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Inadequate Protection - Rappel Anchor

Washington, North Cascades National Park, Mt. Goode, Southwest Couloir

On July 6 two experienced climbers summited Mt. Goode (9,200 feet) via the northeast buttress. They started their descent via the southwest couloir, a standard descent route. At 8,400 feet, one climber fell when the rappel anchor failed. He suffered an open elbow and arm fracture, among other injuries, and was initially unconscious.

His partner activated a satellite beacon at 9:30 p.m., and then they bivouacked in the couloir for the night. Early on July 7 both climbers were rescued by NPS rangers utilizing a contract helicopter. (Source: NPS Morning Report.)

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