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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports that the Chelan County Sheriff's Office responded to assist an injured hiker near Thunder Basin (approximately 10 miles northwest of Lake Wenatchee). Jonathan S. Reiss (51 years of age) from Bellingham, WA was injured when he fell near the ridge line above Thunder Basin.

The initial 911 call was received from another member of Reiss's climbing party Friday evening at 7:43pm by RIVERCOM dispatch. The reporting party advised that Reiss has suffered a severely sprained ankle and would not be able to hike out. Reiss's climbing partners were able to move him off the ridge and down to Thunder Basin. The reporting party advised that Reiss was in his tent and had plenty of water and food to last several days.

On Saturday morning at 7:00am, a Chelan County Deputy and a medic with Cascade Medical Center were transported into the area by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office air support unit (Air 20). They arrived in the area and located Reiss at 8:30am. After being evaluated by the medic he was flown to the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery. Reiss was transported by friends to receive medical treatment for his injuries.

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