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## TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT JUNE 2012 - NOVEMBER 2012

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## DEAR FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

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Teton County Search and Rescue is a volunteer organization led by the Teton County Sheriff's Department. We have approximately 35 volunteers that train an average of 200 hours per year on skills such as high angle rescue, whitewater, avalanche, missing persons and downed aircraft (plus many more).

The Teton County Search and Rescue Foundation is the organization that support TCSAR volunteers through direct support, advocacy and community outreach.

With collaboration from team volunteers, the sheriff's department and the foundation we are able to create a bi-annual rescue report documenting the previous 6 months calls. Not all calls actually turn into missions but TCSAR is contacted in each case listed on the next few pages.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission, our volunteers and our community.

Happy New Year!  
TCSAR Foundation  
Search and Rescue Volunteers



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JUNE 2012

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 PERFORMED RESCUES

 ADVISORY BOARD CALL OUT

 TSCAR PRACTICE DAYS

OCTOBER 2012

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  PERFORMED RESCUES

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NOVEMBER 2012

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TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT : TIMES AND SUMMARIES

*June*  
**6.16.12**

**Time:** 9:23

**Summary:** Dispatch received a call from a member of the party who was mountain biking. The patient had called after trying to negotiate the stairs on the Hagen trail. The patient fell over his handle bars and landed on his head, injuring his neck. TCSAR responded to the trailhead and access to the incident was completed by pickup and 4 wheelers. The patient was assessed and placed on a backboard and transported to an ambulance by a wheeled litter.

**6.16.12**

**Time:** 14:57

**Summary:** Dispatch received a 911 call from a RP who found a mountain biker unconscious at the bottom of a large jump on a bike trail on Teton Pass. TCSAR was paged at 15:15. The team was position at the bottom of Phillips Pass an dispatched a team to search downhill from the top of the pass as it was unclear exactly where the patient was located. Once the location of the patient was found and ALS (advanced life support) medical team responded to the victim. The patient had difficulty

breathing, never regained full consciousness and appeared to have a shoulder injury. He was transported by ATV to an ambulance on the Old Pass Road and then transported again to the Eastern Idaho Regional Helicopter at the Stilson Parking Lot.

**6.23.12**

**Time:** 15:54

**Summary:** Party of 8 climbed to the top of Glory. RP in Coal Creek. One person has a disability and may need assistance out. Not prepared for overnight. Short on food

and water. 16:41 received a call from the hikers, all are okay and 1 mile from trailhead.

### 6.27.12

**Time:** 23:45

**Summary:** Friends called to report a guest missing. Missed the last tram and were heading to the gondola. Last contact at 19:30. Escorted to the gondola and back at hotel room at 2:04.

### 6.30.12

**Time:** 13:23

**Summary:** Hikers were walking when the patient fell down and injured arm and back. They are about .5 miles from the trail. Patient and people in group are able to move patient to the road and ambulance.

### July 7.4.12

**Time:** 14:07

**Summary:** Swimmer in Snake River calling for help near the swinging bridge. No flotation device or boat around. SAR members responding directly to river. 14:23 the swimmer has been located and is on shore.

### 7.6.12

**Time:** 17:09

**Summary:** RP reports a male who has fallen off his horse on the Green Lakes trail. Has pain in hip and ribs. The patient has cuts on his head but did not lose consciousness. No cell service in the location where patient

is located. Patient is having trouble breathing due to chest pain. Air Idaho is called due to type of injury and location. SAR plans a wheeled litter extraction to the landing zone. Patient decides to walk with assistance. Patient is loaded into the helicopter and transported for care.

### 7.9.12

**Time:** 22:14

**Summary:** RP Husband is lost on mountain bike ride. Last had contact with him about an hour ago, he was somewhere in the Mosquito Creek area. No answer on his cell phone. 22:31 The Lost person has been located.

### 7.16.12

**Time:** 11:24

**Summary:** Cowboy is injured up Munger Mountain after tumbling down a steep embankment while on horseback. Area isn't accessible by vehicle or helicopter. Believed to have a broken leg. Ground rescue is initiated. The SAR team located the injured party approximately 150 feet up a steep embankment where the injured party was resting on a tree stump. The patient was assessed, packaged and lowered down to the bottom of the slope via a rope system. He was then transported with a wheeled litter to an awaiting ambulance.

### 7.18.12

**Time:** 17:54

**Summary:** Spot device activation. Group of boy scouts hiking in the mountains, no known medical issues. 17 yo has broken collarbone. GTNP will provide a helicopter and

TCSAR will provide the staff. SAR volunteers fly into area and transport the patient.

### 7.19.12

**Time:** 14:20

**Summary:** Dispatch received a call stating that he had come upon a 72 yo woman that had stumbled on some rocks on a trail 100 yards from the parking lot on the East Side of Teton Pass. TCSAR accessed, treated and transported the woman to her car at the top of the pass.

### 7.20.12

**Time:** 11:31

**Summary:** Teton County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from an RP stating that a mountain biker was injured on the Ferrin's Trail in the Cache Creek drainage. The injured party had been mountain biking downhill when he approached an uphill biker. TCSAR utilized ATVs and a wheeled litter to access the patient. The patient was assessed, packaged and transported to an ambulance.

### 7.20.12

**Time:** 14:28

**Summary:** Male patient fishing near Taylor Ranch Road having heart issues and needs an ambulance. TCSAR responds to the area. The patient walks with assistance to the bridge and ambulance.

### 7.22.12

**Time:** 10:49

**Summary:** TCSAR responded to a medical emergency on



the Hagen Trail in the Cache Creek drainage. The patient was assessed and found to have heart issues. The patient was transported with a wheeled litter to an ambulance.

### 7.22.12

**Time:** 11:24

**Summary:** Down airplane by Teton Pass reported. One person has a possible broken wrist, the other a heart condition. They were coming over from Dubois. The plane is 100 yards off the road. The plane is now reported on Togwotee Pass. The SAR team heads towards Togwotee Pass and Civil Air Patrol begins to scout area. 11:58 Pilot calls into 911 to inform them it was a false landing and they do not need EMS or SAR.

### 7.30.12

**Time:** 15:23

**Summary:** RP called from the KOA south of Jackson. Boat in the river capsized, not sure how many people were in the boat or if they were wearing life jackets. 1 person is still in the river, not sure on the rest. 15:33 All three people are out of the river.

### 7.31.12

**Time:** 13:05

**Summary:** Reporting party called in after seeing two horses, one with a broken saddle. No riders. The RP had seen people riding the horses 1.5 hours ago. One of the horses was injured. 13:26 a call is reported that there are no injured people, only an injured horse. The horses had spooked while the riders were off the horses.

## August

### 8.2.12

**Time:** 11:22

**Summary:** 911 call of an injured horseback rider south of the Grand Teton RV park near the boundary. Injuries reported indicate possible spinal and head injuries. The SAR group decided that due to life threatening injuries and unknown location, a helicopter was needed to access the patient. The Bridger-Teton interagency helicopter was contracted to assist. Due to the urgent nature of the injuries GT Park Rangers were contacted for medical crew while TCSAR assumed Incident command. Due to suspected serious head injury, Life Support was contacted to transport the patient to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

### 8.2.12

**Time:** 17:57

**Summary:** Driggs called with a lost hiker in South Leigh Creek Canyon. Man was hiking with his wife and suddenly realized she wasn't there anymore. She was last seen at 15:30. No medical issues, no injuries. Both subjects in their 50s. At 18:47 she had been found and was on her way out.

### 8.4.12

**Time:** 16:15

**Summary:** Report came in that there was a disoriented runner on Snow King but thought he was running the Big Horn 50 mile race. The distressed runner was delusional and had been running for over 4 hours. TCSAR began and



at 17:15 the runner was found near the radio tower. He was conscious but not alert or oriented. He was evaluated and transported to St. John's Medical Center.

### 8.9.12

**Time:** 18:47

**Summary:** RP waves an ambulance down on Hwy 22. Bike Rider on the mountain bike trails below went over a jump and went over the handle bars. Reported conscious and breathing with injuries to the nose, mouth, chest and arms. Helmet is broken and the injured party is unsure what happened after the fall. SAR members respond to the scene on Hwy 22 with wheeled litter and equipment to do a small raise. Patient walks with assistance to ambulance.

### 8.10.12

**Time:** 18:01

**Summary:** Family calls in on 28 yo male who was climbing Teton Peak and supposedly struck by lightning. The patient had informed the reporting party they were going to try and make it out. TCSAR Medical team on standby to evaluate if necessary. The injured party made a call into SO to inform them they had not been directly hit and had not called for help. They were going to make it out.

### 8.12.12

**Time:** 10:53

**Summary:** Woman with 2 teenage boys missing. Found abandoned car near the Idaho/Wyoming border. Car parked in Driggs jurisdiction so TCSAR team not

activated. SR7 responded and coordinated with Idaho SAR. Subjects were located at 12:33. They went hiking, got lost and spent the night at Mike Harris campground.

### 8.13.12

**Time:** 15:26

**Summary:** Motorcycle reported going over the guardrail on the East Side of Teton Pass 1.5 miles from the top. No other vehicles were involved. SAR called to assist with rocky, steep terrain. The injured party was transferred to an ambulance.

### 8.15.12

**Time:** 13:29

**Summary:** 911 Call from man who lost contact with 11 yo son on the river. They had been floating down the river in inner tubes. No life vests. Located just past the swinging bridge. SAR heads out with boat. 13:44 Child is located. 13:59 child is reunited with mother at the KOA campground.

## September

### 9.8.12

**Time:** 19:17

**Summary:** Dispatch was called for a woman in her 40s who had fallen from her horse up Game Creek. The SAR team was called to respond since the area was inaccessible by car. A team page was sent for a wheel out rescue on Game Creek. The patient was alert and conscious but had difficulty breathing and her ankle was hurt. An ambulance was sent to the trailhead and TCSAR arrived on scene to

evaluate the patient. The patient decided to ride her horse out. The patient was then escorted to the trailhead by a patrol car and then transported by ambulance to St. Johns.

### 9.8.12

**Time:** 15:40

**Summary:** TCSAR responded to assist with a LOTOJA rider who had fallen off a bridge and landed in the Snake River. TCSAR members help extract the patient from the water before being transported to the hospital.

### 9.15.12

**Time:** 19:01

**Summary:** Three miles from Table Rock, 3 boy scouts are reported missing. They've been gone for about 2 hours with little water. Scouts were out looking for them. When SAR Volunteer arrived on scene at 19:58 the scouts had been found.

### 9.23.12

**Time:** 21:29

**Summary:** 22 yo on 4 Wheeler up Darby Canyon, had been gone since 11am. SAR advisory board call. Was found in good condition at 23:28 by his father and friends. 4 Wheeler had mechanical issues.

### 9.26.12

**Time:** 6:59

**Summary:** Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a horseback rider injury located 3-4 miles northeast of the Turpine Meadows Trailhead. The exact location of the

incident was unclear, and a search was being planned. Weather at the time was a thick inversion of fog but the scene was relatively clear. Due to the extent of the injuries and the location reported, a helicopter was requested. All life flight resources were currently unavailable due to mechanical or weather issues but a TCSAR volunteer responded with the Bridger-Teton interagency helicopter, which had been cleared for flight. The crew transported the injured person to an ambulance who transported the patient to St. John's Medical Center.

## October

### 10.14.12

**Time:** 12:09

**Summary:** Dispatch received a call from an RP reporting a man in her party had collapsed near the summit of Glory Bowl. The patient was unresponsive and in steep terrain. TCSO department arrived on scene at 12:52 and began CPR with assistance from 2 other parties. After all attempts to revive the patient failed, SAR proceeded to plan for the patient extraction. SAR Incident Commander decided to use ropes and a wheeled litter and lower the patient approximately 2,500 feet to the parking lot.

### 10.20.12

**Time:** 23:57

**Summary:** Dispatch received a call from a RP stating that one of the hunting party had not returned to the camp at the end of the day. The team was paged to respond to the Dry Cottonwood drainage in the Gros Ventre River area. An Incident Command Post was established and five hasty





teams were assigned to search the area. The Bridger Teton Interagency helicopter was utilized to fly an aerial hasty search of the area. Wyo-K9 was paged to respond. Shortly after the dog team was called, the patient arrived on scene in a taxi. He had walked 25+ miles to the north of the hunting camp near Blackrock Ranger Station.

**10.25.12**

**Time:** 9:55

**Summary:** Dispatch received a call from the Wyoming Highway Patrol requesting extrication services for a woman who was trapped in her vehicle in Hoback River. TCSAR

arrived on scene and assisted Hoback Fire with a raising system to haul the patient up to the road. SAR members assisted packaging the patient into the litter and attended the litter during the raising operation. She was transported to an ambulance and then to St. John's hospital.

*November*

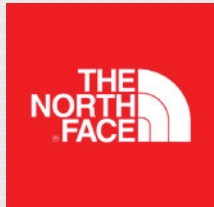
**11.17.12**

**Time:** 9:05

**Summary:** Missing aircraft 41 miles south of Jackson. TCSAR helicopter and volunteers called to assist with rescue. ■



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