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Incident: Update to Overdue Teenaged Hikers on Sumas Mountain

Abbotsford – September 15, 2014

At 11:20 pm the two overdue hikers were located on Sumas Mountain by Central Fraser Valley Search and Rescue. Both girls were reported to be in good health. The Abbotsford Police Department appreciates the tremendous assistance provided by Central Fraser Valley Search and Rescue and the concern demonstrated by so many during the search.

Initial Release of 10:30 pm

Today at 5:30 pm, two teenaged girls from Abbotsford were dropped off at a gate to Sumas Mountain Inter-Regional Park. The two 15 year olds were to meet at that same location for a return ride at 7:00 pm. The girls failed to show up and attempts to contact them via cellular phone have been negative. Abbotsford Police were called just after 8:00 pm and are now on scene along with Central Fraser Valley Search and Rescue.

Currently there is a very active search being conducted for Natalie WEST and Paige NAGATA. Neither of the two girls is dressed for the conditions and neither brought supplies for the hike.

Anyone with information about the teenaged girls or who has had contact with them since they left for the hike is asked to contact the Abbotsford Police Department immediately.

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