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Fall on Snow, Unable to Self-Arrest, Party Separated

Oregon, Mt. Hood, South Side Route

On February 5, while ascending the South Side Route, Meg Coker (35) lost her footing at about 10,500-foot elevation. She was unable to self-arrest and slid about 200 feet. She suffered multiple rib fractures and a collapsed lung. Nearby teams (not her teammates) witnessed the fall and provided first aid until professional ski patrollers and paramedics were on scene. A litter team from Portland Mountain Rescue provided sled evacuation to a Timberline snowcat.

Analysis

Coker fell behind her teammates, who were therefore not positioned to assist her. Climbing party strength is reduced when the team is separated. (Source: Jeff Scheetz, Portland Mountain Rescue.)

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