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## **News Release**

*For Immediate Release*

**Contact: PIO Mike Page**  
**Date: 7-8-07**  
**Alarm Type: River Rescue**  
**Time Dispatched: 4:01 PM**  
**Time on Scene: 4:10 PM**  
**Ambulance-11 En Route to Hospital: 4:39 PM**

The Grand Junction Fire Department responded to report by bystander that there were several people stuck on roots along river in the area of Eagle Rim Park just below the pedestrian bridge. Three stations with 2 engines, 1 rescue unit, 2 ambulances, 1 shift commander and one boat and 17 personnel responded. The Grand Junction Police Department also responded several officers to assist. Two rescue swimmers were placed in the water at the pedestrian bridge and they swam downstream to a location below the snag where the incident occurred. They found one female rafter on the shore and three people attempting CPR. The boat was sent to that location, picked up the woman and transported her under resuscitation to 29 Road and the river where an ambulance transported her to the hospital.

**There were a total of 11 people in the group. The other 10 have been accounted for and brought to a safe location using the boat. The group was in the**

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**river with a canoe and several inner tubes ties together as a raft. All of the people in the group had life jackets. It is not know if they were all being used at the time of the incident. There were no other injuries to boaters or rescuers. The last unit cleared at 6:09 PM.**

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