

BONNEVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE

6/7/2009

BLACKTAIL DROWNING UPDATE

On 6/4/2009 it was reported that a boat owned by Ike Ellis (76 year old male) from Bonneville County was located on the east side of the Willow Creek area of Blacktail Reservoir unoccupied and that a cowboy hat was floating in the reservoir.

The Bonneville County, Bingham County and Jefferson County Dive Teams and the Bonneville County Search and Rescue responded and conducted searches on Thursday and Friday. The Bonneville County Dive Team and Search and Rescue conducted searches on Saturday.

On Sunday 6/7/2009 The Bonneville County Dive Team with the assistance from Gene and Sandy Ralston of Boise Idaho conducted a search using side scan sonar. We were able to locate and recover Mr. Ellis in the reservoir using a combination of Mr. Ralstons' sonar and the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office sonar.

Sgt. Doug Metcalf

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