

TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE'S

RESCUE REPORT

DECEMBER 2013 - MAY 2014



CHRIS LEIGH



DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

Another epic winter in Jackson Hole has passed! With 35 rescues in the past 6 months- we've been busy with rescues. But we've also been busy training including 372 team hours in such specialties as winter rescue, advanced avalanche certification, Swiftwater I/II certification, short haul training, helicopter training and medical response. And when we aren't rescuing or training, you'll see on the calendar that we're doing a significant amount of community outreach to keep our friends and neighbors as educated and safe as possible.

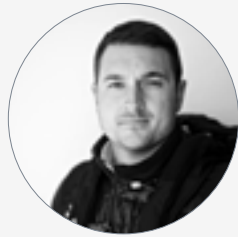
With your support this past year we've been able to make some great progress on a few of our major goals; first and most importantly outfitting our volunteers with a universal set of safety gear. With the help of our incredible partners, The North Face and Black Diamond Equipment, plus generous donations from individual donors, The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole and all of you who gave through Old Bills last year we outfitted each volunteer with a complete High Angle rescue set (including helmet, harness, carabiners, gloves, ice axe, and crampons), new GPS units (to replace our 10 year old units) and upgraded our shorthaul flight helmets to improve usability and communications. This year, we're asking donors to help us fund the remaining tools including a set of avalanche beacons, new PFD's for our swiftwater kits and radios.

Your support through advocacy, education and donations is critical to our success as a team. As rescues become longer, more dangerous and in more remote locations our team needs the training and equipment to continue to respond efficiently and effectively. Please consider joining our incredible group of supporters by donating through Old Bills this giving season (every dollar helps!). Your donation will impact volunteers and their families, the education of community members to make smart choices in the backcountry and help to advocate for more complete funding of the SAR program on a county and state level.

We're hoping this summer finds you well and ready for more adventures in the backcountry. Please enjoy yourself and all of the beauty Jackson Hole has to offer.

Best Wishes and Happy Summer,

Stephanie Thomas, TCSAR Foundation Executive Director

**RESCUE**

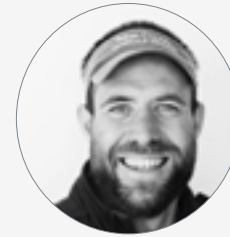
Teton Pass Devil's Slide Avy Board Page

DATE / TIME

12/02/2013

WHAT HAPPENED?

Board page and discussion on the Devil's Slide Avy a natural event on Teton Pass. RP was going in to check it out despite our warning. There were no missing skiers or observable tracks into the slide path so the team was not paged out and the issue was resolved.

**RESCUE**

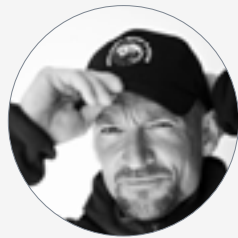
Snowboarder Rescue on Olympic Bowl

DATE / TIME

12/18/2013

WHAT HAPPENED?

The TCSOSAR Board received a page at 13:40 for an injured skier in the Olympic Bowl area of Teton Pass. At 14:05 the team was paged to respond to the hangar for a toboggan rescue on Olympic Bowl for a snowboarder with an arm injury. The patient was transported by toboggan and snowmobile to an ambulance at the base of the pass. At about 17:39 all SAR members returned to the hangar.

**RESCUE**

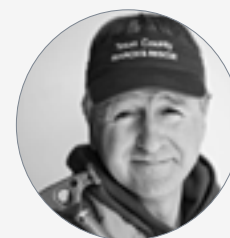
Pucker Face Avalanche Recovery

DATE / TIME

12/26/2013

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 12:58 the TCSOSAR Board received a page regarding one person captured in an avalanche on Pucker Face south of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. JHMR requested an ambulance and helicopter because someone was buried in the avalanche. At 13:36 the TCSOSAR helicopter departed the hangar responding to the incident. From the air, the helicopter crew could see the avalanche crown, bed surface, and debris pile. Dr. Wheeler examined the patient and confirmed that recovery efforts were unsuccessful and the patient had died. The patient was flown to the Ranch lot where an ambulance and coroner were waiting.

**RESCUE**

Extract Backcountry Heli Skiers

DATE / TIME

12/29/2013

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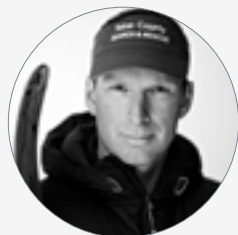
A call was received from the owner of a heli ski operation. Their ship was in the mountains with clients and unable to start. The location was at least 9 miles from nearest road in very difficult terrain. Extraction by helicopter was determined to be the only feasible method to get everyone out that evening. The mission was complete at 17:30.



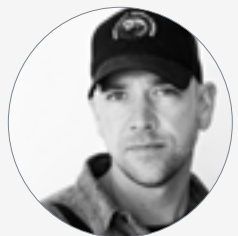
RESCUE JHSP - Rock Springs Rescue
DATE / TIME 01/07/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? JHMR performed Rescue in Rock Springs. Lower leg injury.



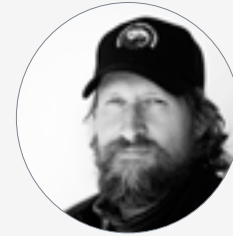
RESCUE Injured Snowmachiner Granite Creek
DATE / TIME 01/12/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? 3rd party report that a 60 yr old male had been in snowmachine accident near the Safari Club on Granite Creek. Team was paged, RP contacted, ambulance dispatched and team responded with snowmachines to Granite Creek trailhead. Patient was transported by guide to trailhead by placing him on a backboard, attaching to large trail grooming rig and pulling behind groomer. Patient was transferred to FEMS ambulance at trailhead.



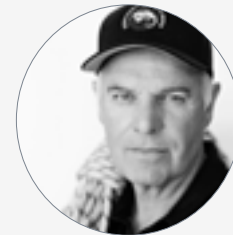
RESCUE Injured Sledder on Togwotee
DATE / TIME 01/21/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? The TCSOSAR Board received a page at 10:14 for a snowmobile accident on the DR Trail 1.5 miles from Blackrock near Togwotee Pass. The team responded with Snowmobiles. Because of the location, GTNP rangers were on scene and able to help transport. At 12:38 all SAR members returned to the hangar.



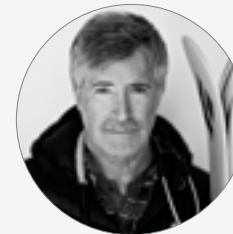
RESCUE Abandoned snowmobile on Idaho side
DATE / TIME 01/21/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? Board call on a abandoned snowmobile with helmet and gloves. No missing persons reported. The USFS decided to just check on the sled the following day.



RESCUE Missing Skiers off Cardiac Ridge
DATE / TIME 01/09/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 18:06 the TCSAR received a page reporting 3 overdue backcountry skiers in the Cardiac Ridge area west of JHMR. Because of it's location, GTNP rangers were brought in and Unified Command was established. A plan was created but due to avalanche concern, dangerous terrain and time, the search would be initiated in the morning. At 20:20 they received word that the skiers were fine and skiing in bounds from Targhee Woods.



RESCUE Snowboarder Rescue S Leigh Creek
DATE / TIME 01/29/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 15:07 we received a call from Dispatch regarding a snowboarder who left the boundary of Grand Targhee Resort and was heading down into S Leigh Canyon. Grand Targhee Ski Patrol (GTSP) was requesting to assist with the SAR. GTSP followed the snowboarders tracks to attempt to catch him while TCSO accessed S Leigh Canyon. At 17:07 Ski Patrollers caught up with the snowboarder and escorted him down where TCSAR was waiting in S. Leigh Canyon. At 21:13 TCSOSAR arrived back at the hangar.

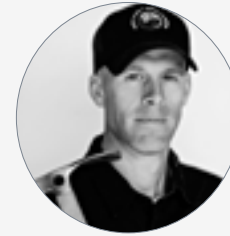


RESCUE Overdue Snowmobilers in Mosquito Creek
DATE / TIME 01/29/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 19:44 the TCSOSAR Board received a page regarding two overdue snowmobilers in Mosquito Creek. At 20:00 the SAR team departed the hangar en route for Mosquito Creek. At 22:02 one of the snowmobilers found the team to tell him the friends were fine but a sled broke. They would spend the night in a snow cave, fix the sled and ride out in the AM.. At 10:14 the next morning the snowmobiler called Dispatch again to report that everyone was out of the backcountry and safe.



RESCUE Ralph's Slide Avy
DATE / TIME 02/01/2014
WHAT HAPPENED?

At 16:01 TCSOSAR was notified that Jackson Hole Ski Patrol was responding to an accident in Rock Springs Canyon. The patient was not buried but injured his leg and was unable to ski. A helicopter evac and TCSAR assist was requested due to condition of skier, time of day and weather. The patient was transported to EMS at the Ranch Lot.



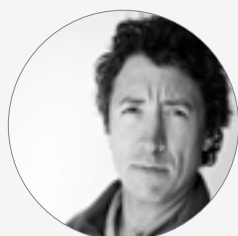
RESCUE Rock Springs Injured Knee
DATE / TIME 02/03/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 13:30 JHMR responded as directed by TCSAR to an incident in Rock Springs Canyon.



RESCUE Broken Branch Avalanche
DATE / TIME 02/01/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 14:51 TCSOSAR received a page for an avalanche in Broken Branch Coulier in Rock Springs Canyon. It was unknown if there were any victims, JHMR searched the debris and no victims were found.



RESCUE Missing Skiers up Granite
DATE / TIME 02/08/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 08:36 the TCSOSAR Board received a page from Jackson Dispatch regarding three lost skiers near Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. The party contacted dispatch indicating they were going to try and hike up to the resort, GTNP rangers would approach them from the top. At 12:05 the party indicated they were unable to make it up to the resort. At 14:17 the Park sent in four rangers from the top of the tram with tents and food. At 19:32 the Park rangers made contact with the missing party and guided them out to the Granite Canyon trail-head. At 20:16 the party was at the snowmobile pickup point. At 22:06 the mission was complete.



RESCUE Missing Snowmobilers at Togwotee
DATE / TIME 02/08/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? The TCSOSAR Board received a page Jackson Dispatch at 18:46 for 3 missing snowmobilers at Togwotee. Due to the fact that Togwotee guides had already searched the major trails and there were no names or ages or information on the missing parties, the Board decided to continue to plan for a morning team call-out. More information was gathered throughout the evening and at 2250 the missing party was found by Togwotee guides.



RESCUE Jacobe Togwotee
DATE / TIME 02/12/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 18:21 the TCSOSAR Board received a page from Jackson Dispatch regarding 6 overdue snowmobilers in the Togwotee area. Due to weather, riders ability and health, the board spoke throughout the evening and planned a search for 0500 the next morning. At 0601 the team was paged and dispatched to Togwotee on snowmobiles. At 1148 the missing party was found.



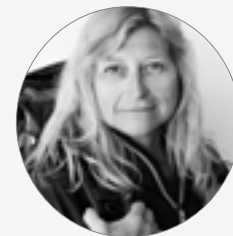
RESCUE Togwotee Avy Fatality
DATE / TIME 02/18/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? The team was paged to respond for an avalanche just northeast of Togwotee Mountain Lodge at 14:50. Initial report was of 4 individuals involved in an avalanche. Togwotee Mountain Lodge guides located the patient first. TCSOSAR responded with helicopter and snowmobile to the scene. At 15:53 the patient was pronounced dead.



RESCUE JHSP - Why Not Knee Injury
DATE / TIME 02/23/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? 12:34 JHMR rescue of knee injury in Rock Springs Canyon. NO TCSAR assistance requested. At 13:41 JHMR completed the rescue.



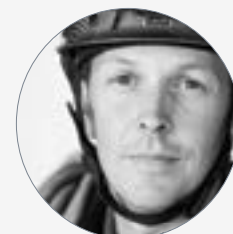
RESCUE JHSP - Four Pines Knee Injury & Green Ri
DATE / TIME 02/23/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? 12:50 JHMR rescue in Rock Springs Area. JHMR requested TCSAR assistance. Shortly after responding, TCSAR was turned around due to adequate resources, JHMR completed the mission.



RESCUE Togwotee Three Overdue Snowmobilers
DATE / TIME 02/23/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 21:12 the TCSOSAR Board received a page for 3 overdue snowmobilers in the Togwotee area. A plan was created to begin a search at 0500. At 23:17 the Board received a page indicating the 3 snowmobilers had returned safely to Lava Mountain Lodge.



RESCUE JHSP - Four Pines Shoulder Injury
DATE / TIME 03/04/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 11:33 the TCSOSAR Board received a page for a male with an injured shoulder in the Four Pines area in Rock Springs Canyon. JH Ski Patrol did not request assistance from TCSOSAR. At 13:08 the Board received a page indicating that the injured male was able to get out without any assistance.



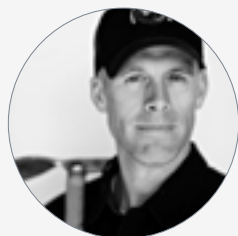
RESCUE Togwotee Pass Highway Accident
DATE / TIME 03/06/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 13:19 the TCSOSAR Board received a page for a semi vs vehicle collision on Highway 26 with a possible 9 patients and 3 entrapped and possibly one missing child. The team was paged to meet at the hangar for a search. At 13:35 the Board received a page that the child had been located and the team was stood down.



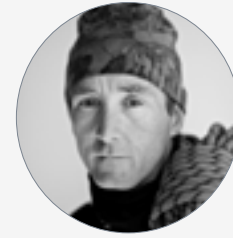
RESCUE JHSP - Break Neck Avalanche
DATE / TIME 03/08/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 9:02 the TCSOSAR Board received a page for an avalanche near Break Neck and Four Pines in Rock Springs Canyon. Jackson Hole Ski Patrol responded. It was unknown if there were any victims but patrollers were responding. At 9:28 the Board received a page indicating that Ski Patrol was on scene one male had been caught Ski Patrol dug him out and the male was unhurt and would self-transport to the JHMR boundary.



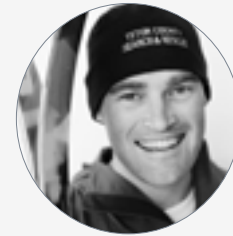
RESCUE JHSP - Four Shadows Leg Injury
DATE / TIME 03/12/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 10:19 the TCSOSAR Board received a page for a leg injury in the Four Shadows area near Cody Peak. JH Ski Patrol was responding with three guides and did not request assistance from TCSOSAR. At 11:16 the Board received a page indicating that Ski Patrol had retrieved the patient and was transporting the patient to the Teton Village Clinic.



RESCUE Togwotee Broken Femur
DATE / TIME 03/13/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 17:25 the TCSOSAR Board received a page for a snowmobiler with a possible broken femur in the Togwotee area. The Togwotee Guides were responding and did not need assistance from TCSOSAR.



RESCUE JHSP/GTNP - Granite Canyon Avalanche
DATE / TIME 03/09/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 14:18 the TCSO SAR Board received a page indicating Jackson Hole Ski Patrol had been notified of a male with a lower leg fracture from an avalanche out-of-bounds at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. TCSO SAR was contacted and requested use of the helicopter to deliver rescue personnel and medical equipment to a landing zone about 300-400 ft below the patient. At 16:30, the ship landed at the bottom of the slope. The patient was loaded into the ship and flown to the waiting ambulance at the Ranch lot at 16:50.



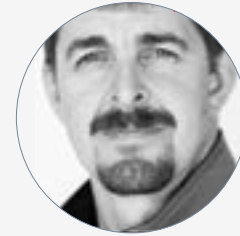
RESCUE Togwotee Missing 66 y/o Snowmobiler - St
DATE / TIME 03/12/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 17:25 the TCSOSAR Board received a page for an overdue snowmobiler in the Togwotee area. At 18:11 the helicopter departed the hangar en route for Togwotee. The remaining team members began to plan a ground search in case the helicopter team did not locate the patient. At 18:14, the patient was located by the Togwotee Guides and the incident was stood down. The helicopter returned to the hangar at 18:30.



RESCUE Battleship Mtn Injured Knee
DATE / TIME 03/22/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 17:22 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a possible search near Hurricane Pass for someone with a knee injury. The RP called 911 to report he had received a text from the skier at 16:30 reporting she could not ski out. The Party had parked at the Taggart Lake trail-head, but it was unknown which canyon they went up. Given the late hour of day and remote location, the plan was to use the helicopter to evacuate the three skiers. At 18:59 the party was located on the south-facing slope of Battleship Mountain and transported.



RESCUE Togwotee Overdue Snowmobiler
DATE / TIME 03/29/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 19:35 the TCSO SAR Board received a page for an overdue snowmobiler near Togwotee Pass. There were 3 in the party. The Board began to discuss plans for what to do. At 19:48 Dispatch reported that the woman had called back saying her son was out of the backcountry and was safe. No further action was required.

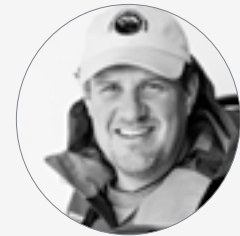


RESCUE JHSP - Pucker Face Avalanche - Standdown
DATE / TIME 03/31/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 12:53 TCSOSAR received a call from Jackson Dispatch regarding an avalanche on Pucker Face south of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. It was unknown if there were any victims but Jackson Hole Ski Patrol was enroute to search the slide. At 14:14 TCSOSAR was informed that JHSP had determined that nobody was buried or hurt and no further action was required.

APRIL 2014



RESCUE Targhee Head Injury Standdown
DATE / TIME 04/01/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 17:42 TCSOSAR received a call from Grand Targhee Ski Patrol, requesting the TCSO SAR helicopter to evacuate a patient with a serious head injury. Given the serious nature of the injury, Jackson Dispatch was asked to page the team for advanced medical to respond to the hangar for a helicopter evacuation at Grand Targhee Resort. After further phone calls, it was determined that the patient had been transported to the base of the resort and was being transferred to an ambulance.



RESCUE Grand Teton Interagency Teewinot Assist
DATE / TIME 05/05/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? Grand Teton National Park requested an interagency assist for a 24 year old snowboarder who fell on Teewinot mountain. Grand Teton NP dispatched a hasty team of rangers on skis to access the scene and a hoist capable helicopter was requested but was 2 hours away. TCSAR was requested to send several snowmobilers to help ferry rescuers and equipment as far as possible up Teewinot mountain to help speed access to the scene. Once the GRTE hasty team were on scene they found the victim with agonal breathing. No pulse was located and the TCSOSAR team was released and returned to the hangar.

MAY 2014 / CONT.



RESCUE Slide Lake Search
DATE / TIME 05/26/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 10:22, a page was sent to discuss a missing person search near Kelly Warm Springs. The plan was to search the area by helicopter, raft, horseback, and on foot. Approximately two and a half hours after hasty teams were deployed, the helicopter crew located the missing person alive and well.



RESCUE Snake River Overturned Boat
DATE / TIME 05/31/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? The afternoon of May 31, 2014, several members of TCSO SAR were involved in a swiftwater training in the Snake River. At 15:41, Jackson Dispatch contacts the SAR group via radio to inform them of an overturned boat near Wolf Creek and Double Draw on the Snake River. Two people were in the boat, one was recovered, one or two were missing (it was unclear at the time). The SAR group quickly determined the location was in Lincoln County, so Jackson Dispatch contacted the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and no further action was needed.

MAY 2014



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TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT / CALENDAR: JUNE 2013 - NOVEMBER 2013

DECEMBER 2013

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT



TRAINING EXERCISE

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INCIDENT



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT



TRAINING EXERCISE





SHRIVER SOCIETY

A GROUP OF DEDICATED SUPPORTERS OF TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE WHO MAKE A LONG TERM, SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE VOLUNTEER TEAM.

- + **RAY SHRIVER** served on the Teton County Search and Rescue team from its inception in 1993 until his death in 2012. His dedication to training and education was unmatched in the search and rescue community — during his 19 years, Ray volunteered more hours to rescue and training than anyone else in Teton County history. Shriver specialized in training canines, and his search dogs were renowned. His sincere and passionate commitment to Jackson Hole and the area continues to be respected and honored today. Ray was killed in February, 2012 in a helicopter crash while on a search and rescue mission.
- + The Shriver Society was created in memory of Ray to ensure that the unpaid team of specialized, volunteer rescuers will be financially supported for the life of the TCSAR organization.
- + By making a long term and significant contribution to the TCSAR Foundation, you become a key stakeholder in the future of the local volunteer team. Your contribution augments training, equipment, and other ancillary support, directly impacting our mission: “to provide vital search and rescue services for Teton County and the surrounding areas in need.”

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2014/15 WISH LIST

TCSAR Foundation raises money to support the volunteers with equipment, personal support and advanced training. If you are interested in funding one of our “wish list” items for 2014-2015, please get in touch:

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Includes advanced medical, swift water, avalanche and rope rescue trainings.

\$35,000

SAR RADIOS

Wyolink compatible, waterproof radios to replace our 15 year old out of compliance current models.

\$25,000

HELICOPTER FLIGHT AND TRAINING TIME

Supports a 7th month of operating and training with the helicopter. Reduces exposure in the mountains during the spring skiing months.

\$30,000

EQUIPMENT

Includes short-haul equipment, snowmobile trailer and a hydraulic lift for storing all our equipment.

\$13,500

RAZR WITH RESCUE LITTER

Off Road Vehicle with Patient Transport System.

\$25,000

SAR VOLUNTEER DINNERS FOR A YEAR

Making sure volunteers are fed during training sessions.

\$10,000

SAR PERSONAL SAFETY

Equipping volunteers with a universal set of safety equipment including beacons, GPS, flight suits and helmets.

\$25,000

RENDEZVOUS REPEATER

This communication tower will enable the team to have better communications throughout Teton County.

\$9,500

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT US

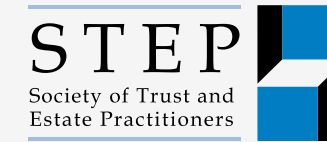
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