

TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE'S

RESCUE REPORT

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DEAR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS

It's a busy time for Search and Rescue. Our helicopter and trusty pilots have arrived for the season (a full 7 months this year thanks to your incredible support), the short-haul team is training and gearing up for the season, we're upgrading our beacons, and the team is training in avalanche safety, helicopter operations and much more.

It's also a busy time for us with our outreach programs. Our What's in Your Pack Class: Winter Edition was a huge success with 70 participants and another 15 on the waiting list. We received feedback like:

"This is my 3rd WIYP class and I'm still learning new information."

"I was scared to attend, but everyone was so knowledgeable and friendly - I'm so glad I went and I'll be back!"

"I was so impressed with the volunteers professionalism and knowledge".

Hearing these comments and watching our classes fill up in less than 2 weeks are sure signs we're serving the community with helpful Preventive SAR information that is imperative to our mission.

The rescue reports not only inform the community about our rescues (42 from June-November), but they also allow us to reflect on what we learned from each scenario and how we improve, become more efficient and better trained as a team.

We know with the support from our community that our team will continue to become stronger. We will have more opportunities to train and upgrade our gear, but we also know that with your support we will be able to do more P-SAR training like WIYP classes and outreach events for groups such as the Snow Devils and JHMR ski patrol.

Thank you for your continued support of our team and our community, and enjoy a safe and fun winter.

Best wishes and Safe Adventures,

Stephanie Thomas, TCSAR Foundation Executive Director

TCSAR Volunteers & TCSAR Foundation

RESCUE Sagebrush Missing Person

DATE / TIME 06/13/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 19:30 TCSO SAR Board received a page for a horse returning without a rider at the end of Sagebrush Drive off Spring Gulch Road. On arrival, 2 TCSO deputies were already conducting a hasty search of the river dike area with family and friends of the missing subject.. As SAR units began arriving, IC was notified that subject had been found in the area of the dike approximately 2 miles north of staging. Additional SAR units were assigned to identify and secure an LZ.. Care was provided to the patient and the decision made to fly the patient.

RESCUE Broken Arrow Injured Horseback Rider

DATE / TIME 06/14/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 14:53 dispatch called saying that a 14 year-old girl had fallen off her horse about 0.75 miles behind Broken Arrow Ranch. Fire/EMS was enroute to the scene already and was requesting SAR's assistance to transport the patient. The rest of the SAR team arrived at Broken Arrow Ranch just moments before the patient was evacuated via one of the ranch's ATVs. The patient had fallen off her horse, but she did not sustain any injuries that required a SAR transport. The patient was examined by Dr. Wheeler, but refused further medical care.

RESCUE Injured Ankle Outside Wind Cave

DATE / TIME 06/21/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? Initial report of female with a broken leg in Darby Canyon near the caves. Page delayed by 2 other SAR incidents at same time in dispatch. Hasty 1 responded directly to the trailhead after we were unable to contact the RP. Due to low response SAR team in training for river operators course were requested to respond. Hasty 2 took hypo, 100' rope and meds. Hasty 3 took wheeled litter, high angle. ICP at trailhead. 19 yr old female, slid 20 - 30' on snow into the creek outside of entrance to Wind Cave, broke her right ankle. On assessment bone was inside but puncture wound present. Based on time it would take to extract patient via ground it was decided to request Interagency heli for transport. Patient packaged, treated for hypothermia and pain, transported over snow with low angle rope system, via ground and then loaded into Interagency ship. Flown @ 6:48 PM w/out SAR personnel to Helitack for transfer to ambulance and then to St Johns. Team hiked out to th, all out to ICP at 7:48 PM.

RESCUE Flipped Raft on Gros Ventre River

DATE / TIME 06/29/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 18:35 dispatch reported that a 24 years old with very little river experience was ejected from a raft when the raft got stuck on a rock. There were five people plus one dog on the raft. Only female and the dog were missing. The raft flipped somewhere between Slide Lake and the Gros Ventre River Ranch.

The SAR team met at the hangar, picked up catarafts and a jet boat, and drove to the parking lot near the Gros Ventre River Ranch. TCSO Patroller was first on scene and located one of the rafters involved in the accident where he learned the individual was last seen near the Hermit Rapid. Employees of Gros Ventre River Ranch were already searching the shoreline. ICP would be set up in the parking lot next to the Jumping Rock. Medic 10 was enroute. In addition, kayakers from Rendezvous River Sports were requested for assistance. At 19:29 a female matching the description was located on the south side of the river directly across from a Forest Service Road labeled 300359.. Over the next several minutes, all parties involved in the accident were located: four males were safe and sound, the missing patient was possibly injured and needed help on the south side of the river, and the dog was stuck on an island in the middle of the river. The SAR team immediately directly their efforts towards rescuing the injured party. After some warming by a fire and warm clothes, the patient was able to stand up with assistance. SAR members to take turns carrying her the short distance (approx.. 1 mile) back to the bridge where Medic 10 was waiting. At 22:22, the patient was transferred to Medic 10. All SAR units returned to the hangar by 22:47.

RESCUE Turpin Meadow Injured Horseback Rider

DATE / TIME 07/04/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 16:16 the TCSO SAR Board received a page from Dispatch regarding an injured female horseback rider two miles from Turpin Meadows campground. Once SAR arrived at ICP, team members were sent into the patient with a wheeled litter. Other members were in charge of managing helicopter operations. When EMS arrived, they determined that a helicopter ambulance was the best evacuation given the extent of the patients injuries. The patient was flown directly to St Johns Medical Center. Teams in the field returned to ICP. All teams were back in Jackson by 22:15.

RESCUE Josie's Ridge Injured Hiker

DATE / TIME 07/11/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 09:58 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an injured female a half mile up Josie's Ridge. The injured female had apparently tripped over her dog while hiking. Fire/EMS Medic 10 were already enroute and were requesting a wheeled litter and man power. The team was paged for a wheeled litter rescue. At about 10:20, EMS workers were first on scene with the patient. The SAR Hasty Team arrived shortly thereafter with a vacuum splint and the wheeled litter. The SAR team packaged Amanda into the litter and wheeled her out. At 10:57 the SAR team arrived back at the trailhead and transferred Amanda to a waiting ambulance.

RESCUE Munger Mtn... Lost Horseback Riders

DATE / TIME 07/11/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 17:32 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a lost walker off South Fall Creek Road. At 17:54 the Board received a second page that the lost hiker had been found. At 18:22 the Board received a third page indicating there were two lost hikers off South Fall Creek Road. Dispatch reported that the lost persons were horseback riding on Munger Mountain. One of the horses threw a shoe and they were walking back to the trailhead when they got lost. A team member, knowing that area very well, called the missing persons and attempted to talk them back to the trailhead. When that did not work, that team member drove to Munger Mountain, quickly located the missing persons and guided them back to the trailhead.

RESCUE Shoal Creek Injured Rider

DATE / TIME 07/12/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 15:41 a call was taken from the SAR Coordinator for Sublette County Sheriff's Office. Tip Top SAR was involved in a mission that ended up being just over the line in Teton County. A 60 year-old woman had fallen off her horse and likely broken her femur. The accident occurred in Shoal Creek just north of Dell Creek in Bondurant. Air Idaho had been requested by Sublette County Dispatch. In addition, Tip Top SAR already had ground crews headed toward the patient and was considering using short haul to evacuate the patient. Tip Top SAR was asked that they continue with the rescue because the patient had a potentially life-threatening injury. At 16:50, Sublette County Dispatch called Jackson Dispatch and reported that the incident was actually just over the line in Sublette County and not in Teton County.

RESCUE GTNP Assist for Missing Person

DATE / TIME 07/22/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At about 11:00 GTNP Ranger, contacted Jackson Dispatch to notify them about a missing person search in the Cascade Canyon, Solitude Lake area. The search began the evening of July 20, 2014. Guenther was requesting TCSO SAR resources to assist with the search. Resources were needed for the following morning, assuming the search was still in progress. In addition to TCSO SAR resources, GTNP had also requested use of the Sublette County SAR contract helicopter. At 15:09 the TCSO SAR team and SC SAR helicopter were stooddown.

RESCUE SOS Signal near Grand Targhee Resort

DATE / TIME 07/22/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 11:16 a call was received from Jackson Dispatch regarding a man driving on Ski Hill Road who could see an SOS signal from a flashing light up a canyon on a mountain. After looking at a map of the Targhee area, it was clear that the SOS signal could be related to the GTNP missing person search underway near Solitude Lake. When we were able to talk RP, it was determined that the RP was actually looking at a light reflecting off a chairlift at Grand Targhee Resort. The incident was stooddown.

RESCUE Turpin Meadows Overdue Hikers

DATE / TIME 07/22/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 15:11 the TCSO SAR Board received a page from Dispatch regarding two missing hikers north of Turpin Meadows Campground.. They had left at 07:00 and planned to be back at their vehicle by 13:00. Because they were only a bit overdue, team members headed to Turpin Meadows to gather information. At that moment, the RP had just heard from the overdue hikers. Apparently, they were 20 minutes from their car and they are fine. Dispatch stooddown the SAR Board.

At 17:00 the board received another call saying the hikers had still not returned. At 18:02 Dispatch called team member with a GPS point from the ping of Patrick Murphy's cell phone. The GPS point plotted on the trail less than 1/4 mile from the trailhead. The incident was stooddown.

RESCUE Paraglider crash on Nelson Butte

DATE / TIME 07/25/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 19:35 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding two paragliders that crashed on the ridge above Lower Valley Energy. The team was paged to respond. When the SAR team arrived at the scene, two TCSO deputies and a USFS ranger were already there. They had spotted the paragliders about half a mile up on the hillside. There were four individuals walking downhill carrying large packs. The people did not appear to be injured or in a hurry to get help. Three members of TCSO SAR hiked up to meet the four individuals. The SAR members learned that one paraglider had crashed after his chute lost air and, after pulling the backup chute, his foot got entangled in the strings. He landed on his head, but was luckily wearing a helmet. He did not report any injuries and refused care. The four paragliders walked back to their car at the trailhead. At 20:30 all SAR units were clear of the scene.

RESCUE Injured Biker on Parallel Trail

DATE / TIME 07/26/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 13:41 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a 21 year-old female who had crashed her mountain bike at the bottom of Jimmy's Mom Trail. Fire/EMS was IC and had requested SAR to do a wheeled litter transport. The team learned that the patient was actually on the Parallel Trail. Medic 60 packaged the patient in a full-body vacuum immobilizer and provided patient care. At 14:10 the SAR wheeled litter team left the trailhead and arrived at the patient at 14:14. The SAR team loaded the patient onto the wheeled litter and wheeled her back to the trailhead where an ambulance was waiting. The patient was transferred to the ambulance at 14:22.

RESCUE Injured Rider Hidden Corral Basin

DATE / TIME 07/26/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 14:22 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a male who was thrown off his horse, rolled on by the horse, and possibly broken his back. The accident occurred in the Hidden Corral Basin near the Bitch Creek Narrows. The call had come in through Fremont County, Idaho, which had put Air Idaho on standby. Given the very remote location and the serious nature of the injury, the Board decided that a helicopter evacuation was the best plan. The Board asked Jackson Dispatch to check availability of the Sublette County SO helicopter. It was available if we chose to use it. The primary plan was to use the Air Idaho helicopter to transport the patient from the scene of the accident to definitive care. The backup plan was to use the Sublette County SO Helicopter to transport the patient from the accident scene to an ambulance at the nearest trailhead. At 14:38, Jackson Dispatch called team member to inform her about a third SAR that was unfolding... on Snow King. One or two people were injured following a horse accident. It was yet unclear where the accident occurred and if SAR was needed. Because of the mistake by Air Idaho (went to the wrong location) and the late time of day, at 16:13 the SAR Board decided to stand down the Sublette County SO helicopter and instead use the Interagency helicopter as a backup to Air Idaho. The Interagency helicopter was put on standby. At about 16:30, EIRMC Dispatch reported that Air Idaho helicopter had located the patient and was on the ground. At 17:30 Air Idaho was airborne with the patient.

RESCUE Snake R Flipped Canoe Stand down

DATE / TIME 08/03/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

16. At 16:33 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an overdue tuber on the Snake River.. Dispatch reported that the RP (was at the South Park Bridge boat launch waiting for his who was overdue by about an hour. The patient had no known medical issues, could swim, but was not wearing a PFD and did not have a cell phone on him. At 16:50 the SAR team staged at the South Park Bridge boat launch with jet boats. At 17:40 an RP called in to report that he had picked up the missing person on Fall Creek Road. The missing person had abandoned the float trip and walked to Fall Creek Road to get a ride back to town. At 18:12 the search was stood down. At 12:47 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a couple paddles and a cooler floating down the Snake River near the picnic table by the cliffs on the west wide of the Snake River south of the Wilson Bridge. Dispatch reported that a fishing guide had seen the floating equipment but had not seen a boat or any people. Further, there had been no reports of missing people or people needed help. The Board asked Dispatch to send a TCSO Deputy down Fall Creek Road and down the west side levee to look for boaters walking back to their car. The Board decided that since there was no report of anyone needing help, there was not much to do other than send the Deputy to look and wait for more information. At 13:31 the Board received a page that the Deputy had located the individuals that the paddles and cooler belonged to. The individuals were okay. The deputy helped them retrieve their canoe and get back to their vehicle. The incident was stoodown.

RESCUE Overdue HB Riders in Alaska Basin

DATE / TIME 08/05/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 18:30 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an overdue party of six horseback riders in Alaska Basin. The party, from Utah, was 30 minutes overdue. The Board asked Dispatch to send a deputy over to the Teton Canyon trailhead to check the horse camp just below the trailhead and look for their vehicle. The Board also called the RP to get more information. In addition, the Board asked a team member who lives in Teton Valley, to head to the trailhead. The plan was to wait and hear from the deputy and from the team member. At 19:04 the Board learned that the family was out, everyone was accounted for and safe. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE Pacific Creek Horse Accident (GTNP)

DATE / TIME 08/13/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 13:28 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a horse accident in Pacific Creek with a 61 year-old female patient who needed a wheeled litter evacuation.. Dispatch reported that Grand Teton National Park rangers were already responding to the incident because the initial call was thought to be in the Park. After discovering that the incident was in fact on Teton County lands, the Park contacted Jackson Dispatch to see if the Park should continue with the rescue or if TCSAR wanted to take it over. The Board decided that since the Park rangers were already on scene and since they did not require any additional resources, they should continue and finish the rescue on the behalf of TCSAR.. The patient was taken to St. John's hospital from there and then transferred to EIRMC for additional treatment.

RESCUE YNP Assist, Search for Tuber

DATE / TIME 08/13/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 14:52 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a request from Yellowstone National Park for assistance searching for a missing tuber on the Yellowstone River. Dispatch reported that YNP was searching for a missing 22 year-old man who took a ride down the Yellowstone/Lamar Rivers after falling out of his tube. YNP had been searching for a couple days. The Board decided to send a page to the team requesting strong kayakers who can paddle in Class IV whitewater. 3 Team members were capable and available. YNP rangers had decided that the river conditions were too dangerous to warrant the use of kayakers..The evening of 8/15/14 search crews located the body just a quarter-mile downstream from the confluence of the Lamar and Yellowstone rivers.

RESCUE Lost 76 y/o hiker on Sleeping Indian

DATE / TIME 08/13/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 17:39 SAR page received regarding an overdue hiker near Sleeping Indian Mountain at the end of Flat Creek Road. Given the late hour of day and the age of the missing person, the team decided to use helicopter and ground resources to search. At 19:15 the helicopter team was in the air searching. The helicopter team searched unsuccessfully until 20:32 when it needed to return to the airport due to nightfall. By 19:30 all ground teams were in the fiend searching. At 20:45 Civil Air Patrol was contacted to see if they could to search at night with their FLIR system. Because of the weather, the capability were limited. At 20:51, a text was received from the missing person stating she was tired but okay. All search teams (except the helicopter) were directed to head to the Sleeping Indian “hunter’s trail” trailhead to search. At 22:25 Team 3 found the missing person in a meadow; she was safe and sound. By about 23:00 all teams were out of the field.

RESCUE Bitch Creek Meadows SPOT

DATE / TIME 08/14/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 08:01 SAR received page regarding SPOT SOS activation. Dispatch reported the coordinates in Bitch Creek Meadows on the west side of the Tetons. It was decided to use the Interagency helicopter to respond because of the possibility of an emergency, the remote location, and the possibility of having to transport the patient to the landing zone. At 08:14 the RP called Dispatch. The patient was experiencing severe abdominal pain, vomiting, and a history of bowel obstruction and multiple surgeries from colon and liver cancer. Team members responded with the Interagency helicopter to the SPOT coordinates. Due to complex past medical issues, the Air Idaho helicopter was requested to fly to the Driggs airport where the patient would be transferred and flown to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center for definitive care. At about 10:55the patient arrived at the Driggs airport and was transferred to Air Idaho.

RESCUE Overturned Drift Boat on Snake River

DATE / TIME 08/15/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 15:10 SAR received a page regarding an overturned boat near the Barker Ewing camp-sight on the Snake River. All parties involved were reportedly okay, but they needed help accessing the boat. It was decided that it would be good practice with the jet boats to go look for the overturned boat. When the SAR members arrived at the South Park boat ramp, they found the group involved. All parties were safe and sound, but the drift boat was stuck upside-down in the river between Wilson and South. The SAR team sent one jet boat down from Wilson and one up from South Park to search the river. They quickly located the drift boat and tried to right it, but were unsuccessful. At 17:07 all SAR members returned to the SAR hangar.

RESCUE Granite Canyon asthma attack (GTNP)

DATE / TIME 08/16/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 17:19 SAR received a page for a SAR in the Granite Canyon area. It was unclear if the incident is GTNP or Teton County. The GTNP rangers were already involved. The Park rangers had the Interagency helicopter enroute to check it out. The patient was reportedly having an asthma attack. TCSO SAR was no longer needed.

RESCUE Coyote Meadows horse accident

DATE / TIME 08/16/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

At 19:48 the TCSO SAR Board received an informational page that Fremont County, Idaho was sending Life Flight to the Coyote Meadows area to evacuate a subject involved in a horse accident. Permission was granted and TCSO SAR did not get involved in the rescue.

RESCUE ATV accident near Slate Creek
DATE / TIME 08/19/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 16:42 SAR received a page regarding a 50 year-old male involved in an ATV accident near Slate Creek in the Gros Ventre Mountains. They were in a difficult to access location because they had to cross the Gros Ventre River on their ATVs to get to the Slate Creek Trail. The SAR team met at the hangar to gather the IC-1 Truck and ATVs.. Four ATVs were sent up Slate Creek. The ATV team searched the Slate Creek Trail, Carmichael Creek, and other adjacent trails until they did not see any more fresh ATV tracks. They did not find the subject. At 18:54 Dispatch contacted SAR saying the RP said that he had just seen the subject's vehicle driving out of the Gros Ventre Road near the Wedding Tree.

RESCUE Lost Biker in West Game Creek
DATE / TIME 08/20/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? 19:13 SAR was paged by dispatch regarding a lost mountain biker in the cache/game area.. The lost person was aware that she was on the West Game Creek Trail but was unsure how far in she was or the best way to get out.. SAR instructed her to walk back down Game Creek and she felt that she could do this and was instructed to call when she had reached the trailhead. Shortly after the discussion the lost person called back stating she had met up with her friend and would be able to make her way out without further assistance. Dispatch was informed and all SAR response was stood down.

RESCUE GNPS Assist: Search near Delta Lake
DATE / TIME 08/22/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? On August 20, 2014, Grand Teton National Park requested assistance from TCSO SAR for a missing person search. At 8:00 on August 22, TCSO SAR attended the briefing at GTNP. TCSO SAR members were divided among the search teams and sent into the field.

RESCUE Black Canyon overdue Hikers
DATE / TIME 08/24/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? SAR was paged for a couple of overdue hikers who were separated from the rest of their party. RP Team was paged and dispatched to scene. While the team was traveling to the trail head the MP's returned to TH and left in their vehicle. SAR was called off by RP and confirmation of MP's safety was made later that evening as they retired to a different residence.

RESCUE Overdue Hikers in Cache Creek
DATE / TIME 09/03/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 16:34 SAR received a page regarding 3 overdue hikers in the Cache Creek/ Granite Creek area. The 3 hikers had left eh Granite Creek trailhead 8am the day prior and planned to hike to Cache Creek trailhead, spending one night along the way. The RP received a text from one of the lost people at about 12pm stating that they were lost. The 3 hikers were in their 20s, were all healthy, 2 of them knew the area well, and they had gear to spend another night. The weather was nice. The RP was not worried about them. It was decided to wait before initiating a search because the group was likely still hiking out. At 18:45 Dispatch received a call from the RP saying he had talked with the group and they were all fine and were going to spend another night out. The following day, 9/4/14, at 15:26 the Board received a page from Dispatch that all hikers were out of the backcountry and fine.

RESCUE Fremont SAR Assist: Search near Cub Ck
DATE / TIME 09/08/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 8:52 on Monday 9/8/14 Jackson Dispatch called SAR to inform us about a search going on in Fremont County, WY for a man missing near Cub Creek. On Wednesday 9/10/14 at 20:30, Dubois SAR called to request TCSO SAR for the following day's search. On Thursday, the three TCOS SAR volunteers participated in the ground search. They hiked in and searched the trail accessing Cub Creek. The missing man was not located. On Friday, Dubois SAR again requested assistance from TCSO SAR. One TCSO SAR volunteer flew into the scene via helicopter and helped with the ground search near the missing man's camp. Around mid-day, the missing man was located deceased not far from his camp. Evidence indicated the man had died of a bear attack. The search was called off and all searchers returned to ICP.

RESCUE Missing Senior on Creamery Lane
DATE / TIME 09/13/2014
WHAT HAPPENED? At 8:24 SAR received a page regarding a missing elderly man with dementia. The missing person was last seen last night when he went to bed. Two search dog teams and TCSO deputies were already searching the area. At 8:59 TCSO requested SAR dispatch to the scene. SAR arrived by 9:15 and began organizing search teams. At 9:21, the missing person was located by TCSO at a nearby residence. SAR was stood down at 9:23.

RESCUE Injured HB Rider near Spring Creek Ranch

DATE / TIME 09/15/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 14:37 SAR received a page regarding a 54 year-old man who had fallen off a horse in the area of Spring Creek Ranch. EMS was enroute.. It was decided a wheeled litter was likely the best way to evacuate the patient.. Dispatch paged the SAR team to respond directly to Spring Creek Ranch for a wheeled litter evacuation. Given the terrain, SAR decided to also bring ATVs to the scene. The SAR team brought the wheeled litter down to the patient and wheeled him up the slope a few hundred feet to a waiting ambulance. Albers was transferred to the ambulance at 15:44. At 16:41 the SAR team was clear of the scene.

RESCUE Shot Hunter near Sohare Ck

DATE / TIME 09/16/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 12:33 SAR received a page regarding a hunter who had been shot near the east side of Slide Lake. The coordinates plotted near Sohare Creek. Recognizing that a gunshot wound was life-threatening, SAR asked for use of the Interagency helicopter to locate the patient, send an advanced medical team to provide patient care, and evacuate the patient. The helicopter was available. The SAR medical crew was sent to Helitack and the Jenny Lake rangers were put on standby for short haul. Tip Top SAR's helicopter was put on standby in case the Helitack ship did not work out. Air Idaho was also notified. At 13:56 Dispatch reported to IC that information had come in indicating that it may have been an elk that was shot and not a human. Dispatch called the RP and confirmed another SPOT message had come though stating they had shot an elk and no one was injured. The incident was stood down and all units returned to base.

RESCUE Overdue Hiker near Table Mtn.

DATE / TIME 09/16/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 21:31 Jackson Dispatch called with a SAR unfolding near Table Mountain. A man had called Dispatch to report a man who was 2 hours overdue after hiking Table Mountain. At 22:00 the man was located and was okay.

RESCUE Missing Child near Kmart

DATE / TIME 09/16/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 22:32 SAR received a page regarding a missing child in town. Dispatch reported that Jackson Police was asking for assistance from SAR to locate a 9 year-old child who was lost outside of Kmart. Just as the SAR team was gathering at ICP, the missing child was located in a hotel on Cache St. The incident was stood down at 22:53.

RESCUE Injured HB Rider near Two Ocean Plateau

DATE / TIME 09/22/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? On Monday September 22nd SAR was paged for an injured 65 year-old male who fell while mounting his horse. Dispatch reported that the accident happened four days prior. The call for help was delayed as the group felt with rest the man would be able to ride his horse out. Upon trying to ride out, it was evident that the injuries prevented a safe ride and a call to 911 was initiated by the group. Initially, the Board called Air Idaho to fly the patient out, however, the helicopter was unsuccessful at gaining access to the patient due to poor weather.. The operation was halted until the next morning. On Tuesday September 23rd, with the assistance from the Sublette County SO helicopter SAR flew in to assess and transport the patient. The patient was found alert and ambulatory with injuries to his left collarbone and ribs. The mission was concluded 12:32.

RESCUE Spotted Horse Missing Wrangler Search

DATE / TIME 09/30/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? Dispatched for a missing 23 yo F who was an employee of Spotted Horse Ranch. Subject had been riding into the ranch's Martin Basin camp (approx 8 miles) with another staff person and guests. At 1430 the guests and other staff person had to return to the ranch and the subject continued on by herself leading 3 pack horses. When she did not arrive at the camp, a search was started and SAR eventually contacted. Tuesday night spent planning the next days search. Briefing at 0600. Horse teams sent in to cover high probability areas fro Palmer Creek trail head, Bryan Flats and Willow Creek. Interagency helicopter staged at the ranch. Team on the Martin Basin trail made voice contact with the subject and then direct contact. No injuries. On its egress from the area, heli established coordinates of site where subject found. Other teams converged on the area and assisted with getting the subject and horses back to the ranch.

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RESCUE Overdue Hikers near Phillips Canyon

DATE / TIME 10/15/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 21:58 SAR received a page regarding three overdue bikers near Philips Canyon and Fish Creek Rd. They planned to be out by 19:30. At 20:40 the father had texted his wife to say they were all okay and coming out using their phones as lights. Because it was dark, cold, and there were children involved, SAR decided to page the team to go look for the overdue group. Immediately following the team page, the overdue group turned up okay. They had bushwhacked out to Fish Creek Rd. The SAR team was stood down at 22:27.

RESCUE Overdue Hunter near Broken Arrow Ranch

DATE / TIME 10/25/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? RP called Dispatch at 11:30 AM, her husband went hunting yesterday at 4:30 AM, expected out that night. Paged the team to hanger, reviewed maps and headed to Broken Arrow Ranch. On the Way, RP called saying she had made contact with the missing person.

RESCUE Injured Mtn. Biker in Cache Creek

DATE / TIME 11/01/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 15:29 SAR received a page regarding a male with a broken collar bone in Cache Creek. Dispatch reported that a 24-year old male had fallen while mountain biking and possibly broke his collar bone. A team member was already in Cache Creek and responded directly to Singer. At about 15:50 SAR intersected the patient and two of his friends hiking down the Cache Creek dirt road. At 16:01 SAR reached the trailhead parking lot. The patient refused further care and one of his friends drove him to Emergacare.

RESCUE Overdue HB Riders near Jackson Peak

DATE / TIME 11/02/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 16:27 SAR received a page regarding two overdue horseback riders in the Jackson Peak and Ski Cabin area.. Dispatch reported that three people went to restock the Ski Cabin near Jackson Peak. They had left the trailhead at 06:00 and were due back. The reporting party was concerned because it was dark and the weather was cold, snowy, and windy. At 18:41 SAR received a second page from Dispatch indicating the overdue riders were ok and near their vehicles. They did not require any assistance. The call was stood down.

RESCUE Stranded Hiker near Rendezvous Bowl

DATE / TIME 11/05/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? At 10:24 SAR receive a page regarding a 38-year old male unable to hike out from Rendezvous Bowl area. Before SAR could continue making a plan, Dispatch received a call from the RP indicating the patient was okay and hiking down the road back to his house. At 10:36 the mission was stood down.

RESCUE Lost Skier Teton Pass

DATE / TIME 11/14/2014

WHAT HAPPENED? Skier on South side of Teton Pass. Ok currently but is lost and is concerned because it's getting dark. Plotted coordinates and it looks like is near old pass road. Conference call, SAR member is on top of pass will contact party to stay put and ski down to find him. Stand down soon after, another party ran into him and escorted him down.



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TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT / CALENDAR: JUNE 2014 - NOVEMBER 2014

JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

JULY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



INCIDENT



TRAINING EXERCISE



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29



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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.”

CLICK HERE
TO BECOME A MEMBER

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

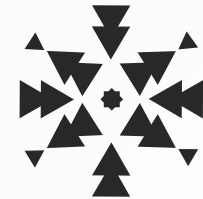
OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT US

- + DONATE ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.TETONCOUNTYSAR.ORG OR
- + DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO PO BOX 1063 JACKSON, WY 83001
- + DONATE THROUGH OLD BILL'S FUN RUN: [CLICK HERE](#)

RESOURCES FOR A SINGLE SEARCH + RESCUE

OVERDUE SNOWMOBILER SEARCH ON TOGWOTEE PASS / FEBRUARY 11, 2014 - FEBRUARY 12, 2014

6 
MISSING PERSONS



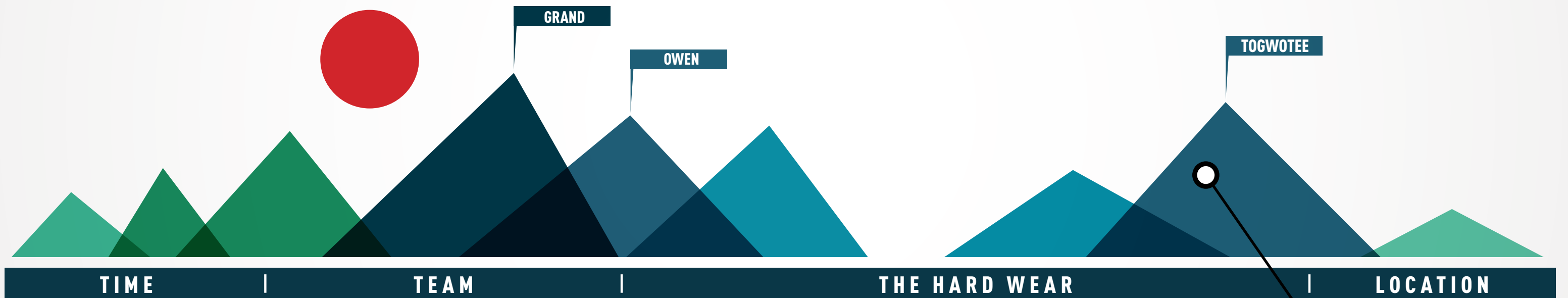
WEATHER:
POOR VISIBILITY, HIGH
AVALANCHE DANGER,
10MPH WINDS, SNOW



SKILLS NECESSARY:
AVALANCHE, SNOW-
MOBILE, NAVIGATION,
LOST PERSON INCIDENT

OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED: BTNF (BRIDGE-
ER TETON NATIONAL FOREST), FREMONT
COUNTY SAR, GTNP RANGERS, SUBLETTE
COUNTY SAR, TOGWOTEE SNOWMOBILE
GUIDES, TETON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

OUTCOME: FOUND, COLD AND HUNGRY BUT FINE



21
RESCUE HOURS

20
TCSAR VOLUNTEERS

26
SNOWMOBILES

15 **VEHICLES**
PARK ROAD CLOSED DUE TO
WEATHER SPECIAL PERMISSION
TO TRAVEL FOR SEARCH

192
MILES
DRIVEN
PER
VEHICLE

9 **SEARCH
AREAS
MAPPED
OUT**

2 HELI
FLIGHT
HOURS

THREE
RESCUE DOGS ON STANDBY

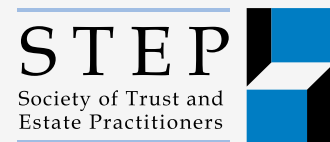
8 **RESCUE TRAILERS**

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