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## Search & Rescue serves so other may live

PRIEST LAKE—The Priest Lake Search and Rescue Team performed training exercises Sunday at the High Bridge, 20 miles north of Priest River on Highway 57.

The group along with Priest Lake and Bonner County Emergency Personnel successfully completed a technical rescue whereupon members rigged a 3:1 rope system to allow for a technician to be lowered to an accident victim, stabilized, and brought back up and across the river to safety.

President Mike Nielsen and Vice President Bill Olmo oversaw the operation but allowed two team members to run the operation from both sides of the valley. The traverse rescue had not been performed in two years, so the team was excited to hone their skills.

The exercise was executed with precision in an hour and

a half, but Nielsen stated, "the procedure was a learning process more than anything and the extraction normally would take about an hour."

The PLSR President went on to say that, "everyone knew their job and worked safe to get it accomplished." The technical training exercise even had members of the Idaho State Patrol and Bonner County Sheriff's Department stop and say what a well organized operation the team was running.

The PLSR is always looking for dedicated individuals looking to help make a difference by being a part of the team or by contributing donations to the organization. For more information about becoming a member or anything PLSR related contact the group by mail at P.O. Box 78, Coolin, ID, 83821 or e-mail Nielsen at [nielsenmikeannina@earthlink.net](mailto:nielsenmikeannina@earthlink.net).

