## LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE



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NATURE OF STORY: Obstruction on the Willamette River near Clearwater Landing

LOCATION: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile downstream from Clearwater Landing on the

Willamette River, Springfield

## **DETAILS:**

Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue would like to alert boaters and those recreating on the Willamette River in Springfield of an obstruction in the water. Approximately ¼ mile downstream from Clearwater Landing on river right is a large cottonwood tree that has fallen into the water that could pose a hazard to boaters and swimmers (see photo on next page).

The Sheriff's Office is working with the Oregon State Marine Board and is starting to coordinate hazard mitigation, but in the meantime we are encouraging people to use extreme caution in the area.

The Oregon State Marine Board posts reported hazards on their website at <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Pages/Reported-Obstructions-Alerts.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Pages/Reported-Obstructions-Alerts.aspx</a>. Water hazards and obstructions may be present in the water that have not yet been reported. Boaters and those floating the river should research the area prior to going out onto the water and if possible, talk to someone who has recently been in the area they are planning on boating. And always wear your life jacket!

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