



2026 MIDYEAR REVIEW+

RESCUE REPORT



COMMITMENT, TEAMWORK, & SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Stepping into the leadership role of Chief Advisor, on January 1, has been both an honor and responsibility. Though I have been a TCSAR volunteer since 2015 and served as training advisor for nine years, I now have an even greater appreciation for the dedication, professionalism, and resilience that each member brings to our organization. Every training night, callout, community event, and long hours behind the scenes remind me that this team is built on people who genuinely care about serving others.

These past six months have been a busy and productive time for our team. We have continued to strengthen our operational readiness through training, collaboration, and experience in the field. Whether responding to emergencies, supporting partner agencies, or assisting members of our community during difficult moments, our personnel have consistently demonstrated the values that define this organization: commitment, teamwork, and service above self.

One of the things that has stood out most to me as Chief has been the willingness of our members to step up whenever needed. From experienced personnel mentoring newer members to volunteers dedicating countless hours outside of regular duties, the strength of this organization comes from the people behind it. The progress we continue to make is not because of any one individual, but because of the collective effort of the entire team.

I also want to recognize the support we receive from our families, community partners, and the public we serve. Their trust and encouragement allow us to continue growing and improving. Strong relationships within the community remain essential to our mission, and we are committed to maintaining those connections through professionalism, transparency, and service.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on continued training, recruitment, operational excellence, and preparing for the challenges that may come our way. We are proud of what has been accomplished so far this year, but we also recognize that there is always room to learn, improve, and evolve.

To every member of the team: Thank you for your hard work and dedication. To the ones who support us: Thank you for your confidence in us. I am proud to stand alongside this team and excited for what we will continue to accomplish together in the months ahead.

Sincerely,
Anthony Stevens
TCSAR CHIEF ADVISOR • VOLUNTEER #98

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TCSAR VOLUNTEERS

TCSAR VOLUNTEERS ARE READY TO RESPOND
24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR.

The volunteers elect six advisors, who are also TCSAR volunteers, to make decisions on behalf of the team in all facets of Search & Rescue operations. This Board of Advisors (BOA or SAR Board) are the first to be paged by Dispatch after an emergency call, and they determine how the team responds to backcountry rescues.

FROM DECEMBER 01, 2025— MAY 31, 2026
TCSAR HAS DEDICATED 4,939 HOURS
TO THE FOLLOWING:

RESCUES: 1,568 HOURS

TRAINING: 3,321 HOURS

COMMUNITY EVENTS: 50 HOURS

Thank you for placing your trust and confidence in Teton County Search & Rescue. We are here to help during your most difficult moments.

TCSAR VOLUNTEERS



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& SUPPORT OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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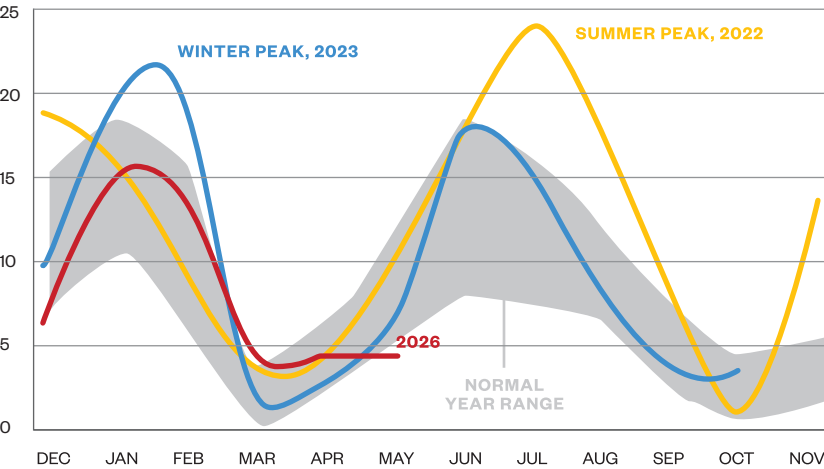
TCSAR Volunteers
respond to calls 24/7/365.

DECEMBER 1, 2025–MAY 31, 2026

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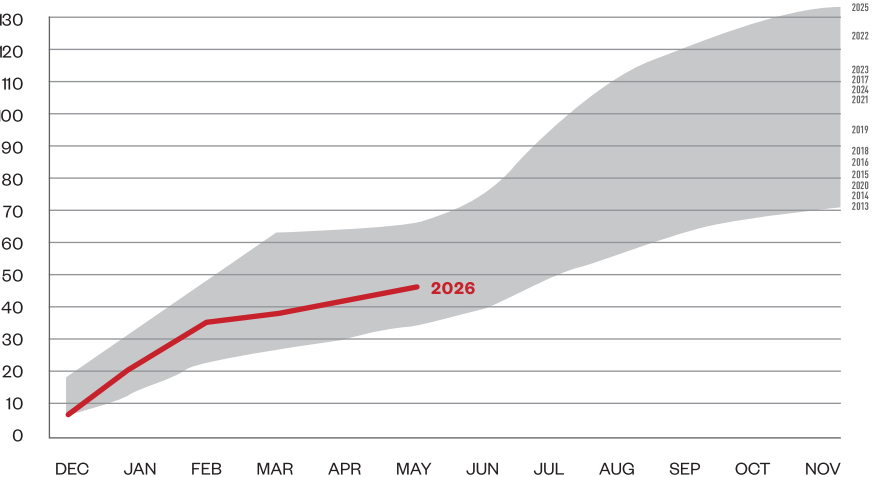
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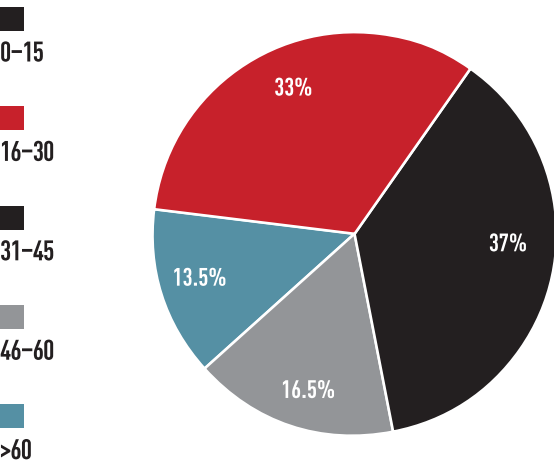


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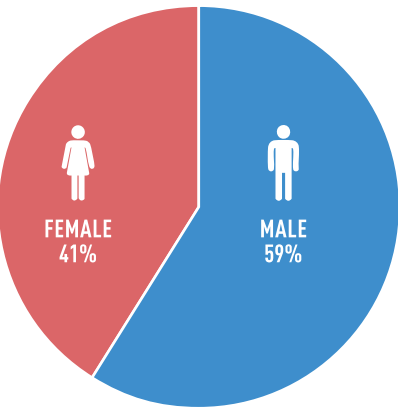
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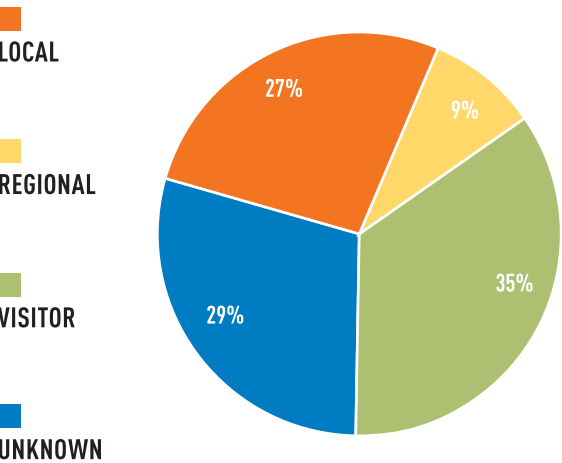
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RESCUES BY RESIDENCY



HOW TO CALL SEARCH AND RESCUE

DIAL OR TEXT 911

Anyone having a backcountry emergency is encouraged to call or text 911 as the best and most efficient way to get a rescue started. 911 calls in Teton County go to the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center. Dispatch then contacts the TCSAR Board of Advisors to formulate a rescue plan.

USE HANDHELD SATELLITE DEVICES

New Apple iPhones are able to text via satellite when outside of cellular service. You must have a clear view of the sky and be able to track a satellite.

Other devices, such as a SPOT or Garmin inReach, have SOS satellite capabilities that allow the user to connect with dispatch. These devices often require a subscription.

WHAT SHOULD YOU SAY WHEN YOU CALL 911?

1. Provide your location first in case the call gets dropped.
2. Include the nature of the accident and condition of the person in need.
3. Try not to move around when speaking so that the call does not drop.
4. Unless you are in immediate danger, stay in your same location until Search & Rescue arrives.

DECEMBER 1, 2025–MAY 31, 2026

TCSAR INCIDENT RESPONSES

The following incident responses are shared in order to provide lessons learned, accident trends, and to highlight the importance of decision-making and preparedness in the backcountry. They are also intended to show the commitment of TCSAR volunteers and their partners, who are essential to our community's emergency response in Teton County and surrounding areas. All rescue services provided by TCSAR are free of charge.

BY THE NUMBERS: DECEMBER 1, 2025–MAY 31, 2026



PINNED SNOWMOBILER ON TOGWOTEE PASS

DECEMBER 21, 2025 @12:20PM

DURATION: 1 hour, 23 minutes

ATTENDEES: 21

WHAT HAPPENED: TCSAR received an emergency call about CPR in progress for a woman who was unresponsive after being pinned beneath her snowmobile on Togwotee Pass. The reporting party began CPR and called 911. During the call, the woman began breathing and was communicative, albeit with suspected injuries to both of her arms. Her party transported her to higher medical care, and TCSAR stood down.

STUCK DOG SLEDDERS

DECEMBER 22, 2025 @4:59 P.M.

DURATION: 1 hour, 18 minutes

ATTENDEES: 9

WHAT HAPPENED: A guided dog-sled group reported being stuck west of Togwotee Mountain Lodge. Due to proximity of the lodge, Togwotee Mountain Guides agreed to respond on TCSAR's behalf. After locating the stuck party, the guides escorted the group back to safety.

OVERDUE SNOWMOBILERS ON TOGWOTEE PASS

DECEMBER 27, 2025 @5:30PM

DURATION: 1 hour, 9 minutes

ATTENDEES: 6

WHAT HAPPENED: Togwotee Mountain Lodge notified TCSAR that they were tracking three people in two separate groups who were overdue. Guides had gone out looking for the two groups, and would confirm if they needed SAR resources. By 6:20 p.m., all parties returned to the lodge and the call stood down.



AVALANCHE IN THE CLAW

DECEMBER 20, 2025 @2:31PM



DURATION: 2 hours

ATTENDEES: 31

WHAT HAPPENED: At 2:31 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, Teton County Search & Rescue was called to respond to an avalanche burial in an area known as The Claw on Teton Pass.

A male skier had reportedly been caught, carried and buried by the slide. His partner called 911 as he conducted a beacon search. A skier from another party heard the calls for help and was able to respond to assist the partner locate the buried skier and begin rescue shoveling. They found the buried skier and began CPR.

Meanwhile, TCSAR assembled a helicopter team with short-haul capabilities and dispatched a ground team to enter the backcountry on skis from the top of the pass.

While flying to the scene, TCSAR could see the partner working on the skier. The pilot hovered above the snow and two volunteers exited the ship to take over resuscitation efforts. The pilot returned to the top of the pass and picked up a LUCAS CPR machine from Jackson Hole Fire/EMS. A LUCAS is an electronic device that automatically provides chest compressions while crews can work on other procedures.

The team packaged the patient for short-haul extraction, and the helicopter returned to scoop up the patient and rescuer for a short flight to a waiting ambulance at the top of the pass. With the assistance of local law enforcement, crews closed Hwy 22 in order to complete the short-haul and patient transfer. The man was then transported to St. John’s Hospital in Jackson, before being airlifted to Eastern Idaho Medical Regional Center in Idaho Falls. Tragically, the man did not survive his injuries. TCSAR extends its most sincere condolences to the friends and family of the skier, and to all those who responded to this incident.

INJURED SNOWMOBILER AT LAVA MOUNTAIN



JANUARY 2, 2026 @11:40AM

DURATION: 6 hours, 20 minutes

ATTENDEES: 24

WHAT HAPPENED: At 11:40 a.m. on Friday, January 2, Teton County Dispatch received a Garmin SOS activation from the Togwotee Pass area. The emergency concerned a 42-year-old snowmobiler who had sustained a significant leg injury after crashing on his machine.

Teton County Search & Rescue mobilized a response that included teams in the helicopter and on snowmobiles. The helicopter team, consisting of the pilot and four SAR volunteers, was able to locate the party and land near the patient. Volunteers assessed his condition and packaged him for internal transport. Three volunteers stayed behind in the field while the pilot and one SAR member flew the patient to a waiting ambulance from Jackson Hole Fire/EMS near Togwotee Mountain Lodge.

Due to weather, the helicopter was unable to return to pick up the members in the field. Instead, TCSAR’s snowmobile team motored out to their teammates and brought them out of the backcountry, a 22-mile roundtrip. Then, they all drove back to SAR HQ in Jackson. All teams were out of the field by 6 p.m., completing the mission in 6 hours and 20 minutes.

SKIERS CLIFFED-OUT IN JHMR BACKCOUNTRY

JANUARY 9, 2026 @11:44AM

DURATION: 52 minutes

ATTENDEES: 10

WHAT HAPPENED: Jackson Hole Ski Patrol notified the TCSAR Board that they were responding out of bounds to help some stranded skiers south of the JHMR boundary. No TCSAR resources were needed and JHSP notified dispatch when all personnel were back inbounds.

HELI ASSIST FOR SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT IN THE BIG HOLE MOUNTAINS, IDAHO



JANUARY 11, 2026 @3:07PM

DURATION: 2 hours, 32 minutes

ATTENDEES: 23

WHAT HAPPENED: Dispatch received a call from a TCSAR volunteer who was on scene of a snowmobile crash in Idaho’s Big Hole Mountains west of Driggs. The volunteer described a 62-year-old male who was unresponsive after colliding with a tree. Compression-only CPR was in progress. Teton County Idaho SAR, the organization with jurisdiction, mobilized a ground response and requested air assistance from TCSAR.

TCSAR sent the helicopter and a short-haul team to extract the patient and transport to a Teton County, Idaho, ambulance. Tragically, the patient did not survive his injuries. The patient was a revered member of Teton County Idaho SAR. Our team extends its most sincere condolences to everyone at Teton County Idaho SAR and the man’s family and many friends.

INJURED SKIER NEAR MOUNT ELLY



JANUARY 13, 2026 @10:28AM

DURATION: 1 hour, 47 minutes

ATTENDEES: 24

WHAT HAPPENED: TCSAR volunteers were paged for an injured male skier in the Black Canyon area of Mount Elly. TCSAR responded with a helicopter team, while a ski team was positioned as backup on the top of Teton Pass.

With the patient being about 400 feet below the summit of Elly, the helicopter landed in an open field of snow uphill from the scene. With the help of the man’s ski partners, TCSAR volunteers carried the patient up the hill to be placed inside the helicopter. The heli then transported him and the rescuers to the TCSAR HQ in Jackson. All team members were out of the field by noon, completing the mission in less than 2 hours.



“On a rescue, stress can run high, adrenaline kicks in, and emotions may spiral. One of the team’s greatest strengths is the ability of every TCSAR member to step into any role a rescue demands and support one another when it matters most.”

—MATT CHORNEY
SAR #51
VOLUNTEER SINCE 2025



HUNTERS STUCK IN WILLOW CREEK

JANUARY 20, 2026 @10:19AM

DURATION: 1 hour, 2 minutes

ATTENDEES: 10

WHAT HAPPENED: Dispatch received a call from a girlfriend reporting that her boyfriend was stuck on a snowmobile and needed help. He was with two other friends hunting wolves in the Willow Creek area. A member of the TCSAR Board was able to make contact with a member of the party. TCSAR learned that all members of the group were together and didn't need assistance. The call stood down.

INJURED NORDIC SKIER IN TETON CANYON

JANUARY 24, 2026 @12:55PM

DURATION: 25 minutes

ATTENDEES: 12

WHAT HAPPENED: The TCSAR Board received a page for an injured Nordic skier up Teton Canyon. Two TCSAR volunteers responded directly to the trailhead. The injured skier was able to self-rescue and the volunteers stood down.

TANDEM SNOWMOBILERS STRIKE TREE ON TOGWOTEE

JANUARY 26, 2026 @ 1:13 PM

DURATION: 3 hours, 47 minutes

ATTENDEES: 22

WHAT HAPPENED: At 1:13 p.m. on Monday, January 26, Teton County Search & Rescue received a page from dispatch regarding a snowmobile accident in the Togwotee Pass area. The page concerned two patients, a male and a female, who had been riding tandem on the L trail when they went off trail and collided with a tree. The two riders had been in a small guided group when the accident occurred.

One patient, a female, was reported to be unresponsive and breathing. The second patient, a male, was reported



to be responsive with significant injuries. Two Teton County Sheriff Deputies were already in the area and they responded via snowmobile from Togwotee Mountain Lodge. A third deputy established a landing zone in a pullout on the highway for aerial support. Deputies arrived on scene at 2 p.m.

TCSAR responded with a helicopter and ground teams. The team also requested support from two ambulances and a helicopter from Air Idaho. Around this time, the second patient went into cardiac arrest. We are saddened to report that this patient did not survive his injuries.

With deputies and TCSAR personnel on site, the team short-hauled the first patient to the LZ on the highway. The patient was transferred to Air Idaho, which transported her to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls.

All of us at TCSAR offer our deepest sympathies to the family and friends affected by this tragedy. We want to take this time to also express our gratitude to the numerous volunteers, sheriff deputies, and partnering agencies that helped with this mission.

INJURED SKIER AT NO SHADOWS

JANUARY 31, 2026 @10:55AM

DURATION: 1 hour, 35 minutes

ATTENDEES: 11

WHAT HAPPENED: Just before 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, Teton County Search & Rescue received a call from Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Ski Patrol for helicopter assistance to evacuate an injured skier from the resort-adjacent backcountry.

The skier in question—a 33-year-old male—had fallen and sustained injuries while skiing No Shadows, a run off the north shoulder of Cody Peak. No Shadows is a well-known ski descent that lies outside the resort boundary. To access this area, skiers must leave the resort and hike an exposed ridgeline to the top of the line.

After ski patrol responded and requested heli assistance, TCSAR mobilized a heli crew consisting of the pilot and two volunteers. Coordinating with ski patrol, the heli team was able to land near the patient and load him for internal transport. The helicopter then transported the patient to a landing zone at the base of Teton Village, from where the patient was transferred to higher medical care.

TCSAR appreciates the coordination and partnership with Jackson Hole Ski Patrol to help resolve this incident in 1 hour, 35 minutes.

GTNP HELI ASSIST FOR INJURED CLIMBER ON THE MIDDLE TETON

FEBRUARY 6, 2026 @10:45AM

DURATION: 2 hours, 15 minutes

ATTENDEES: 10

WHAT HAPPENED: The SAR Board was notified of a request for the helicopter and pilot only from GTNP for a 30ish-year-old climber on the Middle Teton with a dislocated shoulder. The pilot flew to the Beaver Creek landing zone and picked up two Jenny Lake rangers who were flown to the scene. The team loaded the patient internally and flew him to a waiting ambulance at Beaver Creek.



INJURED SKIER IN THE DO-IT CHUTES

JANUARY 12, 2026 @3:43PM

DURATION: 3 hours, 17 minutes

ATTENDEES: 26

WHAT HAPPENED: TCSAR received an alert of an injured female skier in the Do-It Chutes. The skier, a 33-year-old woman from Jackson, was located in a timbered chute several hundred feet above Hwy 22. TCSAR responded with a short-haul team in the helicopter, and dispatched a group of skiers on the ground as backup. The helicopter inserted two volunteers directly on scene, where they were able to package the patient for transport. The team then short-hauled the patient to a waiting ambulance with Jackson Hole Fire/EMS at the Coal Creek parking lot.





INJURED SNOWMOBILERS ON GRANITE CREEK ROAD

JANUARY 23, 2026 @3:58PM + 4:49PM



OP 1 DURATION: 3 hours, 47 minutes OP 2 DURATION: 2 hours, 56 minutes

ATTENDEES: 20

WHAT HAPPENED: On January 23, TCSAR responded to two separate snowmobile accidents on Granite Creek Road.

The first call came in at 3:58 p.m., regarding a 39-year-old male who had crashed his snowmobile off the road and fallen about 30 feet down the embankment. Due to the severity of the injury, TCSAR dispatched a team of three volunteers and pilot in the helicopter. Another team was dispatched to the trailhead in the RZR side-by-side.

During this operation, the team received another call at 4:49 p.m. This time the call came from a guided snowmobile party reporting that one of their guests had hit a tree.

The patient, a 32-year-old female, was reported to have lost consciousness with life-threatening injuries.

Meanwhile, two ambulances from Jackson Hole Fire/EMS and another TCSAR vehicle dispatched to the trailhead.

The heli team paused the first operation to transport one volunteer to the scene of the second patient. The helicopter then flew to the trailhead to pick up two additional TCSAR volunteers, who were flown to the scene of the second patient.

The helicopter then flew back to the first patient, where TCSAR volunteers short-hauled that patient to an ambulance at the trailhead.

For the second patient, TCSAR drove a RZR side-by-side up the road to continue treatment and transport the patient and rescuers out of the backcountry and to a waiting ambulance.

AVALANCHE REPORT AT TOGWOTEE PASS

FEBRUARY 7, 2026 @11:15AM

DURATION: 1 hour, 12 minutes

ATTENDEES: 10

WHAT HAPPENED: TCSAR was notified of a report of an avalanche in the Togwotee area. A group of snowmobile riders had left Togwotee Mountain Lodge and came across a slide. They performed beacon searches and were getting intermittent signals. They were unsure how old the slide was but looked like it had happened the day before. Based on the facts that the slide was older and no one reported missing, the BOA decided to hold a response until new information was received or someone was reported missing.

OVERDUE SNOWMOBILER ON TOGWOTEE

FEBRUARY 14, 2026 @6:14PM

DURATION: 56 minutes

ATTENDEES: 5

WHAT HAPPENED: Dispatch received a call from a wife concerned about her 63-year-old husband who was overdue from snowmobiling on Togwotee Pass. The Togwotee Mountain Guides sent four guides out to search the area and they found the overdue rider. No full team deployment was needed.

STUCK SNOWMOBILERS ON TOGWOTEE

FEBRUARY 16, 2026 @12:16PM

DURATION: 2 hours, 17 minutes

ATTENDEES: 16

WHAT HAPPENED: TCSAR was paged to respond for a rescue of a stuck party of snowmobilers on Togwotee Pass. Sheriff deputies were in the area and responded directly to the stuck party. Togwotee Guides also responded direct to the scene. The deputies and guides were able to assist the stuck party and make it back to the Lodge and the team was stood down

INJURED SKIER ON CHIVERS RIDGE

FEBRUARY 17, 2026 @2:47PM

DURATION: 2 hours, 3 minutes

ATTENDEES: 17

WHAT HAPPENED: TCSAR received a call for a 25-year-old female patient with a lower leg injury at the base of Chivers Ridge. Her party was trying to self-transport by pulling her on a snowboard but requested assistance to transport off the pass to the parking lot. Two volunteers took a pair of sleds and met a third volunteer at the Old Pass Road trailhead.

The SAR team made the quick trip and met the patient and her party at Crater Lake, packaged her in a leg splint and returned to the trailhead, where the patient self-transported to medical care.

SWOOP & SCOOP ON FOUR PINES



FEBRUARY 19, 2026 @12:09PM

DURATION: 1 hour, 36 minutes

ATTENDEES: 14

WHAT HAPPENED: Just past noon on Thursday, February 19, Teton County Search & Rescue received an alert from the Jackson Hole Ski Patrol requesting helicopter assistance for an injured skier outside the resort boundary. The 44-year-old female from Jackson had sustained an injury while skiing an area known as Four Pines and was unable to ski out on her own.

Ski patrol responded initially. After assessing the patient's injury, patrol called TCSAR for heli assistance. TCSAR fired up the ship and flew to the scene. Coordinating with patrol, the team landed nearby and loaded the patient for internal transport to a landing zone at the base of Teton Village, completing the mission in 1 hour, 36 minutes.

FREMONT COUNTY SAR HELI REQUEST



FEBRUARY 19, 2026 @1:10PM

DURATION: 1 hour, 50 minutes

ATTENDEES: 14

WHAT HAPPENED: During the rescue of the skier on Four Pines, a call came in from Fremont County dispatch requesting the helicopter and short-haul team to extricate an injured snowmobiler near Brooks Lake Lodge. The ship returned from the Four Pines mission and prepared for the flight to Brooks Lake Lodge. Teams in the field were working on moving the patient down from the scene and the helicopter stood by to wait for further instructions. The Fremont County team was successful in bringing the patient out and TCSAR was stood down.

INJURED SNOWMOBILER IN MOSQUITO CREEK



FEBRUARY 20, 2026 @11:42AM

DURATION: 2 hours

ATTENDEES: 14

WHAT HAPPENED: At 11:42 a.m. on Friday, February 20, Teton County Search & Rescue was called with a report of an injured snowmobiler in the Mosquito Creek area. A 32-year-old male had sustained multiple injuries after he jumped his machine onto a tree stump.

A team of Jackson Hole Ski Patrollers, which included a TCSAR volunteer, was in the area doing their own training. They were able to locate the patient and began assessing his injuries.

TCSAR responded with a helicopter team and sent snowmobile teams to the area as backup. The heli team was equipped with short-haul gear in case the ship could not land. Short-haul is a rescue method in which rescuers and patient can be picked up from the scene by a long rope connected to the belly of the helicopter. In this case, the pilot found a suitable place to land, and the team loaded the patient internally for a short flight to a waiting ambulance at the TCSAR headquarters in Jackson.

SNOWMOBILER WOUNDED IN GRANITE CREEK

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 @10:20AM

DURATION: 55 minutes

ATTENDEES: 12

WHAT HAPPENED: Dispatch received an emergency call regarding a snowmobiler with a leg wound at Granite Hot Springs. Basic first aid was being provided on-site and party members drove the patient out to the trailhead, where they met teams from TCSAR, Teton County Sheriff Deputies, and an ambulance from Jackson Hole Fire/EMS.

ISLAND PARK HELI REQUEST TO RECOVER AVALANCHE VICTIM

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 @4:50PM

DURATION: 4 hours, 10 minutes

ATTENDEES: 7

WHAT HAPPENED: Clark County Idaho SAR, in Island Park, called to request availability for the TCSAR helicopter to recover a deceased avalanche victim. Due to daylight constraints, the helicopter was unable to fly that



evening, but TCSAR offered to accept the mission on the next morning. The mission was stood down when Clark County SAR recovered the deceased using ground-based methods on the night of February 22.

INJURED SNOWMOBILER AT TOGWOTEE

FEBRUARY 26, 2026 @11:37AM

DURATION: 2 hours, 23 minutes

ATTENDEES: 14

WHAT HAPPENED: At 11:37 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, Teton County Search & Rescue received an emergency alert for an injured snowmobiler on Togwotee Pass. The snowmobiler, a 42-year-old male, had become injured after crashing on his snowmobile between the X and K trails near the CD trail.

Due to the location and nature of injury, TCSAR dispatched the helicopter with a short-haul team, consisting of the pilot, spotter, and two volunteers to conduct the short-haul.

The team was able to execute the short-haul and fly the patient a short distance to a waiting ambulance on the highway. From there, the team returned to SAR HQ in Jackson.



CLIFFED-OUT SNOWMACHINERS IN DARBY CANYON

FEBRUARY 26, 2026 @6:33PM

DURATION: 7 hours, 57 minutes

ATTENDEES: 9

WHAT HAPPENED: Dispatch received a 911 call for three snowmobilers cliffed out near Terrace Creek, up Darby Canyon. The stranded party were in their 30's, had food, water and fire-starting capabilities but no additional clothing or shelter. Multiple rescue options were discussed including ground access at night, Air Idaho gear drop, Utah hoisting ship, drone gear drops, and short-haul extrication in the morning. Due to the avalanche conditions, activity and technical terrain, a nighttime rescue was considered to be too dangerous to insert rescuers.

The decision was made to attempt a short-haul extrication in the morning. A team was organized to meet at TCSAR HQ at 5:45 a.m. and leave at first light to short-haul the party off the mountain.

During the night, the stranded party started a fire, made some food and were able to get dry and stay warm. They eventually decided to head to the trailhead and were able to make it out on their own by approx 2:30 a.m. The team stood down.



INJURED SKIER IN COAL CREEK

MARCH 13, 2026 @12:29PM

DURATION: 3 hours, 31 minutes

ATTENDEES: 26

WHAT HAPPENED: TCSAR received an emergency alert for an injured skier on the South Ridge of Taylor Mountain. The skier, a 28-year-old local female, sustained a knee injury while skinning up from the Coal Creek drainage. As she was unable to hike or ski out, her partners called 911. to ski or hike out, her partners called 911.

TCSAR dispatched three teams to approach the scene on skis, and placed a helicopter team on standby. One volunteer team, consisting of three members who live on the west side of the Tetons, reached the patient first. She was about 800 feet up the mountain and roughly a mile from the parking lot. The volunteers evaluated the patient's condition and made a plan to get her out of the backcountry.

The other ski teams arrived shortly afterward, and all worked together to transport the patient by rope and toboggan to the Coal Creek parking area. The effort involved 25 volunteers and took 3 hours, 31 minutes to complete.



SNOWBOARDER CAUGHT IN AVALANCHE ON GREAT WHITE HUMP

APRIL 18, 2026 @2:45PM



DURATION: 2 hours, 36 minutes

ATTENDEES: 29

WHAT HAPPENED: A local male snowboarder suffered a severe leg injury while descending a line on the Great White Hump, located north of Teton Pass. It was the second time in April that a skier or snowboarder had been injured after getting caught in an avalanche in this same zone.

In response, TCSAR assembled a short-haul team in the helicopter. The team made contact with the patient about 54 minutes after the initial 911 call. Our team credits the patient’s group for providing interim care before the volunteers were on scene. That care included: Keeping the patient warm with extra clothes and a space blanket; securing the patient in a safe location; cutting out a flat platform to help the responding volunteers load/secure/treat/extract the patient during a heli operation.

TCSAR then short-hauled the patient to a waiting ambulance on Teton Pass, completing the mission in 2 hours, 36 minutes.

SNOWMOBILERS STUCK IN LITTLE GRANITE CREEK

MARCH 2, 2026 @3:24PM

DURATION: 36 minutes

ATTENDEES: 9

WHAT HAPPENED: Two stuck snowmobilers were looking for assistance to get out of the Little Granite Creek area. Using a satellite text function, they texted dispatch about their situation. As TCSAR discussed a possible response, the stuck party walked out and informed dispatch they didn’t need help.

INJURED SNOWMOBILER ON TOGWOTEE

MARCH 12, 2026 @12:15PM

DURATION: 57 minutes

ATTENDEES: 16

WHAT HAPPENED: The TCSAR Board was paged for a report of a 71-year-old female involved in a snowmobile collision with the tunnel near the Togwotee Mountain Lodge. Togwotee guides made contact with the patient who was then transported to the guide shop and transferred to an ambulance.

UNRESPONSIVE SNOWMOBILER ON TOGWOTEE PASS

MARCH 21, 2026 @1:33PM

DURATION: 2 hours, 27 minutes

ATTENDEES: 18

WHAT HAPPENED: Two men were snowmobiling on the V trail on Togwotee Pass when one found the other unresponsive beneath his flipped sled. The man initially placed a call to his wife in California, who then called 911. The patient was first reported to have succumbed to a previous illness, but later information determined that the cause of death was due to the crash.

The TCSAR team was paged to the hangar, but the Togwotee guides accepted the mission to recover the body. Togwotee Mountain Guides and a sheriff deputy headed to the location to recover the body. TCSAR was stood down before departure from the hangar.



SKIER CAUGHT IN AVALANCHE ON GREAT WHITE HUMP

APRIL 4, 2026 @12:20PM

DURATION: 2 hours, 40 minutes

ATTENDEES: 21

WHAT HAPPENED: A local female skier was injured after being caught in an avalanche on the Great White Hump, an area near the Philips Bench of Teton Pass. The 27-year-old skier sustained a lower leg injury after being caught and carried by a significant slide above a cliffband. Her partners were able to locate her quickly and begin patient care while awaiting emergency resources.

TCSAR dispatched a short-haul team to approach the scene via helicopter and a backup ground team to approach via snowmobile. The short-haul team successfully reached the patient for evaluation and transported her out of the backcountry.

INJURED CLIMBER ON THE HOBACK SHIELD

APRIL 4, 2026 @4:50PM

DURATION: 1 hour, 40 minutes

ATTENDEES: 25

WHAT HAPPENED: About 4 hours after the short-haul rescue on the Great White Hump, TCSAR received another call for a local 55-year-old man who sustained a severe laceration following rock fall (or ‘flake breaking’) while lead climbing at Hoback Shield. Tip Top Search & Rescue asked for TCSAR’s support due to proximity. Two TCSAR volunteers were dispatched to the scene to support patient care. Two wheeled litter teams were stood down after the volunteers on scene were able to successfully move the patient to the road for self-transport to the hospital.



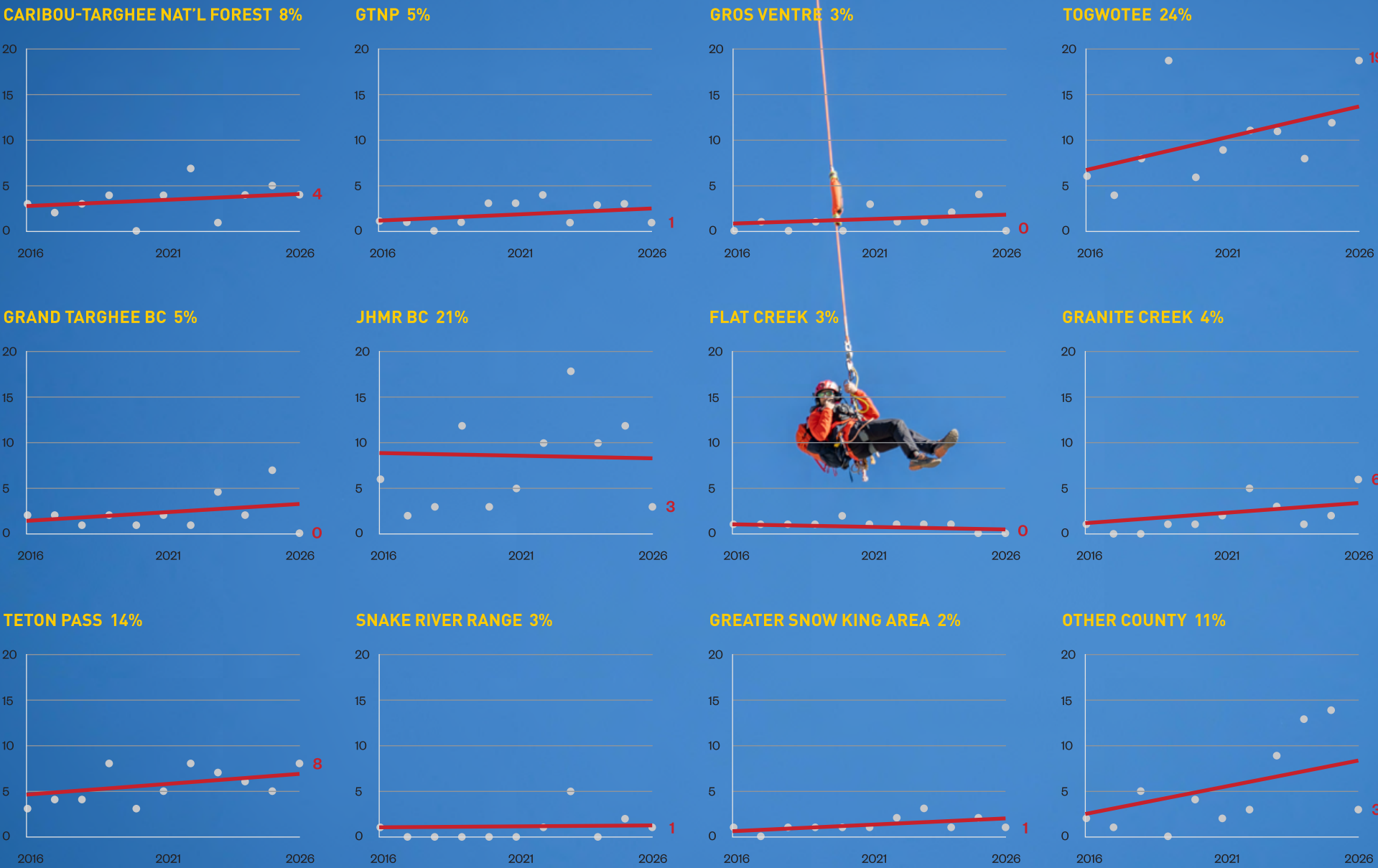
“Challenging snow conditions threw a wrench in the mix for both recreationalists and rescuers. Nonstandard conditions required our SAR team to occasionally rethink our use of skis or snowmobiles due to exposed hazards in the unusual or lack of snowpack.”

—DAN ROGERS
SAR #34
VOLUNTEER SINCE 2021

TEN-YEAR RESCUE TRENDS

WINTER RESCUE CALLS BY LOCATION SINCE 2016

(excludes GTNP pilot/ship requests)



TIRED HIKERS ON
GAME CREEK DIVIDE

APRIL 19, 2026 @4:53PM

DURATION: 3 hours, 52 minutes

ATTENDEES: 20

WHAT HAPPENED: TCSAR was called out to help two hikers who had been attempting to walk from Cache Creek to the Game Creek Divide and then return via the Skyline trail.

After ascending the Game Creek Divide, the party called 911 to say they were too exhausted to continue. The hikers were advised to begin walking back to the Cache/Game junction where a team of volunteers would meet them.

Two TCSAR volunteers dispatched in a side-by-side vehicle up Cache. When they could not locate the party at the Cache/Game junction, the volunteers hiked about 1.5 miles up the Divide, where they found the tired hikers. The volunteers provided them food and water and assisted them back down the trail to the RZR. From there, the team transported them to their vehicle at the Cache Creek trailhead.

OVERDUE HIKER ON
TABLE MOUNTAIN

MAY 2, 2026 @9:25PM

DURATION: 47 minutes

ATTENDEES: 7

WHAT HAPPENED: Two hikers reached the summit of Table Mountain and then split up on the way down. Believing that his partner was overdue, one hiker placed an emergency iPhone text via satellite to notify emergency personnel. Attempts to reach the missing hiker's phone were not successful. The road into Teton Canyon still had a locked gate due to the early season. The hikers had come in on foot and bicycle. TCSAR soon learned that the two had miscommunicated about where they would meet at the bottom of the trail. Both hikers were fine and the call stood down.

HELI ASSIST IN YELLOWSTONE
NATIONAL PARK

MAY 4, 2026 @4:22PM

DURATION: 4 hours, 38 minutes

ATTENDEES: 12

WHAT HAPPENED: Yellowstone National Park issued a heli request to Teton County Search & Rescue for two injured hikers in the Mystic Falls area. After accepting the request, the pilot and three TCSAR volunteers flew to the scene. The team rigged for short-haul and extracted the two subjects out of the backcountry, transferring them to higher medical care on the roadway near Old Faithful.

LOST HIKER ON MOUNT ELLY

MAY 12, 2026 @6:53 PM

DURATION: 1 hour, 34 minutes

ATTENDEES: 11

WHAT HAPPENED: As TCSAR volunteers gathered for their monthly team dinner and training, a call came in from a hiker who'd become lost in the Mount Elly area south of Teton Pass. With darkness approaching, the team decided to fly the helicopter to the hiker, a local female in her early 60s.

The team landed near her and loaded her (and her two dogs) internally for a short flight to the SAR HQ. From there, a volunteer drove the hiker and her canine companions to her vehicle at Trail Creek.

TIRED BACKPACKERS ON
TETON CREST TRAIL

MAY 25, 2026 @12:49 PM

DURATION: 4 hours, 1 minute

ATTENDEES: 15

WHAT HAPPENED: Just before 1 p.m. on Monday, May 25, Teton County Search & Rescue received an emergency alert for two backpackers in distress on the Teton Crest Trail. Two males, ages 20 and 22, in a group of four from Iowa were reportedly vomiting and having difficulty walking through the snow. Their location placed them just south of Hurricane Pass.

A TCSAR volunteer was able to connect with the group via cell phone. The group said they would try to hike out, but called back about an hour later saying that the two hikers could not continue.

TCSAR responded with a team in the helicopter, and placed a ground team on standby in the event of inclement weather. The helicopter landed near the hikers and the team loaded them internally for the flight back to SAR HQ in Jackson.

This incident serves as a good reminder for people to be prepared before taking on high alpine objectives. In the early summer, hikers are strongly encouraged to be equipped with crampons, ice axes, and have a plan for drinking water amidst the still-frozen landscape.



FALSE ALERTS

Teton County Search & Rescue takes every call seriously, and encourages anyone who is having a backcountry emergency to call 911. Meanwhile, the ubiquitous use of digital technology, including devices with SOS activations, has led to a rise in false alerts.

For this past rescue season, the following incidents concerned accidental or false alerts issued to TCSAR. Tracking down a false alert can take up valuable time and resources for a SAR team. If you have an SOS function, either on your phone, third-party app, or satellite device, please make sure you know how it works and how to prevent false activations before entering the backcountry.

AUTO CRASH NOTIFICATION

DECEMBER 28, 2025 @3:07PM

DURATION: 1 hour, 15 minutes

ATTENDEES: 9

AUTO CRASH NOTIFICATION

DECEMBER 29, 2025 @10:08AM

DURATION: 29 minutes

ATTENDEES: 9

TEXT TO 911 CRASH NOTIFICATION

JANUARY 13, 2026 @12:16PM

DURATION: 9 minutes

ATTENDEES: 10

AUTO CRASH NOTIFICATION

JANUARY 31, 2026 @1:36PM

DURATION: 30 minutes

ATTENDEES: 10

CRASH NOTIFICATION ON TOGWOTEE PASS

FEBRUARY 17, 2026 @12:12PM

DURATION: 44 minutes

ATTENDEES: 6

FALSE PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACON ACTIVATION

FEBRUARY 23, 2026 @11:12AM

DURATION: 44 minutes

ATTENDEES: 9

THANK YOU

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT HELP OUR TEAM TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE FIELD.

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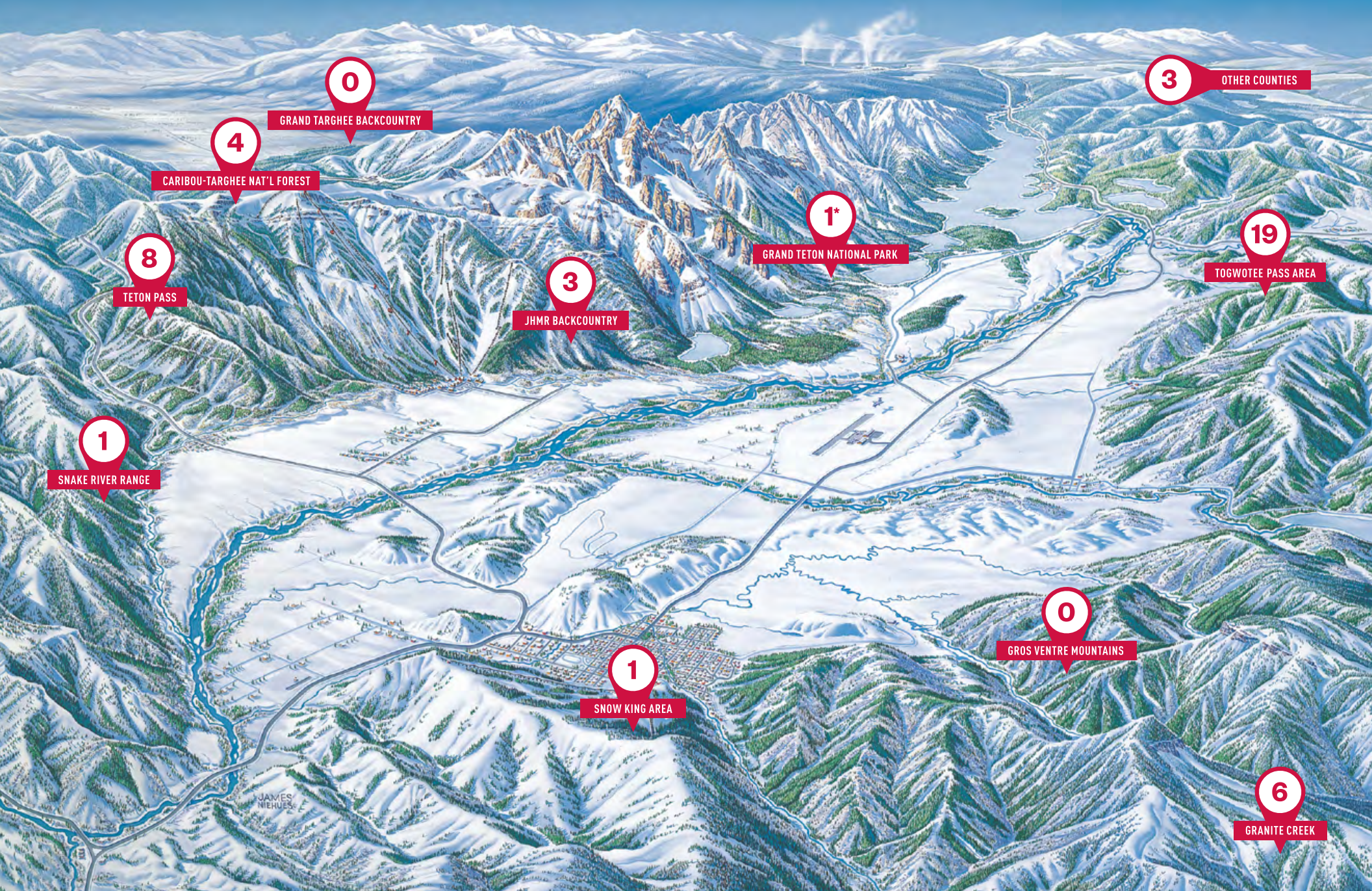
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*Rescues in GTNP are the jurisdiction of the Jenny Lake Ranger District.

Map courtesy of Skinny Skis

BRONCO COUNTRY

“ANSWER THE CALL” HONORS TCSAR WITH FULLY UPFITTED FORD BRONCO

Teton County is unique in its wildness.

In our neck of the woods, wildness isn’t something we encounter on a whim. Iconic mountains, swift rivers, changing weather, and sharing the landscape with some of North America’s largest earth roamers often define our everyday life.

Especially at Teton County Search & Rescue. Each time our volunteers go into the field, they must confront a plethora of challenges in an unforgiving environment. It’s critical for them to have the right tools to help them get the job done.

That’s why we are exceptionally honored and proud to welcome a custom-built Ford Bronco as our team’s newest rescue vehicle.

“Teton County has some of the most rugged terrain in the country, and much of it is off the grid,” said Teton County Sheriff Matt Carr. “The Bronco is an excellent addition that will help our team access these areas, maintain communication with incident command, and bring people home.”

This winter, TCSAR received the Bronco as part of a grant program in collaboration

with Ford and the National Association for Search & Rescue. Known as “Answer the Call,” the program is Ford’s way of getting the right tools — fully upfitted Bronco SUVs — into the hands of the people who do the hard work of getting injured and lost people home safely. Last year, Ford began a nationwide search to donate a handful of Broncos to deserving search-and-rescue organizations across the country.

TCSAR is one of three SAR teams to receive a vehicle through the “Answer the Call” program.

“The Bronco is a versatile tool with capabilities to perform multiple missions,” said TCSAR volunteer Doug Van Houten, who attended the vehicle’s unveiling during the Detroit Auto Show in January. “It is a quick-response rig to get teams on scene faster, and is capable of handling some of our most rugged

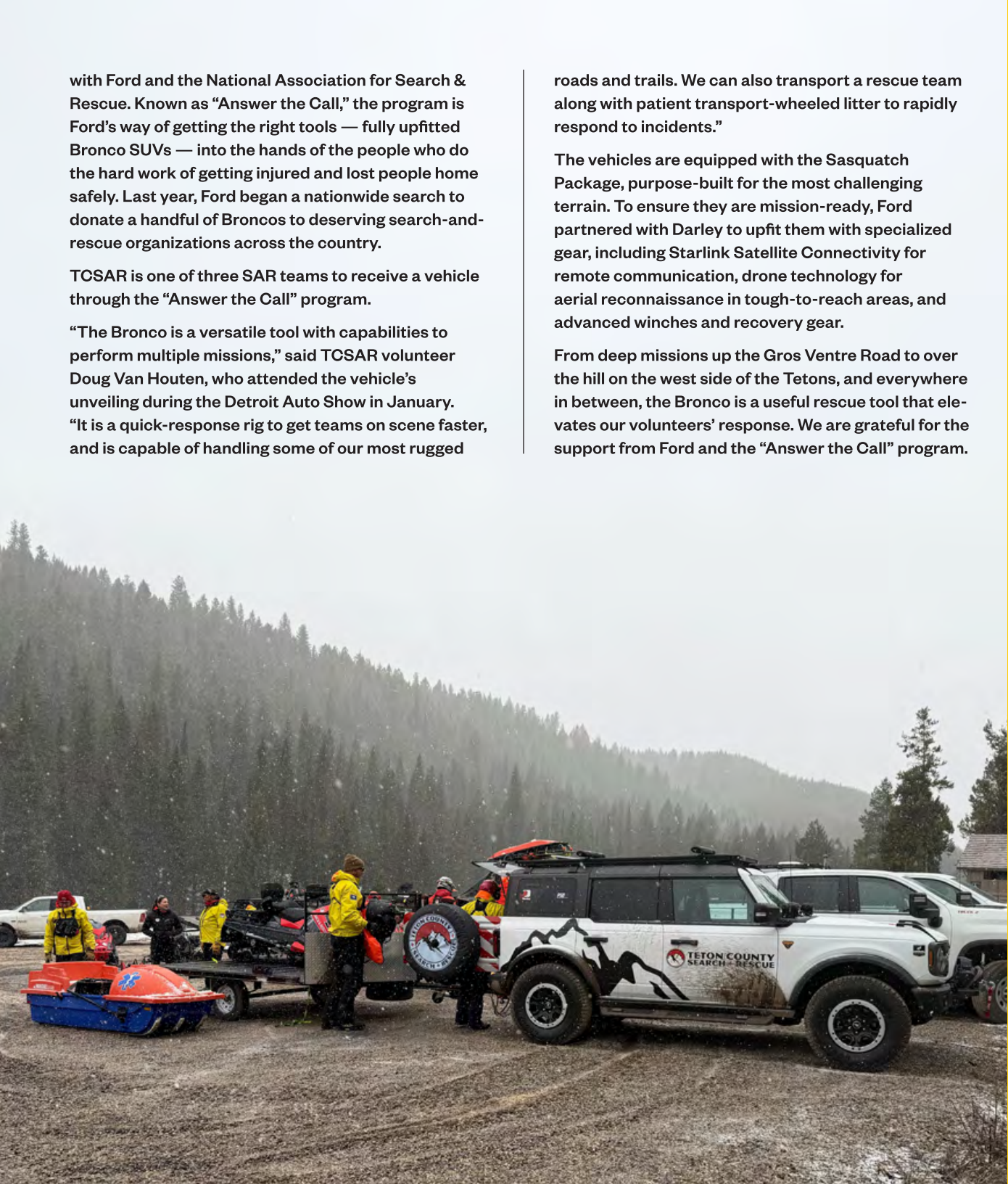
roads and trails. We can also transport a rescue team along with patient transport-wheeled litter to rapidly respond to incidents.”

The vehicles are equipped with the Sasquatch Package, purpose-built for the most challenging terrain. To ensure they are mission-ready, Ford partnered with Darley to upfit them with specialized gear, including Starlink Satellite Connectivity for remote communication, drone technology for aerial reconnaissance in tough-to-reach areas, and advanced winches and recovery gear.

From deep missions up the Gros Ventre Road to over the hill on the west side of the Tetons, and everywhere in between, the Bronco is a useful rescue tool that elevates our volunteers’ response. We are grateful for the support from Ford and the “Answer the Call” program.



PHOTO: TOSAR



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—MATT CARR
TETON COUNTY SHERIFF

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LOOK GOOD FEEL GOOD IN SUPPORT OF TCSAR

All e-commerce proceeds support the volunteers of TCSAR. See the full shop at TetonCountySAR.org. New items are added throughout the year.

A. TCSAR TRUCKER HAT

Your all-season, all-conditions snapback hat. \$29

B. THE TCSAR MUG CLUB

From stoneware coffee mugs to stainless steel insulated travel mugs, TCSAR has stylish vessels for your favorite beverages. \$20–\$34

C. THE HOODIE TO RULE ALL HOODIES

Soft, black, 80% cotton + 20% polyester, with a design from local artist Christian Johansen, this is the hoodie you want. \$48

D. “SAVE YOUR BACON” T-SHIRT

Three things guaranteed to make everyone smile: Bacon, lavender, and TCSAR saving your bacon. Now available in one amazing t-shirt. \$29



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TETON COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE DONOR CIRCLE

The TCSAR Donor Circle is a leadership giving society for our donors wishing to support Teton County Search & Rescue with gifts of \$1 or more annually. A commitment of three years or more will qualify you for membership in the Shriver Society, honoring Ray Shriver’s 20 years of commitment to this team. At TCSAR we value every gift—no matter the size.

The Donor Circle officially launched in 2024, with numerous members attending custom backcountry tours, TCSAR hangar visits, and other unique donor benefits. Previous tours have included a paddle down the Snake River, ski tour on Teton Pass, and snowshoe tour in Grand Teton National Park. More tours are planned for this summer and winter.

Please go to TetonCountySAR.org/donor-circle to get involved and see a full list of membership benefits.

THE SHRIVER SOCIETY



The Shriver Society is a group of dedicated TCSAR supporters who make a long-term contribution to the volunteer team.

Ray Shriver served on Teton County Search & Rescue from its inception in 1993 until he tragically died during a rescue mission in 2012. During his nearly 20 years of service, Ray volunteered more hours to rescues and training than anyone else on the team. His sincere and passionate commitment to Jackson Hole and the area continues to be respected and honored today.

The following list recognizes gifts over \$5,000 received between December 1, 2025, and May 31, 2026. We are deeply grateful for every contribution. If we have made an error or inadvertently omitted your name, please let us know so we can correct our records.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS
DONOR CIRCLE MEMBERS:

CHAMPION \$100,000+ Annually

Anonymous Donor

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2026 WISH LIST

HELP SUPPORT WHAT SAVES LIVES

Every mission our team undertakes is powered by training, commitment—and the right gear. The TCSAR Foundation’s Wish List features high-priority items identified by our rescuers to help them respond faster, safer, and more effectively in the field. From life-saving medical equipment to rugged vehicles for remote access, each item on the list directly supports Teton County Search & Rescue operations.

You can make an immediate difference by funding all or part of a Wish List item. Together, we can ensure our team is equipped for whatever the mountains throw their way.

To help support our volunteers, please contact TCSAR Foundation Executive Director Keegan Young: keegan@tetoncountyar.org.

\$33,680

Gear Reimbursement

TCSAR volunteers invest heavily in their own personal gear. This fund mitigates their financial constraints.

\$28,500

Misc. Advanced Training

Covers travel and registration costs at advanced trainings to keep the team at an elite level.

\$3,600

Advanced Avalanche Education

Sharpens the team’s ability to read snowpack, manage hazards, and make life-or-death decisions in the field.

\$2,450

Short-haul Lezard Refresh

Continuous training to retain proficiency and ensure safety during short-haul missions.

\$6,000

Snowmobile Next Level Riding Course

Gives TCSAR the confidence and capability to access patients in conditions most riders would never attempt.

\$9,800

Short-haul Lezard Full

A specialized helivac lanyard designed to secure safety at critical moments in a heli rescue.

\$10,000

Rigging Training

Dedicated rigging training keeps TCSAR’s systems and skills current with industry best practices.

\$5,120

Rigging Plus-Up Kits

Expands TCSAR’s rigging system capacity for large-scale or multi-patient incidents.

\$13,200

ICAR Congress

TCSAR’s participation at ICAR connects the team to the world’s leading rescue practitioners.

\$10,000

Rigging Committee Training

Keeps our team at the leading edge of technique, safety, and innovation in high-angle rescue.

\$20,640

Wellness Reimbursement

Wellness reimbursements help team members access gym memberships, physical therapy, mental health services, and other resources that keep them rescue ready.

\$20,000

Rescue Report Design and Printing

Annual donor report with stories, stats, and impact.

ANY AMOUNT HELPS

General Support

TCASR operates primarily on individual contributions from generous donors like you. Unrestricted gifts allow us to dedicate funds to the greatest need. Thank you for supporting TCSAR volunteers.



SCAN TO GIVE:
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\$10,000

Heli Training Videos

Professional-quality training videos reduce errors in the field and ensure every team member is prepared before a heli mission begins.

\$30,000

Gear Refresh

Replacing outdated equipment keeps the team operational at the highest standard of safety and performance.

\$5,500

Dry Suit Replacement

Dry suits are the difference between a rescuer entering cold water safely and not at all.

\$6,000

BlueFly

A helicopter- or drone-mountable device capable of detecting Bluetooth low-energy and WIFI signals to assist search and rescue ops.

\$1,000

Team Cave Gear

This funding equips TCSAR’s trained technicians to safely access and extract patients from underground or enclosed environments.

\$15,000

Hard Shell Pant Replacement

Mission-critical protection against the extreme cold and wet conditions.

\$10,000

SMS Program

A formal, organization-wide system that an air carrier uses to identify hazards, manage safety risks, monitor safety performance, and improve safety.

\$28,000

Snowmobiles x 2

Two new sleds will replace aging units, ensuring the team has the capability to respond quickly and reliably when conditions are at their worst.

\$15,000

Avalanche Packs

Life-saving equipment to mitigate risks for TCSAR volunteers during backcountry missions.

WHEN IT COMES TO BACKCOUNTRY FATALITIES, ONE IS TOO MANY

TCSAR EXPANDS ITS COMMITMENT TO PREVENTATIVE SEARCH & RESCUE WITH A NEW BACKCOUNTRY ZERO LOGO



Since its launch in 2015, Backcountry Zero —the preventative search and rescue (PSAR) initiative from Teton County Search & Rescue Foundation—has reached thousands of backcountry enthusiasts, of all ages and ability levels. Through smart, accessible, and effective education and outreach, we strive to create a positive shift in backcountry culture, and to help all of us recognize that the most important thing in any outdoor adventure is coming home at the end of the day. This summer, we are excited to unveil a new logo that visually connects Backcountry Zero with TCSAR. The two have always been aligned and connected within the same

organization. With a new logo, we are excited to remind our community what defines Backcountry Zero's mission and values. Of course, a logo alone does not make a brand or cultural movement. What matters is the commitment and drive to make our community better, and remind all of us that one life lost in the mountains is too many.

MISSION: Backcountry Zero, the preventative search and rescue (PSAR) program of the Teton County Search & Rescue Foundation, empowers our community with the skills, knowledge, and resources to prevent incidents and fatalities in the backcountry.

OUR GUIDING VALUES



ACCESSIBILITY

No one should be left out when it comes to safety education.



HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

Smart, engaging and effective training that sticks.



DATA-DRIVEN RELEVANCE

If the numbers say it's needed, we strive to make it happen.



ACCOUNTABILITY

Better decision-making in the backcountry.



EMPOWERED DECISION-MAKING

Because confidence and leadership saves lives.



PHOTO: ANTHONY PECCHI

ARE YOU A BACKCOUNTRY ZERO AMBASSADOR?

- + You care about your friends and partners, and you recognize that being prepared is about more than just you.
- + You support TCSAR volunteers: Because the safest rescue is the one that never has to happen.
- + You celebrate mountain adventure while taking the steps to mitigate your exposure to unnecessary risk.
- + You are empowered to make decisions that help you come back to do your favorite activity again—tomorrow, next year, and long into the future.
- + You recognize that we all make mistakes, and that regular, effective training and practice help us avoid common missteps.
- + You strive to eliminate fatalities in the Jackson Hole backcountry. For those left behind, even one life lost to the backcountry is too many.



2026 SUMMER/FALL PROGRAMS

May

High School River Safety Scholarship Day with Dave Hansen Whitewater

Grief, Loss + Trauma Panel Discussion

June

Trail Running Panel

Mountain Bike Maintenance with Open Range Cycles

July

Women's Swiftwater Scholarship Course

Youth What's in Your Pack

Community Trail Run Day @ JHMR

August

Horse packing & Hunting Essentials
Digital Mapping & Navigation

September

Lessons From 13,000 Feet: Stories of Rescue

October

Wilderness Medicine: Skills, Response & Leadership in the Backcountry
The Fine Line Podcast Season 10 Release

November

Wyoming Snow and Avalanche Workshop (WYSAW)



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WITH GRATITUDE
TO OUR INCREDIBLE SPONSORS & PARTNERS

Teton County Search & Rescue is honored to be part of a connected and supportive community. We deeply appreciate the generosity of our partners and the shared commitment to helping one another thrive.

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- Bank of Jackson Hole
- Copyworks
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- Teton County School District
- Teton County Sheriff's Office
- The Mountain Riding Lab
- Women in the Tetons
- Wounded Bear Medicine
- Velo 22

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- Grand Teton Lodge Co.
- Jedadiah's Catering
- Lockhart Cattle Co.
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- Yeah Buddy Pizza
- Blue Collar Group
- Cowboy Coffee



The mission of the Teton County Search & Rescue Foundation is to support TCSAR through direct volunteer support, community education, and advocacy.

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FROM THE TCSAR FOUNDATION

As my time as board president of Teton County Search & Rescue Foundation draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the vital relationship between our community and Teton County Search & Rescue. The privilege of serving in this role has given me a front-row seat to see the extraordinary dedication of the members of the team and the critical role the Foundation plays in keeping them, and our entire community, safe in the backcountry.

Because TCSAR relies on a dedicated group of volunteers, the Foundation provides important financial support, making their life-saving work possible. Philanthropic donations to the Foundation help fund the critical elements of the team's training and equipment needs. This includes purchasing best-in-class personal safety gear, state-of-the-art communication technology, and maintaining mission-critical vehicles, including the team's helicopter and aviation program. The Foundation also provides the resources to allow volunteers to pursue training in a variety of disciplines, and offers backcountry safety education to the community through our Backcountry Zero initiative.

Beyond outfitting the team, I've come to understand how critical the Foundation is in addressing the heavy emotional and mental toll of search and rescue operations and the training associated with always being rescue ready. By funding specialized mental health support and providing personal and family benefits and wellness support, the Foundation ensures the SAR volunteers remain as resilient mentally as they are physically.

SAR volunteers make immense personal sacrifices for our community. Members train collectively for thousands of hours each year, and often leave their jobs and families—at all hours of the day—to conduct search and rescue missions. Supporting the Foundation is this community's best way of showing its appreciation for the people who make these sacrifices day in and day out.

The strength of our community's backcountry culture relies on the readiness of our SAR volunteers and the safety of everyone who heeds the call of the wilderness. We're incredibly grateful for your past support of the Teton County Search & Rescue Foundation, and we urge you to continue investing in this community-driven effort.

With gratitude,
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