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Children Rescued from Skykomish River

At about 1400 hours, SCSO received a report of two juveniles stranded on a rock in the Skykomish River in the 51700 block of 217th Pl. S.E. Sultan. An adult citizen was attempting to assist the boys. Snohomish County deputies responded and assisted units from Fire Districts 5, 26 and 28.

The juveniles, reported to be ages 9 and 12, were apparently playing in the river and became caught in the heavy current. This is an extremely dangerous stretch of water, just above Canyon Falls, and is notorious for taking swimmers. This area is posted that flotation devices and helmets are required to be worn within 10 feet of the river. The boys were apparently unfamiliar with the area, and the danger, and were not wearing any safety equipment.

They were successfully rescued from the river, along with the adult who had gone out to the rock to help them. No injuries are known to exist and the boys were released to parents at the scene.

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