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Event: Search and Rescue event Location: US Forest Road 27 MP 15

<u>Media Release</u>

On March 12, 2018 at approximately 4:40pm, Jeff Randolph and his Friend Brad Firestone called 911 to get assistance after getting stranded on U.S. Forest Road 27 when the vehicle they were in had mechanical problems. The pair were in approximately 18 inches of snow at the time. Initially a tow truck from Active Towing was sent to assist. Due to the snow and terrain and several hours of trying, the driver for Active Towing called Dispatch and advised he could not get to Randolph and Firestone.

At approximately 8:14pm Crook County Search and Rescue was activated. Search and Rescue staged at McKay Saddle and used snow mobiles and a side by side ATV to reach Randolph and Firestone. Randolph and Firestone were located safe with their vehicle at approximately 11:19pm.

The Crook County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone when heading out into the woods it is always good to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Remember to take extra food and water with you and be prepared for the appropriate weather conditions.

In Firestone and Randolph case they were prepared and did the right thing by staying with their vehicle until help arrived.

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