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Rafting Accident in Sweet Grass County

Sweet Grass County Dispatch received a call at 15:44 on July 28th, reporting there was a raft carrying 3 people, capsized on the Boulder River. The local Search and Rescue crew which included: air, water, and ground units, from Sweet Grass County responded along with Sweet Grass County Sheriff's Department, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and Highway Patrol. Gallatin County Search and Rescue also responded to the incident, providing a Zodiac Boat and an underwater camera to assist in the rescue.

One 60 year old female passenger, from Maryland, was able to make it to a local residence to call for help.

At 19:31 an aircraft unit was able to locate one deceased male, 3 miles downriver in the Yellowstone. The local water unit retrieved the body and transported it to the Otter Creek fishing access and turned the body over to the County Coroner. The male was a 73 year old Park County Resident. No name has been released due to notification of all family members.

The search was called off, for the night, at 22:00.

One 60 year old male, from Washington DC, remains missing. The search continued at 07:00, July 29th. Search and Rescue crews from Sweet Grass, Gallatin, and Yellowstone Counties, along with Sweet Grass County Sheriff's Office, and Fish, Wildlife, and Parks are searching from the site to Reedpoint. A helicopter from Rocky Mountain Motors will assist in the search this afternoon.

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