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For Immediate Release Contact: Sergeant Kent Sisson

Incident #:16C08193 - Back Country Rescue

Subject Injured by Horse Phone: 509.667.6864

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports Chelan County Search & Rescue coordinators worked with Kittitas County and King County rescue units to remove an injured female from the wilderness on Saturday evening (07/16/2016). The initial 911 call for help came into the KITTCOM dispatch center in Ellensburg from the injured subject's husband at around 5:00pm. Lauren Larimer of Selah advised that his wife had been injured as they were attempting to lead their horses across a creek crossing on the Fourth Creek Trail in the wilderness near the Chelan County and Kittitas County line – northeast of Iron Peak. Larimer reported his wife suffered a severe lower left leg fracture when her horse startled and ran over her. Larimer had to hike about one-half mile to obtain cellular service to call for assistance.

Due to the location of the incident, a Chelan County SAR coordinator worked with the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office to deploy a ground team to the scene along the Beverly Creek Trail. At the same time, Chelan County requested a hoist equipped helicopter from State Emergency Management to respond. The King County Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit responded with their Guardian II aircraft to conduct the hoist extraction of the patient. Angela Larimer (46yoa – Selah, WA) was rescued by 8:45pm and transported directly to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. The ground SAR team assisted Lauren Larimer in hiking the two horses out to the trailhead.

Angela Larimer is in satisfactory condition at Harborview Medical Center receiving treatment for a left lower leg compound fracture and a fractured right ankle.

Inquiries concerning this media release can be made to Sergeant Kent Sisson at the Chelan County Sheriff's Office – (509)667-6864.

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