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Independence, CA- Sheriff Bill Lutze has announced the guidelines for news media to form a Press-pool to cover the May 20, 2008, limited excavation at Barker Ranch. News access will be limited to one local newspaper and one local radio/television outlet, and representatives of other major media **to be chosen among the interested media themselves**. That pool will consist of one television network (minimum crew) that will agree to share video, one radio broadcast representative, and one print representative who will post coverage on a major news wire service. The Sheriff's Department will not consider requests to expand this pool nor will the Department get involved in selecting its members. Those selected among the news media to serve in the pool should notify Carma Roper, PIO at (760) 878-0395, before noon, Friday May 16, 2008.

Please provide a photo of representatives selected in jpg format for use on a press credential.

News media will not be allowed to camp at Barker Ranch during the event but will be given a specific time period (agreed upon by the pool) to travel to Barker Ranch for daily briefings. No updates will be released from the Sheriff's Independence Office during this event. Please refer to the County of Inyo website for updates.