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A hiker was transported across the Crooked River on a raft after being assisted off the Misery Ridge Trail at Smith Rock.

Woman rescued after Smith Rock fall

Dorothy Jankowski, 56, of Wilton, Connecticut, took a fall on Misery Ridge and had to be assisted off the strenuous route.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reports that at 10:36 a.m. on August 1, 9-1-1 Dispatch received a call from a hiker on the Misery Ridge Trail at Smith Rock State Park, that she had come across Jankowski, who had sustained a non-life-threatening injury and needed assistance getting down off of the trail.

Jankowski and her husband, Peter Jankowski, were on the Misery Ridge Trail, where it overlooks Monkey Face.

One Deschutes County Sheriff's Office deputy and nine DCSO Search and Rescue volunteers responded to assist Jankowski. Redmond Fire Department personnel also responded and arrived first at Jankowski's location at 11:24 a.m. DCSO SAR volunteers arrived at 11:52. Jankowski was transported down the back side of the Misery Ridge Trail and then across the Crooked River via RFD raft.

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believes that several parents improperly influenced Hosang's decision.

A lawsuit against parents Merry Ann Moore and Rob Corrigan was dismissed in August of 2014, with the defendants awarded \$24,061 in attorney's fees. Goertzen sought in 2015 to have that ruling vacated (overturned), citing emails from Moore to Hosang discovered after the dismissal.

Deschutes County Circuit Court Judge Beth Bagley denied the motion to vacate.

Goertzen's suit, filed by his attorney, Marlin Ard, in U.S. District Court in Eugene on February 25, 2019, asserted that, "at the time the motion to vacate ... was denied by J Bagley, she was personal friends with defendant Moore. J Bagley and Moore had exchanged email addresses and had also communicated with each other through social media (Linkedin). (Note:

parentheses in original.) J Bagley failed to disclose this relationship and failed to recuse herself..."

Goertzen also filed an ethics complaint.

Bagley asserted that she did not have a personal relationship with Moore. The state Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability found that Bagley did not violate the code of judicial conduct and closed the case last month. The lawsuit was voluntarily dismissed on July 19.

Goertzen filed a separate federal lawsuit in June, naming former Sisters Schools Superintendent Jim Golden, current Sisters High School Principal Joe Hosang and former athletic director Gary Hedin in a complaint alleging wrongful discharge, reverse discrimination, and negligence.

In the complaint in U.S. District Court in Eugene, Goertzen argues that each defendant "developed and held an irrational and deep-rooted personal animosity

against (Goertzen) and acted improperly toward (him)..."

The suit seeks compensation for emotional pain and suffering and other non-economic losses in the amount of \$1.25 million in each of three claims for relief.

Attorney Peter Merserau filed a motion to dismiss the suit on July 3 on behalf of the defendants. Merserau's motion argues that Goertzen's complaints are "time-barred" — that each is well beyond the timeframe allowed for action under statutes of limitation. He also argues that the current claims are precluded because Goertzen has "already litigated and had the opportunity to litigate the claims in this case to final judgment in Oregon state court." Merserau further argues that each complaint fails to rise to a legal standard of fact or legal theory and therefore do not actually state a claim for relief.

That case has yet to be resolved.

Redmond Fire Department then transported Mrs. Jankowski to St. Charles Hospital in Redmond for further evaluation and treatment.

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