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For Immediate Release

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports a 29 year old female climber was injured in a fall Wednesday while climbing Mount Stewart approximately 12 miles southwest of Leavenworth.

At 3:03pm RIVERCOM dispatch center received a 911 call from the climbing partner of the injured climber; he advised that his partner was seriously injured after sliding approximately 800 feet while descending Mount Stuart.

Chelan County Search and Rescue coordinators were advised and given the GPS coordinates received from the subjects 911 call. The GPS coordinates plotted on the southeast side of Mount Stewart at an elevation of approximately 8900ft.

Due to the very steep terrain and 8900ft elevation of the scene a hoist capable helicopter was requested through the State Emergency Management Department. At approximately 5:45pm a hoist capable helicopter from the King County Sheriff's Office was deployed to the scene. When the King County helicopter arrived on scene they were unable to perform the hoist because of very high winds in the area.

A second hoist capable helicopter has been requested through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC).

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We are currently in the process of attempting to insert a Chelan County Deputy and a Medic with Cascade Medical Center into the area to make contact with the victim.

This press release will be updated as more information becomes available.

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