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A hiker was airlifted off the McKenzie Highway due to a medical emergency.

HIKER: It's been a busy summer for local Search & Rescue units

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is very poor, so Vandehy resorted to requesting numerous different hikers in the area to call 911 when they obtained reception.

Two Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Hasty Team members were deployed to the PCT trail just west of Dee Wright and ran up the trail to assess the hiker's condition. Five other SAR members followed after with a wheeled litter.

Upon the Hasty Team's arrival at about 2:45 p.m., it

was determined that Releford needed to be transported to a hospital as soon as possible for a potentially life-threatening condition.

Life Flight was dispatched to the location. The closest landing zone was on Highway 242, just a little west of where SAR members were deployed on the trail.

Releford was transported by wheeled litter back to the location where DCSOSAR vehicles had staged. The process was slowed down by the narrowness of the trail through a section of lava. Releford was transported by a DCSOSAR vehicle to Life Flight's location, after which Life Flight departed at 4:31 p.m. to St. Charles Medical Center.

Inaugural Oregon cannabis fair held

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — From seed providers to a company offering mechanized bud trimmers, those involved in the once-illicit marijuana industry in the Pacific Northwest got ready on Friday for the first-ever Oregon Cannabis Growers' Fair.

Reggae music thumped from Savant Plant Technologies' display as owner James Knox, 38, of Corvallis, set up his do-it-yourself grow package, including peat and microorganisms to stimulate plant growth, among more than 80 exhibitors registered for the two-day fair that started Saturday.

Oregon is one of four states to have legalized marijuana, along with Washington, D.C.

"It's nice for us to be stepping across the line and say, 'Here we are, and we're ready to do business,'" he said. "For those of us who have been doing this a long time, this is a breath of fresh air because we're able to work openly and in the light."

Winning entries of a pot-plant competition at the fair will be displayed in two weeks at the Oregon State Fair, the first time cannabis will be exhibited at a state fair anywhere in the United States, organizers said.

"It is an historic event. It's a great opportunity to meet these growers that typically were underground," said fair organizer Mary Lou Burton. "We're trying to get people connected up and networking."

Nine winners of the pot-plant competition will showcase their plants at the Oregon State Fair — alongside more traditional items like tomatoes, hogs and horses — in two weeks. They will be under display in a small greenhouse amid tight security, she said.

Oregon voters legalized recreational marijuana in a November 2014 ballot initiative, Measure 91. Medical marijuana was legalized years earlier. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is in the process of issuing licenses for recreational marijuana production.

The business is booming. Oregon's Legislative

Revenue Office in May quadrupled its estimate of net state tax revenues, from \$8.4 million to \$35 million, expected from recreational marijuana through June 30, 2017.

But with marijuana still illegal under federal law, the industry can't use banks to do their business.

Jerry Fee, owner of NorthWest Safe Sales of Oregon City, uses the banking impediment as a business opportunity and was setting up a display at the growers' fair including four formidable-looking safes. His prices range from \$800 to \$15,000.

"People like to lock up what's important to them, whether its money or product," he said.

Business names at other booths being set up included Pruf Cultivar, My Urban Greenhouse, Half Baked and Greener Futures.

Donald Morse, executive director of the Oregon Cannabis Business Council and the person who thought up the fair, said it aims to "demystify" marijuana.

"It's not to tempt people to use marijuana," Morse said. "It is to educate. Cannabis is Oregon's newest farm crop."

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