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Search and Rescue busy during hunting season

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — Even the most experienced hunters can get in trouble in the backcountry, and there are a lot of them in the woods right now trying to fill up their freezers with meat.



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"It's usually our busiest time of the year," Routt County Search and Rescue volunteer Delbert Bostock said.

A mission on Tuesday had a good ending.

On Monday night, Search and Rescue members learned about an overdue hunter.

Bostock said the hunter, who is from the Front Range and is familiar with the area, was dropped off in the Big Red Park area Monday morning but did not return to the designated pick-up spot at the end of the day.

Bostock said the people who reported that the hunter was overdue were not too concerned because the hunter was prepared to spend the night.

Five Search and Rescue members went up to Big Red Park on Tuesday morning and began searching for the man.

They located him Tuesday afternoon three miles from where he was supposed to get picked up.

The hunter was tired, a little banged up from a fall but did not require medical treatment.

Also on Tuesday, North Routt Fire Protection District firefighters helped a hunter who had signs of altitude sickness.

The young man was having difficulty

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LIFTUP OFFERS WARMTH



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Volunteer Porter Schweikert hangs up coats as LiftUp of Routt County distributes coats to those in need at the Heart of Steamboat United Methodist Church. The coat give-away will continue from noon to 6 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday at the church, 736 Oak St. in downtown Steamboat Springs. Those picking up coats are asked to bring a form of identification.

\$1 lift tickets rejected

Steamboat City Council increases number of free skiing days at Howelsen

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — The Steamboat Springs City Council thinks \$1 lift tickets at Howelsen Hill are too much of a leap for the city to take.

But the council decided Tuesday to

increase the number of free skiing Sundays at the park this winter to entice more residents and visitors to use it.

Council members who weren't on board with the dollar lift tickets or a completely free skiing season for locals at Howelsen feared it would cost the city too much money and perhaps create too much traffic at the hill.

"I don't see the long-run success to this if we open this up free or \$1 skiing all day, every day," Council President Pro-Tem Jason Lacy said. "Once you open that door, how do you ever go back?"

Lacy said the city needed to balance making Howelsen more affordable with the city's fiscal reality.

The council's decision on Howelsen lift tickets came despite calls from some community members, and one council member, to go even further and offer steeper skiing discounts.

Councilwoman Robin Crossan wanted the city to offer \$1 lift tickets on all days Howelsen was open for public skiing.

"It's a tremendous marketing tool, and

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Denver Avalanche defeat the Dallas Stars 5-3 Tuesday

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