

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 09-5735

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 07/24/2009 at 10:59PM

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 07/26/2009 at 1:30PM

NATURE OF STORY: 2-Day Search for Lost Subjects

LOCATION: Waldo Wilderness, Quinn Lake area

**INVOLVED: Wach, David L. – DOB: 12/28/1953
28278 Edgewater – Eugene, OR**

**Jenkins, Jarom N. – DOB: 01/31/1997
4370 Sean Street – Eugene, OR**

DETAILS: The Lane County Sheriff's Office was contacted regarding the above two subject's being overdue from an overnight hiking/ fishing trip. Sheriff's Office personnel located the involved vehicle on 07/25/09 at a remote trailhead near the end of Salmon Creek road east of Oakridge. Their unoccupied camp was located later near Lower Quinn Lake.

The Sheriff's helicopter located the subjects around 10:30AM on Sunday, 07/26/2009 after they had spent three nights out. The two were located 1.2 miles to the east of their camp, off trail, near the Middle Fork / Willamette drainage. Over a dozen volunteers including members of Eugene Mountain Rescue, Ground Search and Rescue, and Lane County Sheriff's Amateur Radio Operators were

conducting ground search in the area and were able to respond to the location provided by the helicopter, arriving at the subject's location within an hour. At this time the two hikers are being assisted out to search base.

The two had no food during the time they were unable to locate their camp. Wach was able to build a small signal fire to attract the helicopter's attention. Outside of exhaustion the two appeared to be in reasonable condition.

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