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An Airlift Northwest helicopter had to make an emergency landing in a field in Stanwood, Washington, about 6 miles west of Interstate 5 this morning at approximately 0600 due to problems with a rotor blade. The pilot and two flight nurses on board were not injured. No patients were on board at the time.

The agency will conduct an organization-wide safety stand down, starting immediately until 1600 hours today. There will be one rotary wing aircraft available to facilitate transport. Fixed wing transport for both Alaska and Washington will continue to be available.

Hospitals and other requesting agencies from throughout the region have been notified of the planned stand down. Airlift Northwest will be working with other air medical providers in the region to insure the region remains covered.

Additionally, the Airlift Northwest Communications Center will be operational all day to assist callers with coordinating response and insuring all air medical needs are met.

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