

Man seriously injured in 40-foot fall from rim rock

by Cheryl McDermott

PRINEVILLE, Ore. — Deputies believe alcohol may have contributed to serious injuries sustained by a 51-year old man who fell 30 to 40-feet from a rim rock overlooking the Prineville Reservoir Wednesday afternoon.

According to Crook County Sheriff's Commander Brandon Smith, Leon Cushman, 53, a friend of the injured man, called 911 about 1:15 p.m., April 2, to report an ATV accident on BLM land between the Prineville Lake Acres subdivision and the Prineville Reservoir.

Deputies met Cushman at his home, and were told that Cushman and his friend, 51-year old James Grand, were riding their all-terrain vehicles when Grand got off to admire the view. "At some point Grand lost his balance and fell 30 to 40-feet off the rim rock," Commander Smith said.

Cushman led rescuers to the seriously injured man's location, where Grand was stabilized and then flown by AirLife helicopter in St. Charles Medical Center about 3:45 p.m., the news release stated. Smith said that Grand's injuries did not appear to be life-threatening.

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