

**MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST**

# Three stranded by snow rescued

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Emergency responders on Tuesday rescued three people in the Mendocino Forest whose vehicle had been stuck in deep snow since the day before, ac-

ording to a press release from the Sheriff's Office.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office received a notification of three people stuck in the snow on US Forest Route M-1 north of Hull Mountain, the release says. After finding the GPS coordinates of the vehicle,

which indicated it was in Mendocino County, Lake County alerted the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, it says.

The Sheriff's Office, alert to the snowfall and an incoming weather front, requested assistance from the California Office of

Emergency Services, the release says. The Cal Fire/South Lake County Fire District deployed a snowcat, a special vehicle for traveling in deep snow, with a rescue crew inside, it says.

The snowcat got stuck about a mile from the

stranded vehicle, and the rescue crew walked the remaining distance, the release says. The rescue workers escorted the motorists to the snowcat, which then returned to safety, it says.

No one was injured, and all motorists were rescued.