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To: All Media Partners

From: Amber Weller, Public Information Officer

Date: July 21, 2016

RE: Immobilized Hikers

On July 19, 2016, Mono County Dispatch received a 911 call regarding an injured hiker on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) near Leavitt Lake. The hiker had been immobilized due to her injuries reported as a possible broken ankle. Deputies from the Mono County Sheriff's Office, Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue, and Tuolumne County Search and Rescue responded.

Once the Search and Rescue teams located the hiker, they stabilized and safely transported the hiker to the area where Mono County Paramedics were stationed. The hiker was then transported to the Carson Valley Medical Center and treated for her injuries.

On July 20, 2016, Mono County Dispatch received a 911 call regarding an injured hiker on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) near Leavitt Lake. The hiker had been immobilized due to her injuries reported as a possible sprained ankle and declining health due to dehydration, altitude sickness, and exhaustion. Mono County Sheriff's Office Deputies, Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue, Tuolumne County Search Rescue, and CHP Rescue Helicopter (H-20) and crew responded.

At approximately 5:20 p.m., CHP Rescue Helicopter (H-20) stationed in Auburn, CA located, extracted, and flew the hiker to the area where Mono County Paramedics were stationed. The hiker was then transported to the Carson Valley Medical Center where she was treated for her injuries.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office wants to remind the public to be prepared when hiking and backpacking. It is important to have adequate food and provision of water. It is equally important to possess the proper gear and supplies. Hikers need to be prepared for varying conditions and equipped to keep themselves healthy and safe.

Reported by: Amber Weller, Public Information Officer