

CELEBRATING ROGER

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Deschutes County offers a rich variety of year-round outdoor recreational opportunities. The county is a 3,000 square mile playground that offers the High Cascades to the west and the arid high desert plateau to the east. People come from all over to experience their favorite form of outdoor recreation. They hike, bike, and run the backcountry trails; climb the challenging rock cliffs at Smith Rocks; explore the many lakes and rivers with boats, canoes and kayaks; ride remote areas on motorcycles, ATV's, mountain bikes and horses; enjoy the winter on skis, snowshoes and snowmobiles . . . outdoor recreation opportunities are endless.

Unfortunately, each year more than 400 people are reported as missing or injured while recreating in the Oregon backcountry. During an average year Deschutes County experiences over 20% of the State's total. Deschutes County Sheriff's Search and Rescue is amongst the largest and most active SAR units in Oregon. When trouble happens, Deschutes County Sheriff's SAR responds; plus occasionally is called upon to assist neighboring counties with their SAR needs.

The Volunteers of Deschutes County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (DCSSAR) number about 80 and during 2007 put in over 19,000 volunteer hours that were recorded plus countless unrecorded hours.

All volunteers appreciate the opportunity to have our needs considered by those wanting to contribute in memory of Roger Rouse.

The following needs were screened down from a much larger list and are all viewed to be priority needs. They are presented by various SAR teams.

Should a company or individual be interested in helping DCSSAR with any listed particular need—the volunteers of DCSSAR ask for the opportunity to work with that interested party to determine the exact specifications so that we can do the most good with the items.

Additionally, if any potential contributor wants a further breakdown of priorities, we will be happy to provide the requested information. DCSSAR would want to recognize the contributing company with appropriate recognition inscribed on the item(s) where possible.

1. Incident Command Team List

- Laptop computers—2 to help manage searches with planning, operations.
 - The computers will need to be compatible with the IT platform of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.
 - Estimated cost for two-- \$4200
 - Related
 - Powerful wireless router—est. \$200
 - Printers for laptops—2—est. \$300
- 100 Watt Inverter—estimated cost \$50
- Portable heaters to improve heat in IC trailer during winter
 - Estimated cost \$500 for heaters and to buy strips for AC unit
- Incident Management Team Vests to better identify positions
 - Estimated cost \$300 for complete set
- GPS download cables for Garmin and Magellan to download tracks of searchers
 - Est. cost \$250 for 4 cables

2. Water Rescue List

- 2 dry suits for water team at \$1000 each for total of \$2000
- Inflatable PFD's (Life Jackets)
 - Estimated cost for 15 at \$150 each--\$2250

3. General Search List

- Small air horns for sound sweeps during evening when subjects may be sleeping and sound carries further
 - Estimated cost \$400 for 20 including replacement canisters
- Improving our Support Trailer for Searchers
 - Awning for side of support trailer--Est. cost--\$2000
 - Heaters to provide heat for those resting in trailer--Est. cost--\$500
- Deschutes County Search and Rescue uniform jackets and pants. Much more research would need to be completed before selecting a particular jacket and pant to meet our year-around needs.
 - Estimated cost for 80 jackets at \$300/jacket--\$24,000
- MRE's for our searchers to have ready to eat food
 - Est. cost for 100--\$400

4. Air Operations List

- Helo Headset David Clarke H10-60H \$331.95 2 \$663.90
- Cords and Headset Case David Clarke \$125.00 2 \$250.00
- Air Band Mobile Transceiver ICOM IC-A110 \$799.99 1 \$799.99
- Air Band Antenna ICOM K220C \$48.00 1 \$48.00
- Air Band Portable Radio Vertex Standard VXA-700 \$299.95 2 \$599.90
- Pocker Weather Tracker Kestrel Inst. 4500 \$289.00 1 \$289.00

- Pocket Weather Tracker Wireless Weather Station Oregon Scientific WMR968 \$229.95 1 \$229.95

5. Mountain Rescue List

- Litter--Titanium break-apart litter with a wheel and a wheel brake
 - Cost estimate \$,1700
 - Plus Wheel for Litter--\$650

6. Dive Team List

- Sea Scooter--Sea Scooter Explorer model from SeaDoo to allow divers to cover a larger search area in less time
 - 3 units at \$700 each for total cost of \$2100

7. All SAR List

- Projector for laptop to be used for training and missions-- Estimated cost \$1000
- SAR Library--Many needs have been mentioned through the years to better prepare SAR members and provide a resource of information. To start the library, estimated costs are between \$2000 and \$3000.