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**Date: 05/04/2015**

**Case No. 150496 &  
150501**

**Event: Search and Rescue mission**  
**Missing person & Lost Hikers.**

**Location:**  
**150496 -SE Bridge Rd**  
**150501 - Ochoco National Forest Walton Lake Area**

## Media Release

Crook County Search and Rescue called for two search missions.

On Monday, May 4, 2015 at approximately 0730am, Deputies from the Crook County Sheriff's Office took a report of a missing person/ welfare check from the SE Bridge Creek area of Prineville. It was reported that a 42 year old male had walked away from his residence with a possible medical issue. Crook County Search and Rescue and Deputies were called out and began a search of the area. At approx. 1130 am Deputies determined that there was no medical need. SAR personnel were recalled and the search was discontinued. The male later returned to the residence.

A second search mission occurred Monday evening, May 4, 2015 at approximately 2130pm Crook County Search and Rescue was activated to the Walton Lake area for a report of two overdue hikers. Search teams started their search at the North Walton Lake trail head where a vehicle belonging to one of the overdue subjects was found. After confirming a direction of travel the search teams expanded the search area to the Round Mountain access road. While relocating personnel to that area SAR personnel located the missing couple on the FS200 spur off the FS4200 road ( 42 Road). Both subjects were found in good condition, cold and hungry. Neither individual was prepared for wilderness hiking.

Subjects were given food, water and blankets. They were transported back to their vehicle and departed the area. In this case they let friends and relatives know the general area they were planning on going to. This was very important as it gave Search and Rescue volunteers a general area to begin searching. However, the Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone that this time of year travel in the forest can still be very hazardous and treacherous. Always plan ahead, tell someone the route you are planning on taking and stick to that route. Always remember to bring a cell phone, food, water, clothing and blankets in case you have to spend the night.

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