

2019 MID-YEAR REVIEW & RESCUE REPORT



DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

The mission of the Teton County Search and Rescue Foundation is to support TCSAR through direct volunteer support, community education and advocacy. As we enter our 10th year of work as a foundation, we have many fantastic achievements to celebrate and exciting new initiatives to drive us forward.

We are very happy to be working with Matt Carr, newly elected sheriff of Teton County, to support the TCSAR volunteers. Through our unique partnership, we are able to supplement county funds to provide advanced training for our volunteers, equip them with the gear they need for the most technical rescues, and make sure that as volunteers and community members they are well cared for and appreciated for their remarkable service.

Since 2010 we've worked hard to make sure all of our volunteers are equipped with personal safety equipment and gear for any situation they encounter. This takes many hours of volunteer and staff time to test equipment, partner with gear manufacturers and procure goods for 37 unique individuals. We are also very proud of our individual scholarship program, which allows volunteers to advance skills that will benefit them and the team. In the past 12 months we have funded 19 different individual trainings for volunteers.

Our most recent Heli-Yes fundraising campaign was a huge success. For the past several years, the TCSAR Foundation has raised funds to extend the helicopter contract for an additional month in the spring and to provide funds for an expanded heli-training program. As a result of the additional funding we secured in this year's campaign, we will be able to extend the helicopter one additional month in the fall as well. Having the helicopter arrive in October will allow the team to be fully trained before the snow flies and will also bring in a critical resource during hunting season.

The TCSAR Foundation is grateful and honored to be supported by such a large number of community members. Without your support, these great strides to make our volunteers and community safer would not be possible. You will see in the rescue summaries that follow that having the proper equipment and training as well as critical resources such as the helicopter are vital to the success of our rescues.

We hope you enjoy your summer. Please remember to be prepared, practiced and present for all your adventures and stay in touch at www.tetoncountysar.org and www.backcountryzero.com.

Best,
Ned Jannotta, TCSAR Foundation President
Stephanie Thomas, TCSAR Foundation Executive Director

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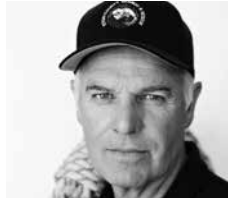
TCSAR VOLUNTEERS SPENT
5,885 HOURS
ON SAR RELATED ACTIVITIES

RESCUES = 2,950 HOURS
TRAINING = 2,728 HOURS
COMMUNITY EVENTS = 207 HOURS

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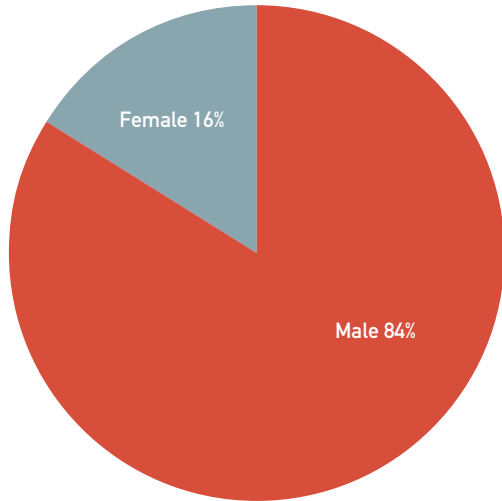
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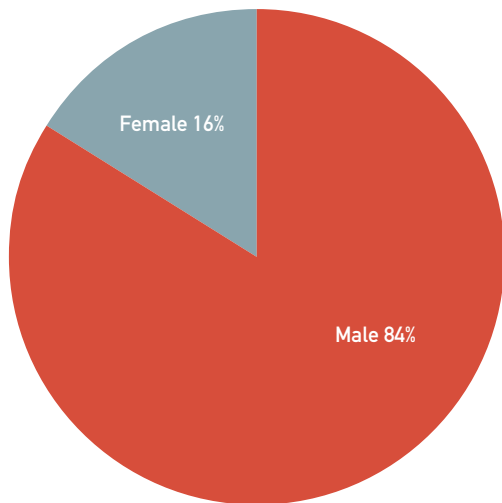
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TCSO SHERIFF

INCIDENTS BY GENDER

WINTER 2018/19

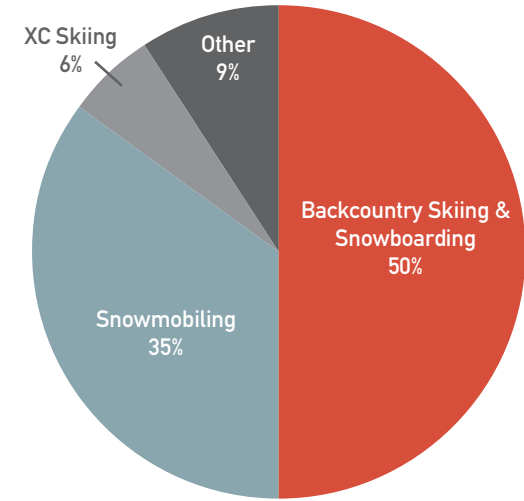


WINTER 10 YEAR AVERAGE

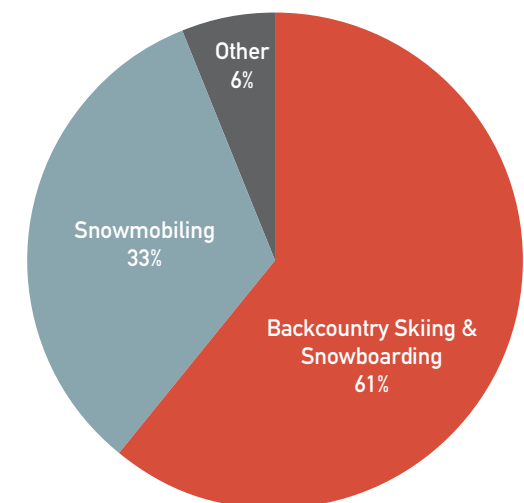


INCIDENTS BY ACTIVITY

WINTER 2018/19



WINTER 10 YEAR AVERAGE



Winter 2018/19 RESCUE REVIEW

» DECEMBER

RESCUE XC Skier Stuck in Cattle Guard
DATE 12/1/2018
TIME 2:24pm
DURATION 3 hours, 6 minutes
ATTENDEES 7

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR Board of Advisors (BOA) received a call for a cross-country skier stuck in a cattle guard. The person had taken his skis off and one leg slipped through the gate. Teams arrived via snowmobile with breaker bar, which was ineffective. Teton Valley Fire was called to assist. Jaws of life and circular saw were used to free the patient. Patient transported via snowmobile.

RESCUE Avalanche JHMR Injured Skier
DATE 12/24/2018
TIME 4:02pm
DURATION 1 hour 58 minutes
ATTENDEES 14

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA received a call regarding an avalanche at JHMR below spacewalk couloir. Initial report was of an injured male with possible broken leg. JHSP requested SAR assistance. A heli team picked up the injured skier and the patient was transferred to the JH FIRE/EMS ambulance.

RESCUE JHMR Avalanche
DATE 12/26/2018
TIME 12:19pm
DURATION 1 hour 26 minutes
ATTENDEES 24

WHAT HAPPENED? At 12:19 the SAR BOA received a call from the SO (Sheriff's Office) Dispatch regarding an injured skier from an avalanche in the four pines area of JHMR. JHMR Ski Patrol was en route and requested heli assist. The team was paged and patient was flown out via heli and transferred to the ambulance.

RESCUE Fish Creek Overdue Skier
DATE 12/27/2018
TIME 6:06pm
DURATION 7 hours 54 minutes
ATTENDEES 21

WHAT HAPPENED? At 6:06pm the TCSAR BOA received a call from a lost skier who had parked at the Teton Canyon Trailhead. It was requested the subject attempt to start a fire and shelter in place. Two snowmobile teams were sent into the field to locate and retrieve lost skier and his dog. Both were evacuated via snowmobile.

RESCUE Togwotee Lost Snowmobilers
DATE 12/28/2018
TIME 6:39pm
DURATION 8 hours 21 minutes
ATTENDEES 16

WHAT HAPPENED? The TCSAR BOA were notified of 3 lost snowmobilers at Togwotee. They were off trail, lost and stuck in heavily timbered ravine. Team was paged and party of three were instructed to stay put and build a fire. Snowmobiles teams deployed and eventually had to switch to skis to access them. Party was brought out via team snowshoes and snowmobiles. Team returned to hangar at 2:10am.

RESCUE JHMR
DATE 12/29/2018
TIME 3:56pm
DURATION 1 hour 04 minutes
ATTENDEES 0

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA received an informational notification that JHMR Ski patrol was responding to a report of a lost skier in the Why Not area of Rock Springs. At 4:42 the BOA was updated that the skier had self rescued and ski patrol had returned back in bounds.

RESCUE Four Stranded Snowmobilers
DATE 12/30/2018
TIME 6:41pm
DURATION 0 hours 34 minutes
ATTENDEES 7

WHAT HAPPENED? At 6:41 SAR was notified that a woman called 911 to report that her husband and 3 others (one minor) were stuck and had built a fire. She had radio contact with them and they did not want SAR. BOA waited to see if resources were requested. At 7:15 the RP (reporting party) advised that the four snowmobilers were at trailhead. Team was not paged.



» JANUARY

RESCUE Leigh Creek Ski Tracks
DATE 1/4/2019
TIME 11:23am
DURATION 0 hours 22 minutes
ATTENDEES 0

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA was advised GTR (Grand Targhee Resort) ski patrol was responding to tracks seen heading into Leigh Creek. Around 11:45am BOA received an update that ski patrol followed the tracks and although didn't find a skier, nothing was concerning.

RESCUE JHMR Injured skier
DATE 1/6/2019
TIME 3:03pm
DURATION 2 hours 02 minutes
ATTENDEES 0

WHAT HAPPENED? TCSAR BOA received an informational page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to a knee injury in the Why Not area of Rock Springs. At 5:05 BOA notified that Ski Patrol had returned in bounds with injured party. Team was not paged.



RESCUE Togwotee Overdue Snowmobilers
DATE 1/7/2019
TIME 6:23pm
DURATION 0 hours 05 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? TCSAR BOA advised of 2 missing snowmobilers near Togwotee Pass. During BOA conference call dispatch advised the missing party had returned to the lodge

RESCUE Spot Activation Near Togwotee
DATE 1/8/2019
TIME 4:52pm
DURATION 1 hour 32 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA received an informational page that a SPOT was activated by a Togwotee Guide. Other guides were en route and not requesting help at this time. The SPOT point plotted in Fremont County. At 6:24 the BOA received an update that the guides and SPOT group were now together and returning to the lodge.

RESCUE Leidy Lake Avalanche
DATE 1/9/2019
TIME 3:20pm
DURATION 4 hour 40 minutes
ATTENDEES 27

WHAT HAPPENED? The team was paged directly for an avalanche with a known snowmobiler buried. At the time of call victim had not been dug out. Team responded via heli and took over patient care. Person did not survive the incident.

RESCUE Overdue Snowmobilers Togwotee
DATE 1/10/2019
TIME 6:23pm
DURATION 0 hour 05 minutes
ATTENDEES 6

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA received a page to call Dispatch with reference to overdue snowmobilers. While on the call, dispatch informed BOA that the snowmobilers had been located.

RESCUE Coal Creek Skier
DATE 1/11/2019
TIME 5:52pm
DURATION 3 hours 08 minutes
ATTENDEES 24

WHAT HAPPENED? Report of an injured skier between Glory and Coal Creek area. Four teams deployed in the dark. Two teams to hike up Glory, one team to skin up Coal Creek, one team to top of Pass to act as mobile repeater. One of the teams located the party and escorted them out to Coal Creek. All teams returned to the Hangar by 9pm.

RESCUE Snow King Out of Bounds
DATE 1/25/2019
TIME 12:53pm
DURATION 0 hours 37 minutes
ATTENDEES 7

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA received an informational page that Snow King Ski Patrol was responding out of bounds for a rescue. No resources requested at this time. At 1:30 BOA was notified rescue was complete.

» FEBRUARY

RESCUE Togwotee Snowmobiler Injured
DATE 2/2/2019
TIME 10:43am
DURATION 2 hours 02 minutes
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA notified of request for help from snowmobiler with shoulder injury. Team members were already at Togwotee to represent TCSAR at Togwotee for Trails Day. Team packaged and transported injured person to Togwotee Lodge.

RESCUE GTNP Granite Canyon Avalanche
DATE 2/5/2019
TIME 11:48am
DURATION 4 hour 22 minutes
ATTENDEES 10

WHAT HAPPENED? GTNP requested the heli to rescue a person in Granite Canyon with a broken leg. Ski Patrol declined to rescue due to High avalanche danger. Inclement weather delayed heli departure for one hour. Patient was located and had to be short hauled with heli due to location. Person was transferred to a waiting EMS ambulance.

RESCUE JHMR Four Pines Injury
DATE 2/5/2019
TIME 4:14pm
DURATION 2 hours 16 minutes
ATTENDEES 19

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA received a call from Dispatch for a rescue of a leg injury in Four Pines area while team was finishing up with Granite Canyon patient. One team sent to north end of Fish Creek to manage the heli. Team used heli to Short Haul and transferred patient to EMS ambulance at Fish Creek Road.

RESCUE JHMR Zero G Injury
DATE 2/16/2019
TIME 12:23pm
DURATION 1 hours 37 minutes
ATTENDEES 15

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA notified of person with a neck injury near Ross's Slide. JHMR Ski Patrol responded to assist with

packing the patient. Heli landed, patient packaged, loaded and flown back to hangar. Person was transferred to EMS ambulance.

RESCUE JHMR Rock Springs Injury
DATE 2/7/2019
TIME 2:27pm
DURATION 0 hours 50 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA received informational page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to Rock Springs for a person with a knee injury and no assistance was needed. At 11:55 BOA was updated that patrol was back in bounds and rescue was complete.

RESCUE Teton Pass Avalanche
DATE 2/8/2019
TIME 2:27pm
DURATION 0 hours 30 minutes
ATTENDEES 16

WHAT HAPPENED? The SO Dispatch reported that Bonneville County received a 911 call of a known Avalanche Burial on Taylor Mountain at Teton Pass. The RP (reporting party) was not at the immediate scene but could see the avalanche debris and believed there were people caught. The team was paged and a heli crew was sent to survey the scene. No ski tracks were seen near the avy site.

RESCUE Lost Skier on Teton Pass
DATE 2/8/2019
TIME 1:51pm
DURATION 1 hour 51 minutes
ATTENDEES 5

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA was paged for a missing skier on Teton Pass. The BOA instructed the person (via the RP who was in radio contact with MP) on how to get their coordinates via their phone so that SAR could plot the coordinates. SAR then informed the RP (a friend), of where the lost person was and talked the route through with the RP. The BOA then requested the RP confirm when they were out of the field with their friend.

RESCUE GTNP Lost Skier
DATE 2/11/2019
TIME 1:56pm
DURATION 0 hour 10 minutes
ATTENDEES 0

WHAT HAPPENED? TCSO received an informational page from JHMR Ski Patrol that they were working with GTNP rangers re: a lost person in Granite Canyon. By 2:06 the incident was resolved.

RESCUE Togwotee Injured Snowmobiler
DATE 2/16/2019
TIME 11:21pm
DURATION 0 hours 47 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA received a page that a person was injured on the CD trail and Togwotee Guides were responding to the incident. The guides were able to transport the patient to an EMS ambulance.

RESCUE Gros Ventre Injured Snowmobiler
DATE 2/16/2019
TIME 12:31pm
DURATION 4 hours 29 minutes
ATTENDEES 33

WHAT HAPPENED? A guided trip near Goosewing Ranch had an injury and requested help with patient stuck in ditch. A snowmobile team was diverted from team training to the scene as the helicopter was initially sent to a report of an avalanche at Teton Pass at the same time. Heli transported the patient to a waiting ambulance.

RESCUE Teton Pass Avalanche
DATE 2/16/2019
TIME 1:21pm
DURATION 3 hours 39 minutes
ATTENDEES 33

WHAT HAPPENED? In the middle of the Gros Ventre rescue the BOA received a call re: an avalanche with known victims on Teton Pass. Patient was dug out but didn't want transport after becoming responsive. Ski team sent in from top of Pass and snowmobile team sent up Old Pass road to help skiers get back to parking lot.

RESCUE KW Trail Avalanche/Snowmobiler
DATE 2/22/2019
TIME 2:21pm
DURATION 0 hours 41 minutes
ATTENDEES 22

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR BOA An avalanche at Togwotee pass near K and W trail was called in. A party said their friend was missing and tracks went into the avy that did not come out. Team was paged and Togwotee Guides responded while SAR was en route. Missing person was located and was not in the avalanche.

RESCUE JHMR Submersion in Rock Springs
DATE 2/23/2019
TIME 12:47pm
DURATION 0 hours 48 minutes
ATTENDEES 21

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA received info that a skier was upside down in deep snow at bottom of Rock Springs Buttress. JHMR was sending two ski patrollers to investigate. The team was paged, however ski patrol was able to execute the rescue without assistance.



RESCUE JHMR Clified Out Skier
DATE 2/24/2019
TIME 1:50pm
DURATION 3 hours 50 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? At 1:50pm the Board was notified that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to a cliffed out skier in Rock Springs and they were not requesting assistance at this time. They were able to complete the rescue and then notified the Board when they were back in bounds.

SEARCH AND RESCUE LOCATIONS – DECEMBER 1, 2018 – MAY 31, 2019



RESCUE Angle Mountain Stuck Snowmobilers, Day 1
DATE 2/25/2019
TIME 1:02am
DURATION 4 hour 58 minutes
ATTENDEES 6

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA received notice that a party of 5 stuck snowmobilers. BTNF had followed the tracks but then pulled out and asked Dispatch to turn it over to TCSAR. Fremont County was contacted and arrived at the Lodge. After contact with the group, it was determined they would have to spend the night out and SAR would start at daylight.

RESCUE Angle Mountain Stuck Snowmobilers, Day 2
DATE 2/26/2019
TIME 5:30am
DURATION 13 hours 30 minutes
ATTENDEES 23

WHAT HAPPENED? TCSAR continued with the rescue of 3 stuck snowmobilers. The road north of Jackson was closed due to weather, so snowmobile teams had to depart from Kelly to get to Togwotee. USFS rode the reverse to help put in a track for SAR. High avalanche danger a concern. Teams reached 3 MP's via snowmobile, then skis. Teams brought snowshoes to get MP's to rest of rescue team who supplied food and water and transported MP's with snowmobiles. Forest rangers also on scene. Teams returned via snowmobile to Kelly.

RESCUE Lost Party GTNP Granite Canyon
DATE 2/28/2019
TIME 4:51pm
DURATION 3 hours 09 minutes
ATTENDEES 22

WHAT HAPPENED? A call came in that a skier and snowboarder had left the resort towards Granite and had not returned in bounds. Gates were closed due to high avalanche danger. GTNP rangers requested a heli to fly over and pinpoint lost party. Due to fading daylight the heli crew was unable to find MP's. GTNP Rangers decided on a night rescue, and got the party out around 3:00am.

» MARCH

RESCUE Lost Snowmobiler Togwotee
DATE 3/2/2019
TIME 4:05pm
DURATION 0 hours 28 minutes
ATTENDEES 7

WHAT HAPPENED? A 19yr old male was reported missing in Togwotee area, last seen on CD trail. Togwotee Guides called in that they were returning but due to poor cell coverage it was difficult to verify if he had the male with them. When they returned to the lodge they called the BOA to confirm.

RESCUE Togwotee Avalanche
DATE 3/4/2019
TIME 3:00pm
DURATION 2 hours 00 minutes
ATTENDEES 25

WHAT HAPPENED? The team was immediately paged for a snowmobiler buried in an avalanche near Breccia cliffs. Heli crew, snowmobile team, and additional ground teams departed hangar at 15:31. Patient did not survive.

RESCUE Lost Skier GNTNP Granite Canyon
DATE 3/6/2019
TIME 7:20pm
DURATION 5 hours 56 minutes
ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA was notified of a lost skier from JHMR. JHSP contacted GTNP and sent two ski patrollers after the missing skier. They followed fresh ski tracks that turned into boot tracks and then ski tracks. At 10:43 JHSP found the missing skier and redirected and escorted the MP out.

RESCUE Injured Snowmobiler Togwotee
DATE 3/8/2019
TIME 10:26am
DURATION 1 hour 19 minutes
ATTENDEES 20

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA was informed of a person with a back injury on CD trail. Patient was transported by Togwotee Guides and transferred to ambulance.

RESCUE Grand Targhee Missing Person
DATE 3/9/2019
TIME 4:15pm
DURATION 1 hour 26 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? Grand Targhee Ski Patrol advised the BOA that they were trying to locate a skier out of bounds on north side of resort. They were not requesting assistance at the time. Ski Patrol updated the BOA to report they were back in bounds with MP.

RESCUE Lost Skier Teton Pass
DATE 3/10/2019
TIME 12:04pm
DURATION 0 hours 30 minutes
ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA was notified of a person missing from a group of skiers. The group was able to locate their friend without dispatching SAR into the field. The mission was then stood down.

RESCUE Missing Snowmobilers Granite Creek
DATE 3/10/2019
TIME 9:13pm
DURATION 0 hours 30 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? A person called in to report an overdue party from Granite Creek. A deputy was dispatched to check the trail head and it was determined the party was safe and sound, not in the backcountry anymore.

RESCUE Teton Pass Injured Skier
DATE 3/12/2019
TIME 12:55pm
DURATION 3 hours 35 minutes
ATTENDEES 21

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA was notified of an injured male at the bottom of Avalanche Bowl. A snowmobile team was sent up from the bottom of old pass road, a ski team was sent in from the top of the pass. The snowmobile team found the patient and brought the person out to the trailhead.

RESCUE Tripod Peak Back Injury
DATE 3/16/2019
TIME 2:32pm
DURATION 2 hours 28 minutes
ATTENDEES 31

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA received a call re: snowmobile accident and injured person. A snowmobile and heli team were deployed. The heli transferred the patient to a waiting ambulance at Blackrock Ranger Station.



RESCUE Overdue Snowmobilers
DATE 3/20/2019
TIME 7:43pm
DURATION 0 hours 31 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA was notified of two overdue snowmobilers at Togwotee Mountain Lodge. The staff was going to call back if SAR needed. They soon called to say the party had returned safely.

RESCUE Overdue Skiers Moose Creek
DATE 3/26/2019
TIME 7:51pm
DURATION 10 hours 09 minutes
ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? BOA advised of two overdue skiers who had left tram to ski towards Idaho. A ski team was sent in to assist MP. They escorted person to wilderness boundary and then evacuated person via snowmobile the rest of the way, exiting at 4:44am.

>> APRIL

RESCUE Avalanche Buried Snowmobiler Teton Pass
DATE 4/12/2019
TIME 3:53pm
DURATION 1 hour 15 minutes
ATTENDEES 21

WHAT HAPPENED? Team paged for an avalanche with known burial. Person buried at base of great white hump. Other people in area located the patient via probing. A heli team flew to the scene, retrieved the patient and transferred person to ambulance.

RESCUE Injured Skier Teton Pass
DATE 4/13/2019
TIME 1:59pm
DURATION 3 hours 01 minutes
ATTENDEES 21

WHAT HAPPENED? BOA paged team to hangar for an injured skier. The heli was used for a short haul operation and the person was transferred to a waiting ambulance.

>> MAY

RESCUE Lava Creek Overdue Pack Rafters
DATE 5/12/2019
TIME 10:19
DURATION 0 hours 43 minutes
ATTENDEES 6

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA received a call for two overdue pack rafters on Lava Creek. A third person with the party had popped their raft, hiked out, and waited at take out but

others didn't arrive. Not long after the MP's called to say they had hiked out due to conditions.

RESCUE Snake River Search GTNP
DATE 5/21/2019
TIME 3:56pm
DURATION 2 hours 34 minutes
ATTENDEES 20

WHAT HAPPENED? GTNP requested TCSAR heli to do an aerial search of the river for a missing rafter who fell out of their boat upon hitting a strainer. A GTNP ranger and TCSAR personal searched the black hole area near Bar BC. The MP was located and did not survive the incident.

RESCUE Fremont County Missing Plane
DATE 5/24/2019
TIME 7:45am
DURATION 7 hours 15 minutes
ATTENDEES 15

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA received a request for heli assistance from Fremont/Dubois SAR for a downed aircraft near Dunoir Valley. A heli team was sent to assist with an aerial search. Eventually the pilot and plane were found safe and the mission was stood down.

RESCUE Cody Peak Skier
DATE 5/29/2019
TIME 10:47am
DURATION 6 hours 07 minutes
ATTENDEES 24

WHAT HAPPENED? The BOA was notified of an injured person who fell off ridge while hiking to Cody Peak. JHMR Mountain Patrol, GTNP rangers and TCSAR all assisted in this rescue and patient was transported via heli short haul to the ambulance.

BACKCOUNTRY FATALITIES BY YEAR



INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK WINTER 2018/2019



Angle Mountain Rescue

3 Stranded Snowmobilers

February 25, 2019

911 CALL

TCSAR Board of Advisors receives notice of 5 snowmobilers entering wilderness. BTNF followed their tracks but were unable to locate or reach the party via BCA radio. BTNF requests Dispatch to turn call over to TCSAR.

FREMONT COUNTY SAR

Fremont County SAR arrive at TML, it is determined that additional critical information and resources are needed to complete the mission. Dispatching teams in to the field is postponed until following morning.

TCSAR TEAM PAGED

Respond to the Hangar at 5:30am for Snowmobile Rescue Togwotee Pass

CHECK-IN CALL

13:02 16:00 17:03 18:45 21:00

CELL PHONE CONTACT

Lost party (3 males) are able to text their coordinates. 43°50.402 / -110°11.645. LP confirms they are not in avalanche terrain. LP is informed rescue will be attempted in AM. Party has 2 space blankets, 1 SOS bag, MRE's, 3 lighters, pot for melting snow and extra gloves. Plan is for them to check in at 21:00 and again at first light.

TCSAR BOARD OF ADVISORS

BOA convenes at SAR Hangar to coordinate search efforts in event the missing party does not return to Togwotee Mtn Lodge where they are guests. Due to multiple road closures and a winter storm warning in effect, Fremont County SAR is contacted to assist.

SAR TEAM AT HANGAR

23 SAR Team Members respond to call out. Due to continued road closures 2 teams of 4 will snowmobile from Kelly to Togwotee Mtn Lodge and then ski to the lost party's location on the north side of Angle Mtn. Team 1 will locate the lost party and assist them back to Togwotee Mtn Lodge with subjects using snowshoes. Team 2 will assist Team 1 if needed.

GTNP PLOWING

GTNP plows road from town of Kelly to Hot Springs parking lot for SAR personnel. Road is closed due to heavy snowfall, whiteout conditions and blowing/drifted snow across road.

TEAM 1 IN FIELD

Team 1 departs Kelly via Gros Ventre River Rd.

TEAM 2 IN FIELD

February 26, 2019

5:30 7:00 8:00 8:30 10:15

TEAMS 1 & 2 AT KELLY

Teams 1 & 2 arrive at Kelly Hot Springs parking lot. Prepare for in-field operations.

SAR TEAMS 1 & 2 DEPART HANGAR

Teams 1 & 2 leave Hangar for Kelly with 8 snowmobiles, skis, 3 pair snowshoes for stranded party, extra food, water and clothing. General first aid kits, hypothermia kit plus additional chemical heat packs.

TEA

Team
Conta

TEAMS 1 & 2 DEPART TML

Team 1 will leave snowmobiles at wilderness boundary then travel by ski to locate the stranded snowmobilers.
Team 2 will be available to respond if additional resources are required.

TEAM 1 ON SKIS

Team 1 leaves on skis from corral at summer trail head.
43° 83251 / -110° 2004
Terrian is densely forested with numerous steep stream gullies.
Mostly faceted snowpack makes for slow trail breaking.

TEAM 1 IN RADIO CONTACT

Team 1 is able to make radio contact with subjects.
Team 1 requests the subjects to rev the engine of a snowmobile every few minutes to assist locating them in the complex terrain.

10:38

10:58

12:00

12:37

TEAM 2 AT TOGWOTEE

TEAM 2

Team 2 continues to set the snowmobile track from the summer trailhead to the wilderness boundary.

TEAM 1 AT TOGWOTEE

Team 1 arrives at Towgotee Mtn Lodge, after rendezvousing with 2 BTNF Rangers who assisted in setting a sled track. The Rangers reiterated they should stay at TML and not venture into the backcountry.

SUBJECTS ARE LOCATED

Team 1 locates subjects. Subjects are relatively comfortable in their improvised bivy and were able to build a fire to keep warm. After providing food/water and securing their bivysite, Team 1 begins to evacuate the 3 subjects. Progress is slow due to nature of poorly structured snowpack. Subjects repeatedly "posthole" to their hip even with snowshoes.



Angle Mountain Rescue

2/25-26/2019

3 Stranded Snowmobilers

ALL TEAMS AT TRAILHEAD

Teams 1 & 2 plus subjects are at the summer trailhead. Reporting Party assists the subjects back to TML, while Teams 1 & 2 return to rental shop to refuel sleds and prepare for return ride to Kelly.

14:28

15:37

TEAM 2

Team 2 transitions to skis to assist in breaking trail. Makes contact with Team 1 and subjects bringing much needed extra food and water.

TEAMS 1 & 2 OUT OF THE FIELD

Teams 1 & 2 return to Kelly Hotsprings parking lot. Additional team members had shuttled vehicles during the day and set up the trailers and ramps for quick loading of the sleds.

17:50

18:45

TEAMS 1 & 2

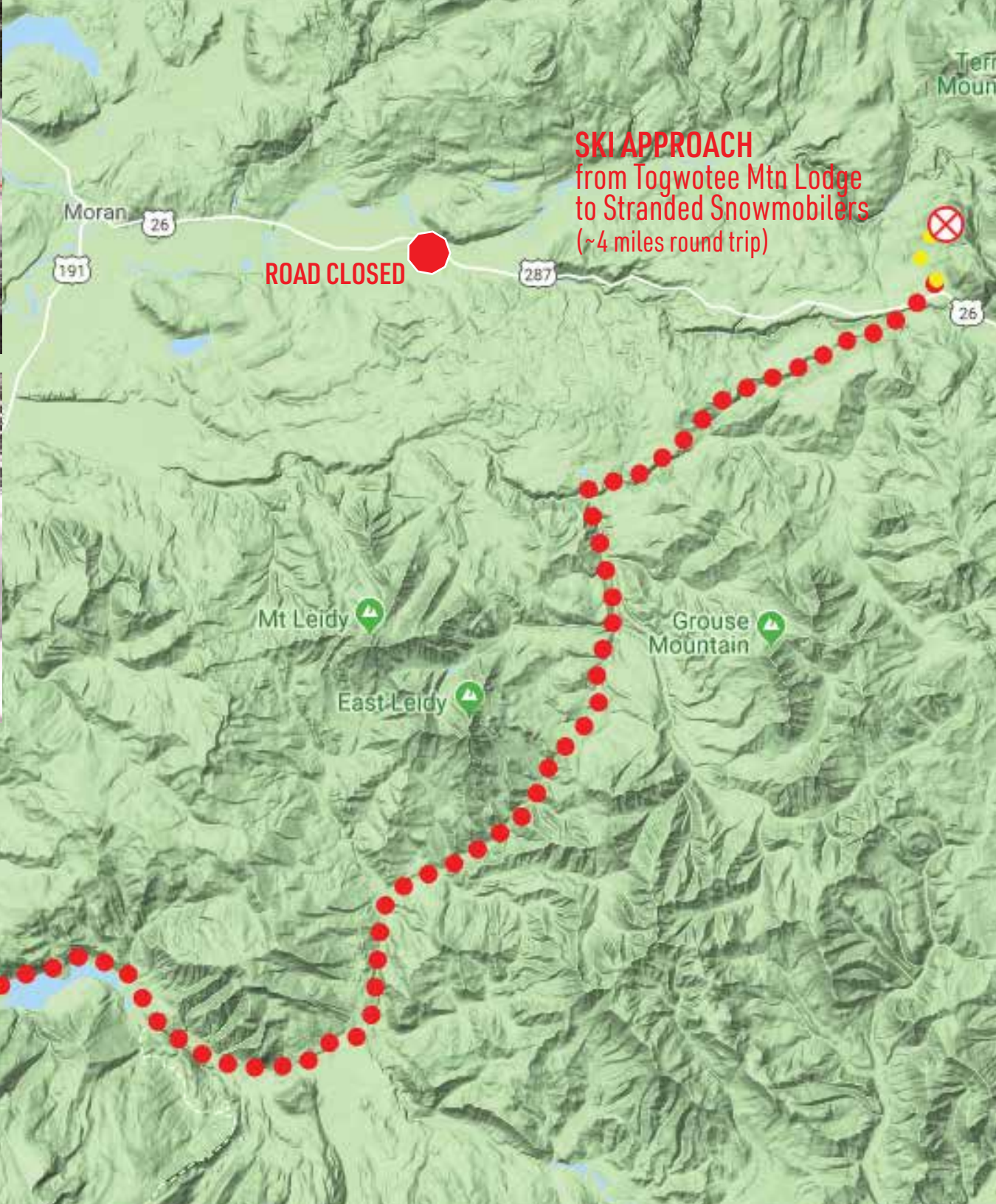
Depart Togwotee Mtn Lodge on snowmobile. Teams follow the CD-K-W-R to Gros Ventre River Road and back to Kelly Hot Springs.

SNOWMOBILES LONG-LINED

Helicopter 407RL plus 7 short-haul crew retrieved the 3 snowmachines from within the wilderness boundary. The snowmobiles were turned over to the BTNF for securing.

March 13, 2019

TEAMS 1 & 2 RETURN TO HANGAR



SKI APPROACH
from Togwotee Mtn Lodge
to Stranded Snowmobilers
(~4 miles round trip)

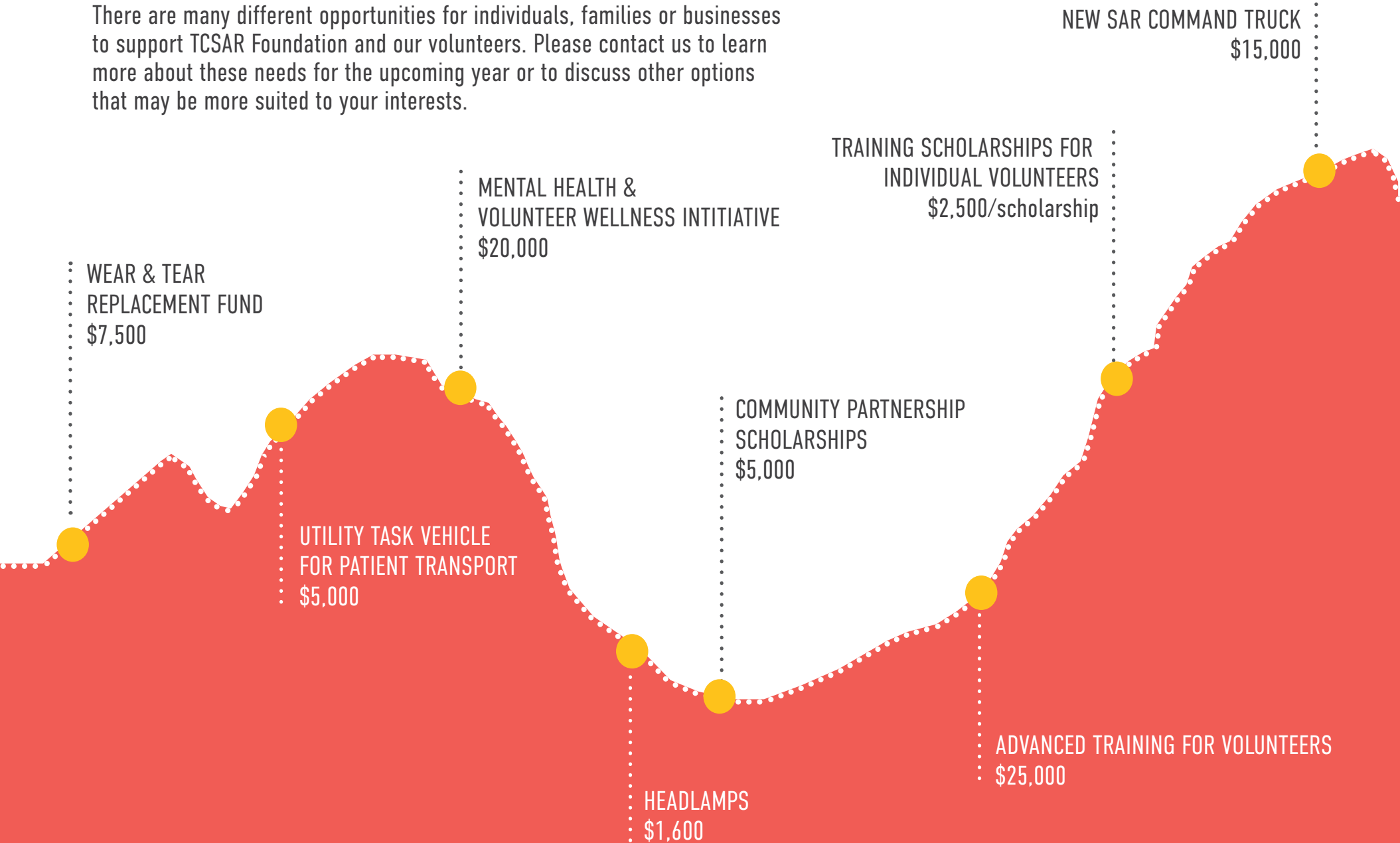
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SNOWMOBILE ROUTE
from Kelly Hot Springs
to Togwotee Mtn Lodge
(~ 70 miles round trip)

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3. Train with other agencies (including JHMR, Togwotee Mountain Lodge and Grand Targhee Resort) to ensure on-ground resources are trained effectively to operate around and near the helicopter during a rescue.
4. Increase the complexity of training to match the challenges of rescues. Train where rescues actually occur to create confidence in difficult terrain during stressful rescues.
5. Fully train 11 volunteers to be certified short-haulers plus an additional 5 to be ground crew members.
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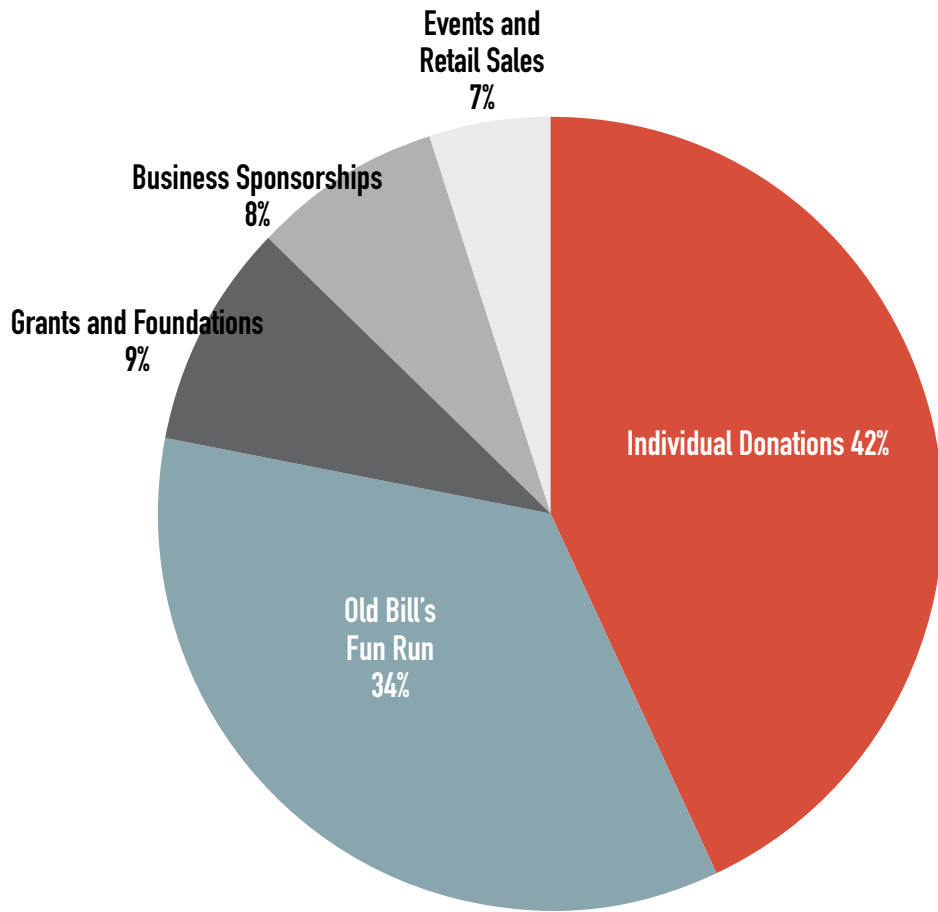
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