
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 2010-4795
DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 07/09/2010 at 16:25 hours
DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 07/12/2010 at 16:00 hours
NATURE OF STORY: Missing Person/ Drowning
LOCATION: McKenzie River near Deer Creek
DETAILS: Deceased: Hansen, Suzanne N.
Age 39 - From Wendover, Nevada

Lane County Sheriff's Office responded to the above location at 16:25 hours on July 9, 2010 regarding a missing female hiker. Her hiking partner reported her missing while hiking the McKenzie River trail system.

A bank and trail search was initiated until dark, at which time safety concerns caused the search to be called off for the night. The following morning, July 10, 2010 search teams continued their search. The Sheriff's helicopter was used to search the river from the air and located a subject in a log jam about 3/10's mile below the location Hansen was last seen.

Marine Deputies were able to recover the deceased, identified as Hansen around 16:00 hours on Saturday. The Lane County Medical Examiner's Office advised the cause of death to be drowning. It appears that Hansen may have slipped on the trail and fallen down the 25 foot drop into the river.

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