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From: Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: Search and Rescue Team Operation: Aid to an injured hiker in the White Mountains

On the evening of Sunday, January 25, 2015, at approximately 10:00pm, the Mono County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a hiker with an ankle injury in the White Mountains.

A male hiker, age 19, from Dyer, NV, was hiking in the backcountry of the White Mountains when he injured his ankle jumping off some rocks along the trail, during a camping trip to Crooked Creek. Upon attempting to walk, he was unable to put weight on his ankle and requested assistance to exit the backcountry in the morning.

On the morning of Monday, January 26, 2015, at approximately 6:00am, the Mono County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (SAR) Team was dispatched to aid the injured hiker. SAR Team members responded to the Crooked Creek area. The area was partially covered with snow drifts. With the use of the Mono County Sheriff's Office Ranger, the SAR Team was able to cross the mixed dirt and snow covered terrain. With the aid of an aircraft associated with Deep Springs College, teams located the injured hiker. He was evaluated by an EMT and safely transported out of the backcountry.

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