assist with the search and recovery of a man missing after a boating accident July 2 on Youghiogheny River Lake in Fayette County.

Multiple agencies at all levels of government, a private search and rescue company, and a local boater are participating in the recovery.

The Corps is providing personnel, a patrol boat and a camera-equipped, remotely operated submersible. Local units include Confluence Fire and Rescue, Marclay Township Fire and Rescue and Addison Township Fire and Rescue. Maryland State Police are providing side scanning sonar and have a dive team available on scene. The City of Greensburg provided a dive team as well as fire and rescue units to assist with the efforts.

A private search and rescue company is volunteering its assistance and equipment. Also, a local boater is using an advanced fish finder to assist with the search and recovery.

The Corps is supporting the efforts today, which are being coordinated by the Marclay Township unit. Weather, exhaustion of resources, and depths up to 90 feet have presented challenges in the search.

Certified divers can only spend 15 minutes at those depths and the pool of divers available in the area is limited. The Corps has been providing its submersible to investigate objects identified during scanning but those objects were found to be tree stumps and debris. No recovery of the missing man has been made at the time of this report.