



# SHERIFF

## CROOK COUNTY

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*Sheriff John Gautney*

Contact: Michael Ryan, Emergency Manager

Date: 07/30/2017

Event: Search and Rescue Mission-Lost Person's

Location: Twin Pillars – Mill Creek Wilderness

Media Release

On Sunday, July 30, 2017, at approximately 5:27 pm, Deputies from the Crook County Sheriff's Office took a report of a lost group in the Mill Creek Wilderness area in the Ochoco Mountains. It was reported that Pablo Quesada, a 30 year old male, of Prineville had gone into the Twin Pillars area with his girlfriend and her daughter, the group was hiking the Twin Pillars trail when they took a turn on the trail thinking it was the main trail. The group soon became disoriented and continued down the canyon in an attempt to find the trail. After several hours they ran out of water and became overheated. The female contacted 9-1-1 and requested help.

Crook County Search and Rescue, Crook County Fire & Rescue and Deputies were called out and began a search of the area. At approximately 10:03pm a Crook County Deputy and a USFS Law Enforcement Officer found the group on a ridge approximately ½ mile south of the Pillars and 300 yards east of the trail. The group was slightly dehydrated but otherwise in good condition. They had wandered approximately 1 mile from the trail location. After the group was given water and rest, they were escorted back to the trail and down to Wildcat Campground where their vehicle was located. The group was released to return home.

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