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## **Yellowhead County Fire Saves Muskeg-Trapped Horse**

Yellowhead County responded to an emergency call that resulted in the salvation of Osa the horse on April 4, 2010. At approximately 10:40 a.m. Sunday morning, the Wildwood and Evansburg fire stations responded to a call from a landowner on Leaman Road whose horses had become trapped in a muskeg-filled creek on his property.

Unfortunately, one horse had already perished prior to the county crews arrival; however, the landowner, a helpful neighbour and the fire department volunteers worked quickly to free the horse from the creek. Nine volunteer firefighters responded to the call, which involved a strap around the horses belly and a combination of winch and human power.

“The fact that many of the volunteers have their own livestock significantly aided in the rescue effort,” said District 9 Fire Chief Rita Winfield. “It was great that we were able to help out. The horse was reportedly wet and stiff, but able to get back on its feet within an hour of being freed.

“Yellowhead County Fire does not include animal rescue in their level of service; however we were glad to be able to save the horse in this circumstance,” said Deputy Fire Chief Shawn McKerry.

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Caption: Yellowhead County volunteer firefighters help pull Osa from a muskeg-filled creek bed.

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