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TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT DECEMBER 2012 - MAY 2013

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DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

Welcome to the 2nd edition of Rescue Reports created by TCSAR Volunteers and the Foundation. With 21 rescues and 6 advisory calls, TCSAR volunteers continue to be busy season after season.

Your support creates an environment that TCSAR volunteers can thrive in and has enabled us to do the following things this past winter and spring:

- Provide meals at all trainings for volunteers. This enables volunteers to head to training from work without planning a meal in advance.
- Provide opportunities for advanced training including Swiftwater II, interagency medical trainings and advanced shorthaul opportunities for more team members.
- Provide personal safety equipment for all volunteers.
- Teach a “What’s in your pack” class to 50 members of the community hoping to make backcountry travel safer for our neighbors and friends.
- Work closely with the county commission and sheriff’s office to ensure the county and foundation budget collectively meet the needs of the team and volunteers.

In this edition of Rescue Reports we’ve added a few Lessons Learned, quotes and things to think about from past people who have been rescued. If you’ve been rescued by TCSAR and would like to contribute in the future, contact us at info@tetoncountysar.org.

Thanks again for the ongoing support for our organization and volunteers. Please remember us at Old Bill’s this year!

Enjoy your summer and Be Safe!

Best wishes,
TCSAR Volunteers
TCSAR Foundation



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- PERFORMED RESCUES
- ADVISORY BOARD CALL OUT
- JHMR RESCUE WITH TCSAR GUIDANCE
- TCSAR PRACTICE DAYS
- TCSAR AVY TRAINING

APRIL 2013

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TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT : TIMES AND SUMMARIES

December

12.06.12

Time: 20:25
Summary: *Snowmobile-Lost Person-Avalanche-Overnight Incident*
 TCSO Dispatch received a call from Togwotee Mountain Lodge stating they had received a call from some of their guests that they were lost and unable to get out of the drainage where they were located. Guides attempted to locate the guests but due to avalanche conditions and steep mountainous terrain the search would need to continue in the morning. At 0600 hours, the search continued with

search and rescue and deputies along with the guide service at Togwotee. Due to the weather, the TCSO SAR helicopter was put on delay until the weather improved. The missing party was able to give new coordinates and they were found .5 mile from the original coordinates given.

12.14.12

Time: 9:55
Summary: *Snowmobile-Medical-Heli Evacuation*
 TCSO Dispatch received a Spot Notification from Togwotee Snowmobile area. Dispatch also received a call from the reporting party that had returned to

Togwotee Lodge to report the incident. The reporting party confirmed the location of the incident and reported a member of their party was exhibiting symptoms of a possible heart attack. Search and Rescue responded to the incident using the TCSO SAR helicopter. The patient was located, assessed and transported to St. John's hospital with chest pains.

January

1.4.13

Time: 13:28
Summary: *Lost Person-Snowmobile-Heli Evacuation*

TCSO SAR responded to a snowmobile incident in the Togwotee area. The party needing assistance had ridden down a 40 degree slope and could not retrace their route to get out of the area. They attempted to give GPS coordinates but gave the wrong coordinates. TCSO SAR responded to the incident using the TCSO SAR helicopter with backup snowmobilers. After searching the area they were believed to be in, the party called back and SAR responders were able to locate them. The party was in good condition but needed assistance out of the area. The party and their snowmobiles were air lifted a short distance away to a spot where they were able to ride back to the trail.

1.9.13

Time: 8:45

Summary: *Medical-Heli Evacuation*

TCSO SAR responded to a lower leg injury in Sherman Canyon. The TCSO SAR helicopter was utilized to access the patient and transport to the Moose Creek Trailhead. The patient self transported with the help of staff from NOLS where he was a student at the time of his injury.

1.10.13

Time: 19:41

Summary: *Lost Person-Overnight Incident-Skiing-Snowmobiles-Helicopter Extraction*

TCSO Dispatch received a 911 call from a ski party who had lost their snowboard after falling down a slope on Teton Pass. The party stated their location approximately one mile from the radio tower. The 911 call was plotted at 5-6 miles from the radio tower. TCSAR responded to Teton Pass that evening and searched the south side of

the pass. Search teams were unable to locate the party that evening. In the morning, TCSAR continued their search. Teams were dispatched to search a broader area and the TCSO SAR helicopter was dispatched. The helicopter found the party and was able to land and transport the party out of the backcountry.

01.11.13

Time: 11:31

Summary: *Medical-Helicopter Extraction-Skiing*

TCSO SAR responded to a medical emergency near Olympic Bowl on Teton Pass. Team members accessed the patient from the top of the pass. Due to the nature of the situation, chest pains with radiating pain, the TCSO SAR helicopter was dispatched. The helicopter accessed the patient and was able to fly him directly to St. John's for medical treatment.

01.19.13

Time: 9:53

Summary: *Snowmobile-Medical-Helicopter-High Angle*

TCSO Dispatch received a report of an injured snowmobiler. The snowmobiler sustained lower back injuries during the crash. The incident occurred .25 mile west of Togwotee Lodge. Guides, GTNP Rangers and BT National Forest responded to the incident along with SAR members and the TCSO SAR helicopter. The patient was raised to the road and loaded into an ambulance.

01.19.13

Time: 13:31

Summary: *Heli Extraction*



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KAREN TERRA, February 10, 2012, rescued in Grand Teton National Park: "Even if you think you are going on a brief one mile cross country loop, never leave without clothes and food appropriate for an overnight adventure! I have never been as happy as when I saw the lights of the rangers' snowmobiles coming over the hills to rescue us. We were miles from our car, very cold and wet, and facing the real possibility of spending the night in the park."

ETHAN LOBDELL

MEMBER since 2010

TEACHER

LOVES: Indian food,
gardening and climbing

"I rescue because I get to use my brains and outdoors skills to support the community."

100%
volunteer



High Mountain heli skiing encountered a mechanical issue with their helicopter during skiing operations. The helicopter was able to fly out of the backcountry for repair but stranded 18 skiers with no way out of the area. TCSO SAR was contacted to assist. The helicopter incident began at 1200, TCSAR was on scene by 1330 and the final group was transported at 1455.

01.27.13

Time: 21:47

Summary: *Skiing-Snowmobile-Lost Person-Heli Extraction*

TCSO Dispatch received a 911 call from a concerned spouse reporting that a party of 4 was overdue from skiing Teton Pass. The reporting party stated that the missing party was planning on skiing Edelweiss Bowl then continuing on to Columbia Bowl and exiting at the Coal Creek Trailhead. A team of snowmobilers were dispatched to search the north fork of mosquito creek. They were unsuccessful in finding the party. The next morning the TCSO helicopter was tasked in searching the upper elevation slopes of Mosquito Creek. The party was spotted and the helicopter was able to land a mile from the party. The SAR crew in the helicopter exited the helicopter, skied to the missing party and escorted them back to the helicopter where they were transported to the SAR helipad.

01.27.13

Time: 10:16

Summary: *Heli Extraction-Avalanche-Medical*

GTNP requests helicopter for 01.28.13. 1016, the TCSO SAR helicopter is dispatched to assist GTNP with a fatality.

1141 the helicopter lands at the cabin and flies 2 people out. The weather was not suitable for a long line mission.

01.27.13

Time: 17:14

Summary: *Avalanche-Medical*

Avalanche in Hoback Canyon. TCSO SAR Helicopter called to assist with recovery.

February

02.08.13

Time: 19:52

Summary: *Snowmobile-Ski-Splitboard-Lost Person-Overnight Mission*

RP and friend were riding in the North Fork of Ditch Creek. RP's friend got stuck in the creek and broke his snowmobile. RP reported unable to get back to friend so rode out to get friend. Reported that friend does not usually carry a prepared pack, unsure if he has matches. The RP reported that we will not be able to snowmobile directly to the party. TCSO SAR gathered to plan for extraction of party. Snowmobiles, skis and a splitboard were loaded up and sent up Ditch Creek. 0201 snowmobilers have visual on a fire, 0225 Party was located. 0425 SAR and party return to IC.

02.13.13

Time: 18:07

Summary: *Snowmobile-Lost Person-Overnight Mission*

TCSO Dispatch received a call from JH Adventure Rental stating a couple that had rented a snowmobile were overdue. Their car was located at Slide Lake. Three teams



RYAN TALERMO, *January 12, 2008*, rescued off of Jackson Peak: "I don't have one thing I always carry now that I've been rescued but weighing the options and considering the possibilities often leads me to carry something a bit extra, just in case."



CAROL VIAU

MEMBER since 2000
LOVES: cheese and chocolate
SPENDS HER TIME climbing, hiking and reading about wine
RESCUES so others may live.

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of dispatch riders were tasked to search the Gros Ventre Drainage. The Fisherman Creek team found the missing party in a cabin in the Fisherman Creek Drainage. They had driven off the trail and gotten stuck. They had left the snowmobile, walked for 6 hours and found the cabin. The party had started a fire and were in good condition.

2.18.13

Time: 18:18

Summary: *Lost Person, Skiing*

Lost Skier in Teton Canyon. SAR board members discuss a plan. The friends have decided to continue looking for the skier. At 1904 the missing skier was found.

March

03.05.13

Time: 11:59

Summary: *Possible Avalanche-Helicopter*

TCSO SAR responded to a report of an avalanche on Jackson Peak. The TCSO SAR helicopter flew to determine if someone was involved in the reported avalanche. The area reported was searched and no avalanche activity was found.

03.24.13

Time: 13:27

Summary: *Possible Avalanche-Skiing-Helicopter*

Avalanche near avalanche bowl was reported. RP saw a guy drop in, heard a rumble and a large cloud of snow, did not see the skier exit. Team responds to Teton Pass. SAR members skiing around area to get visual. SAR members work on clearing vehicles from the pass for a helicopter LZ. RP is now at the bottom of avalanche

bowl and sees no slide, it may have come from the claw instead. Helicopter flies around the area and sees nothing indicating an avalanche.

3/26/13

Time: 17:04

Summary: *Snowmobile, Medical*

Bad snowmobile accident reported in Granite Canyon. The group is close to the trailhead so they will make their way towards the trail and TCSAR member will head down with ambulance to help retrieve patient.

03.30.13

Time: 13:08

Summary: *Swiftwater-Lost Person*

PPP takeout. A party was reporting putting in a green canoe at 0945 and have not checked in at the finish. Car is in the parking lot at Astoria. SAR and Hoback FF checking areas between Astoria and South Park. 1315 visual on missing party.

April

04.04.13

Time: 16:03

Summary: *Skiing-Medical-Heli Extraction*

Dispatch received a call from Driggs Dispatch of a skier with a dislocated shoulder 3 miles from the trailhead in Teton Canyon. Due to travel time and poor snow conditions, TCSO SAR helicopter should be used if weather permits. RP reports the patient in pain and requesting immediate evacuation. SAR members flew to patient who was alone, ski partner had recently skied out.



JON WIEDIE, *January 7, 2010*, rescued in Jackson Hole Mountain Resort backcountry: "Carry a cell phone. I never thought I would say that, but it helped me a great deal. When in an emergency stay calm, slow is fast. I also always carry a SAM splint and an Ace Bandage because they are so versatile."

TERRI ROMANOWSKI

MEMBER since 2001
THE VOICE at JHMR and
KMTN
ENJOYS horses, hiking
and biking
RESCUES because she
loves to help others in
need.



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Patient had injured his shoulder at 1330 while skiing and continued skiing until the pain was no longer manageable.

May

05.01.13

Time: 10:32

Summary: *Medical-Wheeled Litter-ATV's*

Patient called from Curtis Canyon complaining of shortness of breath. Heart racing and tightness in chest. They are visible from the road. SAR decides to do a wheeled litter extraction. Patient decides she feels better and heads towards the road where she will meet an ambulance. SAR continues their plan in case she may not be able to make it. 1112, SAR mission complete.

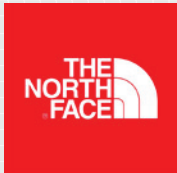
05.12.13

Time: 6:41

Summary: *Avalanche-Lost Person-ATV-Cave-Skiing-Rope Systems*

At 0500 Dispatch received a call that 3 men were overdue from a trip through the Wind and Ice caves in Darby Canyon. A deputy responded to the area and found their car still parked there. Because of the warming conditions, TCSAR prepared for avalanche conditions and a caving rescue. TCSAR members were dispatched into the field to clear the area of avalanches and check the ice and wind cave for activity. The 3 men were found behind the ice plug in the wind cave where TCSAR members chipped away at the ice and pulled them through. The party was cold and tired but in okay condition. The party was escorted back to their car. ■

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