

Good Samaritan Award

Fred Davis has made us aware of two good deeds performed by James Elmore, Land Management Technician, Land Stewardship Division.

James lives on District property at the DuPuis Management Area and has often been called upon for various services by people using the property during the weekends. However, on the weekend of May 28th, he helped avoid two possible major tragedies.

On Saturday, May 28, a horseback rider was severely injured when kicked by a horse in a remote part of the property. Fortunately, the injured party had a cell phone and through another rider was able to contact James. Martin County Fire Rescue was contacted but was not familiar with the property and did not have the proper equipment to reach the injured party. James was able to transport the paramedic to the site and also bring them and the injured person out to a road so she could be transported to the hospital. All parties agreed that James' knowledge of the property and ability to operate a four-wheel drive vehicle through very difficult terrain was significant to getting care to the injured party in a timely manner. The extent of injury could have been worse without his quick and resourceful response.

On Sunday, May 29, James got another distress call from the Fish and Wildlife Commission that there were 2 adults and 2 young children (ages 20 months and 2 years) stuck somewhere on the 22,000 acres. Based on the description of where this car ran off the road and his intimate knowledge of the property, James was able to locate the car, pull it out of the woods, and get them back out onto the road.