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TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: Lt. Brannon Jordan

Date: 08-13-2012

RE: Missing Swimmer

On 08-12-2012 at 1437 hours, Latah County Sheriff's Dispatch received the report of a missing swimmer at the Blue Lagoons, about 6 miles northwest of Bovill. Latah County Sheriff's Deputies, Deary Fire & Ambulance, and Life flight air ambulance responded to the scene.

Witnesses reported that Roger L. Birchmier, (39 YOA, from Troy Idaho) was last seen swimming in the lagoon and could not be located. The Nez Perce County Sheriff's Office Dive Rescue Team was called to assist in the search.

The search of the lagoon was suspended for the night at about 1900 hours, Birchmier was not located.

The search will resume this morning, 08-13-2012. The area remains closed to the public for the duration of the search.