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Contact: Michael Ryan, Emergency Manager Date: 7/24/2021 Case No. 21-0812

Event: Missing Person

**Location: Twin Pillars Trail, Mill Creek
Wilderness**

Media Release

The Crook County Sheriff's Office was contacted on Saturday evening at 11:23 pm by family members of 33 year old Karina Porter of Prineville. The family advised that she was overdue from hiking to Twin Pillars in the Mill Creek Wilderness east of Prineville, Oregon.

Crook County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue operations began at 12:10 am in the area of Wildcat Campground located on Mill Creek Rd at the south end of the Mill Creek Wilderness. Crook County Volunteer Search and Rescue teams were started from the North end of the trail at Bingham Prairie and the South end at Wildcat Campground. At approximately 3:20 am the southern volunteer search team heard barking dogs, which were reportedly with Ms. Porter. At 3:30 am the SAR team located Porter. Porter was not injured and was in good condition. The SAR team escorted Ms. Porter back to Wildcat Campground. The SAR team carried the two dogs which were with Ms. Porter as their paws were sore due to the rough ground. Porter reported that she started back in the late afternoon after running low on water. She stopped for the night at approximately 7pm due to exhaustion and the dog's sore paws.

The Crook County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone to leave detailed plans with someone when venturing out into the wilderness and then try to stick to the plan. It's always a good idea to have some basic supplies like food, sufficient water, and warm clothing. A GPS is also an excellent tool for staying on trail systems. Some are equipped with the ability to text your location via satellite to 911 or a friend.

The Sheriff's Office has small pamphlets with an "outing plan", developed by one of our long time Search and Rescue Volunteers, which can be filled out with important information and left with family members. The brochures also have a recommended list of items to keep on hand as well as survival tips. If anyone would like one of the pamphlets, they can be picked up free of charge at the front counter of the Crook County Sheriff's Office.

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