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Incident #: 24C05208	Phone: 509-667-6864
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Sheriff Mike Morrison reports on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Chelan County Sheriff’s Office was requested to assist with the response to a wildfire near Pioneer Creek on the north shore of Lake Chelan. The fire is approximately 30 miles up lake from Chelan and is only accessible by boat.

The Central Washington Interagency Communication Center (CWICC) reported the fire crossed the Lakeshore trail and there were several hikers along the trail that extends from Prince Creek to Stehekin. There was also an unconfirmed report of a citizen with injuries near the fire. The helicopter crews on scene were unable to get further information on the injury.

Chelan County Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol responded on Marine 1, a boat capable of travelling up lake with the ability to transport up to 15 passengers when needed. The CCSO boat checked docks in the area and contacted some hikers at Moore Point. They were able to pick up 7 hikers who needed transport back down lake. As they were leaving, a third-party report was relayed that there was a 16-year-old hiker separated from their family somewhere along the trail. A report was later received from Global Rescue, a service that receives satellite emergency activations saying there was a group of two hikers with a 16-year-old hiker near the Meadow Creek area. They were in need of medical assistance. Marine 1 was directed to the Meadow Creek dock to pick up the group. The 16-year-old was found to be the missing hiker. He was transported to Prince Creek and re-united with his family. The remainder of the hikers were transported to Field’s Point.

On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, CCSO Marine patrol assisted again on the Pioneer Fire. Marine 1 was used to make fire evacuation notifications in the area and to contact any hikers that may have been on the trail. They posted Level 1 notices at all the docks between Canoe Creek and Meadow Creek. Rex Creek is at a Level 3 notice. Deputies contacted people at Canoe Creek who did not need assistance and contacted some hikers at Moore Point who were planning on continuing their hike to Stehekin. The Lakeshore trail is closed from Prince Creek to Moore Point.

National Park Service assisted CCSO with communications during these efforts.

For information specific to the fire, please contact USFS or DNR

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