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MISSING FEMALE FLOATING ON RIVER LOCATED SAFELY

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At 3:52 pm Sunday 911 was called for a missing float tuber on the Pilchuck River. A group of eight people was floating down the river, and when the people reached their exit spot they realized a 19-year-old-female was missing. Personnel from Snohomish County Technical Water Rescue Team, Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue, Fire District 4 and Sheriff's Office helicopter SnoHawk 10 responded. A ground and air search was conducted and the victim was located at 5:40 p.m. on the river bank. She was treated by medical personnel and released at the scene.

The victim was not in possession of a lifejacket during this trip. Though the air temperature was warm (approximately 73 degrees), the water temperature was in the mid 50s. The victim told rescuers she had fallen from her tube as she approached a logjam. She was sucked under the logjam and popped out in a pool on the opposite side and was able to make it to shore where she collapsed. She said she was awakened by the sound of the rescue helicopter.

Special Note: This victim is extremely lucky to survive a trip through a logjam and still have enough energy to make it to shore. This serves as a reminder to all that river trips need to be scouted first and proper safety equipment, such as a lifejacket and whistle, are necessary for personal safety.

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