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For Immediate Release

Contact: Sergeant Kent Sisson

Incident #: **14c02448 Update: Skiing Accident**

Mission Ridge Ski Area

Phone: 509-630-7506

Date: 03/22/2014

<http://www.co.chelan.wa.us>

UPDATE - Saturday 03/22/2014

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office has confirmed that Ray Farbarik (47yoa) of Seattle, the skier injured when he struck a tree at Mission Ridge Ski area on Friday, has died of his injuries at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. Farbarik was skiing the Kiwa run at approximately 10:00am Friday when his left ski dislodged from its binding. Farbarik lost control and slid off the left side of the run and collided with a tree. He was initially transported to Central Washington Hospital, but later airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

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Original Release - Friday 03/21/2014

Sheriff Brian Burnett reports a skier was critically injured late this morning at the Mission Ridge Ski Area near Wenatchee. Raymond Farbarik (47yoa) of Seattle was injured when he apparently lost control while skiing the "Kiwa" run at the resort.

According to witnesses, at approximately 10:00am Farbarik had a ski detach from his boot just prior to making a right cut while descending a straight portion of the run. Farbarik traveled off the left side of the ski run and collided with a tree. Mission Ridge Ski Patrollers responded to the scene immediately and began treating Farbarik who was unconscious and unresponsive. He was transported to Central Washington Hospital in

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Wenatchee in critical condition. At last report, Farbarik is being airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

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