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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports on July 4th, 2022 a 44-year-old Vancouver, Washington man was killed in a climbing accident on the Icicle Buttress south of Leavenworth. The man's climbing partner flagged down a USFS Officer who happened to be in the area to report the accident.

Chelan County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue personnel responded to the scene and found the male deceased from what appeared to be injuries sustained from the fall. With the assistance of Chelan County Fire District 3 personnel, the climber was brought to the roadway.

The female told rescuers the two were climbing on the Buttress when a heavy rain storm moved in. She was lowered to the bottom of the pitch and the male climber was to follow. As she was descending the trail, she heard a noise and saw him fall. It is estimated he fell approximately 100 feet.

The name of the climber is not being released pending family notification.

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