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Learning to hang



Courtesy photo/Tom Holman
Priest Lake Search and Rescue Volunteer Steve Swartley hangs suspended over the Priest River during a training session in ropes last weekend. About 14 members of the agency participated in the third installation of ropes training, which teaches rescuers how to use ropes to their advantage to either lower themselves in, or pull a victim out of steep terrain. Rescue Northwest and Fire District 9 helped with the training. Volunteers completed ropes I and ropes II during 2004. Mike Neilson is the president and team leader of PLSAR.