

General Meeting Minutes 8/6/2015

Mission Jigsaw Pass: 6pm last night Spot activation that said "send helicopter immediately" followed by one that said "fatality", followed by one that said "unresponsive but breathing post fall". Decided to treat it as unknown. Reached the trailhead at 9. Past Long Lake they run into a woman in the group and the victim had taken a tumbling 40' fall. Patient unresponsive, with gasping breaths. Got to coordinates at 0200 and there was no one there, but did find a pair of gloves. Woke up at 0600 and found the NeoAir and jacket that were there to alert us where they were. The party had camped only a few hundred feet away but had not responded to yelling because they thought that no one was coming for them or they were making it up.

Jigsaw Pass was much sketchier than the supposed 2nd class it says online. They were near Jigsaw Pass. The patient had died at 1900. Helicopter was too heavy so they didn't want to do a long line due to too much cop gear and a heavy dude. LL and VL thoroughly documented the scene and sent the helicopter out for technical gear. Set an anchor and a belay for VL as he dragged the body which got them a third of the way down the gully. Then they had to roll the body. Next was a series of large boulders so they set up a guide line across the gully with a tag line. They did all this in less than two hours. The helicopter people helped carry the patient the rest of the way. Then the helicopter was able to take all the gear out. Takeaways--should have had helmets, ran out of water, should have had backup headlamps. Spot coordinates can be messed up and you should take them with a grain of salt--there could be a datum issue. Could they copy and paste these coordinates to us? Can you tell us which datum are they in?

Helicopter didn't know that there were rescuers so they could have just contacted the SAR team but they didn't have correct coordinates and names and they took a while to find the right location.

Dingleberry Lake missions: Double callout for a 57yo male and 73yo female who had both gone missing the previous afternoon (separate parties). 57yo male had made it out when he was yelling and fishermen heard him and found him and brought him to blue lake and he hiked out early and the team was told that he was out. Team hiked up to talk to party at Emerald Lake camp in Yuri's party. Yuri had turned back early from the dayhike to head back from Dingleberry to camp (turnoff to camp is hard to follow, but she likely got lost elsewhere). Heard from party that she often has trouble with directions and gets lost and confused easily. Team started searching around the camp and likely areas where she could have gotten lost. Second team headed up to Blue Lake to help with search. H80 came and started aerial search. Found her along the creek. C-spine fracture, broken sacrum that tore up all her internal areas, near kidney failure, but she walked herself onto the helicopter. She was quite the character.

Possible hypothermia at at Taboose Pass.

Hasty team runs into brother--brother says oh he was fine and he just

Name release policy? talk to Carma

Maps are being retired. Thanks to Ed for updating our whole map collection. Feel free to take old maps with you.

Call numbers list has been updated. SAR_ is a SAR group or team Rescue_ is a person's call sign. If communicating with a helicopter you can tell them who you are (your name or Rescue#) so that they know how to get in touch with you.

Where should we put keys on vehicles on missions? Driver's side brakelight on the rear bumper!!!

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New people: John who works with Stephen at CDFW, was WEMT and will have WFR, climber, and does a lot of backcountry stuff.