

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 06-9196

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 10/25/06 4:23 AM

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NATURE OF STORY: Search and Rescue Mission

LOCATION: FS Road 1920 near Westfir

INVOLVED: Tebeest, Lori (injured)
Age 42
Klamath Falls, Or.

Foster, Richard
Age 23
Oakridge, Or.

DETAILS:

The Lane County Sheriff's Office responded to a call this morning involving a woman who had fallen off a 20-30' cliff in the Willamette National Forest near Westfir.

Tebeest and Foster were searching for a friend they believed was missing from the day before. They were all in the area picking mushrooms on Tuesday Oct 24, 2006. While walking through the forest Tebeest slipped and fell over the cliff.

Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Coordinator John Miller was notified. He responded to the area along with two Sheriff's Office Federal Forest Patrol Deputies, Eugene Mountain Rescue, United States Forest Service, and the Oakridge Fire Department.

The rescue team made contact with Foster shortly after arriving on scene at approximately 7:00AM. He was evacuated from the area and sustained no injuries from the incident. He did provide some information to the rescue team on the whereabouts of Tebeest.

Tebeest was discovered by the team shortly before 9:00AM. They were able to make voice contact and locate her. The terrain where she had fallen was very steep with thick heavy brush. It took the team several hours to evacuate her approximately ½ mile out to a nearby road. An ambulance was waiting there for transport.

She was transported via ambulance to Oakridge Airport and was air lifted to Sacred Heart Hospital. She had numerous non-life threatening injuries.

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