

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On August 21, 2011, at about 0100 hours, Jennifer Wilking, called the Butte County Sheriff's Office reporting that her husband, Pete Tsournos, and friend, Bret Cester, both of Chico, had gone fishing in the Forest Ranch area earlier the previous day. They had not returned home at time of call.

As of 0700 hours, August 21, 2011, the two men were still missing. At about 0700, the Butte County Sheriff's Office had a deputy searching multiple areas that Wilking stated were possible locations the men had gone fishing. In addition to the deputy, the Sheriff's Office helicopter was being activated and sent to assist with the large search area.

The two men were located in the Forest Ranch area at about 1100 hours this date. When the men were located, they appeared to be fine and not injured. The two men were located by mutual friends from the Chico area.

As a Public Service Reminder, the Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone let others know your specific location when traveling or going into mountainous areas.